

**Chat and Chew 2.0**  
**with**  
**Bishop Sharma D. Lewis**  
**and the Districts of**  
**Danville, Farmville,**  
**Lynchburg and Roanoke.**



**Saturday, January 6, 2018**

**Bethlehem United Methodist Church**  
**Moneta, VA**

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Saturday, January 6, 2018  
Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Moneta, VA

Schedule of the day

8:30 AM     **Narthex**  
                  Check In  
**Social Hall**  
                  Coffee and snacks available

9:00 AM     **Sanctuary**  
                  Welcome from Rev. Overby Webster and  
                  Rev. David Lord  
                  Setting the tone for the day with Bishop Lewis  
                  Instructions for small group discussions

9:30 AM -  
11:15 AM    **Various Spaces**  
                  Small group discussions (see the back of your name  
                  tag for group and room as assignments and the map  
                  for room location.)

11:30 AM    **Sanctuary**  
                  Worship with Holy Communion

12:30 PM    **Social Hall**  
                  Lunch

Thank you to Rev. David Lord and the members of  
Bethlehem UMC for their generous hospitality.

Also thanks to the facilitators and note takers in each of the small groups.

# Musical Responses to the Great Thanksgiving

Hymn tune: CLEANSING FOUNTAIN  
United Methodist Hymnal, no. 622

Joseph I. Corporon

**Sanctus**

O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might, O

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. O

blessed is he that comes in your name, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Memorial Acclamation**

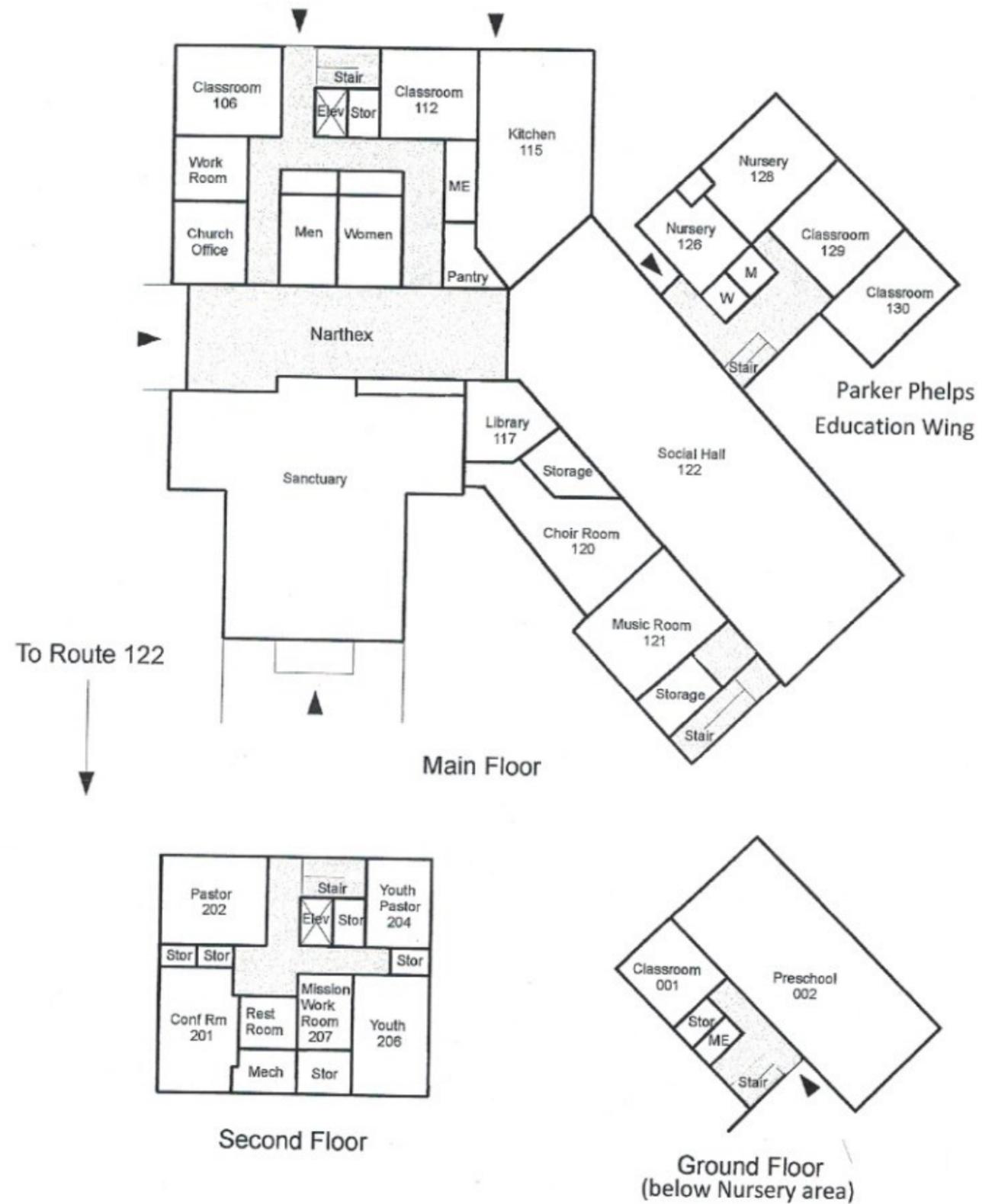
O Christ has died; O Christ is ri - sen; O Christ will come a - gain.

