



At Bright Star, we will be a beacon of light  
so that we might bring people to

**Jesus Christ**

and live a life that magnifies



**Bright Star Beacon**

create disciples,  
share and develop  
our spiritual gifts.



**God**

*The Light of Love and Hope in Our Community*

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## STAFF RECOGNITION SUNDAY



L-R: Ivan Winslett, Katie Plumley, Lamar Samples, Pam Landers, Matt Holloway, Sara Denham, Kim Daniels, Cliff Daniels



<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LENGTH OF SERVICE</u>
Katie Plumley	Minister of Music & Drama	25 years
Ivan Winslett	Associate Minister of Music	20 years
Sara Denham	Nursery Worker	5 years
Kim Daniels	Office Manager	3 years
Pam Landers	Children's Director	3 years
Lamar Samples	Musician	3 years
Matt Holloway	Youth Director	1 year
Cliff Daniels	Custodian	1 years



Check out all the photos on our Shutterfly Share Site!

. . . *From the Pastor*

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING 2018

Dear Bright Stars,

Una and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving. May the God of all goodness and grace continue to bless you and yours as you celebrate another year of life and love and happiness together.

In addition, I would like to invite you and your family to take just a minute or two to write in each point of the star on this page what you are especially thankful for this year. Then, offer a silent prayer as you think about each point, giving thanks to God for each of the items you wrote down.

And then, when you meet around your Thanksgiving meal table and you feel so inclined you can share with either all or just one or two or your family members what you want to give thanks for this year. By doing that, you can brighten the corner where you are.

Giving thanks to God for you always,

Pastor Edwin



Bright Star  
United Methodist  
Church

HOLIDAY  
Bazaar

Saturday, November 3 from 9am-3pm

Arts & Crafts/Vendors,  
Silent Auction, Bake Sale,  
Concessions, and much more!

Vendors spots available

3715 Bright Star Road • Douglasville GA 30135  
770-949-2555 • brightstarumc.org



prayer  
WALK

At

Bill Arp Elementary

Mon. 11/5

Meet in school parking

lot at 8:20 am

Partner In Education (PIE) Meeting to follow  
at BSUMC at 9:30 am

GENERAL

ELECTION - NOVEMBER 6, 2018



OFFICE CLOSED  
Thurs & Fri, 11/22-23

# The Boar's Head Madrigal Dinner

November  
16th  
and 17th  
  
7:00 pm



Tickets  
On Sale  
Now  
  
\$20 each



**PANCAKES**  
*with* **SANTA**

Saturday, December 15  
9am to noon

Get your picture made with  
Santa while enjoying  
pancakes, children's  
activities, games, and crafts

**FREE event**

RSVP to 770-949-4685

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## OUR FAITHFUL ACOLYTE

Elizabeth Hopkins is in the 5th grade at Beulah Elementary school. She is in the Immersion Spanish Program and has been throughout her elementary years. She is becoming very comprehensive in her Spanish skills. Every time she is seen at church or school, she has a beautiful smile and a happy "Buenos días" to share.

She has been a hard worker at school, while being a faithful servant here at Bright Star since the beginning of her 3rd grade year. She was very eager to become an acolyte, even though she is the only student at Bright Star who is the right age to serve as acolyte. She loves being an acolyte, and we love her being our acolyte. She offers this service as a form of worship every Sunday morning and we appreciate her faithfulness.

Elizabeth's parents and grandparents are in the worship service with her each week as well. Bright Star gives this family a huge shout out for being a valuable and precious part of our church family!

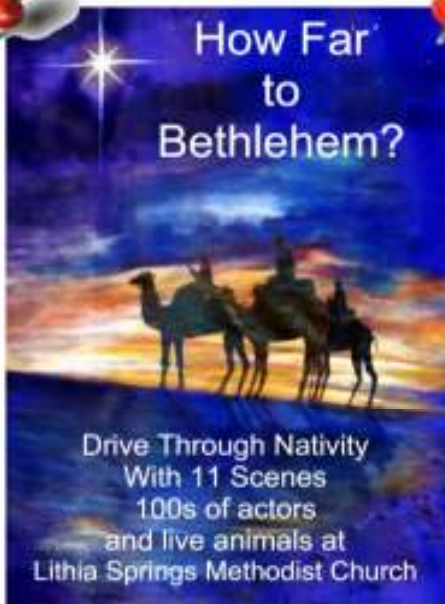
Thanks, Elizabeth and family!



Submitted by Susie Munday

# The Bulletin Board

## How Far to Bethlehem?



Drive Through Nativity  
With 11 Scenes  
100s of actors  
and live animals at  
Lithia Springs Methodist Church

Dec. 7-9 from 7 to 9pm  
At Lithia Springs UMC  
Drive Thru Nativity  
Open to Public  
Volunteers/Actors Needed  
Call 770-853-0573 to participate



To My Wonderful Bright Star Family,  
Where do I even start? My family and I were overwhelmed at the love and support we received from all of you when my mother passed away. Each one of you have touched our hearts and we will be forever grateful.

