

# BOONVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Newsletter

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### 2025 Calendar Events

#### December

- 7th 5pm UMW Christmas Party  
(Mitzi Davis' Home)
- 11th 6:30pm Trustees Meeting in Hut
- 14th 6pm Children's Christmas Play
- 17th 10:45am Preschool Christmas Gathering
- 19th 7pm Choir Cantata
- 24th 11pm Christmas Eve Service

### 2026 Calendar Events

#### January

- 5th 6:30pm Un-Decorate the Church
- 24th 9am Planning Meeting

#### February

- 26th 4:30 Preschool Committee Meeting in Youth Room



### Pastor's Note

Dear Friends,

The Advent Season is upon us. The word Advent comes from the Latin *Advenio*, which means "to arrive." As the days are getting shorter this time of year, and evening sets in earlier, we await the arrival of the Christ-Child on earth.

I have lots of fond memories associated with Advent, growing up as a child. My parents were missionaries in Germany before I was born. They learned many traditions in Germany, where Advent is celebrated chiefly in the home with the children. It is considered "die stillste Zeit," the most quiet time of year. Each Advent Sunday, late afternoon as it got dark, the whole family would gather around the table, listen to subdued Christmas carols, and have a typical German dinner of artisan breads, crackers, cheeses, fruits, and other finger foods, what a lot of folks today call charcuterie. One of the children would be responsible for lighting the Advent candles, and our father would read a little reflection on the meaning of that particular Sunday. The star of the Advent dinner was typically my father's special Advent cake, a yeast tea ring filled with apples, walnuts, and raisins. To this day, my siblings and I continue to bake our father's cake for Advent, and share pics on Instagram. Now my nieces have continued the tradition in their families.

Many of us probably have fond memories and traditions of Advent and Christmas. Some of us may also dread the holidays because of memories that are not so fond, or because circumstances may mean we are alone, far away from missed relatives, or even have to work, while others celebrate. Regardless of how full your holidays are, I invite you to take some time in the calm of the evening twilight to light a candle, find a window to look out at nature, and watch as things get dark. May the quiet of the season calm your anxiety! May you receive the vulnerable Christ-child into your heart, God born human in a manger in Bethlehem! God arrives in the vulnerability of our lives. Let's listen for Him in this stillest time of year.

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!  
Pastor Doug

# Preschool "Owl" News

## FROM OUR DIRECTOR

BUMC Preschool is preparing for the Christmas Holiday. We will be learning about the story of baby Jesus during our OWL Time. The scripture verse for December will be "She will have a son, and name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." (Luke 2:11). Our preschoolers will learn the song "Joy to the World" as the faith-based song in December.

BUMC Preschoolers will be celebrating Pajama Day on December 4th. The children will wear pajamas to preschool, and they can bring a new set of pajamas for The Ark, the homeless shelter for single women and families in Elkin.

Our preschool Christmas Gathering will be on Wednesday, December 17th, at 10:45 am in the church fellowship. We are looking forward to sharing the Christmas story through scripture, song, and fellowship.

Thank you to everyone who bought a Belk Charity Sale coupon. BUMC Preschool made \$3,045.00 from the fall fundraiser. We will be making improvements to the church/preschool playground with our proceeds. Thank you all for supporting the preschool ministry at BUMC. May God continue to be with this outreach program for the Yadkin Valley.

The preschoolers at BUMC will be mission-minded in the month of December. BUMC Preschool will continue to collect can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Our children will also be donating all the monies they have collected in Jesus (pronounced hay-soos), our owl bank, since August to Toys for Tots. The December monthly manna at BUMC Preschool for Yadkin Christian Ministries will be a 2-pound bag of flour and a 2-pound bag of sugar. Our preschoolers will be collecting recycle items for West Yadkin Elementary School. BUMC Preschool will also be collecting and recycling any old and non-working Christmas/Holiday lights. Money made from recycling our lights will go to purchase snack foods for our preschoolers. BUMC Preschool is recycling ink cartridges, computer monitors, cell phones, key boards, batteries, glue sticks, and ink pens/markers. By recycling these items at Staples, we will be able to purchase items for BUMC Preschool at a lower cost. Thank you for supporting all of our mission projects.

