

**Baptism of the Lord
January 8, 2023**



United Women in Faith

PRELUDE/GATHERING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST

Jerrie Sue Massengale
Buddy Butler

A TIME OF CENTERING *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* Jerrie Sue Massengale

CALL TO WORSHIP
PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 890
SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
OPENING PRAYER
*HYMN OF PRAISE, 158 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Buddy Butler

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 880 The Nicene Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER, 895
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

HYMN, 252 *When Jesus Came to Jordan*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES
*DOXOLOGY, 95 **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
FIRST READING
PSALTER, 761
SECOND READING
*GOSPEL READING
*GLORIA PATRI, 70
ANTHEM

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

Marti Lane
Ben Sexton
Donna Ratzlaff

SERMON "Living Our Baptism" Buddy Butler

*HYMN OF INVITATION, 347 *Spirit Song*

*SENDING FORTH
*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY
*POSTLUDE
Jerrie Sue Massengale

*Congregation standing, as able

Remaining pieces, glazed and cinnamon glazed pecans have been reduced to \$10 per bag. Thanks for your support!

Please check "your" box in the Narthex for Christmas Cards!



Thanks to the very generous donations of food and cash from Farner Presbyterian, The Ridge, and First United Methodist of Copperhill, we were able to provide a Christmas Food Bag to 29 families in the Copper Basin area. These families included 75 adults and 40 children, for a total of 115 individuals who will for sure have a good Christmas meal. To God be the Glory!

The Church Staff would like to express their gratitude for the Christmas bonuses. Thank you so much!




The **SPR Committee** will meet on Tuesday, January 10, at 6 p.m. We will discuss staff and Pastoral appointment. If you have input, please let a committee member know. Committee members are: Louise Arp, John Mills, Ron Singleton, Elaine Morgan and Joy Turner.

United Methodist Special Sunday Offering: Human Relations Day—January 15. This offering supports neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy in the United States and Puerto Rico through United Methodist Voluntary Services, and work with at risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.

It's time for our **Annual Financial Audit**. All groups having checking accounts are asked to provide their 2022 bank statements and checkbooks to Sheppie Dunn by Sunday, January 29.

The **Worship Committee** will meet on Wednesday, February 1, at 5 p.m.

Upper Rooms for January – February are available in the Narthex today.

 Our **Fifth Sunday Offering** for **Holston Home for Children** will be received on January 29.

All news and calendar items for February issue of *The Copperhill Courier* are due in the church office by **Thursday, January 19.**



Church Leadership
Pastor Gilbert "Buddy" Butler
Choir Director Ben Sexton
Accompanist Jerrie Sue Massengale
Secretary Heidi Rule
Custodian Christine Dowlin

Sunday Servants
Ushers Elaine Morgan, Ron Singleton
 Bill Simonds
Sound Techs Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer
Webmaster Marti Lane



Our Prayer Concerns

Our Congregation: Jeanne Kalchik, Hannah Geren, Bill Simonds, Glenda Simonds, Elaine Crowe, Louise Arp, Sheppie Dunn, Barb Bender

Homebound/Assisted Living: Emily Yaxley, ^Warrene Alexander

Others in our prayers: Bee Hicks (home from hospital), Byron Sexton (brother of Ben), Junior Gwynn (home from hospital after long stay—friend of the Massengales), ^Tom Reed, Kerry and Cindy Hicks, first responders, armed forces members, the people of Ukraine

**new to concerns +Hospital or Rehab ^Assisted Living/Nursing Home ~ Hospice*

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Concerns, please call the church office.

Cards for Elaine Crowe may be mailed to her home address: 440 Hamby Road, Murphy, NC 28906. Elaine is now at home after rehab.

Birthdays

8 Hannah Geren 11 Marti Lane 13 Cathy Turner

If your birthday or anniversary has not appeared in our listings please call the church office.

The Community Meal is held on Mondays, 4 to 6 p.m. 159 free "to go" meals were served last week. If you would like to help, contact Community meal volunteers at 423-241-2282.

