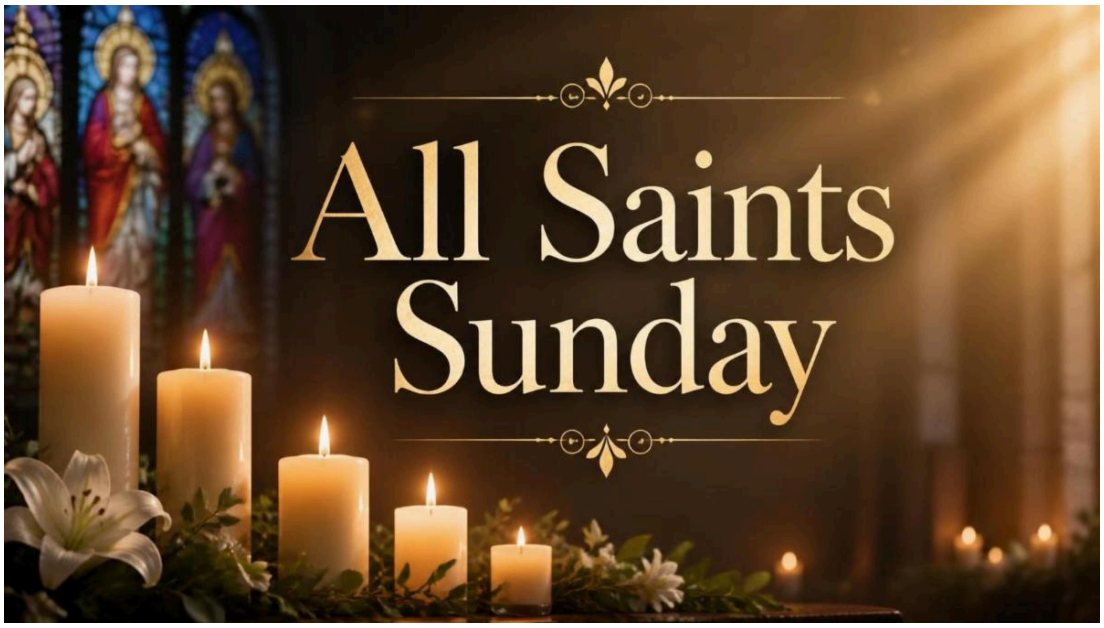
Bethlehem United Methodist Church

The BUZZ

News and Current Events for
October 27, 2026



8:30 a.m. - Sunday Service
Sanctuary

9:45 a.m. - The Bridge
Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. - Sunday Service
Sanctuary

Sermon:
“A Great Multitude”
Revelation 7:9-17

Worship Online

Watch The Bridge LIVE on Facebook,
Facebook page is The Bridge at Bethlehem UMC

Watch 11:00 Worship LIVE on YouTube
Click the LIVE tab on Bethlehem Moneta Channel

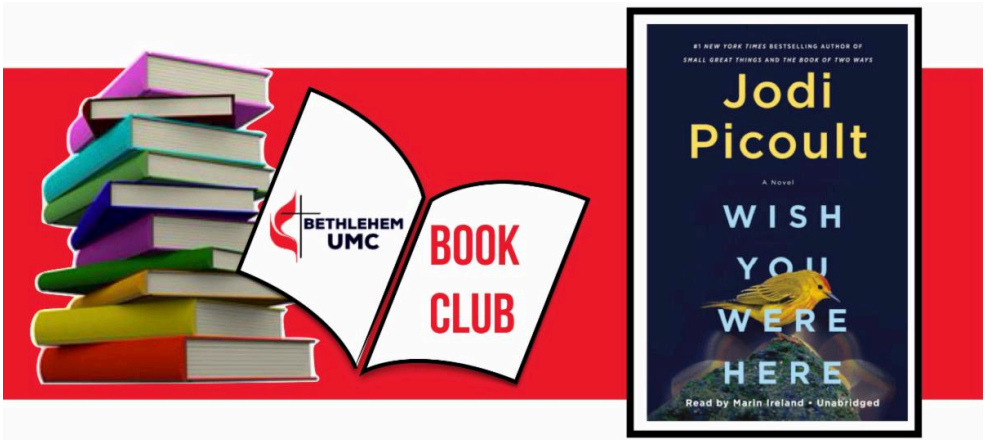
Sunday, November 1

Click Here to Sign Up

Click the link above to sign up to host a Trick or Treat booth, bring a soup, or bring a dessert for the cake walk.

Please be in prayer for our mission team members who will be serving in Ashe County, North Carolina, **Sunday**, **November 1 - Saturday, November 7**. We have 15 people going on our trip and will be staying at a local church near West Jefferson, NC. There, the Western North Carolina Conference is continuing to help homeowners recover from the devastating flooding in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene two years ago! It is a long process, and we are proud to serve under the Western North Carolina Conference and UMVIM, United Methodist Volunteers in Mission, who pride themselves on being the last recovery organization to leave impacted areas and to "turn out the lights when they leave." This work will probably continue for another one to two years and finish long after most people have forgotten about the storm—but not those living in communities damaged by the floodwaters. Please pray for our team's safety and that we bring the love of God to the area through our hands and feet.

