

Order of Service

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PRAISE & WORSHIP Youth Praise Team

*OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN “Jesus the Light of the World” #217 AAHH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed #881

*GREETING GUESTS & ONE ANOTHER
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Old Testament: Isaiah 11:1-10 (CEB)
New Testament: Romans 15:4-13 (CEB)

ALTAR CALL & PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD’S PRAYER

Children ages 4-7 years old are dismissed to attend Children’s Church.
Please register each child in the Welcome Center.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Choir

Sermon - Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett

*AN INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS & CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

*INVITATIONAL SONG “You Are the Living Word”

GOD’S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS**
*THE DOXOLOGY

***OUR VISION STATEMENT & CLOSING SONG**
New Beginnings United Methodist Church...
**Transforming Lives through mission, ministry and worship
as a Prophetic Witness for Jesus Christ in the world.**

*BENEDICTION

***Please stand, as you are able.**

****SECURE ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS** Online: www.newbeginningsbham.org/give
Text-To-Give: From your smartphone, text the amount you wish to give to (844) 948-1281



Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett

The Reverend Dr. Debra Wallace-Padgett was elected a Bishop of The United Methodist Church at the 2012 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

At the time of her election, she served as Lead Pastor of St. Luke United Methodist Church in Lexington, Kentucky – an appointment she served for eight years. During her tenure, St. Luke grew in membership, strengthened its infrastructure, built a \$4.5 million Ministry Life Center, and launched a multi-cultural worship service.

Her previous service to the church included six years as District Superintendent of the Prestonsburg District, with two years as Dean of the Cabinet of the Kentucky Conference, three years as pastor of Paris First UMC, eleven years on staff at Lexington First UMC and two years as Director of Christian Education at Epworth UMC. Additionally, she served in a variety of roles in the Kentucky Annual Conference, Southeastern Jurisdiction and General Church. Wallace-Padgett was the first clergy elected from the Kentucky Conference in 2008 and in 2012 and a General Conference and Southeastern Jurisdiction delegate 2000-2012.

In addition to currently serving as resident bishop of the North Alabama Conference, Wallace-Padgett is the evangelism chair for the World Methodist Council, a member of the World Methodist Evangelism Board and a member of the executive committee of the Council of Bishops. During her tenure as bishop she has also served as President of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women (2012-2016), a member of the Connectional Table (2012-2016) and a member of the Commission on a Way Forward (2016-2018).

Wallace-Padgett is a graduate of Berea College (B.A. in Physical Education), Scarritt College and Graduate School (M.A. in Christian Education), Lexington Theological Seminary (M. Div.) and Asbury Theological Seminary (D. Min). She is married to Rev. Lee Padgett, a retired deacon in The United Methodist Church. They have two young adult children, Leandra and Andrew. Wallace-Padgett is the daughter of The Rev. and Mrs. Frank Wallace.



Our Church Staff

The Reverend Dr. Dedric A. Cowser, Pastor
Regina Warren, Church Secretary
JonTomas Johnson, Minister of Music
Nathaniel Willis, Organist
Antonio Anderson, Percussionist
Jalishia Ashworth, Ministry Intern

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Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Ministry Opportunities

For a complete *Calendar of Events* visit our website: www.newbeginningsbham.org

Join us for a reception to greet Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett today in the Fellowship Hall.

2019 CHRISTMAS OFFERING: Our goal is to provide at least 25 families in the 35207-zip code area and those connected to our congregation with food and assistance during the holidays. We are not asking for a particular amount, but rather you give what God has placed on your heart. You may give any and every Sunday between now and Sunday, December 15th. Envelops available in the Welcome Center or give online: www.newbeginningsbham.org/give.

Advent Prayer & Devotion Conference Call: Weekdays (December 2-31) at 7:00 a.m. Simply dial (563) 999-2305 and enter the access code 480519# to be connected to the call.

Advent Skit Rehearsal: Thursday, December 12th, 6:00 p.m.

Youth Breakout Session: Youth (6th – 12th grade) and their friends are invited to attend an event to crack a code based on the Fruit of the Spirit to win prizes on Saturday, December 14th, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Youth and parents are asked to donate towels and deodorant that will be donated to the teenagers of DHR Family Preservation Service.

Children's Christmas Gala: Our Children's Ministry will host a Christmas Gala in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 14th, 3:00-5:00 p.m. The entire church and community is invited to attend this dressy occasion that will showcase our children. The event is free to children (birth – 5th grade) who participate in our Children's Ministry, but tickets are available for \$5.00 to those who would like to attend or support the ministry.

Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Team Meeting: Wednesday, December 18th, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Musical with Candlelight Communion: Sunday, December 22nd, 10:30 a.m.

Year-End Giving: If you are considering making a tax-deductible gift before the end of the year, consider giving to our church. We have safe and secure online giving and text-to-give option for your convenience. To give electronically, visit www.newbeginningsbham.org/give or text the amount you wish to give to (844) 948-1281. Thank you in advance.

Support New Beginnings when you shop! Amazon Smile will donate a portion of your purchase from qualifying vendors to the church. Simply use New Beginnings' unique charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-1664978>.

We're Hiring! New Beginnings is seeking to hire a part-time *Minister to Children and Youth*. The Minister to Children and Youth will be responsible for developing programming and ministries that guide children and youth through their early stages of faith development. The Minister to Children and Youth will work with the pastor, church staff, ministry coordinators, and volunteers in planning all children and youth programs and ministries. An associate's degree and a minimum of 3 years of experience are preferred. Interested candidates should contact Sonia Gallimore (205-261-1666 or songal2007@gmail.com) to apply. The deadline to apply is Friday, January 17, 2020. For additional information, please visit our website: www.newbeginningsbham.org/employment.



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December 8, 2019 – Second Sunday of Advent
Breakfast Service 8:00 a.m. | Sunday School 9:30 a.m. | Main Service 10:30 a.m.