2024 Happy New Year!



The Capleville

Messenger

"Let's Do L.I.F.E. Together"

January 2024

From the desk of Pastor Andy Thompson

Greetings friends,

I hope you all found blessings this Christmas and had a good start to the new year. It's hard to believe that we are beginning a new year! It seems as if the old year just got started and already the year is over. I have been so blessed to continue growing in the faith and serve alongside the loving congregation of Capleville UMC.

I like new beginnings and new year's, there is something exciting about embarking on a new journey, a new path. It's even a little more exciting when you're not sure where your journey may lead you. Have you ever been on one of those "destination unknown" kind of trips? Curiosity and excitement become part of the experience. Anticipation and constantly being present in the moment become part of the experience. Self-awareness, awareness of the world around you, trust and shared relationship all become part of the journey experience.

The same is true in our faith. Having spent Advent preparing for the coming of the promised Messiah, the birth of the infant Jesus always reminds me of how much God loves us and how the light of Christ continues to break through and shine in new and meaningful ways. Where the light of Christ takes us, can sometimes be uncomfortable and challenging but we know this for sure; no matter how dark, the light of God will breakthrough. No matter how lost we may be, God can find us. No matter what the world or others think of us, God will love us. No matter how desperate or hopeless things seem, God offers us salvation through Christ, His Son, our Savior. And, when we experience the presence of the Holy Spirit, we find our blessings and give our thanks and praise to God.

The light of Christ still shines brightly today. Not necessarily in the skies but in our hearts and in our soul. As we begin a new calendar year and a new Christian calendar year, I pray that you and your families find happiness and blessing in the year to come. I also pray that the transformative power of God's love and grace continues to be revealed to you in new and meaningful ways. With the light of Christ guiding us

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and the love of God in our hearts, we are prepared for the journey ahead and we will continue to be a beacon of light, a love light so to speak, for others to see. I give God thanks for the way you let His light shine in this church and in this community. And I am looking forward to a new year of partnering in ministry and mission with you all. A new year of being God's love in the world!

May the grace and peace of Christ be with you all, Andy

HAVE A HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR



DON'T FORGET

- -Contribution Statements are available in the Great Hall.
- Please collect your Christmas cards from the Capleville Post Office in the Great Hall

Angel Tree



Capleville United Methodist Church (CUMC) was blessed to be able to provide gifts for every Angel Tree request. There were 90 + requests. Every child received a blessing.

Thanks to all the donors who made this happen. Thanks to all the talented hands who provided the skills needed to produce the beautiful Christmas stockings.

As usual, Marilyn Hathaway 901-493-8074, and her committee members, were successful in putting big smiles on the faces of the "kiddios".

The Committee: Jack and Diane Cardwell, Bev & Mark Compton, Mary Ann Overman, Thelma Pilbeam, Judith Roberson.





"Don't let yesterday take up today."

Will Rogers



2024 Administrative Committees and Church Leadership Roster

Pastor - Andy Thompson

Lay Leader - Marilyn Hathaway

Lay Members to Annual Conference - Minette Michael, Marilyn Hathaway, Eva Roberson (Alternate),

Marcus Michael (Alternate)

Church Council

Shawnh Curry, Chair Marilyn Hathaway, Lay Leader Erv Walker, SPRC Chair

Shari Paige, Finance Chair John Roberson, Trustee Chair Mark Compton, Church Treasurer

Council of Ministries Co-Chairs (TBD)

Lay Member to AC Rep. (TBD)

Minnette Michael, Church Council and Charge Conference Secretary

Pastor Andy Thompson - Ex-Officio Member

Nominating Committee

Pastor Andy Thompson (Chair) Marilyn Hathaway (Lay Leader)

Shannon Ray (2024) Yolanda Cutler (2025) Mary Margaret Clower (2026)

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

Erv Walker, Chair (2024) Fallon Simmons (2025) Judith Roberson (2026) Joyce

Dodson (2024) Voretta McMillian (2025) Al King (2026)

Marilyn Hathaway (Lay Leader) Lay Member of Annual Conference Representative (AC) – (TBD)

Pastor Andy Thompson

Trustee Committee

John Roberson, Chair (2024) Shannon Ray, Secretary (2025) Lee Nicks (2026)