BUMC Preschoolers will continue to have Chapel in the Sanctuary once a week. We will also be creating some beautiful handmade artwork and having lots of fun this Christmas season.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Ms. Ramelle, Mrs. T, Collins, Cooper, Jax, Jenna, Joanna, Elsie, Emmitt, Emmy, Moxley, Raylen, Sam, Troy



## CHAPEL TIMES & EVENTS

Wed., Dec. 3rd: 11:40am -  
Chapel with Pastor Doug

Thurs., Dec. 4th: Pajama Day/  
Polar Express Day  
at BUMC Preschool

Wed., Dec. 10th: 11:40am -  
Chapel with Ms. Ramelle

Tues., Dec. 16th: 11:40am -  
Chapel with Mrs. Dawn

Wed., Dec. 17th: 10:45am -  
BUMC Preschool  
Christmas Gathering

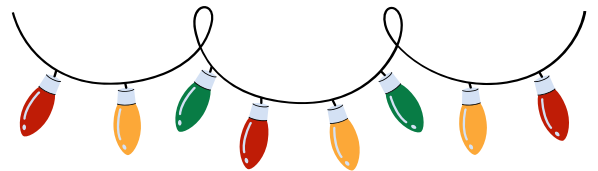
## thank you

Thank You ! Thank you! Thank you!  
Dear BUMC Family and Friends,

Thank you to everyone who bought a Belk Charity Sale coupon. BUMC Preschool made \$3,045.00 from our fall Belk Charity Sale. We are going to be using our proceeds from the sale to improve the church/preschool playground. May God continue to bless our preschool ministry for the Yadkin Valley.

Blessings,

Ms. Ramelle and Mrs. T



## **Christmas/Holiday Light Recycle Program**

As you all begin to decorate your homes for the Advent and Christmas season, remember BUMC Preschool. We will recycle all of your old/non-working strings of lights. Please place the strings in the BUMC Preschool container (peach colored) located outside Ernestine's office. The proceeds from recycling the lights will go to purchasing snacks for our preschoolers. We will be collecting lights until January 2026. Thank you all for taking care of God's planet and helping support the BUMC Preschool program at the same time. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Ms. Ramelle and Mrs. T

# Advent & Christmas Services

## **UMW Christmas Dinner**

Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5pm,  
Mitzi Davis' Home

## **Children's Christmas Play**

Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm  
w/ special guest and refreshments

## **Christmas Cantata**

Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

## **Candlelight**

## **Christmas Eve Service**

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 11pm



## *Memorials, Honorariums & Acknowledgements*

### **OPEN TABLE FUND**

IN HONOR OF:

Thanks and blessings to all the Open Table delivery team

BY:

Tommy & Dawn Johnson

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With lots of love and great appreciation to everyone at Boonville United Methodist Church,  
Thank you for Wednesday visits, our lunches and all your prayers.

Love & Prayers,  
Pattie Cockerham

*Thank You*

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YOU CAN GIVE ONLINE THROUGH A SECURE PORTAL THAT WILL GO DIRECTLY TO  
BUMC. THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO GIVE BY EITHER SCANNING THIS QR CODE  
WITH THE CAMERA ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE OR YOU CAN TEXT THIS NUMBER:  
TEXT GIVING: (336)800-8099.



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## December

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Carmin Brown  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sandra Owen  
4<sup>th</sup> Nikki Fellows, Drew Fellows  
5<sup>th</sup> Connie Vestal, Marley Wolfe  
6<sup>th</sup> Julianna Long  
8<sup>th</sup> Mark Hollar, Debby Bryant,  
Jan Smith-Miller  
12<sup>th</sup> Judy Walker  
13<sup>th</sup> Gerald Brown  
14<sup>th</sup> Darlene Caudle  
17<sup>th</sup> Margaret Dudelston  
19<sup>th</sup> Dorsey Smith  
20<sup>th</sup> Rita Howell  
23<sup>rd</sup> Tim Driver, Derrick Meeks, Jennifer Owens  
27<sup>th</sup> \*Jesse & Teresa Royall  
28<sup>th</sup> Peggy Hobson, \*Richard & Bonnie Lasky  
30<sup>th</sup> Jana Hume  
31<sup>st</sup> Teresa Royall,  
\*Frank & Margaret Ann Faistl

