**We Remember Our College Students:** Please share names of college students in your family so we may keep them in prayer and be in contact with them thru the year whether away or attending locally. Provide names, school, the year, and address to Margaret Yowell @ Fitzhughlady@aol.com or leave a note in the offering plate.
PLEASE sign our congregational card in the narthex and consider sending a care package or note of encouragement to:

*DANIEL DODSON (Junior)*
*Samford University*
Daniel Dodson
2138 Summit Place
Birmingham, AL 35243

**Youth Group** - Sunday, Nov. 24th from 5:30-7:30pm, all youth 7th-12th grade are invited to join our Thanksgiving Cook-off. Bring your favorite homemade Thanksgiving dish to share. Prizes award for best Main dish, Side dish, salad, Pie/dessert or Misc.

## A Look at Our Faithfulness

November 17 Attendance: 379
Ministries Giving: $ 26,462.75

## Joys & Concerns

*Prayers for family and friends may be made at anytime and are listed for 4 weeks. To list a joy or concern, please use cards available in the pew racks and place in the offering plate or call/email the church.*

***Congregation Concerns:*** *Betsy Sachs, Melanie Barry, Kielty Farmer, John Leonard, Anna Vrana, Carole Smith, Mike McDonald, Susan Cummings*

***Family and Friends****: Jennifer & Nathan May (Jenny Murrill), Jovi Smoot (Judy Freeman),* Jessica Grandine (Sarah Boland),

***God's Comfort:*** *Shirley Speidell (Kim Helms)*

***Bereavement:*** William Adamchack (Sonya Sasseville), the family of Adam Brewington, Ray Walters (Linda Brese), Nichole Stohs (Amy Stohs), Jillian Shirkey (Malinda Durand), *Family of Anna Garland (Jenny Murrill), Family of Hugh Adams (Tony Adams), Family of Johnny Shrader (Bill Evans), Family of Jack and Jill Waters, Family of Hudson Curren (Kristina Couden), Terry Stirk, Family of Ford Cochran, Family of Andy Hubert (Roseanna VanHorn), family of Jake Cassell (Shannon Terranova), Kay Corbett, Jill Terrill , Dan Freeman, Ross Kendall, Peter DeWeese, Don Sofge, Jim Maclin, Marie Smith, the Greenwood family, The Flythe family, Kay and John Brownell, Randy and Gail Allen, Janet Salbert, Steve and Kathy Nash, Susan and Danny Toler, Charles and Judy Wagner, Lil Armstrong, Doug Macherey*

***We Remember Our Military:*** Please keep in prayer our military members and civilians who support them in faraway places.

## Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

***November 24-30***
Prayer at https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/prayer-cycle for Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore .This resource enables us to journey in prayer weekly through all regions of the world in solidarity with Christians living in diverse situations, and sharing diverse gifts. This is a wonderful way to expand your prayer life and for families to learn more about the world they live in.

***Reach us at 703.250.6100 | bumc@burkeumc.org or visit www.burkeumc.org for staff emails.***

# WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

**Christmas Tree Volunteers needed: Volunteers are needed to support the BUMM Christmas tree sales starting on Nov. 28. Sign up sheets are located in the entryway or via signup genius at the following link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ea4ac2eabfc1-2019. Support is needed to fill two hour time slots from 10am to 8pm Saturdays, 12pm-8pm Sundays and 6pm-8pm Weekdays.**

**Next Leadership Board** meeting is Dec. 17 at 7 PM.

**Learning with Legos** for 3rd-6th graders takes place TODAY 5-6:30pm. Join Pastor Jason for a Bible lesson, dinner, and building with Legos.

**The Little Drummer Dude** presented by the Good News Singers on Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019 at 3:00 PM . God has a way of taking people from ordinary situations and changing their lives forever. Come experience the events surrounding the birth of Christ through a different light, one where it is easy to imagine ourselves living during that time and wondering about this baby King. Travel with Persia's Traveling Band, the wise men, and our super smart camels!

**Volunteers needed:** The leaves are starting to fall and we need help to keep up with it. For more info contact Tom Muldoon: 703-727-7646 or tommuldoon@burkeumc.

**White House ornaments.** This year's ornament is a replica of Marine One – what a great gift for the helicopter lovers in our families! Available in the entryway each Sunday. Cost is $23. Proceeds from the sale supports Bethany House of Northern VA- they give shelter and assistance to victims of domestic abuse. Bethany House is a long-time ministry of BUMC.

**Do you love parties?** Are you a planner or coordinator? We need a lead for the Family Sweetheart Dance on Feb.15th from 3-5. It just takes a management. the love brings itself! Please contact Meredith Moore by phone of text 904-307-1724.

**Do you play piano?** Are you good at keeping a steady beat? Would you be interested in playing piano or percussion for special worship occasions or retreats? Contact Tammy Zerbo or Linda Brese.

**Our annual alternative gift program,** "Does Uncle Joe really need another tie??" is available to all who wish to honor a loved one with a meaningful charitable donation. Look in the entryway for shopping information!

**Children's Church** at 9AM is a vital ministry of Worship! We need volunteers to lead a 40-minute simple lesson and activity (prepared for you) for a small group of children ages 4-8 years old each Sunday during the 9AM worship service. Sign-up in clipboard alley or access the "Volunteer Here" link at burkeumc.org/Sunday-school. Contact kristinkelso@burkeumc.org for more info.