Thelma Pilbeam (2024) Stan Hathaway (2025) David Bethel (2026)

Pastor Andy Thompson

Finance Committee

Shari Paige, Chair (2026)

Shawnh Curry, Church Council Chair SPRC Representative (TBD) Trustee Repre-

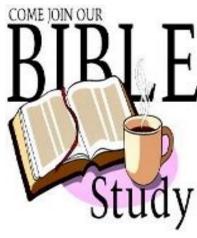
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Mark Compton, Church Treasurer Marilyn Hathaway, Lay Leader Jonathan Michael, Financial Secretary

Lay Member of AC Representative (TBD) Pastor Andy Thompson

Robert Weathers (2024) Daisy Cleaves (2025) Jim Baird (2026)





Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

King Solomon wrote "There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the sun". (Ecclesiastes 3:1) In that spirit, we are using questions from an internet study instead of a book to learn more about Solomon and his wisdom writing called Ecclesiastes.

Our next session is January 2 at 10:00 am, and there is room at our table if you would like to join us.

Joyce Dodson, 398-1813, jpd1937@yahoo.com

Save The Date

Saturday, January 6th Remove Christmas

Decoration





Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study

Call the church office 901-363-1859, for Wednesday Bible Study dates.

Capleville UMC Choir

Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:30pm. If you want to join, please contact Dr. Dena Brown-Vaughan at 901-825-8529 or *dena-brown@live.com*





"All things come from God's love."



On Saturday, December 9th, TechForAll celebrated Christmas with the students.

Contact David Bethel or Al King for more information.







CANTATA

On December 24th, the CUMC Choir, and members from Cordova H.S., Overton H.S., & American Way Middle School (Gabriel Brown) performed at the Annual Christmas Cantata.

As, usual they were in great voice.

Dr. Dena Vaughn, is the Director.



"If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change." Wayne Dyer





Christmas Advent Music

by Overton High School & Cordova High School.

Canned goods were collected and donated to the

Capleville Community Food Pantry.





Christmas Advent Music

Dr. Dena Vaughn, Director



Don't look at your feet to see if you are doing it right.

Just dance.

Anne Lamott



The Hummingbirds donated twenty-five Bingo prizes to the *Golden Cross Senior Ministries*. They have a continuing need for Moving Kits. A few items needed are coffee mugs, travel sized lotions, shampoos, toothbrushes, toothpaste...... any user friendly items. The Hummingbirds have on-going



projects collecting BINGO Prizes and Bibles for *Golden Cross Senior Ministries*. Your help is needed in this effort. Contact Mary Ann Overman 901-229-0471 or any Hummingbird for a complete list of items needed.



PATRIOTISM

Did you show your patriotism, last year? I know you did. Did you fly your flag everyday? Flying your flag every day is admirable. In addition to flying your flag, you can

- thank any member of the armed forces for their service.
- send cards or care packages to veterans in VA hospitals
- volunteer your services with WWP or host a WWP Proud Supporter Event
- and never forget what our brave heroes sacrificed for us.

Flower Calendar ... Sign-up On Your Special Day

Flower Calendar

The Flower Calendar is located in the hallway off the Greathall, near the kitchen. Please choose a birthday, an anniversary or any day and sign-up soon. You can also call the church office (901-363-1859) to sign up. You may reserve any Sunday this year, except during the Advent season.

