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**EPIPHANY SUNDAY  
HOLY COMMUNION  
JANUARY 4, 2026  
10:00 AM**

**PRELUGE**

Ann Farthing

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Brenda Walburn

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Brenda Walburn

L: Today we welcome the magi into our Christmas Story.  
 P: A story of wonder and light, of angels, shepherds, virgin births.  
 L: In the midst of darkness, they chose to follow the light.  
 P: Their story gives us hope that God still sends light for us to follow.  
 L: We come today knowing we too are on a journey.  
**All: May we be faithful followers of the light of God so that we too can be bearers of hope and justice for a dark and lonely world.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Brenda Walburn

**OPENING HYMN: "The First Noel" (#234)**

Music & Words: Traditional English Carol (1871)

1.) The first Noel the angel did say  
 Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
 In fields where they lay  
 In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
 On a cold winter's night that was so deep  
 Refrain:  
 Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel

2.) They looked up and saw a star  
 Shining in the east beyond them far  
 And to the earth it gave great light  
 And so it continued both day and night  
 Refrain:

3.) And by the light of that same star  
 Three Wise Men came from country far  
 To seek for a king was their intent  
 And to follow the star wherever it went  
 Refrain

4.) This star drew nigh to the northwest  
 O'er Bethlehem it took its rest  
 There it did both stop and stay  
 Right over the place where Jesus lay  
 Refrain

5.) Then entered in those Wise Men three  
 Full reverently upon the knee  
 And offered there in his presence  
 Their gold and myrrh and frankincense

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**CHILDREN'S SERMON:**

Josh Lineberry

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

Mike Spetz

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Congregation

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Pastor Mary Miller

**CHORAL ANTHEM: "O Beautiful Star"**

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**THE DOXOLOGY**

#95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

**GREET ONE ANOTHER**

**HYMN: "We Three Kings" Vs. 1,2,5**

#254

Words & Music: John H. Hopkins, Jr.

1.) We three kings of Orient are: Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
 Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star  
 Refrain:

Oh, star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright  
 Westward leading still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

2.) Born a King on Bethlehem's plain: Gold I bring to crown Him again  
 King forever, ceasing never, Over us all to reign.

Refrain

5.) Glorious now behold Him arise: King and God and Sacrifice  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Earth to heav'n replies

Refrain

**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:1-12**

Pastor Mary Miller

**MEDITATION: "Follow the Sign of Jesus' Star"**

Pastor Mary Miller

**INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

#12

**COMMUNION SOLO: "Behold the Lamb"**

Joanne Spetz

Words & Music: Stuart Townend, Keith Getty

**CLOSING HYMN: "There's A Star in the East"**

#2096 FWS

Words & Music: African America Spiritual

1.) There's star in the East on Christmas morn  
 Rise up, shepherd, and follow  
 It will lead to the place where the Christ was born  
 Rise up, shepherd, and follow  
 Refrain:  
 Follow, follow, rise up, shepherd and follow  
 Follow the star of Bethlehem. Rise up, shepherd, and follow

2.) If you take good heed to the angel's words  
 Rise up, shepherd, and follow  
 You'll get your flocks, you'll forget your herds  
 Rise up, shepherd, and follow  
 Refrain

