



Bake Sale, General Store, & Hot Dog Luncheon



Eat In or
Carry Out



Saturday, May 7, 2022
10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bethlehem United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
6103 Appomattox Road
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FUNDRAISER FOR DONALD'S FIRE HAVEN MUSEUM

Spring Yard Sale

Saturday, May 14, 2022

(Location: 4814 Pleasant Garden Rd, Pleasant Garden, NC)

8:00 am – 1:00 pm



Reserve your 10 x 10 space now!

\$10 per space

\$5 per table

Biscuits, snacks, coffee and drinks available to purchase

Hotdog lunch starting at 11:00 am

Contact Terry Bradley at tbradley@pgfd3.com or call 336-707-5887 for more info

THE CHALLENGE

Bethlehem United Methodist Church

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From the Pastor's Desk



Ephesians 5:14 (NIV):

*This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."*

As the days are noticeably longer with the sunlight shining upon us; as the leaves return to their bold and beautiful green; as the grass is greener and fuller; as the flowers bud and are blooming the colors of God's (Spring) pallet, colors can be seen all around. Nature is waking up from a long winter's nap, refreshing us with warmth, color, and longer days. But, as Easter is not just one day, Easter is a Season. The Scriptures call us to see that Easter is, for us, the waking up to new life, new hope, new opportunities, new life, a new existence - almost like a fresh new box of crayons (yes, the 64 pack box with sharpener included.)

We shall arise each day and give God the Glory and live in the boldness of God's Love and the New Life given to us.

Blessings...Great is our God!!!

Pastor Joseph, III

P.S. Check out Chris Tomlin's, *Indescribable*
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5lIVfkY5q54>)



Our Mission at Bethlehem UMC
*is to share the love and spirit of
Christ, be a welcoming
fellowship for all, nurture
followers of Jesus and send
them, as servants, into the world
in need of God's grace.*

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UMW BECOMES UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

Submitted by Jane Snead, UMW (UWF) President

On March 3, 2022, after five years of research, prayerful discernment and hard work, UMW national staff and elected leaders made a change in the name *United Methodist Women*. We are now called **UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH**. Our vision remains the same: *Turning faith, hope and love into action for women, children and youth around the world*. Our purpose: *We believe love in action can change the world*. COME JOIN US!!! All are welcome.



BAKE SALE, COUNTRY STORE & HOT DOG LUNCHEON on Saturday, May 7th from 10AM to 2PM in BUMC's Fellowship Hall sponsored by the UMW (United Women of Faith) and the Young-at-Heart Class to raise funds to support UMW (UWF) Projects

We're asking for your support by donating baked goods of all kinds, canned goods from your gardens, early spring vegetables, or any items that you discover during your spring cleaning that may be a treasure to someone! Your donated items may be dropped off in the fellowship hall beginning at 5PM on Friday, May 6th.

And... don't forget to purchase a hot dog for lunch on Saturday, eat in or takeout! Help us, too, by spreading the word. (For more info, see the special flyer in this newsletter.)



GRACE WILKINSON SCHOLARSHIP (GWS) FORMS will be available beginning Sunday, May 15th. Applicants may pick these up from the Narthex or the Church Office. Forms will also be available on the table outside of the church office. This scholarship is available for any institute of higher learning (trade school, vocational school, community college, college, or university - including Bachelors, Masters or Doctoral degrees). The completed forms are due back to the church office **no later** than 4:00 pm on Thursday, June 16th. Forms received after this date and time will not be considered for a scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded during worship on Sunday, July 17th.



SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY BULLETIN The Young-at-Heart Class is sponsoring a special bulletin honoring our fathers on Sun., June 19th. Entries are \$5 per name,

Collection of names/entries begin Sun., May 15th.

