



Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship 10:00 am

November 2025

As we look ahead to 2026, we give heartfelt thanks to God and to you for the many ways you serve and support our congregation. It is with deep gratitude and joyful anticipation that we introduce our church leadership team for the coming year. Let us celebrate the ministry of those who are stepping into key roles and remember that each of us shares in the mission of our church.

Lay Leader & Open Table Chair – Margaret Fisher

The role of Lay Leader in the United Methodist Church is defined in ¶251 of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church. According to the description, the Lay Leader “functions as the primary representative and role model of Christian discipleship and faith lived out in the church and in daily life.” The Lay Leader works with the pastor to fulfill the mission and vision of the congregation. Responsibilities include advising the church council about opportunities and needs for lay ministry, meeting regularly with the pastor, and serving on the charge conference, church council, the finance committee, the nominations/leadership development committee, and the staff-parish committee. In addition to her role as Lay Leader, Margaret will serve as our Open Table Chair, overseeing ministry with care, compassion, and vision.

Annual Conference Delegate – Nita Heilman

The role of Lay Member (or Delegate) to the Annual Conference is described in the Discipline (¶251.2) and in resources as one who attends the session of the annual conference, represents our congregation, and interprets its actions back to the local church. In this capacity, Nita will serve as our voice and representative at the conference, keeping us connected with the larger church and helping to bring back information, direction, and encouragement.

Finance Committee Chair – Rodney Turner

The Chair of the Finance Committee leads the work of the committee that “proposes a budget; then raises, manages, and distributes the financial resources of the congregation to support and strengthen the mission and ministry of the congregation.” The chair works with the church leadership team, the pastor/staff, the trustees, and the treasurer, ensuring that budget requests are gathered, reported, and that changes are recommended when needed.

SPRC (Staff-Parish Relations Committee) Chair – Erin Jones

The SPRC exists to strengthen the relationship between our clergy/staff and the congregation, helping to support, nurture, evaluate, and encourage our staff in their ministry. Although a specific job description may vary, local church leadership guidelines describe the SPRC as focusing on building healthy staff-congregation relationships, assisting with job descriptions, annual reviews, and pastoral support. Erin will lead these efforts with wisdom and grace.

Trustees Chair & Alternate Annual Conference Delegate – Doyle Clark

The Board of Trustees oversees the oversight and care of all local church property, buildings, equipment, trust funds, and gifts, ensuring that the church's temporal resources enable its mission. As Trustees Chair, Doyle will guide the committee's work and coordinate closely with the pastor and leadership to care for our property and resources. Additionally, Doyle will serve as our Alternate Delegate to Annual Conference, offering further connection to the wider denomination.

Treasurer – Sarah Clark

The Treasurer's role is described in the Discipline and in UMC resources: "An effective church treasurer disburses all funds contributed to the local church budget ... works with the financial secretary to maintain records of all funds received ... makes regular detailed reports to the committee on finance, church council, and, in some cases, the trustees." Sarah will handle this role with transparency, integrity, and care.

As we move into 2026, we are filled with hope and anticipation for all that God is doing and will continue to do through our congregation. With this gifted and committed leadership team – combining experience, faith, and servant-heart – we are well positioned to move boldly into new opportunities: deepening ministry, expanding outreach, strengthening our internal life, and being faithful followers of Christ in our community and beyond. We invite everyone in the congregation to pray for and support this team: attend meetings when invited, share ideas and concerns, serve where you are gifted, and join in the mission to which God has called us.

Grace & Peace, Pastor Corrie

Prayer Requests

Pam Barrett
Randy Boyer
Henry Durbin
Ellen Graham
Tammye Green

Ann Irwin
Nell Kirkpatrick
Annette McGary
Mary Meilcarek-Clark
Mary Neitzke

Kathi Parker
Keith Reynolds
Harriett Silvey
Lucille Thompson

Birthdays

11th Ron Jackson
12th Joe Moore
13th Victoria Manross

17th Mary Leninsky
24th Adrian Jones

Liturgists & Acolytes

Doyle Clark
Sarah Clark
Josh Waterhouse

Michael Bellamy Adalyn Waterhouse
Andrew Clark Annalea Waterhouse
Rosie Clark

From Our Leadership

Lay Leader and Table Chair:

Thanksgiving means different things to different people, reflecting a rich tapestry of personal, cultural, and historical meanings. For many, it's a time to gather with family and friends, share a bountiful meal centered around turkey and pumpkin pie, and express gratitude for life's blessings—such as health, home, loved ones, and good fortune.

