



**1st Sunday after Christmas  
New Year's Eve  
December 31, 2017  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

**We Gather to Celebrate  
New Life in Christ**



**Prelude** (Orchestra) *"Bethlehem Light"* arr. Martin

**Service of Light** Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World."

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

The new year invites us to begin again in cooperation with God

**Life often seems full of confusion. But God breaks through our confusion and puts all things in order.**

May we see our hopes fulfilled in Jesus,

**Who has come to set us free.**

**Opening Hymn** UMH No. 246 *"Joy to the World"*

**Opening Prayer**

**Greet One Another As Christ Has Greeted You**

**Good News for Children** *"Go Tell It On the Mountain"*  
(please sing as the Children come forward)

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.*

Change Jar for the Good Samaritan Fund (emergency utility assistance)  
(Children age 2 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade leave for COOL Kids)

**Old Testament Prophecy** Isaiah 61:10—62:3

**Anthem** (Choir & Orchestra) *"Carols of the Quest"* arr. Martin

**Joys, Concerns, and Prayers**  
**Our Lord's Prayer** No. 895

**Offering Back to God**  
**Offertory** *"Coventry Carol"* Mike & Donna Barnhouse  
*Trad. English Melody/arr. Barnhouse*

**Offertory Response**  
*Praise him who in the manger lay, On that first joyful Christmas day.  
Praise him for all his wondrous love, Who came to us from heaven above. Amen.*

**Scripture** Luke 2:22-40

**Words to Live By** "Would You Recognize Jesus If You Saw Him?" Ellis Conley

**Closing Hymn** UMH No. 240 *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

**Service of Light** Jesus said, "You are the Light of the World."

**Benediction** *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

**(8:30) Postlude** (Orchestra) *"A Celtic Noel"* arr. Martin  
**(11:00) Postlude** *"I Saw Three Ships"* Traditional English Melody  
arr. Barnhouse

**We Scatter to Witness and Serve,  
Using the Gifts God Gave Us**

**Christian sympathy is extended to:**

- The family of Della Patterson, who died on December 23.
- Kathy Seldomridge, whose husband Lenny Seldomridge died on December 26.
- Amy Herlihy, Jennifer Miller, and Mariellen Heavner, whose father Bill Heavner died on December 27.

**Remember in Your Thoughts and Prayers** (as of 12/28/17)

Davis Antis, Jerry Baldwin, Debbie Bias, Catherine Clark, Rev. George Clay, Bob Dierdorff (Jonathan Dierdorff's father), Ray Duke, Evelyn Easter, Emma Louise Farrow, Deborah Fortner, Bob George, Jim Grady, Gertrude Graham, Arlene Hale, Allen Harrah, Maxine Hunt, Phil Hyre, Nancy Jepson, Pastor John Lowther, Ron McClellan, Jack McGinnis, Chris Meadows, Wanda Mumford (Susan Caldwell's mother), Coy Mullins, Bob Neumeyer, Steve Neumeyer, Andrew Parks, Robbie Parsons, Michelle Riddle, Douglas Robertson, Betty Smith (Kelly McFadden's mother), Grayson Smith (Kyle Byrd's grandson), Cathy Stevens, Betty Strain, David Stull, Jean Sutherland, Peggy Vance (John Vance's mother), Evelyn Warner, Jack Wilson, Helen Wright (Beth Sauvageot's mother), Construction safety & progress

**Angel Avenue:** Walter Tincher (David Tincher's father)

**Brale Care Home:** Phyllis Blankenship (Bob Blankenship's mother)


**Broadmore Assisted Living:** Ruth Alford, James Clark (Chris Clark's father)

**Rolling Meadows Place:** Rev. Billy Reed Wickline

**Our Service Personnel:** Chris Brown, Kris Cutlip, Will Dempsey, Jason Ellis, Ty Foster, Elliott Giles (Steve & Rosemary Cook's son-in-law), Jon Hansen, Jacob Hudnall (Jeanie Jarvis' nephew), R. Travis Hughes (Leslie St. Clair's nephew), Donnie Jacobs, Aaron Lane, Dane Meadows, Bobby Menear, Steven Miller II, Julian Skinner (Joe Ann Gyke's grandson), Cameron Wilkinson

**Have a Mission Heart** **Christian Community Cupboard:** The list of needs for the Cupboard includes: canned mixed vegetables, canned carrots, and dried beans. Place donations in the cart in the Narthex.