Envelopes available in Sunday school classes, on either end of the altar, and at each entrance. Only one entry's name on each envelope please. If you have several gentlemen you wish to honor, just fold extra envelopes inside the first one. Turn your envelopes in to Phyllis Wicker, Judy Fields, Karon Monnett by **the deadline, Sun., June 12th**. Make checks payable to Young at Heart SS Class. (Proceeds earmarked to re-roof our storage buildings.)



FROM THE ACTIVE DISCIPLES' CLASS – Our class is now collecting toiletries and feminine hygiene products for the homeless. (Trial size and/or regular size – both are greatly appreciated!) You will find our CARE BOX in front of the church office. Thank you to anyone who can help! "When you did it for the least of these, My children, you did it for Me." Matt. 25:40



A NOTE FROM BETHLEHEM CHOIR – All those interested in future choir singing **meet on Wednesday at 7PM in the choir room**. Many have asked about choir. It will be several Sundays before we can sing on Sunday as a full choir, but we need to practice and be ready for when we are needed. For now, we can enjoy singing and fellowship on Wednesdays. We need smaller groups (solos, duets, etc.) for Sundays. Come join us! Looking forward to seeing you.



GREENSBORO GRASSHOPPERS GAME hosted by Children & Family Ministries on Fri., May 20th at 6:30PM. Tickets are \$11 w/a \$2 discount for ages 12 and under and 62 and up. Contact Layne Downing or Gail Williams to reserve your tickets.



ROOM-AT-THE-INN BABY SHOWER

Submitted by Jane Snead, UMW (UWF) President

We are pleased to host a baby shower for Room-At-The-Inn. This will be held during our May meeting – **May 23rd at 10:30AM** in the Young-at-Heart Classroom.

Room-At-The-Inn is a non-profit agency responding to the call of Christ to nurture life. They operate housing and programs for homeless, pregnant and single mothers with children, offering them

opportunities to have new lives of healthy, hope-filled independence. Residents are allowed to stay up to two years as long as they are in school and/or working.

Here are some of the items needed by this agency and the mothers:

New/gently used infant-toddler clothers, diapers and pullups (all sizes, especially 4-5), baby wipes, paper products, adult toiletries/shampoo, washing detergents/softeners/dryer sheets, maternity clothes, new/gently used towels, dishes, and Wal-Mart gift cards.

If you would like to participate in this ministry, please bring your donated items to the Arbor between May 15th through May 22nd. Thank you for your support.



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE – If you received a letter from the church office about updating/or giving permission for a background check, and you have not returned your completed form to the church office, please do so this month. VBS will be here before we know it. Our *Safe Sanctuary* Policy requires that current background checks be on file for persons volunteering/working with children and vulnerable adults. (These must be updated every three years.) Be assured that this information is kept confidential. If you have questions, please contact Robin or Pastor Joseph.

Thank you for getting your newsletter items to the office on time. This has really helped speed up the layout of the newsletters. When sending newsletter material to the office, please send items in an email attachment, preferably as a word document. This allows for copying and pasting information straight into the newsletter. If you have questions, give the office a call.

Here are a few important **May dates to remember:**

- **Sunday, May 15th – Grace Wilkinson Scholarship Applications Available**
- **Thursday, May 19th – DEADLINE FOR JUNE NEWSLETTER**
- **Monday, May 30th – Memorial Day, Church Office Closed**
- **Tuesday, May 31st – ~9:30AM Admin Staff Meeting (Robin & Joseph)**
- **Tuesday, May 31st – Background Check Forms Due to Church Office**



NEXT MONTH!

Secret Pal Reveal Sunday is June 5th.

Students will learn who their sponsors were this past academic year. A small reception (punch and cake) in the Fellowship Hall will follow worship.



