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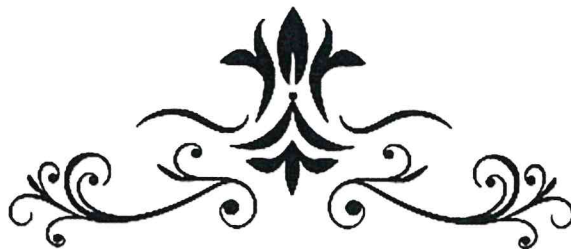
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12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:1-3 NIV



Bethlehem Methodist Church

Our Mission at Bethlehem Church 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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BIBLES & BISCUITS Men's Bible Study



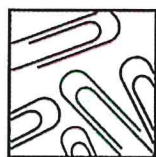
Pastor Joseph leads this study.

All men in the community are invited!
It meets the first Saturday of the month at
8AM at Climax Fire Station #35.



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REMINDER FROM SPRC: October is Pastor Appreciation Month, with Sunday, October the 8th being Pastor Appreciation Day. Please remember to send cards, notes, and extend kind words of your appreciation for all that our pastor and his family contribute to our church, community, and each of our lives.



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Here are a few reminders from the Church Office:

- **REMINDER TO KEY HOLDERS** – If you attempt to unlock the glass doors at the church office entrance with your key during church office hours, please remember your key **WILL NOT** unlock the door, as the magnet lock will be engaged. To gain entry using your key, you will need to enter through another door. Once inside, please let the church office know you are in the building. Thanks!
- **BRUNSWICK STEW Week (prep, set-up, etc.)** is Monday, October 2nd through Friday, October 6th. This means that the fellowship hall and kitchen will be in use at various times. Please see stew schedule insert in this newsletter.

- The deadline for the November newsletter is Wednesday, October 18th. Please send your items via email to bethumcclimax@gmail.com. When possible, please send your materials as word documents. If you submit your materials in written/typed form, they will have to be retyped ... and if corrections/changes need to be made, there is no guarantee your original idea(s) will be duplicated. If you have questions, please call the office.
- Also, a reminder - Pastor Joseph holds a planning meeting with church-paid staff on the last Monday of the month. Please keep in mind that Robin will be away from the Church Office during this time. **(The October meeting is Monday, October 30th at 10AM.)**

Thank you all for everything you do!

Blessings, **Robin**



– Kindergarten thru 5th Grade–

We had a great kick-off for our Junior Youth Group on September 10th - with eleven children attending and two more children who signed up the very next day.

We are off to a great start! Please stay tuned for info on our next meeting day and time.

Blessings, Deena, Jana, Jennifer and Stephanie



Children's Shoe Drive: The Roots to Branches Sunday School class has begun an ongoing children's shoe closet to meet the needs of students in our local elementary / middle schools. If you would like to donate NEW, children's sized shoes - please contact The Roots to Branches Class or Kylie Russell.



**RECYCLE FOAM:
Keeping God's World Beautiful**

Throwing your styrofoam containers and packaging in the garbage? STOP! That does get rid of it for YOU but it fills up the dump sooo much sooner than needs to happen and that will end up being a greater expense to taxpayers in the end.

Alternative: **Recycle the foam.** Let it do some good. Bring it to church (BUMC) and drop it off in the box labeled "**Styrofoam**" in the conference room. Lois Bazhaw will collect it and take it to a recycling center in Greensboro. At the recycling center, the foam will go through a desification process that produces ingots that are in used in a variety of useful products, such as picture frames and moldings.

For more information: Call Lois Bazhaw at (336) 549-0621 or visit these websites to get a better understanding about recycling foam and what the donated foam can do to help others. <https://www.recyclingfoam.com/>
<https://www.tinyhousesgreensboro.com/>



**43rd Annual Greater Greensboro
CROP Hunger Walk – Sun., October 8, 2023**

1921 W. Gate City Blvd., Greensboro
Registration and Entertainment: 1:30pm
Walk Begins: 2:30pm

Satellite location: Southeast Area Walk –
Registration: 1:30pm, Walk 2:00pm
Community in Christ Presbyterian Church
5401 Liberty Rd., Greensboro, NC

Contact Karen Lauder @ 336-495-1253
or karen@deepspringillc.com
if you would like to join BUMC's team or be a sponsor.
Make checks payable to "CROP Walk."