## January

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ed Poteate  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jesse Royall  
4<sup>th</sup> Knox Carter  
5<sup>th</sup> Remi Renegar  
6<sup>th</sup> Oliver Peele  
11<sup>2</sup><sup>th</sup> Jack Norman  
13<sup>th</sup> Maggie Bumgarner, Charlotte Norman  
15<sup>th</sup> Wendi Wolfe, Wanda Bingaman  
16<sup>th</sup> Zachary Freed  
17<sup>th</sup> Barry Peeler  
20<sup>th</sup> McKinsey Driver  
22<sup>nd</sup> Peyton Sito, \*John & Heather Pardue  
23<sup>rd</sup> \*Tim & Cyndi Driver  
28<sup>th</sup> Billy Simpson  
29<sup>th</sup> Sally Hobson  
31<sup>st</sup> Jonathan Norman

# Monthly Prayer List

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|----------------------------------|--|
| Kim Arnold                       | Mary Margaret Miller                   |
| James Baggatta                   | Annabelle O'Neal                       |
| Linda Blevins                    | Trent O'Neal Family                    |
| Annie Lee Boaz                   | Vickie Osborn                          |
| Becky Boyer                      | Tommy Owen                             |
| Ron Bray                         | Barry & Martha Peeler                  |
| Pam Brendle                      | Shirley Peeler                         |
| Gerald & Carmin Brown            | Todd Phillips                          |
| Silas Brown                      | Leah Pilson                            |
| Jay & Denita Bryant              | Joe Reece                              |
| Jenny Carter                     | Nancy Reece                            |
| Keith Cartwright                 | Patty Reece                            |
| Marty Casstevens                 | Ray Robbins                            |
| Franklin Caudle                  | Dale Seachrist                         |
| Sharon Cave                      | Marsha Shaw                            |
| Charles & Sena Childress         | Robert Shore                           |
| Hannah Cox                       | Libby & Max Sizemore                   |
| Baby Owen Creason                | Vickie Smitherman                      |
| Anakin Crismale                  | Shelby Smythers                        |
| Mike & Betty Cummings            | Patty Speer                            |
| Bethany Dukehart                 | Shane Stewart                          |
| Ian Dukehart                     | Lynn Stone                             |
| Ty & Raeceen Dukehart and Babies | Audrey Swank                           |
| Brooke Edmonds                   | Pam Swisher                            |
| Doris Faw                        | Jessie Underwood                       |
| Richard Faw                      | Betty Walker                           |
| Al & Linda Ferguson              | A.B. & Bill Wheeler                    |
| Essie Gillespie                  | Greg Wheeler                           |
| Lauren Heller                    | Heather Williams                       |
| Joy Hemmings                     | Pastor Josh Williams                   |
| Ethel Hobson                     | Maria Wolfe                            |
| Brian Houston                    | Frank Wood                             |
| Frank Hutchens                   | Glenda Woods                           |
| Kay Hutchens                     | Vickie Wooten                          |
| Pat Hutchens                     | Our Country                            |
| Kyra & Carrie Ingalls            | Our Military                           |
| Carolyn James                    | The Homeless                           |
| Billie Jester                    | Teachers, Custodians,<br>& Bus Drivers |
| Jeff Jones Sr.                   | Food Banks                             |
| Donny King                       | Social Workers                         |
| Debbie & Harvel King             |  |
| Vickie Kirkman                   |  |
| Grey Lawrence                    |  |
| Billy & Dorothy Lewis            |  |
| Meade Lott                       |  |
| Brian Mabe                       |  |
| William Mangum                   |  |

Lord in your mercy....  
Hear our prayers

