

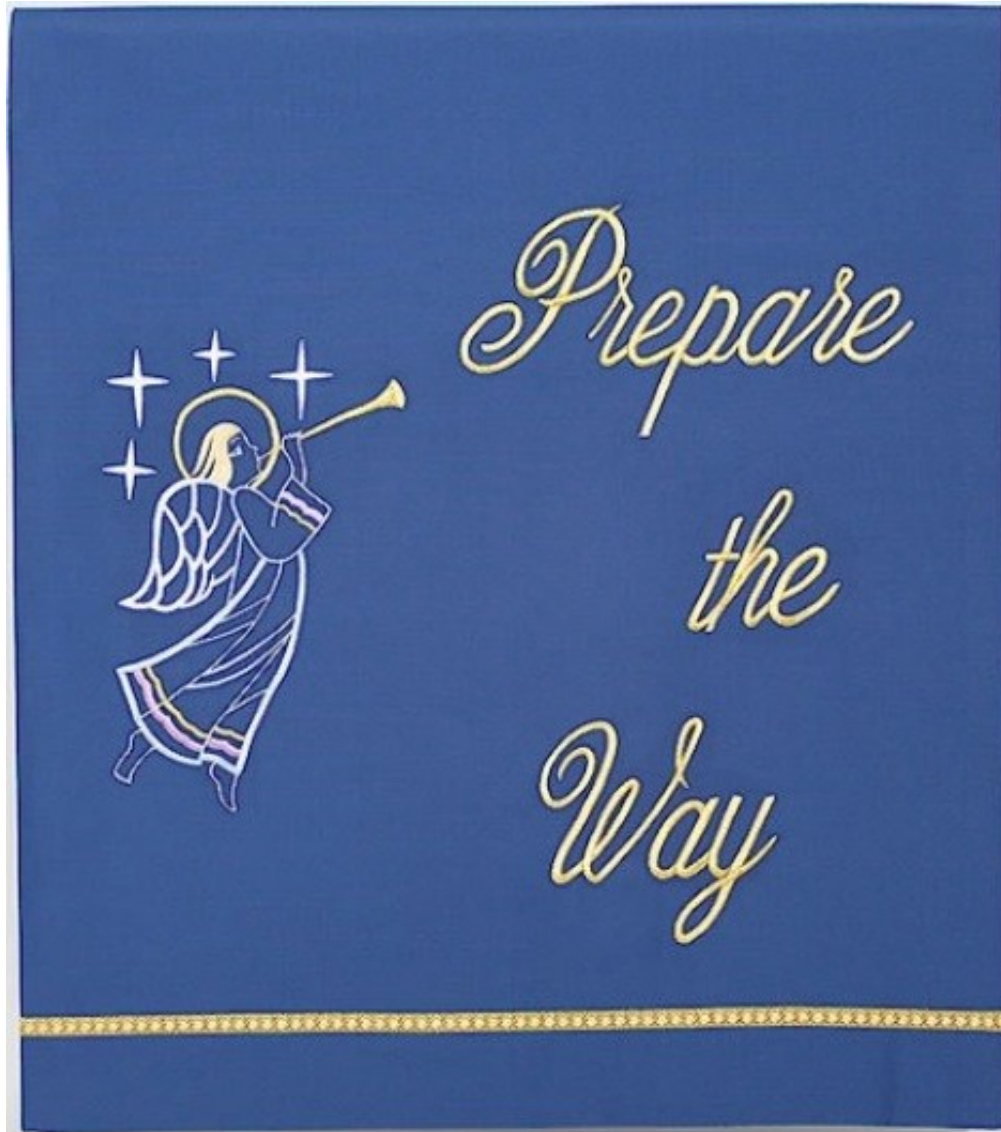


Brainerd CHURCH

A United Methodist Congregation



Touching Lives through Christ by Reaching Out, Bringing In, Lifting Up, Sending Forth



DECEMBER 9, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent is a season observed in many Western Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The term is an anglicized version of the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming".