For more info visit:
<https://greatergreensborocropwalk.org/>



EXERCISE CLASS - NOW 2 Nights/Week

Weds., 6:30–7:30PM (FH). Dance, strength training, stretching. Bring water, light weights, & a yoga mat/towel. \$5 per class or \$20 /5 classes. Questions – contact Lauren 336-686-4192 or laurenmstarr22@gmail.com **BEGINNING Mon., Oct 9th** ... this class will meet **MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30PM! NO CLASS DURING BRUNSWICK STEW WEEK.**



**Noisy Offering
Beginning Sunday, October 15th**



The Arlene Stokes Circle is resuming **Noisy Offering** (to benefit Northeastern Middle School's **Backpack Pals**) – collected on the third Sunday of the month. This offering will be collected during worship by our new children's SS Class.

Noisy Offering will be donated to Northeastern Middle School's **Backpack Pals**, a program which meets the needs of hungry students by sending a bag of nutritious, non-perishable, child-friendly food home from school with the child on Friday afternoons.

If you have any questions about the **Noisy Offering/Backpack Pals** program, please contact Phyllis Wicker at (336) - 685-9322.

Thank you in advance for supporting this outreach!



Our BOO Bash will be held on Tues., Oct. 31st. There will be a Hotdog dinner from 6-6:30PM, Trunk or Treat is at 6:30PM. If it rains, the festivities will be indoors. Volunteers are needed to decorate your trunks & pass out candy. Contact Staphanie Garrett - ph. (336) 302-3846, email Sleonag@gmail.com or Jana Fields - ph. (336) 509-5346, email tfields247@bellsouth.net to secure your spot. Also, candy donations are needed. The drop-off for candy will be outside of the church office. Thank you in advance! See you at the BOO Bash!





All Saint's Sunday, November 5th

On **Sunday, November 5th at the 10AM** worship service, Bethlehem Methodist Church will celebrate **All Saints Sunday** – a time in which we celebrate and remember the life of church members who graduated to the *Church Triumphant* in 2023.

It is important that we remember those who have lived, loved, worshipped and worked among us. This service will include a power-point presentation/photo of those church members who passed away in 2023.

Letters with more information on this service will be mailed out to family members in mid-October.



ALSO COMING NEXT MONTH ... SPECIAL VETERANS DAY BULLETIN

The Young-at-Heart SS Class is preparing a special bulletin to **honor/memorialize Veterans on Sun., Nov. 12th**. Donations/\$5 per name. Use separate envelope for each name (envelopes at each entrance & in the SS Classes.) Make checks payable to Young-at-Heart SS Class, with *Veterans Memorial* on the memo line. Give envelopes to Judy Fields or Phyllis Wicker. **Deadline Sun., Nov. 5th**.



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"All our summer shade
is falling down!"

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ...



Bethlehem Church

Presents

Carol of Christmas

A Christmas Cantata by John W. Peterson



Sunday, December 17th

10AM Worship



Plan to join us for this collection
of familiar Christmas Carols.

NOTE: Beginning Wednesday, October 3rd...
Cantata practice from 7PM to 7:30PM. Our regular
choir practice will begin at 7:30PM.

If you have questions, contact Gloria Austin (336)
420-1329.

**If you want to join us for the Cantata, come join
us on Wednesdays!**



PRAYER list

Those in Need of Prayer:

Fred Cook
Cory Fields
Kelsey Garrett
Lorrie Roth
Francis Snow
Frank & Julia Willis
Our Homebound & Shut-ins

*Our printed prayer list includes
church members and close family
and friends of church members.*



Memorials & Honorariums

Since the last newsletter publication, the following gifts have been made in memory/honor as listed.

