

## VBS NEED

If you are replacing your artificial Christmas tree this year, VBS wants the old one. This year's theme is camping so we need lots of trees! Artificial trees can be donated anytime, contact Children's Ministries to arrange details. We will not be able to return trees, so make sure you do not want it back.

## LOCAL MISSIONS SOCK DRIVE

Local Missions will continue collecting men's socks until the end of the year. These socks are to be distributed at the warming shelter. Containers with signs will be placed at the entrances/exits for Spell Chapel, the Sanctuary, and the Fellowship Hall. No holy socks please. If you need further information, please contact Barbara Nimocks 843.276.4230 or John Lyons 843.708.9837. Thank you!

## WI-FI PASSWORD

If you would like to connect to Wi-Fi while on church property, please use the guest connection and password bethanywelcome.

## SCAN TO GIVE OPTION

It's easier than ever to give now! Simply scan this QR Code & you will be directed to PushPay, our online giving platform. You can also text 833.245.8417 and give right from your phone! If you would prefer to give the traditional way, giving envelopes can be found in your pew for cash and check donations.



# Welcome to

# Word & Table



## WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

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December 24, 2023

# ● ORDER OF WORSHIP ●

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH- LOVE

SONGS OF FAITH

OFFERING

SONGS OF FAITH

KIDS' MOMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

LUKE 2: 8-20

MESSAGE

THE ANGEL SPOKE TO SHEPHERDS

COMMUNION

SONG OF FAITH

BENEDICTION

## LUKE 2: 8-20

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

*Bethany UMC will celebrate the birth of our Messiah with three morning Christmas Eve worship services and four evening services.*

- 8 am Spell (Festival of Carols)
- 8:45 am Word & Table
- 8:45 am Sanctuary
  - No 11:15 am Service
  - No Children's Church
  - No Children's Sunday School
- 3 pm Sanctuary
- 5 pm Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary
- 11 pm Sanctuary
  - All will include Communion
  - No Word & Table service

## DECEMBER 31 SERVICES

On Sunday, December 31 there will be an 8am service in Spell Chapel and a combined 10am service in the Sanctuary.

There will be no Sunday School.

## END OF YEAR GIVING

The Business Office will be open until noon on Friday, December 29 for your end-of-year giving. If you are mailing it in, please be sure it is post marked by December 31.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2024 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the upstairs hallway by the Welcome Center. Please pick yours up today!