**BackPack Buddies:** We are sending nonperishable food home with over 80 students each weekend. Please remember this ministry as you are doing your grocery shopping. We also accept monetary donations and donations of gently used plastic grocery bags. The gray cart is in the Narthex. **The 2018 sign up sheet for packing bags is now available at the Connection Center.** Help us be the hands and feet of Christ to these children.

 **Advent Missions Candle:** Thanks to your generosity of \$1,052 raised, the Advent missions candle will stay lit until **Monday, January 15, 8:00 p.m.** For each dollar donated, the candle will remain lit one hour. Candle donations support Living Hope High School, Bungoma, Kenya, begun by Marilyn Uhl, a WV United Methodist. An \$88/month sponsorship gives an orphan an opportunity in the name of Jesus Christ, raising and educating Christian leaders of tomorrow. (www.livinghopehighschool.org)

**Mitten/Sock Tree:** You are invited to decorate the Angel Tree with mittens, socks, hats, and underwear to be distributed to local school children to help keep them warm!

**Upper Room Disciplines for 2018** (daily devotional guides) are available for \$5 at the Connection Center.

**Help Wanted:** Forrest Burdette is looking to hire an additional custodian, full time with a flexible schedule. Contact Gary Robson to inquire, 304-552-7521.

**Get connected/Stay connected with Forrest Burdette:**

- If you are a visitor today, please fill out a Pew Information Card and place it in the offering plate.
- Check out the website: www.forrestburdette.com
- Sign up for the weekly "E-Connection" and the "Visions" newsletter. Email office@forrestburdette.com
- Like our Facebook page: "Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church".
- Sign up for updates for upcoming youth events by texting "@FBMUth" to the number 81010. Young Adults, sign up by texting "@FBYA" to the number 81010.

**Please pick up** your 2018 offering envelopes in the Narthex to save us the postage of mailing them to you this week.

**Wednesday Night Live Small Groups  
Beginning January 10, 2018 • 6:30 p.m.**



**Conley, Cunningham, Delph, & Gatewood Groups**

Four of our 5 Wednesday Night Groups will be studying the 12 week **"Disciple Fast Track - New Testament"**. The 4 different groups will be led by Ellis Conley, Debby Cunningham, Ron Delph, and Don Gatewood. This 12 week study will focus on Key Words such as Disciple, Good News, Least, Life, Power, Conversion, Justified, Love, Freedom, Sacrifice, Victory, and Ministry. Class participants are asked to read assigned Scripture daily to prepare for each week's class.

**Chris Clark: Christian Basics – New Testament Overview**

Join us as we fellowship together and study the New Testament initially by examining major themes and then by diving into each Book to focus on what the Lord is saying to the Church and how we should respond.

**Youth** – All Middle School and High School students are welcome each Wednesday night, downstairs from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Join us for fun, fellowship, and small groups. Feel free to come hang out early from 6:00 - 6:30!

**Children** – Wednesday COOL Kids is a time of fun, music, and growing! "Dig In" where kids learn from deeper Bible experiences. Three classes make learning easy for little ones: Preschool (age 2+); K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade; and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. In Kids Choir, children learn songs and praise God through music. Come join us on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m.! Nursery for under 2's is provided.

**Ellis Conley – Midweek Daytime Bible Study**

Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m., begins January 10  
**Disciples Fast Track – New Testament:** This 12 week study will focus on Key Words such as Disciple, Good News, Least, Life, Power, Conversion, Justified, Love, Freedom, Sacrifice, Victory, and Ministry. Class participants are asked to read assigned Scripture daily to prepare for each week's class.