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Worship at 10:00 a.m. 2nd Sunday of Advent

THE GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Rufus Williamson

Prelude

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*Opening Prayer

Traveling Ancient One

Who caravanned the desert sands with Abraham and Sarah

Who walked with Peter and Mary Magdalene

Who sailed with Paul and Priscilla:

Travel with us this Advent Morning.

Guide us through the wilderness of our minds to focus on you.

Bring the mountains of our egos and the valleys of our depression to level land.

Straighten our belief so that our actions might smooth out rough roads.

Help us, today, to see the salvation of God we pray

Through the Messiah you sent and are sending still, Amen.

*Processional Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Verse 1

O come, all ye faithul,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him,
Born the king of angels

Refrain

Verse 2

God of God
Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, Begotten not created

Refrain

Verse 3

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation:
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Refrain

Verse 4

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning.
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

Refrain

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**O come, let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.**

Reader 1: God of mercy and power, we seek to see the messenger that you are sending.

Reader 2: Refining God, purify us so that we may prepare the way of the Lord.

All: We, God's people, sing with Zechariah. With your compassion, Lord, make the dawn from heaven break upon us. Give light to those who are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death. Guide us on the path of peace. (Luke 1:78-79, CEB)

Reader 1 and/or 2: On this second Sunday of Advent, we light this candle of love to remind us that we are being refined by your love that we would love others as you have loved us. *Light a candle.*

**All: "Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart."**

Anthem

Angels from the Realms of Glory
Chancel Choir

by Roberta Bishop

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Winter Rose

By Joseph Martin

Narration written by Pamela Martin

Orchestrated by Brant Adams

Directed by Roberta Bishop

1. The Winter Rose
2. When Will He Come
3. Advent Cry

Brian Ailey

Veni, Redemptor – Come, Redeemer

4. Every Valley
5. Lullaby to a Rose
6. In the Judean Hills
7. Dance into the Light
8. The Winter Rose (reprise)
9. Look to the Rose
10. Lo, How a Rose

Betsy Craig, Terry Sanford
Christmas Orchestra

Margaret Abernathy

RESPONSE TO THE PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST'S BIRTH

Organ Offertory

*Offertory Response

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OLD 100th

Verse 1

Hark! The herald angels sing.
"Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Verse 2

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

SENDING FORTH

*Benediction

*Recessional

***Please stand as you are able**

The Winter Rose

From the earliest Christian time, the rose has been a symbol of divine love. It gently reaches across the ages in ancient illuminations and freely spills from the pens and brushes of countless poets and artists. Echoing through our sanctuaries in the melodies and texts of many beloved carols, it brings to life the beautiful visions of biblical prophets and the hope of early Christian pilgrims.

Today the rose remains a vital expression of love and peace both inside the Church and the outside world. Her appearance in the garden is a treasured harbinger of the coming spring's abundance. As a gift, the rose's delicate beauty is usually reserved for the most meaningful expressions of the heart. No flower holds our dreams of love more beautifully than she.

It is in that same spirit that the present work was conceived and written. It is our sincerest prayer that as Christ, the Rose of Sharon, opens before you this Christmas, your spirit will be encouraged by the beauty of God's greatest gift. Let the words and music of this cantata remind you that even in the deepest winter, we are people of joy and life... children of the garden.