BUMC gratefully acknowledges each gift received.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of **Worth & Mary Allred**

By Evonne Parks

In Memory of **Jerry Flinchum**

By Steve & Cindy Fields

In Memory of **Sarah Hinshaw**

By Friendly Club

By Melvin Hinshaw

By Jerry & Karon Monnett

By Margaret Royal

By Jackie Smith

By Frank & Julia Willis

In Memory of **Ruby Hockett**

By Larry & Lynne Causey

By Jerry & Karon Monnett

In Memory of **Betty Hull**

By Steve & Cindy Fields

By David & Ronda Robb

In Memory of **Clem Royal**

By Margaret Royal (2 gifts)

In Memory of **Bill & Bobby Waugh**

By Helen Waugh

In Memory of **A.C. & Bette Weatherly**

By Jerry & Karon Monnett

HONORARIUMS

In Honor of **Dale & Gloria Austin**

By David & Laura Cranfill

In Honor of **Cory Fields**

By Wayne & Sheila Moser

In Honor of **Travis Franklin**

By David & Laura Cranfill

In Memory of **Nathan & Martha Hinshaw**

By Melvin & Karen Hinshaw

In Honor of **Stacy & Lucille McClintock**

By Wes & Lisa Taylor

In Honor of **Jerry & Karon Monnett**

By Linda Duncan, Kim & Cindy

In Honor of **My Family**

By Phala Garrett

In Honor of **J.D. Peele**

By David & Laura Cranfill

In Honor of **Ruth Rowland**

By Wayne & Sheila Moser

In Honor of **Desi Williams**

for 30 years in Law Enforcement

By Jane Williams

In Honor of **Braxton & Colton Wall**

By Sheila Moser



<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
10/2 Phyllis Dahl	11/1 Gene Flinchum
Scott Wilkinson	Amanda Parks
10/4 Travis Franklin	11/3 Denny Spencer
10/5 Sherri Davis	11/5 Kaila Hill
Jim Smith	11/6 Sharon Hill
10/6 Lorrie Roth	11/10 Justin Windsor
10/8 Tracy Peele	11/11 Pat Coble
10/9 Dale Routh	11/12 Vickie Flinchum
10/11 Courtney Ingold	Karen Lauder
10/13 Betty Kirkman	Madison Nance
10/14 Cheryl Bazhaw	Kathy Wilkinson
10/15 Susan Davis	11/13 Fred Cook
LeeAnne Curtis	11/14 Ronda Faggart
10/16 Kristi Robb	Phil Smith
10/17 Bonnie Averill	Carol Williams
Joseph F. Garrett	11/17 Jonathan King
Kelli Wilkinson	Nathan Pipe
10/18 Byron Dahl	Emily Lauder Taylor
Herbert McClintock	11/18 Gail Williams
10/20 Braxton Wall	Mario Massarelli
10/23 Alex Haywood	11/19 Will Rivers
10/24 Donna Younts	11/22 Nancy Kivett
10/25 Jeffrey Welker	Terry Owens
10/27 Jim Little	11/23 Doug Garrett
10/28 Holly Robb	Franklin Stevens
10/30 Victoria Coble	Shannon Wicker
	11/26 Frank Willis
	11/28 Tim Fields
	11/29 Ethan Hill
	Wayne Moser
	11/30 Mark Allen



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Budget Results for August 2023

\$511,156.06 Total Budget Money Available August 1, 2023

+ 23,466.84 Money Received in August

- 26,321.83 Money Spent in August

\$508,301.07 Money Available August 31, 2023

For the month of August, 2023, the Church Budget spent \$2,854.99 more than it received. For the year, the Church Budget received \$53,557.48 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.