**A Night In Bethlehem: Lead Volunteers Needed. BUMC's** premier advent event, "A Night In Bethlehem", is Sat., Dec. 7, from 4-7pm. We are seeking "station lead" volunteers - adults who are willing to take charge of a station and pull it all together. You can sign up on clipboard alley or contact James and Terri Cubeta: 703-323-9387 or at jamesandterri@thecubetas.com

**Sunday School** for PreK through 12th grade meets every Sunday at 10:30am except for Family Worship/Communion Sundays. High School - Room B4, Middle School - Room B1, Club 56 - Room B3, K-4th - Room B7, Preschool (4+) - Room B8, and Preschool (3's) - Room 9 upstairs. We would love to welcome your children into our Sunday School classes! Kids may join at any time throughout the school year. See Anne Sawin (7th-12th grades), Kristin Kelso (PreK-6th grades) or visit burkeumc.org/learn for more info and to register your children/youth for our programs.

**Middle School Munchies:** TODAY at 11:30 AM. Help make 300 sandwiches and snack bags for Poe Middle School. Donations needed are packages of cookies – donation bins are in the entryway.

**Annual Chili Cook Off** is Jan. 26. We are looking for a Leader of Ladles and Coordinator of Crock-Pots! Can you donate your organizational skills to this event? Please contact Meredith Moore by phone or text- 904-307-1724.

**Poinsettias beautify the Sanctuary at Christmas**. Purchase a plant in honor or memory of a loved one using the order envelopes in the black tray on the entryway table. Please return completed envelope & payment to the tray, of church office, by Dec. 9. Dedications will be printed in the insert on Dec.15.

**Ecumenical Communities Helping Others (ECHO),** www.echo-inc.org, 703-569-9160, 7205 Old Keene Mill Rd, Springfield. ECHO accepts donations Mon.–Friday, 9:30AM-Noon, and Tuesday, Wed. & Thursday, 7-9 PM. ECHO donation bins for small items are in the Mission area. BUMC ECHO Rep. is Ann Chiles, halliepainya@msn.com.

**Rising Hope UM Missions Church (RHUMMC)** Current needs for the food pantry are: tomato products and canned meats. Other needs are: Men's Sneakers and Boots (new or gently used), Men's Jeans sizes 32,34 & 36 (new or gently used), and gloves, coats and hats are always welcome! These, along with donations of toiletries and food can be left in the bins near the Fellowship Hall. For more information on Rising Hope and how you can get involved in this ministry, contact Barbara Murphy, (Bhmurphy@verizon.net).

**Offering Counters:** If you like working behind-the-scenes, we are looking for a couple of new volunteers to help count the weekly offering on Sunday mornings. Counters work in teams of two to count the morning offering for the 9 and 10:30 AM services. Each team counts once every 6-8 weeks. No experience necessary! Please contact Scott Allen (csallen17@gmail.com).

**Rising Hope/Lamb Center Weekday lunch prep.** Dec. 16 at 9:30 am. Sign up to help or donate in the entryway.

**Operation Food Bag.** We need canned fruit, canned tuna and juice drinks for children. Gail Allen coordinates, ggallen@verizon.net

**Rising hope Sunday lunch prep.** Dec., 22 at 7:30 am. Sign up to help or donate in the entryway.

**Hot breakfast for the homeless.** Dec. 15 at 6:45 am. Sign up to help or donate in the entryway.

**Weekend Food Bag packing -** Our next packing will be on Jan. 8 at 6:30 pm. Donations lists and baskets are in the entryway.

**Adult Feeding Ministries.** Signup sheets, donation request lists, and collection baskets and bins are at clipboard alley and in the mission area.

**Holiday Opportunities to Love Our Neighbors**

**November 4 – Dec. 22 Food Baskets for ECHO families.** Sign up to provide goodies for a needy family.

**November 4 – Dec. 22 Fresh veggies for Robinson Square.** Sign up to fresh produce for our friends at Robinson Square.

**November 10 – Dec. 8 Angel Trees** – pick an angel off the tree in the entryway and buy a gift for a child at Rising Hope or Robinson Square.

**November 22-27 The Safeway Feast** of Sharing is a **Thanksgiving meal** served in the heart of DC (Walter E. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mt. Vernon Place NW, DC) to up to 5,000 community members in need on Wednesday, November 27. We need 1,000 volunteers to join us from November 22-27 to make the day a success.

**November 24 after 10:30 AM service.** Volunteer needed to decorate the church for Christmas.

**November 25 6:00 – 8:00 pm.** Help distribute produce at our annual Thanksgiving party at Robinson Square. Sign up in the entryway.

**Advent Baskets:** Grab an empty basket! Our "Reverse Advent Baskets" are back this year! Each basket has a daily calendar with instructions and stickers to mark off each day. These "reverse advent calendars" work by YOU filling them daily with various items that will be shared with those who are less fortunate and struggling in our community. We ask that you fill your baskets from Dec. 1-Dec. 24 and bring them back to church on Christmas Eve

**December 7 4:00 – 7:00 pm Night in Bethlehem Community Advent Celebration.** Sign up to help in the entryway.

**December 13 6:00 – 8:00.** Our first ever Parent Shop at Robinson Square. Sign up to volunteer in the entryway.

**December 14 – all day. Santa's Workshop** to benefit Duffy House. Donation and volunteer information will be in the entryway 11/17.

**Dec. 15-22 Hypothermia Prevention.** Help provide shelter and good meals for these homeless neighbors.
1) Go to BUMC webpage
2) Click on "events " arrow
3) Scroll down to Hypothermia flyer
4) Click on "Volunteer here" button