For some, it's deeply spiritual, a moment to reflect on divine grace and the abundance provided by God or a higher power. Others see it as an opportunity to practice mindfulness and gratitude year-round, recognizing that appreciation can—and should—extend beyond a single day.

Modern celebrations often include traditions like watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, enjoying football games, preparing generations-old recipes, and volunteering or giving back to the community.

Mark 12:41-44 (NRSV) reads: ⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

We practice our gratitude in the spirit of hope. Living in a spirit of scarcity can prevent us from leaning into our community. It can be isolating, and the burden becomes great. However, like the widow in the story of Mark, the practice of giving from a spirit of abundance is a practice of faith, and a choice to hope.

I have been reflecting on the people and experiences that have shaped my faith and seeking a connection between the truths and values of existing generations and the changes coming in future generations. I come from a legacy of those who lead with joy, fighting to make a difference with the bold belief that contributing what we can to create real possibilities for change. Giving of our time and/or finances is a part of the legacy of living as the calling of Christ.

Our past, present, and future is rich. The calling of Jesus to seek justice and abundant life is present and fulfilling. There is abundant hope present in our traditions, Scriptures, experiences, and reason. It is a hope that will inspire us to continue to live out our Christian mission for generations to come.

Ultimately, Thanksgiving can be both a personal and collective experience—one of joy, reflection, remembrance, and, above all, gratitude.

Margaret Fisher

Special Music



Special Events

November 2: "Remembering the Saints" Sunday

November 9: Collecting our SAFE Offering

November 15 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm: St. B will have a Christmas giveaway for the community. All Christmas decorations left over from the Spring Market and Fall Bazaar will be laid out underneath our tent. Everything will be available for a donation; anything remaining after the event will be taken to Bella's Closet. The tent will be unmanned.

BETHLEHEM UMC THANKSGIVING SERVICE

When: Tuesday, **November 25, 2025**

Time: 6:30 pm

Pastor Corrie will be the Guest Preacher for the Bethlehem UMC Thanksgiving Service. All who are interested in attending the service are encouraged to do so; Bethlehem UMC is located at 1324 Gholson Road, Clarksville, TN 37043.



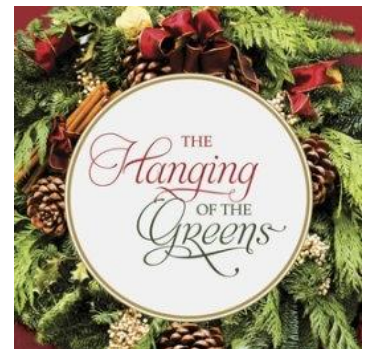
HANGING OF THE GREENS

When: Sunday, **November 30, 2025**

Time: 10:00 AM during Worship

Join us as we decorate our church and then have our traditional Hanging of the Greens service. You can expect a joyful atmosphere filled with smiles and laughter as we prepare the Sanctuary for the coming of the Christ child. Afterwards join us for a soup and sandwich meal.

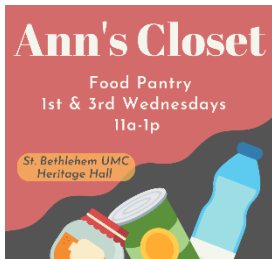
Keep an eye on upcoming bulletins for more information on this exciting event.



Upcoming Events

The St. B **Sewing Circle** meets on the second Monday of each month at 12:00 pm at rotating attendee locations. If you have any questions or wish to join the Sewing Circle, please contact Nita Heilman.

This month they meet: November 10th at the home of Debbie Hadley.



Ann's Closet provides food for our hungry neighbors. For this month we'd like to focus on donations of **jelly and spaghetti sauce**. Please consider picking up a jar of either one or both while you're at the grocery store. If all of us could grab just one extra item per week, we could keep our shelves stocked and continue to assist those in need. We deeply appreciate your generosity.

Ann's Closet will be open this month on: November 5th and 19th

FUEL is back for the 2025-26 school year and providing food staples for **72 children** at the St. Bethlehem Early Learning Center. We meet each Wednesday at 10:00 am during the school year. If you'd like to participate, please contact Nita Heilman.



United
Women
in Faith

Ann Doris Circle Meeting: November 11th at 10:30 am

Night Circle Meeting: November 10th at 6:30 pm

Join us for **BINGO** on Thursday **November 20th** from 10:30-11:30 am.

What better place to play BINGO than St. B. We usually meet on the third Thursday morning of each month and afterwards continue our fellowship and fun with a group lunch. Come join us for BINGO this month for a fun time and white elephant gift exchange.