**Kyle Goode – Circle of Friends**

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m., begins January 11  
*"The Remarkable Women of the Bible"* by Elizabeth George: In this inspiring look at the lives of women in the Bible, bestselling author Elizabeth George reveals refreshing models of faith for today. Stories about Eve, Deborah, Sarah, Ruth, Mary, and other women from Scripture offer testimonies of changed lives and reflections on the remarkable strengths God cultivates in women who love Him.

**Registration:** Register for classes at the Connection Center in the Narthex, through the church office, 304-562-5903, or just show up! **Dinner:** With the Kitchen renovations, we will not be able to provide Wednesday dinners. We apologize for the temporary inconvenience.

**Construction UPDATE**

Having Christmas over and New Years approaching, work days have been somewhat abbreviated, but the schedule is still in sight. They have been working on the stairs from the second floor of Byrd Hall to the first that will also serve as a fire escape after the demolition. That schedule remains for the northern portion of Byrd Hall to be removed just after New Year's Day. Prayers for Kyle's grandson. Kyle has been on the project since the first day. His grandson was born weighing less than two pounds. The best to all in the New Year.

**"I will support the church with my presence and gifts."**  
December 24, 2017

Attendance Last Sunday:	8:30 a.m. Worship	208
	Sunday School	113
	11:00 a.m. Worship	250
Gifts Last Sunday:	Weekly Budget Needed	\$13,604
	Deposits for Operating Budget	\$24,070
	Deposits for Building Fund	\$15,833
	Other Deposits	\$3,258

**Sermon Notes**

Luke 2:22-40 “Would You Recognize Jesus If You Saw Him?”

- I. Look for him in \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 25)
- II. Live close to \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 25)
- III. Be led by the \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 27)

**Assisting in Worship Today:**

Praise Band ..... *No praise band this morning*  
 Media Technician: ..... Rick Estep  
 Sound Technician: ..... (8:30): John Vance (11:00): Harold Stewart  
 Ushers: ..... (8:30): Joe Grady, Sharon Jones, Jerry Wolfe  
 (11:00): Jason Haught, Chris Clark, Christopher Clark, Virginia Clark  
 Greeters: ..... (8:30): Maurice & Billy DeLung  
 (11:00): Ruel & Patsy Elliott  
 Acolytes: ..... (8:30): Ashton Warner (11:00): Riley Elkins  
 FB COOL Kiddies (Preschool): ..... Jean Kirk  
 FB COOL Kids (K-3): ..... (8:30): Jo Bess, (11:00): Becca Wilson  
 Infant Nursery: ..... (8:30 & 9:45): Torie Meadows  
 (11:00): Torie Meadows, Carissa Lawhon  
 Parking Lot Greeter Team 5: ..... Jim Zappitelli, Jody Ogle, Scott Warner,  
 Daniel Vance, Ben Veit

**Birthdays:**

- 12/31** Annette Cartwright, Rita Given, Andrea Houston, Becky Lilly
- 1/1** Natalie Neville
- 1/2** Chris Clark, Kathryn Courtright, Carol Duncan, Michael Kinneer, Butch McCoy,  
Mark Stutler, Elizabeth Whitten
- 1/3** Don Gatewood, Beth Krall, Ashley McCann, Isaac Vance
- 1/5** Jackie Alexander, Billie DeLung, Cathy Keeler
- 1/6** Keith Midkiff

**Anniversaries:**

- 12/31** Scott & Jan Ramey
- 1/3** Reg & Jennifer Hart



**Shop Kroger — Donate to the Building Fund**

Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com. Create a Kroger Rewards Account. Enter your Kroger Plus Card number. Enter NPO #86965 (Forrest Burdette COM) as the organization you wish to support. Or, call 866-221-4141 for easy set-up help on the phone. A percentage of your Kroger purchase will be sent to the Forrest Burdette Building Fund.

**Welcome to Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church!**

... You may wish to take your birth to age 2 children into our nursery which is warm, nurturing, and well-supervised. The nursery is located off the narthex on the right. After “Good News for Children” age 3 to third graders may leave to attend “COOL Club”.