My sisters and I appreciated everything so very much. Each and every thing you did soothed our hearts and encouraged us to find solace in this difficult time. From the visits, cards, prayers, flowers, kind words, and hugs, to the abundance of food to feed my large family after the service, we felt enveloped in your love.

I am so very grateful for my church family. Thank you for being there during this painful and challenging time. Much love to all of you!

Yours in Christ,  
Kim and Cliff Daniels and family



HAPPY  
Thanksgiving

COME ONE, COME ALL!

## 18th Annual Community Christmas Caroling Party

Meet at Bright Star UMC at 3775  
Bright Star Rd no later than  
9:45am. We carpool to four  
different locations.  
Lyric sheets are provided.

DECEMBER 22 10AM-12PM

Dear Church Congregation,

As some of you may know, Ed & Judy Strickland will be leaving just before Christmas to spend 3 months in New Zealand with family. Ed has helped with clean up connected to Wednesday Night Supper for several years. His help makes this a tolerable venture after a day's work for each of us.

Though the respective teams do in most cases help along the way with clean up, there is still a good bit to take care of. Many folks who attend Wednesday Night Supper could help for a few minutes even drying utensils here and there. I cannot do this all by myself as I've occasionally had to do. Please consider helping if you can and are able. As I had to remind someone recently, being a self-employed artist doesn't mean I am a retired person as many in our church are.

Thank you,  
Richard Jacobus

# United Methodism 101

Are you interested in learning more about The United Methodist Church? Have you ever wondered about the history or beliefs of our denomination? Want to know more about how various United Methodist churches and ministries are connected?



Every Wednesday  
6:30 to 8 pm  
4 week study beginning Nov. 7

Rev. Vince McGlothlin-Eller will be leading a study on what it means to be a United Methodist. This four-session study will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 starting November 7. We will take a break the week of Thanksgiving.

**Tentative schedule:**  
November 7 - Our Heritage  
November 14 - Our Beliefs  
November 28 - Our Structure  
December 5 - Our Life Together

Please sign up with the church office if you are interested in participating so we can make sure we have enough space and materials for everyone.



Douglas County Pregnancy Resource Center  
3030 Chapel Hill Road, Douglasville, 30135  
[www.partnersofprc.com](http://www.partnersofprc.com)  
[volunteer@partnersofprc.com](mailto:volunteer@partnersofprc.com)



Shown here are the front and back of the new Parenting flier for PRC Medical. Please look this over carefully and consider becoming a parenting mentor. Mentors guide our clients through various study topics and encourage them on their pregnancy and spiritual journeys. Parenting mentors are always needed, and any caring Christian woman (or man) is a candidate. Please pray about the possibility of becoming a mentor.

Missions

**2018**

January - Good Samaritan  
February - PRC Medical  
March - UMCOR  
April - United Way Shoebox Ministry  
May - Youth / River of Life  
June - Performing Arts Camp Scholarships  
July - PIE-Bill Arp Elementary  
August - Good Samaritan  
September - Undie Sunday  
October - PIE-Bill Arp Elementary-Backpack Ministry  
November - PIE-Bill Arp Elementary-Backpack Ministry / Angel Tree  
December - Angel Tree  
PIE - Partners in Education

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Parenting and Life Skills Program (PAL5)

*Why PAL5?*

Because many people want to learn how to be good parents. Pregnancy and parenting are filled with a lot of uncertainty. The PAL5 Program will answer many of your questions, ease any anxiety you may be feeling and equip you with knowledge to become a great parent!

### 2 ways to participate

- Get support with a **PERSONAL MENTOR** and take your lessons toward your goals and needs.
- Find support with a **GROUP CLASS**, meet other women who are pregnant or have children and make new friends.

### It really pays off

- Attend lessons and earn credits that you can exchange for items to our Money Boutique.
- Baby items such as clothing, diapers, blankets, high chairs, strollers, furniture and more are available to assist you in getting the things you need!

### some of our available lessons

- Prenatal Care
- Labor and Delivery
- What's Safe, What's Not
- Your Child's Development
- Your Changing Body
- Understanding Your Toddler
- Newborn Care
- Healthy Relationships
- Crying, Colic and Sleep
- Managing Your Finances
- Getting Ready for Baby
- And MANY more!
- Breast Feeding

To find out more or to schedule an appointment call 770-920-1000



Every Saturday  
10am - 1pm  
In the Activity Center/Gym  
Fruits and Veggies for  
your family for \$20  
Check us out on Facebook



Be A  
Blessing To  
Those In  
Need

Angels available  
starting November 18th



Give someone hope and love this Christmas



Pick an Angel  
from the tree



Buy A Gift

Wrap & Return  
With All Tags  
Dec. 16th  
BY NOON



Join us Saturday, 12/1 at 2 pm  
to prepare the Sanctuary for Advent

We will be putting up the tree and pulling out the  
decorations to prepare for the "Hanging of the Greens"  
on Sunday, 12/2. Everyone invited! We have lots of fun!