**Amen**

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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## Map of Bethlehem UMC



**Bishop's Chat and Chew 2.0**

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**Conversation: Commission on a Way Forward**

**I invite us to enter into a covenant with one another about how we dialogue together:**

**Covenant:**

- We will carefully listen to one another.
- We will be careful not to judge one another.
- We will not try to change one another's positions.
- We will ask questions.
- We will speak our truth in love.
- We will assume trust not suspicion.
- We will protect the confidentiality of the conversation.

**Is everyone agreeable to this? Turn to your neighbor and say, "I am an agreeable person."**

**Each group will have a Facilitator and Note Taker.**

**Rules of Engagement for the Facilitators:** (in addition to the Covenant, these will aid in navigating the discussions).

**Each Facilitator will allow each group member to state:**

- My Name
- My Church
- My District
- I am Lay or Clergy

**I will help the participants in my group...**

- Allow for every voice to be heard.
- Disagree without being disagreeable.
- Be positive, non-judgmental.
- Keep discussion focused.

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The purpose of the **Note Taker** is to capture the key comments from the group discussion on each question. **Please type up the notes and send to the Roanoke District Office at [RoanokeDistrict@vaumc.org](mailto:RoanokeDistrict@vaumc.org) by January 13, 2018.**

Scripture - John 17:6-9, 20-23

Message - *The Greatest Prayer Jesus Ever Prayed*

Bishop Sharma D. Lewis

Offering [UMCOR Disaster Response]

Prayer for the Offering

The magi brought gifts to Christ at his nativity and offered their lives in worship.

With thankful hearts, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God. \*\*

Invitation, Confession and Pardon

\*Great Thanksgiving

The Reverend Scott Davis  
The Reverend Leigh Anne Taylor

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer

\*Hymn

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways. Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

*[Refrain] God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.*

Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair, Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? *[Refrain]*

As we stand a world divided by our own self seeking schemes, Grant that we, your global village might envision wider dreams. *[Refrain]*

We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young, Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung. *[Refrain]*

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain, May your blazing phoenix spirit, resurrect the church again. *[Refrain]*

\*Sending Forth

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The Epiphany of the Lord

Gathering Music

Franklin County Clergy and Friends

\*Hymn

*O Church of God, United*

UMH 547

\*Prayer

**God of every nation,  
by the light of a wondrous star  
you led wandering magi to the humble infant Jesus,  
revealing to them your salvation for the world.  
In the miraculous and the mundane,  
in union with all who have glimpsed the light of your grace,  
lead us to Christ,  
that we may offer our worship  
and serve him with sincerity of heart;  
for he lives with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever. Amen. \*\***

Special Music

Franklin County Clergy and Friends

Prayer for Illumination

**O God, nations shall come to your light  
and rulers to the brightness of your dawn.  
By the compelling radiance of your Spirit,  
draw us near, reveal your truth,  
and teach us faithful obedience to your holy Word. Amen. \*\***

## Questions from Moderators of Commission on a Way Forward

1. In our diverse and global existence, what is the shared mission/purpose of the Church?
2. Is there a proactive way for us to live together in our differences that doesn't presume that we will resolve our differences? What would it be?
3. What might be a form of unity that would empower us living together?
4. What is our witness and what can be our witness to the world in relation to our differences?
5. Which voices are missing from your conversation? How will you hear them?

## Touchstones for Creating Hospitable Space (Adapted from the Center for Courage and Renewal)

- **Be 100% present, extending and presuming welcome.** Set aside the usual distractions of things undone from yesterday, things to do tomorrow. Welcome others into this place and presume you are welcome as well.
- **Listen deeply.** Listen intently to what is said, listen to feelings beneath the words. As Quaker Douglas Steere writes "To listen another's soul into life, into a condition of disclosure and discovery – may be almost the greatest service that any human being ever performs for another."
- **It is never "share or die."** You will be *invited* to share in pairs, small groups, and in large circle. The invitation is exactly that. You will determine the extent to which you want to participate.
- **No fixing.** We are not here to set someone else straight or to help right another's wrong. We are here to witness the mystery of community as reflected in the stories we share.
- **Suspend judgment.** Set aside your judgments. By creating a space between judgments and reactions, we can listen to another person, and to ourselves, more fully.
- **Identify assumptions.** By identifying our assumptions, which are usually transparent, we can set them aside and open the sharing and learning to greater possibilities.
- **Speak your truth.** You are invited to say what is in your heart, trusting that your voice will be heard and your contribution respected. A helpful practice is to use "I" statements.
- **Practice confidentiality care.** We create a safe space by respecting the nature and content of stories shared. If anyone asks that a story shared be kept in confidence, the group will honor that request.
- **Turn to wonder.** If you find yourself disagreeing with another, becoming judgmental, or shutting down in defense, try turning to wonder: "I wonder what brought her to this place?" "I wonder what my reaction teaches me?" "I wonder what he's feeling right now?"