Joseph and Pamela Martin

Orchestra

Flute	Christa Dingman, Bailey Krall
Oboe	Michellel Nieb
Bb Clarinet	Jeremy Francisco
Bassoon	Ann Walton
Horn in F	Wes Bradford, Sylvie Myers
Bb Trumpet	Greg Lindquist, Pablo Alvarez, Ken Parsons
Trombone	Landon Durham, Mica Myers
Tuba	Shawn Nelson
Violin	Cameron Wilcox, Peyton Marshall, Tami King
Viola	Byron Bleasdale
Cello	Nathan Francisco, David Rittenhouse
Double Bass	Nathan Francisco
Percussion	Ian McNeese, Josh Vollberg
Organ	Jeff Scofield

Chancel Choir

Sopranos

Alice Marie Clark Danks
Fran Habecker
Beverly Hubbs
Thara Kurien
Polly Lane
Barbara Walton
Wade Wright
Sophie Workman-Johnson
Betsy Craig

Altos

Margaret Abernathy
Gayle Hamill
Sandy Jenkins
Deb Larmore

Tenors

Brian Ailey
Alex Kurien
Scott McKenzie
Sam Millard

Basses

Terry Sanford
Doug Skramstad
Nathan Schwark



**Today, December 9, Church Council Meeting
in the Wesley Conference Room @ 12:05p.m.**

A Personal Invitation

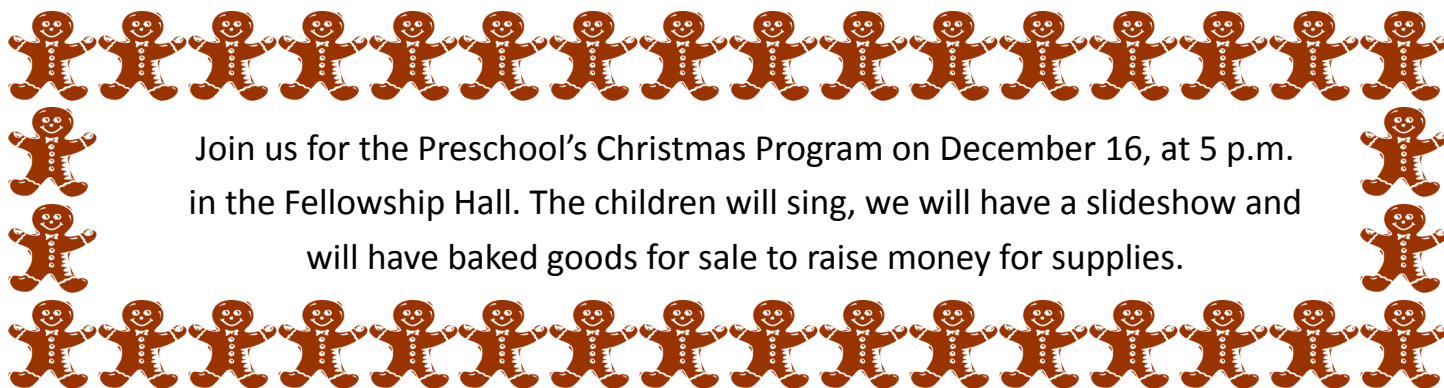
Dear Friends of Brainerd UMC, we appreciate your presence in our worship service!
If you need prayer or are considering becoming a member of our church family, please do not
hesitate to speak with Pastor McKee or contact the church office.

"Come Catch the Vision and Join Us in Kingdom Building"