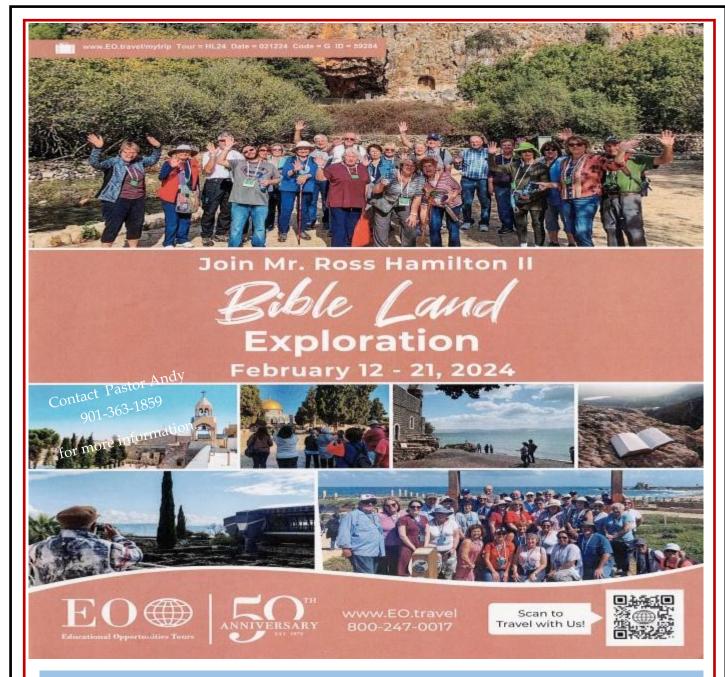


"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

Aesop



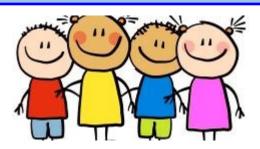






If you are interested in a trip to the Holy Land in February 2024, please contact Pastor Andy 901-363-1859 for details.





Nursery Workers Needed

If interested please contact Rev. Andy Thompson by calling the church (901-363-1859) Mon-Thurs, 9AM-2PM or by email at cumcpastor atechforallmemphis.com

NEEDED/WARTS

Do you enjoy reading? Do people say you have a good speaking voice? Throughout the year, we will need Liturgists every Sunday. If this sounds like a service you could offer the Lord, please contact the church office at (901)363-1859 or at caplevilleunited@bellsouth.net . Thank-you!

USHERS ARE NEEDED

NEW USHERS are needed. Ushers will sanitize before and after service, provide masks to worshippers who request them, and assist attendees as needed.







"When you give joy to other people, you get more joy in return."

Eleanor Roosevelt





READING BOX FREE LIBRARY

The Hummingbird Circle is collecting children's books for the READING BOX FREE LIBRARY



started by Pastor Autura. The Hummingbirds are

committed to keeping this ministry going. Your support will help us continue to encourage reading by the children in our community.



If you have not returned to church due to COVID-19 and you are in need of receiving Holy Communion, stop by the church during the week and pick up your communion elements. Join the Capleville YOUTUBE stream on Sunday morning and the Pastor will serve the elements during 1st Sunday worship service.

He will be called Wonderful Counsel, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6







**A T E N T I O N **

The new mobile app is Vanco Mobile, which should be a free app in your app store.

Thanks, Dawn

To give, please mail in your offering to the church: Capleville UMC, 4725 Riverdale Rd., Memphis 38141 OR go online to http://www.caplevilleumc.org/ and click on E-giving or by downloading the Vanco App. The church office is open Monday—Thursday, 9a-2p, if you want to bring your offering to the church.



The United Methodist Men (UMM) have been sponsoring "Project 2020" Eye Glass Recycling for as long as anyone can remember. The eye glasses are given to 3rd world countries. They still need your help in collecting eye glasses. The collection box is in the Great Hall near the entrance from the parking lot. PLEASE HELP!!

Want to help Hurricane and Tornado Victims? Give donations to Capleville UMC and earmark them for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). UMCOR is always one of the first on the scene of a disaster and all donations go to benefit the designated area with nothing taken out for overhead.

Kroger Cards

Please designate your Kroger cards to benefit
Capleville United Methodist Church. Check your grocery
receipts, Capleville UMC should be printed on the bottom.
Please contact church office 901-363-1859 or
Erv Walker 901-754-8300 for particulars.





Let's Pray for our Church Family & Friends

Prayer List Sandy Baird, Charlie Mae Benton, Bethany Family, Farel Byrd & Family, Marsha Callicutt, Jack & Diane Cardwell, Daisy Cleaves, Nell Cline, Mary Margaret Clower, Peggy Cole, Mark & Bev Compton, Dorothy Cox, Eason-Williams & Hampton Families, Elaine Fountain, Sarah Freed, Kim Harden, Shepherd Harkness & Family, Stan & Marilyn Hathaway & Family, Jerry & Sharon Holland, Cord Irby, Michael Johnson, Myron & Rexall Johnson, Billie Lawson, Jo Lishley, Ann Mayo, Michael & Connie McGhee, Betsy Morrison, Tru Nicks, Beverly Niter-Cole, Mary Ann Overman, Mary Owen, Thelma Pilbeam, Martin & Rita Pirela, Tashawn Pirela-Kassin, Potts Family, Riddick Family, Judith Roberson, Vicki Sanders, Shania & Twins, Shirey Family, Earl Smith, Carl Todd, Kevin Walker, Larry Walker, Robert Weathers, Dawn Wilkinson, Janice Woods, Eddie Mae Young, Capleville Church Family, Capleville Church Leadership, Capleville Food Pantry Clients, Caregivers, U.S.A. Military, our Police & Fire Departments and our elected officials.