Our Prayer List

Please keep these friends in your prayers:

Ongoing

Martha Boren
Suzie Branch
Edna Coble
Jane Dunham
Cory Fields
Kelsey Garrett
R.W. Hinshaw
Ruby Hockett
Betty Hull
Della Kinney
Wayne & Ruby Kirkman
Nancy Kivett
Mary May
Jamie O'Daniel
Jimmy Pugh
Lorrie Roth
Sandy Russell (Friend/Londa P)
Ann Shoemaker(Friend/Londa P)
Bobby Tew
Bobbie Westmoreland
Julia Willis
Lorene Wells (Rm. 211, The Oaks, B-ton)
Our Homebound

Immediate

Phyllis Alley
Doug Garrett Family
Baby George
Jennifer Chaisson
Mallory Jane Evans
Sid Fields
First Responders
Donna Horne
Little Luka (Fire Dept.)
Tommy (Little Tommy) Oliver
Lisa McClintock
Our Military
Dicky & Evonne Parks
James & Peggy Surratt
People of Ukraine
Preston Rainer (Home)
Francis Snow
Joyce Tate
Frank Willis (Home)




Happy Birthday

<u>May</u>		<u>June</u>	
5/1	Allison Eanes	6/1	Judy Fields
	Russell Hill		David Peele
5/2	Ruby Hockett	6/2	Asher Garrett
5/5	Lore Lambert	6/4	Robin Bunton
5/6	Mark Wilkinson		Betty Fields
5/7	Wendi Martin Lowe		Alan Thornton
5/8	Tim Parrish		Jenahlee Young
5/9	Jana Fields	6/6	Sid Fields
	John Holder		Marguerite Fields
	Shirley Kinne		Amanda Fields
	Barry Norris	6/9	Jeannette Fields
	Alan Wilkinson		Chad Garrett
5/13	Wayne Kirkman		Joyce King
	Jeannie Suggs	6/10	Sherri Bowman
5/15	Anna-Grace Fulk	6/12	Margaret Royal
5/16	Kelly Fields	6/13	Doug Nance
5/17	Caleb Windsor	6/14	Phillip Jones
5/19	Kelsea Owens		Deena King
5/20	James Evans		Dale Austin
5/22	Eutha Bowman	6/17	Glenn Getner
	Nancy Golden	6/20	Michelle Hinshaw
	Brittany Ingold		Reagan Owens
	Taylor Martin	6/21	Carol Fields
5/26	Adam Garrett		Cindy Fields
	Todd Ingold		Jennifer Young
	Joy Massarelli	6/22	Brenda Fields
	Lowell Suggs	6/23	Fran Getner

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<u>May</u>		<u>June</u>	
5/27	Doris Kirkman	6/23	Craig McClintock
	Faye Fields	6/26	Jonah Owens
	Debbie Waugh	6/28	Kennedy Waugh Pavatt
	Londa Parks	6/30	Annabel Bunton
5/28	Gilbert Suggs		
5/29	Christal Owens		
	Karen Barbone		
5/31	Mike Hinshaw		



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Honorariums & Memorials

Since the last newsletter publication, the following gifts have been made in honor/memory as listed. BUMC gratefully acknowledges each gift received.

HONORARIUMS

In Honor of **Kim Faircloth**
By PGHS Class of 1960

In Honor of **Kelly & Betty Fields**
By Wes & Lisa Taylor

In Honor of **Joe & Phyllis Garrett**
By Darlene Coble

MEMORIALS

In Memory of **Jerry Berry**
By Darlene Coble
By Byron & Phyllis Dahl
By Linda Duncan, Kim & Cindy
By Kelly & Betty Fields
By Jerry & Karon Monnett
By Sharon Thornton

In Memory of **Daryl Bowman**
By Elaine Bowman
By Byron & Phyllis Dahl
By Linda Duncan, Kim & Cindy
By Kelly & Betty Fields
By Jerry & Karon Monnett
By Jane Williams

In Memory of **Tommy Faggart**
By William & Pamela Austin
By Odysseus Chamis
By Marc & Debbie Cobb
By Carolina Laser Cutting Inc.
By Linda Duncan, Kim & Cindy
By Nancy Durham
By Kelly & Betty Fields
By Gene & Vickie Flinchum
By Edwin & Shirley Fonville
By Nancy Golden
By Shirley Hackett
By Steven & Kathy Hale