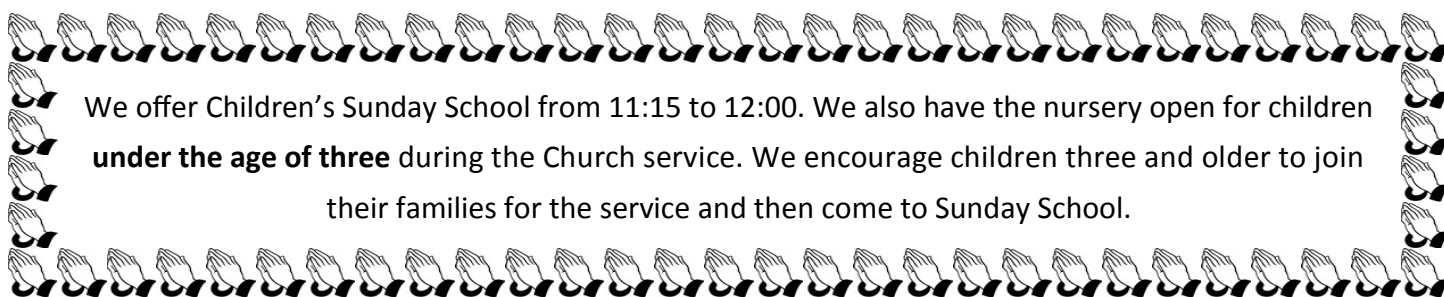
PRAYER CONCERNS

Carolyn Caldwell	Nelda Jarvis	Helen Newman	Juanita Thomas
David Jackson	Jean Miller	Jean Pracht	Matt Thomas
Tee Carr	People of Kerala	Ann Sasser	Polly Webb
Jackie Frye	Thomas Reed	Lloyd Stanley	Boyd Webb
Anne Lauren Davis			Bettye Young

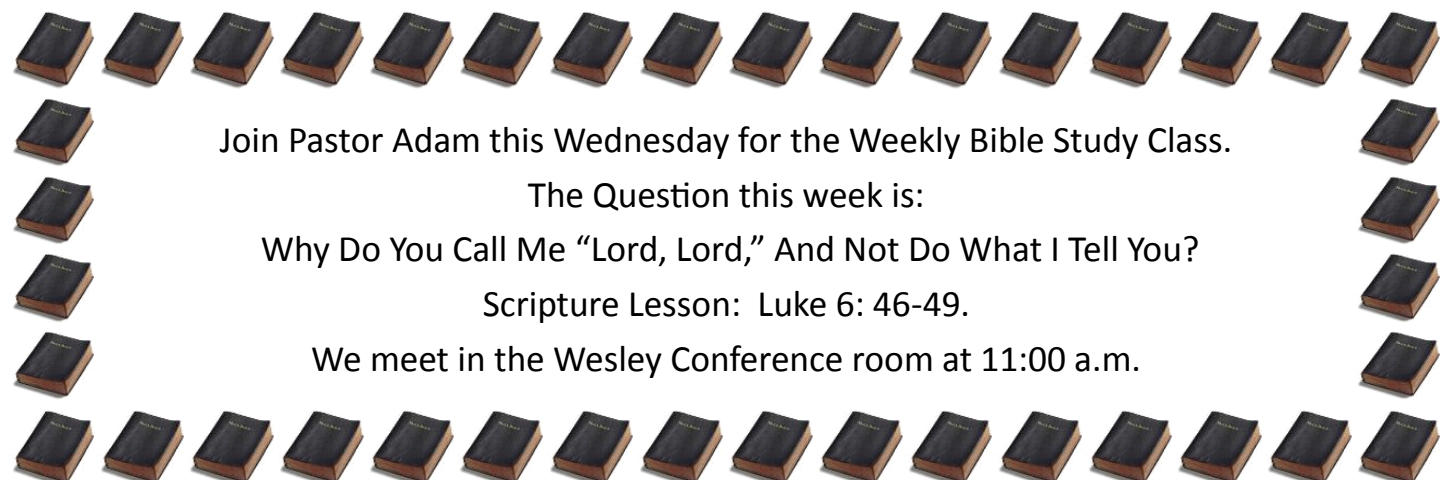
Congregation, Children, Youth, Pastor & Staff of BUMC



Join us for the Preschool's Christmas Program on December 16, at 5 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall. The children will sing, we will have a slideshow and
will have baked goods for sale to raise money for supplies.



We offer Children's Sunday School from 11:15 to 12:00. We also have the nursery open for children
under the age of three during the Church service. We encourage children three and older to join
their families for the service and then come to Sunday School.



Join Pastor Adam this Wednesday for the Weekly Bible Study Class.

The Question this week is:

Why Do You Call Me "Lord, Lord," And Not Do What I Tell You?

Scripture Lesson: Luke 6: 46-49.

We meet in the Wesley Conference room at 11:00 a.m.