Prayers for our Prayer List, for our Sick & Shut-Ins, for our pantry clients:

Most merciful and loving God, please teach us to love each other as you love us. Teach us how to pray and care for one another, especially during this time of colds, flu and viruses. We know you are a mighty healer and hears our prayers. We lay our concerns and ills at your feet knowing you are merciful and your will be done. We pray in the name of your loving Son, Jesus Christ. Amen. Env

Food For Thought

"Wise men and women seek to worship King Jesus only and fully."

"Love each other"



When we are happy and life's bright and fair, we often forget to kneel down in prayer





CAPLEVILLE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

HAPPY NEW YEAR, and again, Thank You!

Volunteers and donors are always needed and appreciated. If you want to volunteer, please contact Flo Walker (901-754-5921). We're open on Mondays 10am-11am (to pre-bag) and every Tuesday (to serve) between 11am -1pm. We continue to practice social distancing and wearing masks. Only one client is allowed inside at any given time. Thank you for all your prayers!

Love and Blessings, Flo and Erv

FOOD PANTRY STATS

During the month of December, the Food Pantry served:

December 5th 43 Families 104 Individuals

December 12th 36 Families 89 Individuals

December 19th 33 Families 77 Individuals

December 26th 8 Families 24 Individuals

120 - Families and 294 - Individuals



When you give to the poor, it is like lending to the Lord and the Lord will pay you back. Proverbs 19:17

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Bible Quiz

Paul's 1st Missionary Journey

In the book of Acts, the newly converted Paul is sent out on his first missionary journey to spread the Gospel. See how much you know about his first journey by answering **True** or **False** to the statements below.

- _1. On Paul's first missionary journey, he and Timothy left Antioch and traveled to Cyprus.
- _2. Paul was chosen by Ananias to preach to the Gentiles.
- __3. While Paul and Barnabas were in the city of Paphos, the proconsul (governor) wanted to hear the word of God, but Elymas (Barjesus)the sorcerer, spoke against them.
 - _4. When Paul was in Antioch of Pisidia, his message to the Jews emphasized God's covenant with Israel and he explained how the Gospel fulfilled that covenant.
 - 5. When the Jews saw that a huge crowd had gathered to hear Paul's message, they began shouting insults and argued against everything Paul said.
- _6. In Lystra, by the power of Jesus, Paul healed a cripple man and the people thought Paul was the god Hermes.

Answers: 1. FALSE (Acts 13:2 -4) 2. FALSE (Acts 9:15) 3. TRUE (Acts13:6-8) 4. TRUE (Acts13:16-41) 5. TRUE (Acts13:44-50) 6. TRUE (Acts14: 8-13)

"Resentment is like drinking poison and then hoping it will kill your enemies."

Nelson Mandela

"If you stay ready, you don't have to get ready."

HAPPY NEW YEAR



"Make sure others know whom you serve."





Keep-In-Touch

Please keep in touch with your church family members who do not have access to the internet. You can send a card or make a phone call. A list of your Capleville members who do not have access to the internet is listed below*:

Nell Cline Silver Creek Senior Living Community						
6650 Crumpler #333 Olive Branch, MS 38654 662-895-8952						
Peggy Cole 5936 Snowden Run Southaven, MS 38972 662-890-1861						
Dorothy Edwards 6737 Regency Park Cir. N Memphis, TN 38115 901-369-7480						
Shepherd Harkness 7008 Apple Creek Dr Memphis, TN 38125 901-737-4841						
Margaret Hill 8236 Tulip Rose Dr Memphis, TN 38125 901-774-4917						
Billie Lawson Azalea Nursing Center						
530 Hall St Wiggins, MS 39577 N/A						
330 Hall St Wiggins, IVIS 39377 IV/A						
Mary Owen 7574 Richmond Rd Memphis, TN 38125 901-753-5641						
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Mary Owen 7574 Richmond Rd Memphis, TN 38125 901-753-5641						
Mary Owen 7574 Richmond Rd Memphis, TN 38125 901-753-5641 Tommie Reed 6301 Village Dr. #114 Memphis, TN 38115 901-518-1623						