Hanging  
*of the*  
Greens

Sunday, December 2nd  
during worship services



## Finance/Stewardship

Monthly Operating Budget Required: .....\$33,822  
 Fiscal YTD Operating Budget  
 required thru June .....\$135,288

### Report thru October 31, 2018

Operating Budget Received MTD .....\$25,555  
 Operating Budget Received Fiscal YTD .....\$119,611  
 Average Sunday School Attendance .....51  
 Average 9:30am Worship Attendance .....35  
 Average 11:00am Worship Attendance .....77

### Mortgage Account Activity (9/12-10/16)

Monthly mortgage pymt .....\$8,110.21  
**Principal Balance as of 9/28/18.....\$1,495,884**

*NOTE: Fiscal Year is July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019*

**2018** Special Offerings  
 The North Georgia Conference  
 of The United Methodist Church

**DECEMBER 2**  
 Action Ministries

Action Ministries provides the tools and expertise to help churches address the challenges of poverty in their local communities by focusing on hunger relief, housing and education.

## Upcoming EVENTS

NOVEMBER			
11/03	BAZAAR	12/2	Hanging of the Greens
11/05	Prayer Walk at Bill Arp-8:30am	12/3	Prayer Walk at Bill Arp-8:30am
11/05	PIE mtg-9:30am	12/3	PIE mtg-9:30am
11/06	General Election-HH	12/3	Private party-HH & KI
11/06	Trustees-7pm		General Election Run-off
11/06	Finance-7:30pm	12/4	Trustees-7pm
11/07	United Methodism 101-6:30pm	12/4	United Methodism 101-6:30pm
11/08	Gideons-6:30pm	12/5	Musical celebration-6pm
11/08	Evangelism-6:30pm		Private party-DH & KI
11/13	Staff mtg-6:15pm	12/9	Staff mtg-6:15pm
11/14	United Methodism 101-6:30pm	12/10	Private event-HH & KI
11/15-17	Boar's Head Madrigal Dinner	12/11	Gideons-6:30pm
11/18	Angel Tree goes up	12/13	Evangelism-6:30pm
11/19	Dgls Cty school out		Private party-HH & KI
11/20	Newsletter deadline	12/13	Kid's Christmas Celebration
11/22-23	Office Closed-Thanksgiving	12/14	Angel Tree due
11/25	Church Council-after services	12/15	Finance-7pm
11/27	Floors polished-office closed	12/16	Newsletter deadline
11/28	United Methodism 101-6:30pm	12/18	Dgls Cty school out
		12/20	Christmas Eve services
		12/20	Office closed
		12/24	Office closed
DECEMBER			
12/1	Prep for Advent-2pm		
12/2	Special offering-Action Ministries	12/24-12/28	Office closed
		12/31	Office closed

Want to see more  
 BSUMC photos?



Send an email to  
[news@brightstarumc.org](mailto:news@brightstarumc.org)  
 and ask to be part of our  
 Shutterfly Share Site!

## Wednesday Night Supper

### Wednesday Night Supper

\$6.00/adult • \$3.00/child  
 Serving time - 5:30 to 6:15 pm

Reservation requested by Tuesday at noon or call and be put on the **STANDING RESERVATION** list.

## NOVEMBER

- 11/07 Meatloaf, green beans, potatoes, dessert
- 11/14 Vegetable soup, salad, cornbread, dessert
- 11/21 NO WNS
- 11/28 Varies

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## **BRIGHT STAR STAFF - *READY TO BE OF SERVICE TO YOU!***

**Rev. Dr. Edwin Jones, *Pastor***

Kim Daniels, *Office Manager*

Sara Denham, *Nursery*

Matt Holloway, *Youth Director*

Richard Jacobus, *Stephen Ministry Referrals*

Pam Landers, *Children's Director*

Cliff Daniels, *Custodian*

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Ivan Winslett, *Assoc. Director Of Music*

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### **Sunday School and Worship**

**9:30 - 10:30** "Generations" Worship Service

**9:45 - 10:45** Sunday School

**10:45 - 11:45** Sunday School

**11:00 - 12:00** Traditional Worship Service



### **OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday - Friday**

**8am - 12pm**

### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

The deadline for the next newsletter is

**November 20, 2018**

### **OUR PURPOSE**

*As a beacon of light, we will bring people to Jesus Christ, create disciples, share and develop our spiritual gifts, and live a life that magnifies God.*



BSUMC is a Stephen Ministry congregation