Monday, November 2



The Bethlehem Book Club will meet **Monday, November 2** at 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, to discuss Wish You Were Here by Jodi Picoult. This book deals with the Covid Pandemic and the effects that it had on a young woman in

New York City, as well as the whole world. The discussion will be led by Debbie Boisvert. Everyone is invited to attend, whether you have read the book or not. See you there.

Sunday, November 8 - Tuesday, November 10

The Women's Retreat at St. Francis Springs Prayer Center will be It will be **Sunday, November 8 - Tuesday, November 10**. Please email Susan Hughes at susieqhughes@gmail.com to reserve a spot.

Friday, November 13

The United Methodist Men are sponsoring a trip on **Friday, November 13** to see the Rail Yard Dawgs play hockey at the Berglund Center in Roanoke. We will take the church van so can accept up to 14 in addition to the driver. Please contact John Wohlgemuth (301-639-7319) by Friday, October 30 to reserve a spot and pay $25 to purchase your ticket. Hopefully this will be enough to cover the tickets, parking and gas for the van.

Sunday, November 15

Sunday, November 22

Thursday, November 26

This was Celebration Sunday, October 25, 2026, the culmination of our Fall Stewardship Campaign “Giving as an Act of Worship.” The Fellowship Hall and the Welcome Center were filled with food, fellowship, and friendship as we celebrated God’s bountiful generosity and expressed our gratitude for His abundant blessings. Thanks to everyone for sharing this wonderful meal together. We also thank God for the Hospitality Committee and Kitchen Crew, who planned, prepared, and served this meal with such joyful hearts. Their service today, as always, is a beautiful act of worship.

Bethlehem's youth enjoyed a hike up Sharp Top at the Peaks of Otter. Thank you to Frank Nelson and Dave Hudgins for leading this fun group outing.

United Women in Faith

The United Women in Faith raised $2,228 at the recent Boomer Band Concert at the church. The proceeds will support Food For Kids and Bethlehem Preschool. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed and helped make this fundraiser a success.

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Church Library
The Faithful Bookworms

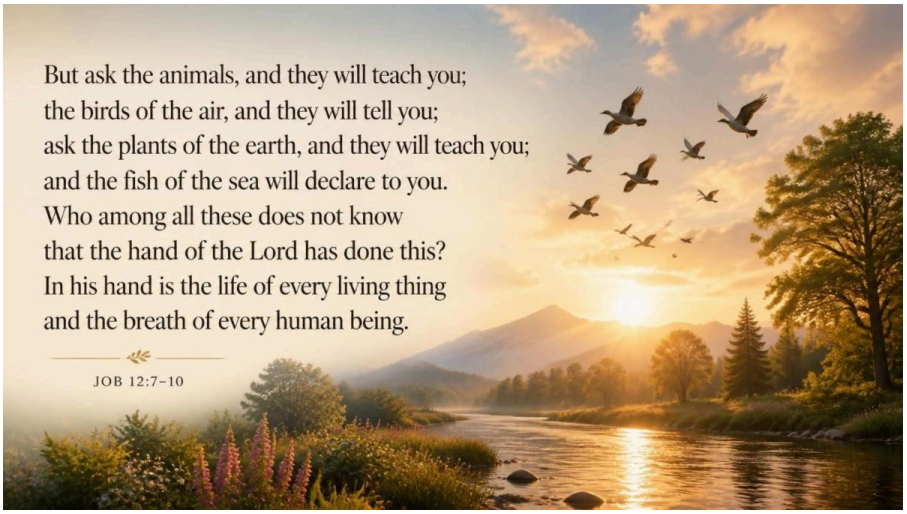
Before John Glenn orbited the earth, or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as “human computers” used pencils, slide rules, and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space. Christine Darden, Dorothy Vaughn, Katherine Johnson, and Mary Jackson, originally math teachers in

the South's segregated public schools, answered their country's call during the labor shortages of World War II. Many years later, in 2015, Katherine Johnson was given the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Written by Margot Lee Shetterly, and published in 2016, the book, Hidden Figures, is in our library, shelved in the Inspiration section. Check it out.

Thank you,
Sandra Richardson

Listen to the Birds

Every day, I try to get outside to listen for the sounds of Nature. During the previous week did you have an opportunity to take a walk in the woods, or just go outside and listen to the birds? The creation often sparks joy and thanksgiving. Nature renews, stirs a sense of awe, and reveals God's continual self-giving love.