^{*} If an applicable name has been missed, please let me know flowalk@bellsouth.net or 901-754-5921.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Remain steadfast in your love for the Lord and His people"

Worship with us on Capleville UMC Face-book page via livestream or replay or Worship by phone. Our service is livestreamed at 11am on Sundays; and the playback is also available by calling 901-522-5545.

Missing Sunday School Class?
Worship with the Faithwalker's Class at 9:00am every Sunday morning.
Email Shawhn Curry at curryshawnh@gmail.com to get access directions.



"Life is good, because God is Great"

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Homebound Members

Florence Brown

2381 Howard Rd.

Germantown, TN 39138

901-309-6546

Linda Crump

177 N. Highland Allen Morgan #255

Mphs 38111

Shepherd Harkness

7008 Apple Creek Dr.

Memphis, TN 38125

901-737-4841

Billie Lawson

Azalea Gardens Nursing

530 Hall St.

Wiggins, MS 39577

Mary Owen

c/o Lisa Gallagher

2240 Shrewsbury

Collierville, TN 38017

901-753-5641



Our Homebound & Under-the-Weather Members are unable to see you on Sunday morning. You can let them know they are missed by sending a card or placing a call. Keep them in your prayers.

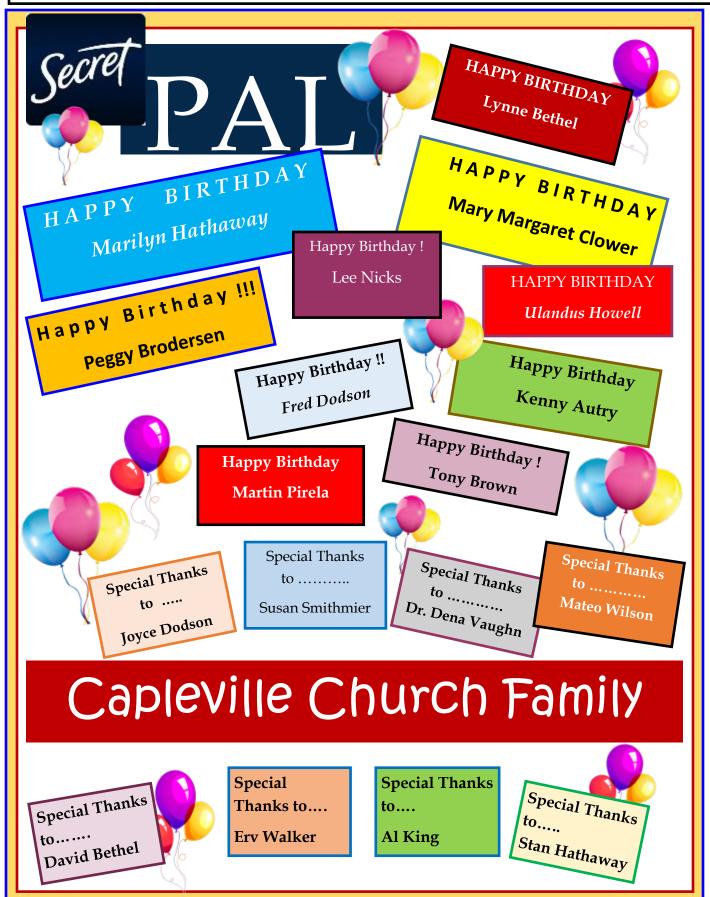
Under-the-Weather Members

Johnny Riddick - 4570 Stone Park Blvd
Olive Branch, MS 38654



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Public Worship: Capleville has resumed regular public worship with service starting at 11am. Use your own judgement and comfort level in wearing masks, and social distancing.



Sunday School Classes and Small Groups: Our leadership

has decided that Sunday School Classes and Small Groups may be permitted to meet at the church in the Great Hall or the gym. Meetings must be scheduled with the church office to avoid conflicts. All participants must commit to hygiene practices, including optional mask wearing and personal judgement in social distancing, disinfecting the space used (including bathrooms) and returning any tables and chairs to the supply closet after the meeting. You may also choose to have a meeting outside the building with the same precautions taken.