Please donate nonperishable food items in the Narthex box - **canned meat, tuna, jelly, peanut butter, breakfast cereal, oatmeal, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, rice, soup, chili, canned vegetables**, etc. We have plenty of macaroni and cheese at this time. *Thanks to all who contribute - the families are always grateful.*

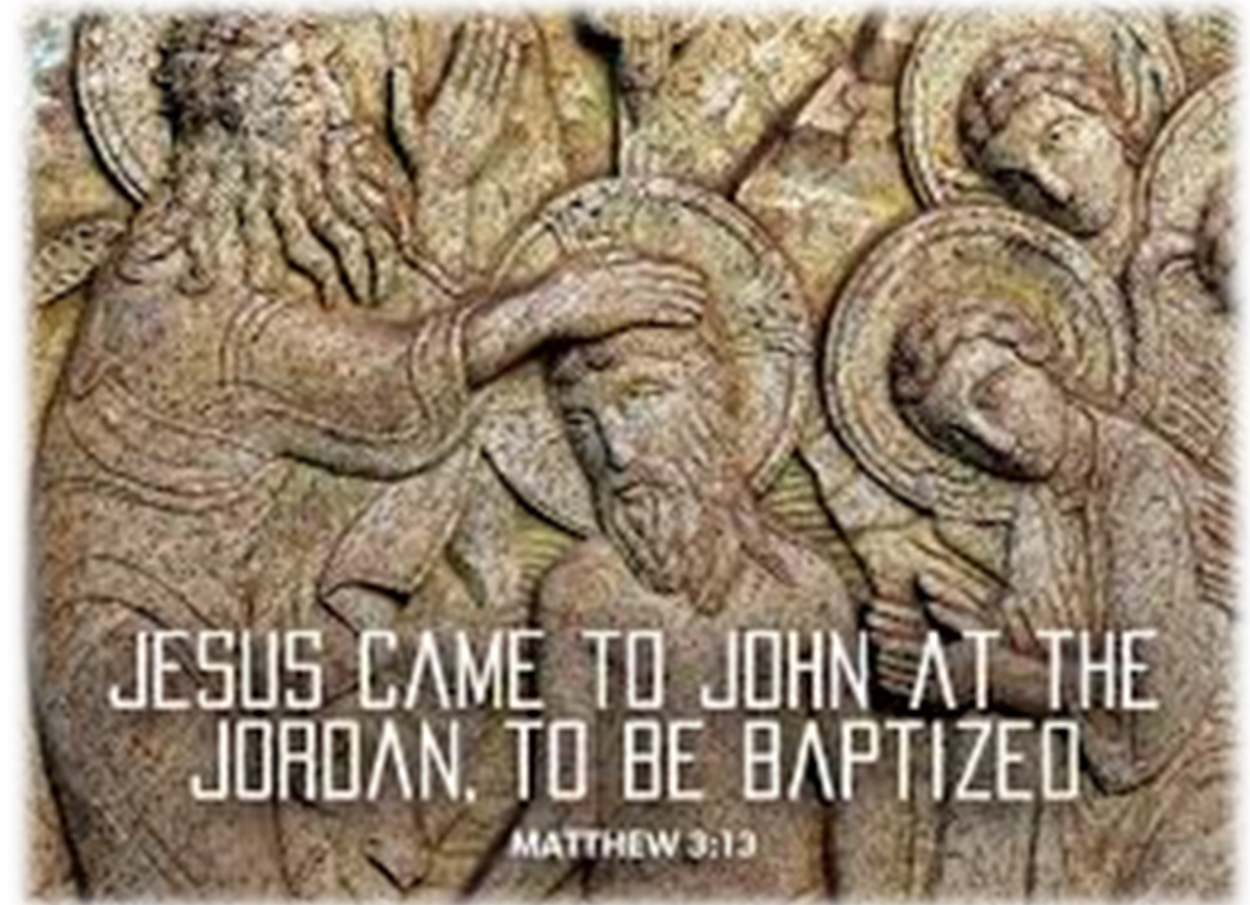
Calendar

Today
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 6:00 pm Life Group Meeting

Monday
 4-6 pm Community Meal "To Go"
Tuesday
 6:00 pm SPR Meeting

Wednesday
 6:00 pm Choir Practice
Thursday
 6:00 pm AA Meeting

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Everyone Welcome!