Join us Friday, **November 21st** for **Game Night:**

Want a great way to spend a Friday night this Fall; Game Night at St. B is it. For anyone that hasn't yet, please join us for our next event. Most of us play games but others are happy to sit around and talk. Regardless of your preference, we'd love to have you join in on the fun!

Mark your calendars for upcoming Game Nights

December 19th

January 16th

February 20th

March 20th

And this is what we've been doing...



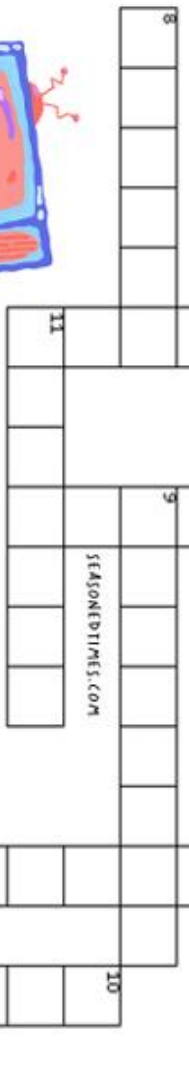
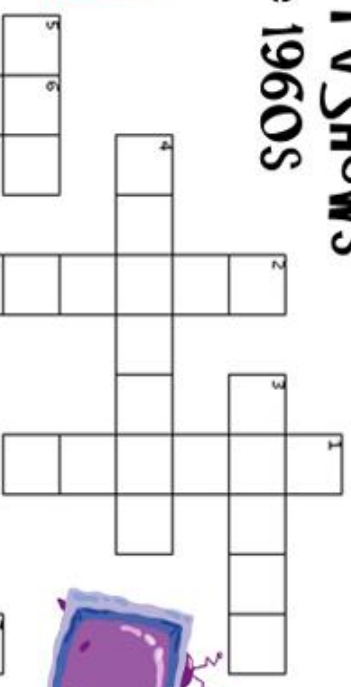
And here's a blast from the past...



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Favorite TV Shows From the 1960s

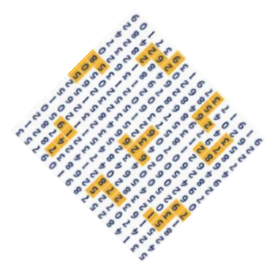
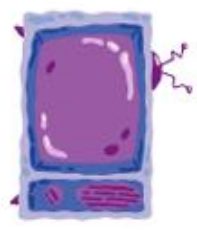


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9. Love, _____ Style
11. Dark _____
12. Hollywood _____

DOWN

1. The _____ Adventures of Mr. Magoo
2. American _____
6. Green _____
7. My Favorite _____
10. The _____ Limits



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 10am - Worship	27 5:30pm - MCSA Peoples	28 5:30pm - MCSA Quinlan	29 10am - FUEL 6pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - N.A.	30 5:30pm - MCSA Peoples 7:30pm - N.A.	31 Halloween 6:30pm - Sea Scout Ship	1 All Saints' Day 6pm - N.A.
2 All Souls' Day Daylight Saving Time 10am - Worship 1:30pm - APSU Wesley	3 5:30pm - MCSA Peoples	4 Election Day 5:30pm - MCSA Quinlan	5 10am - FUEL 11am - Ann's Closet 6pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - N.A.	6 9:30am - Preschool 7:30pm - N.A.	7 6:30pm - Sea Scout Ship	8 6pm - N.A.
9 SAFE Offering 10am - Worship	10 6:30pm - UWF Night	11 Office Closed Veterans Day 10:30am - UWF Anne 5:30pm - MCSA Quinlan	12 10am - FUEL 6pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - N.A.	13 7:30pm - N.A.	14 6:30pm - Sea Scout Ship	15 9am - Christmas Give 4pm - NA Business 6pm - N.A.
16 10am - Worship 2pm - UMW Pledge	17	18	19 10am - FUEL 11am - Ann's Closet 6pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - N.A.	20 10:30am - BINGO 7:30pm - N.A.	21 6pm - Family Game Night 6:30pm - Sea Scout Ship	22 6pm - N.A.
23 10am - Worship	24	25	26 Office Closed	27 Thanksgiving Day 7:30pm - N.A.	28 Black Friday 6:30pm - Sea Scout Ship	29 6pm - N.A.
30 First Sunday of Advent 10am - Worship	1 Office Closed due to 6am - Special Election Day	2	3 10am - FUEL 11am - Ann's Closet 6pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - N.A.	4 7:30pm - N.A.	5 6:30pm - Sea Scout Ship	6 9am - UMW Christmas 6pm - N.A.

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