In Memory of Tommy Faggart CONTINUED

By Jeff & Linda Hayes
By Elizabeth Hemphill
By Leigh Anne Kaisias
By Tim & Donna Keener
By Connie Leonard
By Wayne & Sheila Moser
By Brian & Ginger Newell
By Ronda, Tyler & Olivia
By Hershel & Teena Reddeck
By David & Ronda Robb
By Jim Smith
By Clarence Stanley
By Christina F. Vincent
By Dennis & Treva Wine

In Memory of **Earl Fields**
By Brenda Fields
By Melvin Hinshaw
By Sharon Thornton

Gifts received after the newsletter deadline will be listed in the next issue.

OTHER MEMORIALS

In Memory of **Jerry Berry**
To – Grace Wilkinson Mem. Scholarship Fund
Given By:
Eloise Bates
Glenda & Audrey Coble, Jr.
Brenda Fields
Carol Fields
Gene & Vickie Flinchum
Leo & Doris Kirkman
PGHS Class of 1956
Rich & Marilyn Preyer
David & Ronda Robb

(In Memory of Jerry Berry, Tommy Faggart, Daryl Bowman)
Ruth Rowland

Jackie Smith
Jim Smith
Jane Williams
Robin Williamson



Contributions are still being accepted...

How You Can Assist the Ukrainian People with UMCOR

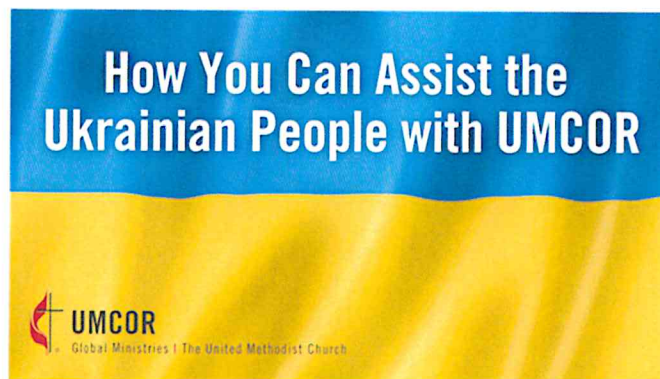
United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to **Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery**. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

- Online at <https://umcmission.org/advance-project/982450>
- By toll-free telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check with "Advance #982450-Ukraine" written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068 or given at or through any United Methodist Church.

One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church's leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Budget Results for March 2022

\$417,236.43 Total Budget Money Available March 1, 2022

30,095.00 Money Received in March

- 26,552.42 Money Spent in March

\$420,779.01 Total Budget Money Available March 31, 2022

For the month of March, 2022, the Church Budget received \$3,542.58 more than it spent. For the year, the Church Budget received \$603.71 more than it spent.

Major Maintenance & Repair Fund – this designated money will be used to pay for major maintenance or repair projects to the Church building, parsonage or parking lot. The Board of Trustees must recommend all expenditures from this fund to the Church Council, and the Church Council must approve all expenditures from this fund. This is a perpetual fund and a minimum balance of \$2,500.00 shall be maintained at all times.

\$61,999.61 MM&RF Money Available March 31, 2022

Other Designated Gifts – occurs when the Church receives money for a designated purpose and the Church shall only spend this money for the purpose that it was given.