Capleville UMC Facebook: Worship with us on the Capleville UMC Facebook or worship by phone at on Sundays by calling 901-522-5545. The replay is also available throughout the week. We also send the YouTube link by email and post it on our church website.

Liturgists Needed! If you are interested in serving as a liturgist for the worship service, please contact Minette Michael, in the church office.

Communion Sunday: Communion Sunday is the 1st Sunday each month. If you are not attending 1st Sunday worship service, pick-up Communion Elements any Monday through Thursday 9am-2pm.

Church Office: The church office is open Monday - Thursday 9 am - 2 pm. The Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 11am to 1pm. CLOSED on fifth Tuesdays. : You can give to Capleville UMC anytime by going to www.caplevilleumc.org, click on E-giving or by downloading the Vanco App. You can also mail or bring your offering to the church during office hours, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-2 pm.

A Great Suit

The Laugh Zone A man with limited funds went into a men's clothing store to buy a suit. While looking in the mirror, he told the sales clerk "the left arm is a lot longer than the right arm," he complained. "That's why the suit is such a bargain," the sales clerk explained. "Just cock your left shoulder up a little, and tuck this left lapel under your chin a bit, like this."



"But the right leg is way too short," argued the customer. "No problem," the sales clerk answered. "Just keep your right knee bent a little at all times, walk like this, and no one will notice. That's why this suit is only fifty dollars."

After some consideration, the man decided to buy the suit. He cocked his left shoulder into the air, tucked the suit's left lapel under his chin, bent his right knee, and limped out of the store toward his car where two doctors were walking past and noticed him.

"Good heavens. Look at that poor crippled fellow," the first doctor said to the second. "Yeah but doesn't that suit fit great?"



January Ushers *

- Jan. 7 Voretta McMillian, Erv Walker, Shannon Ray, Robert Weathers
- Jan. 14 Lee Nicks, Shannon Ray, Tashawn Pirela-Kassin, Erv Walker
- Jan. 21 Dorothy Cox, Voretta McMillian, Robert Weathers, Lee Nicks
- Jan. 28 Voretta McMillian, Dorothy Cox, Tashawn Pirela-Lassin, Lee Nicks





January Birthdays Ulandus Howell 10th Peggy Brodersen 10th 11th Kenneth Autry Lee Nicks 14th 15th Tony Brown Mary Margaret Clower 18th 20th Marilyn Hathaway Lvnne Bethel 25th Jarrod Bethel 26th Fred Dodson 29th Martin Pirela 31st

God is with us, always!

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

All He asks us to do is Love each other

Every Day is Prayer Day

Sending up Special Prayers for:

Sandy Baird

Marsha Callicutt

Jack & Diane Cardwell

Bev Compton

Eason-Williams Family

The Family of Polly Flowers

The Family of Clinton Hill

Jerry & Sharon Holland

Pastors Harry & Debbie Mathewson

The Overman Family

Rita Pirela

Johnny Riddick & Family

Judith Roberson

Vicki Sanders & Family

Pastor Andy Thompson & Family

Robert Weathers

Diana Wilson Lambert

Jesus Wept

Jesus is Love

Worship on YOUTUBE or in-person 11am

Join Zoom Sunday School
9:00am



January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	HAPPY NEW YEAR'S	2	3	4	5 Church Office Closed	6 Tech- ForAll Class Remove Decorations
7 Worship Service 11am Communion	8 Church Ofc. Open 9a -2pm Mon-Thurs	9 - Food Pantry 11a–1p Hums 10a-Ladies Bible Study	10 Choir Practice 6:30	11	12 Church Office Closed	13
14 Worship Service 11am	15 Church Ofc. Open 9a -2pm Mon-Thurs	16 Food Pantry 11a—1p Rosebuds 10a-Ladies Bible Study	17 Choir Practice 6:30	18	19 Church Office Closed	20
21 Worship Service 11a	22 Church Ofc. Open 9a-2pm Mon-Thurs	23 Food Pantry 11a—1p -10a-Ladies Bible	24 Choir Practice 6:30	25	26 Church Office Closed	27 UMM meeting 9am Great Hall
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