... Take advantage of the sermon outline in the bulletin. You may find it easier to follow the sermon.

... Please keep cellular phones off during the service and set your beepers to non-audible notification.

... As United Methodists, we celebrate “open Communion”; everyone is always welcome at the Lord’s Table.

... Be sure to sign a pew card and check “first time” visitor.

... The restrooms are located to the right at entrance to Fellowship Hall and at the end of the ramp and to the left.

... Please do not bring coffee, tea, or soft drinks into the Sanctuary.

... At the close of worship, our tradition is to reach for your neighbor’s hand as we sing together “Let There Be Peace on Earth”.

**THE MISSION OF FORREST BURDETTE U.M.C.**

**Minister to people where they are ♦ Strengthen and empower disciples on the journey ♦ Glorify God in all things**

**Sunday, December 31**

*New Year’s Eve*  
 8:30 A.M. Worship  
 9:45 A.M. Sunday School  
 11:00 A.M. Worship  
*No Handbell Practice*  
*No Men’s Group*  
*No Evening Worship*

**Monday, January 1**

*New Year’s Day*  
*Church Office & COM Closed*  
*No AA Tonight*

**Tuesday, January 2**

10:00 A.M. Community Cupboard  
 6:30 P.M. Hooks & Needles –201  
 6:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 8317 Cookie  
 Training –Sanctuary  
 7:00 P.M. UMW –110/Parlor

**Wednesday, January 3**

9:30 A.M. Preventicare –Little Narthex  
*No Bible Study, Small Groups, Uth, or C.O.O.L. Kids until Jan. 10*

**Thursday, January 4**

6:30 P.M. Clergy Tax Workshop –FH  
 7:00 P.M. Choir Practice –Sanctuary

**Friday, January 5**

9:30 A.M. Preventicare –Little Narthex  
 10:00 A.M. Community Cupboard

**Saturday, January 6**

7:30 A.M. Emmaus Prayer Group –110

**Sunday, January 7**

Epiphany Sunday, Covenant Sunday  
 Communion  
 Matthew 2:1-12  
 “Opening Their Treasures”  
 8:30 A.M. Worship  
 9:45 A.M. Sunday School  
 11:00 A.M. Worship  
 5:00 P.M. Handbells –Choir Rm  
 6:00 P.M. Men’s Group –111  
 6:00 P.M. Worship –Chapel  
 6:00 P.M. Trustees Meeting –201  
 7:00 P.M. Church Leaders Meeting –FH

**Upcoming Events**

**January 19-21:** Winter Retreat to Resurrection Youth Conference, Pigeon Forge, TN. There are only a few spots left. See Pastor Jeremy ASAP!

**April 27-28:** Bus trip to Sight & Sound Theater, Lancaster PA, to see the production “Jesus”. \$220 per person. Sign up at the Connection Center desk; see Don Gatewood with questions.

**Church Leaders Meeting:** Sunday, January 7, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Expected to attend include: Church Council, Finance, Staff-Parish, Trustees, Mission Outreach, Nominations & Lay Leadership, COM Board, Building Committee

**Christmas Day Dinner Report:** It was truly a blessing to serve 80+ people in the Fellowship Hall on Christmas Day. Again, we were served by the 4 Wise Men of Forrest Burdette that included Don Gatewood, John Marra, Bruce Hunt, and Marvin Lively (some of whom were questionable, but it was the best I could do). Thank you to the United Methodist Women and the Stewards of Fellowship Sunday School Class for their support, and also to those who helped with the setup and those who pulled kitchen duty. Thank you for being so generous with your time! A special “thank you” is extended to John Marra for preparing the baked steak, ham, real mashed potatoes and gravy, and green beans! Also, a big “thank you” to Jerry and Karen Lilly for the mouth-watering rolls. This food was delicious, especially knowing how much effort and time was spent in the planning and preparing of our meal. We are a blessed church to have people who so generously give of their time and expertise. THANKS BE TO GOD!

*-Jill Gilbert*

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