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**BENEDICTION**



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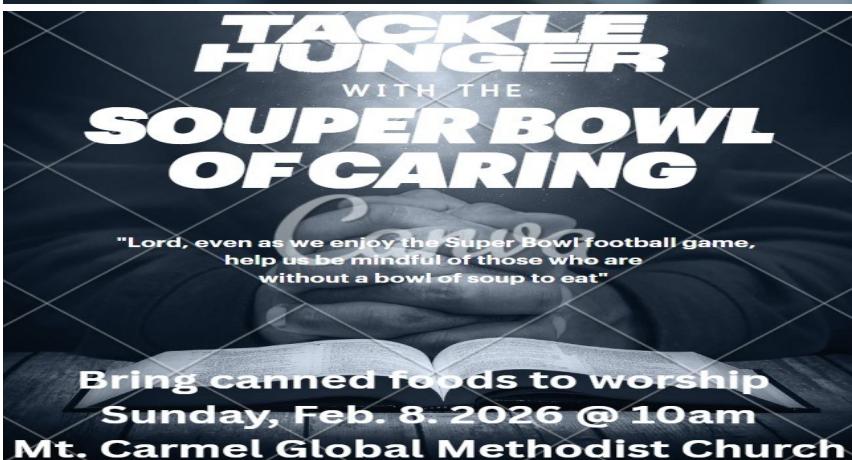


Contact for more info: Saundra Little or Peggy Simmons

13 Week Class beginning **January 7, 2026**

# GRIEF SHARE

WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30 pm-8:00 pm  
Mt. Carmel Methodist Church Parlor



Sat. Jan. 3 = 2:00 pm = Lenora Brelsford Memorial Service (S)  
Sun. Jan. 4 = 7:30 am = Men's Breakfast (FLC)  
Sun. Jan. 4 = 8:45 am = Adult Sunday School, 9:30 am = Kids Church, 10:00 am = Worship (S)-Communion  
Tues. Jan. 6 = 6:00 pm = Children/Youth Ministry Mtg.  
Wed. Jan. 7 = 5:30 pm = Messy Church (FLC)  
Wed. Jan. 7 = 6:30 pm Grief Share (P)  
Thurs. Jan. 8 = 4:00 pm = Choir Rehearsal  
Wed. Jan. 21 = 2:00 pm = Administrative Board (D)  
Sun. Feb. 8 = 10:00 am = Souper Bowl Sunday ~ Start collecting cans of soup to bring to church

## Our Weekly Giving December 28, 2025

Weekly Budget	\$	4,904
Offering	\$	545
On-line giving	\$	101
Budget Yr. to Date	\$	257,192
Received Yr. to Date	\$	198,016
		(-59,176)

Thank you for your faithful gifts.

Please remember you can give on-line while you are away. See information below.

## Our Weekly Attendance

Sunday School: 10	Kids Church: 2
Youth & Young Adults	5
Worship Attendance (in person):	46
Worship Attendance (on-line):	10

## Birthdays

4 Bill Beeding  
8 Bob Howe  
9 Parker Newberry



You can now give your tithes and offerings to our missions fund through Vanco on our website at [www.mountcarmelmethodist.org](http://www.mountcarmelmethodist.org).



## NEEDS

Ukraine & Israel (protection/end of war)  
US Government to be on Jesus' Shoulders  
Persecuted Church in Nigeria & around the world  
Mt. Carmel—witness, vision, salvation, joy!  
Uganda Global Methodist Conference Beginnings  
Forsyth County Prison Ministries  
Those who are homeless esp. children  
Traveling mercies during the holidays  
Christians persecuted in Nigeria



## PRAYER LIST (MEMBERS)

### Members in Nursing Homes/Assisted Living

Hilda Hege (Heritage Woods)  
Bob & Elizabeth Kuyper (Heritage Woods)  
**Others with Prayer Needs:**  
June Carroll (homebound)  
Louanne Whitlow (homebound)  
Richard Long (homebound)  
L.A. & Jean Topping (homebound)  
Joe Chucci (homebound)  
Pat Smith (homebound)  
Wanda Gordon (homebound)  
Mitch Proctor (homebound)  
Bill Purcell (homebound)  
Rev. Jim Stalnaker (cancer)

Jason Gentry (cancer)

Gabriel Norman

Larry Essex

Vivian Pursell

Bobby Darnell

Jim Wheeler

Kenny Misenheimer

Jane Mathis

Steve Craft

Frances Boles

Diane Wilson (Knee)

Joanne Spetz (Eye Surgery)

## WORLD/COMMUNITY PRAYER