Camp Tekoa	\$ 781.88	Arbor Fund	\$ 924.39
Food Pantry	\$ 1,661.97	Handbells	\$ 160.52
Discretionary Fund	\$ 3,737.50	Scholarship-Religion Ed	\$ 1,983.22
Records & History	\$ 581.56	Missions-Undesignated	\$ 18,950.45
UMYF	\$19,870.63	Christmas Shoeboxes	\$ 290.06
Family Ministries	\$ 1,127.40	Cemetery Fund-Maint.	\$ 24,362.67
Helen Grady Endow.	\$ 800.00	Choir Fund	\$ 1,004.46
Flowers	\$ 5.00	Insurance Claim (sidewalks)	\$ 1,280.00
In/Out: ChildCare	\$ -.10	UMCOR-Ukraine	\$ 200.00
		Heifer International	\$ 625.00

Total Other Designated Gift Money Available March 31, 2022 \$78,346.61

\$101,800.00 **Perpetual Care Cemetery Fund**













In order to plan and provide the necessary funds for the care and upkeep of our cemetery, a Perpetual Care Cemetery Fund was created. This fund was a non-expendable trust fund in which the principal (donations) cannot be spent but the interest earned on the principal can be spent for the care and upkeep of the cemetery. The Perpetual Care Cemetery Fund was capped as of March 17, 2016 by the Church Council and is no longer taking donations.

\$65,953.23 **Helen Grady Endowment Fund**

The money was donated to our church from the estate of Helen Grady in 2007 to be used for improvements to the church, community, or the development of an individual. The money is at the United Methodist Foundation of WNC, Inc. and the amount that can be spent annually is 5% of the last three (3) years average end-of-year balance.

Frank Willis, Stewardship Ministry Chair

MAY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 3rd Sunday of Easter Communion Prut Butter & Oatmeal Sunday Mother's Day Bulletin Deadline 9:15AM Sunday School 10AM Worship SPM UMYF	2 Walking Group (Time varies.)	3 10AM StoryTime 	4 Walking Group (Time varies.) 7PM Choir	5 National Day of Prayer 10AM Children's Chapel 4PM Children Chapel 7PM Trustees 	6 5-7PM Drop-off Items for Bake Sale/Store (FH)	7 (FH & Kit in use) 10-2PM Bake Sale, Country Store, Hot Dog Luncheon 
8 4th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day  9:15AM Sunday School 10AM Worship SPM UMYF	9 Walking Group (Time varies.)	10 10AM StoryTime 	11 Walking Group (Time varies.) 7PM Choir	12 7PM Evangelism 	13	14 8AM-1PM PGFD Yard Sole 10AM UMW (UMW) Event – Spiritual Growth Renewal @ Christ UMC, Greensboro
15 5th Sunday of Easter GWS Applications Begin 9:15AM Sunday School 10AM Worship SPM UMYF	16 Walking Group (Time varies.)	17 10AM StoryTime 	18 Walking Group (Time varies.) 7PM Choir	19 10AM Children's Chapel 4PM Children Chapel NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20 UMW (UMW) Assembly 2022 5/20-5/22 (Orlando)	21
22 6th Sunday of Easter Father's Day Bulletin Begins 9:15AM Sunday School 10AM Worship 11-3PM Jones Fam. Reunion (FH & Kit. In use) SPM UMYF	23 10:30AM Arlene Stokes (In Young-at-Heart Rm.) Room at Inn Shower Walking Group (Time varies.)	24 10AM StoryTime 	25 Walking Group (Time varies.) 7PM Choir	26	27 6:30PM Children/ Family Mins. Event – G-boro Grasshoppers Game	28
29 7th Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday 9:15AM Sunday School 10AM Worship SPM UMYF 	30 Memorial Day  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Walking Group (Time varies.)	31 ~9:30AM Admin Meeting (Robin & Joseph) 10AM StoryTime 	1  7PM Choir	2	3	4

May Ushers:

Dale Austin
Tim Fields
Glenn Geitner
Greg Wicker

May Greeters:

5/1 Phyllis Wicker
5/8 OPEN
5/15 Desi & Gail Williams
5/22 OPEN
5/29 OPEN

May Flowers:

5/1 Larry & Lynne Causey (Altar)
5/8 The Austins (Altar)
5/15 OPEN
5/22 OPEN
5/29 Carol Fields (Altar)

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The Ascension

⁶So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?"

⁷He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. ¹⁰As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. ¹¹"Men of Galilee," they said, "why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!"

Acts 1:6-11