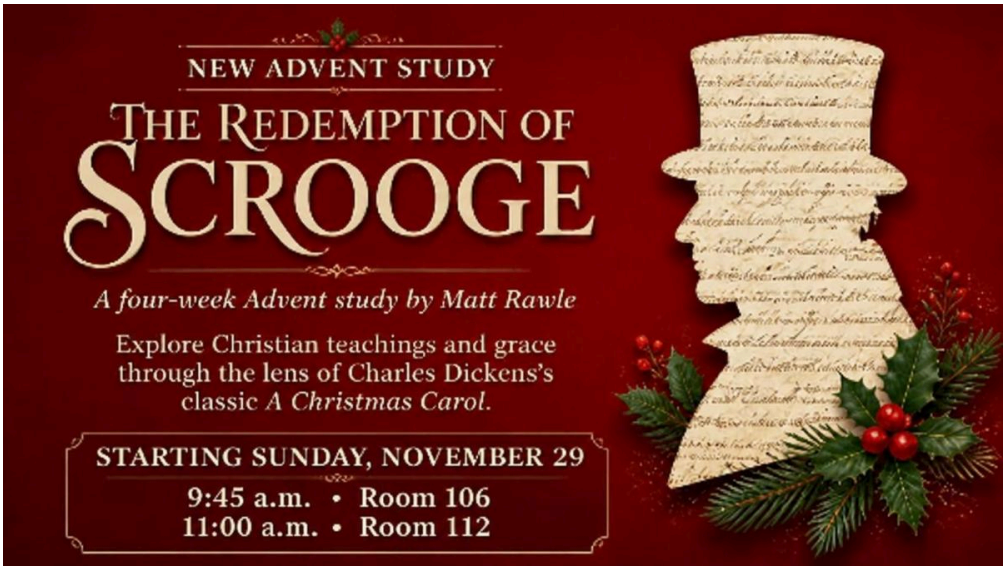


In the Biblical understanding, all species praise God in their own way. This affirms that humans are not the only creatures who deserve the right to live and relate with their Creator. God's embrace extends to the whole household of life. In a time when the human impact on the natural world has reached levels unimaginable in the history of our planet, it is crucial for the Church to step up boldly to rally society to honor and value all creatures and ecosystems. Creation is waiting for us to be bold, to be faithful to our calling from God to protect all life and all of creation.

Ed Gorski

Christian Education

- Sundays, 9:45 a.m. - **The Journey** *(Room 106)* "The Creed"
- Sundays, 11:00 a.m. - **The Bridge** *(Room 112)* "Jeremiah"
- Sundays, 11:00 a.m. - **Family Small Group** *(Small Group for Families with children)*
- Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. - **Pastor's Bible Study Class**
- Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. - **Upper Room** - Wake Cafe



Wonderful Wednesdays

4:30 p.m.
Gentle Chair Yoga

5:00 p.m.
Getting Ahead

5:50 p.m. - Meal

6:30 p.m.
A Life Worth Living
Disciple 2
All Things Great and Small
Living Prayer
Financial Empowerment

Youth : Grades 6 - 12
Pre-K: Elementary
Nursery: 0 - 3 Years

Kaleidoscope

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A Gathering Place

October Calendar of Community Events

Kaleidoscope - The Gathering Place

2500 Hardy Road, Hardy VA

- Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. - **Spirit Yoga with Chairs**
- Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. - **Spirit Yoga with Mats**
- October 27, 6:00 p.m. - **Line Dancing**
- October 28, 10:00 a.m. - **MOSAIC - Drop In Gathering**
- October 28, 6:30 p.m. - **Lake Players: From Audition to Applause! Acting Workshop**

Click to View: October Kaleidoscope Newsletter

Email Susan to be Added to Monthly Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, October 27, 11:00 a.m. - **Nominations Committee Meeting,** Room 106
- Thursday, October 29, 11:30 a.m. - **Food For Kids Meeting,** Room 106
- Sunday, November 1, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - **Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat**

Recurring Events

- Sundays, 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 a.m. - In-Person Worship
- Sundays, 9:45 a.m. - Livestream The Bridge Worship on Facebook (The Bridge at Bethlehem UMC Facebook page)
- Sundays, 11:00 a.m. - Livestream Sanctuary Worship on YouTube
- Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. - Prayer Time - Zoom - Email for Link
- Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. - Praise Band Practice
- Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m. - Bell Choir Practice
- Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Practice
- Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. - Christmas Cantata Practice

Happy Birthday!

October Birthday List
November Birthday List

Prayer Requests / Prayer List

If you have a prayer request or would like to be added to the prayer email distribution list, please email bumcprayerrequest@gmail.com.

Prayer List October 27, 2026

List of Military/Police/First Responders

Thank you for your ministry of prayer!

Online Giving

Thank You For Giving Online!

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Encouragement and other occasion cards available for your use!

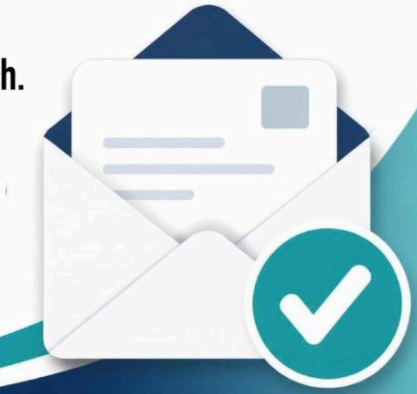
Send an e-card

Check Your Church Mailing Address

We now have a mailbox installed at the church.

Street address below:

13586 S. Old Moneta Road
Moneta, VA 24121



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