FINANCES OF YOUR CHURCH 2018

Finance Monthly	Need MTD through 12/02/18	Received MTD through 12/02/18
General Budget \$43,750	\$8,750 20%	\$14,770 34%
Building Mortgage \$13,463	\$2,693 20%	\$3,613 27%

Finance Yearly week 48	Need YTD through 12/02/18	Received YTD through 12/02/18
General Budget \$525,000	\$484,615 92%	\$461,131 88%
Building Mortgage \$161,559	\$149,131 92%	\$143,512 89%

2 Corinthians 9:7 :Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

If you would like to check your membership information, i.e. address, phone number, email address, personal pledging and giving or your photo, go to your Brainerd UMC website (<http://www.brainerdumc.org>), scroll down to the very bottom of the page to Member Login

When the next screen opens, **under the sign in box**, click on “Need a login? [Click here](#)”

Now, this is **important**....If BUMC does NOT have a current email address for you, you will NOT be able to create an account. If you suspect this is the case, call or better yet email jbacon@brainerdumc.org and say “Update my email!” (You can add “please” if you are feeling cordial.) On this site (Access ACS), you can change information about yourself, check your giving, check the church calendar and view the directory.

Give it a try. It'll be fun!

Now, if you **really want to impress** your children and grandchildren, try the “church life” app on your cell phone. You will never again get lost trying to find that class party or visiting a shut-in. Simply click on the member’s address, and a map to their house will pop up right there on your phone!

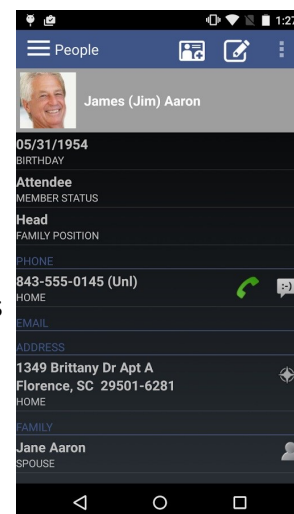
If you need to warn them you are coming, simply push the little green telephone icon, and your phone will begin dialing their number.

If you realize that you are showing up on the wrong night, click on the calendar to find the correct night of the gathering. No need to wait until the church office opens to find a phone number. Just tap on **Church Life!**



To the left is a picture of the icon of the app for your phone. To the right is a sample of how the screen will look when using this app.

Please wait until the church service is over before you try to download this free app!



BR UM C W E E K L Y I N T E R V E N T S

Sunday, December 9

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, **Sanctuary**
- 11:15 a.m. Sunday School, **Classrooms**
- 12:05 a.m. Church Council Meeting, **Wesley Conference Room**
- 6:00 p.m. Gospel Jam, **McFerrin Chapel**

Monday, December 10

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool, **Children's Wing**
- 1:00 p.m. Circle #3, **Wesley Conference Room**
- 4:00 p.m. Chattanooga Girls Choir Rehearsals, **Various Rooms**
- 6:15 p.m. Walk to Emmaus, **Fellowship Hall**

Tuesday, December 11

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool, **Children's Wing**
- 6:15 p.m. TVA Retirees, **Fellowship Hall**
- 5:30 p.m. Girls Inc Family Literacy Night, **Fellowship Hall**
- 6:30 p.m. CFT Dinner Theater Rehearsals, **Truman Brooks Room**

Wednesday, December 12

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool, **Children's Wing**
- 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study, **Wesley Conference Room**
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Suite**

Thursday, December 13

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool, **Children's Wing**
- 5:00 p.m. Girls Inc,

Friday, December 14

- 6:00 p.m. USA Dance Choo Choo Chapter, **Gym**
- 6:30 p.m. THALASH Get-together, **Fellowship Hall**

Saturday, December 15

- 8:30 a.m. Kerala Birdie Team, **Gym**
- 12:00 noon Organ Practice, **Sanctuary**

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