\$75,186.71 MM&RF Money Available August 31, 2023

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	\$ 882.70
Food Pantry	\$ 1,663.22	Handbells	\$ 160.52
Discretionary Fund	\$ 1,686.48	Scholarship-Religion Ed	\$ 1,983.22
Records & History	\$ 581.56	Missions-Undesignated	\$ 20,194.78
UMYF	\$24,297.13	Christmas Shoeboxes	\$ 290.06
Family Ministries	\$ 4,306.77	Cemetery Fund-Maint.	\$ 31,033.83
Helen Grady Endow.	\$ 815.00	Choir Fund	\$ 196.26
(\$800 History)		Flowers	\$ 261.50

Brunswick Stew(Care/Nurture)\$ 189.92

Church Sign \$ 500.00

Total Other Designated Gift Money Available August 31, 2023 \$89,824.83

\$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 August 17, 2016 by the Church Council and is no longer taking donations.

\$57,085.58 **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

OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 18th Sunday after Pentecost World Communion Sunday Confirmation Sunday Peanut Butter & Oatmeal Sunday 9:15AM Sunday School 10AM Worship 12PM FH & Kit in use (Family Event) 5PM Youth (Youth Rm)	2 Walking Group (Time Varies) Brunswick Stew Prep, Kit & FH in use.	3 10AM StoryTime (Library) 2PM GriefShare (Young-at-Heart Rm) Brunswick Stew Prep, Kit & FH in use.	4 Walking Group (Time Varies) Brunswick Stew Prep, Kit & FH in use. 7PM Cantata/Choir (Choir Rm)	5 10AM Children's Chapel (Sanctuary) Brunswick Stew Prep, Kit & FH in use. 4PM Children's Chapel (Sanctuary)	6 Brunswick Stew Prep, Kit & FH in use.	7 8AM Bibles & Biscuits, Men's Bible Study @ Climax Fire #35 10AM Country Store & Bake Sale (BMC Bus Shelter) 1PM Brunswick Stew Sale (at Stew Pots, weather permitting)
8 19th Sunday after Pentecost Pastor Appreciation Sunday 9:15AM Sunday School 10AM Worship 12PM FH & Kit in use (Fam Event) 1:30/2:30PM CROP Walk 5PM Youth (Youth Rm)	9 Columbus Day Walking Group (Time Varies)	10 10AM StoryTime (Library) 9-11PM FH & Kit in use (Friendly Club Prep) 11AM Friendly Club (FH) 2PM GriefShare (Young-at-Heart Rm)	11 9:30-10:30AM Bookmobile to Child Care (every 2 nd Wed.) Walking Group (Time Varies) 6:30PM Child Care Board (Sunshine Rm) 6:30PM Exercise (FH) 7PM Cant./Choir (Choir Rm)	12	13	14
15 20th Sunday after Pentecost Special Veterans Day Bulletin Begins Noisy Offering (every 3rd Sun.) 9:15AM Sunday School 10AM Worship 5PM Youth (Youth Rm)	16 Walking Group (Time Varies)	17 10AM StoryTime (Library) 2PM GriefShare (Young-at-Heart Rm)	18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Walking Group (Time Varies) 6:30PM Exercise (FH) 7PM Cant./Choir (Choir Rm)	19 10AM Children's Chapel (Sanctuary) 4PM Children's Chapel (Sanctuary)	20	21
22 21st Sunday after Pentecost 9:15AM Sunday School 10AM Worship	23 10:30AM Arlene Stokes (Young-at-Heart Rm) Walking Group (Time Varies)	24 10AM StoryTime (Library) 2PM GriefShare (Young-at-Heart Rm)	25 Wonderful Wednesday (Bus leaves at 9:40AM)  Walking Group (Time Varies) 6:30PM Exercise (FH) 7PM Cant./Choir (Choir Rm)	26	27	28
5PM Youth (Youth Rm) 6:30PM Admin Council [POTENTIAL]	6:30PM Exercise (FH)					
29 Reformation Sunday 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:15AM Sunday School 10AM Worship 5PM Youth (Youth Rm)	30 10AM Admin Staff [Paid] Meeting (Parlor) Walking Group (Time Varies) 6:30PM Exercise (FH)	31 Halloween 10AM StoryTime (Library) 2PM GriefShare (Young-at-Heart Rm) 6PM-8PM BOO Bash (FH & Blacktop)	1 November Walking Group (Time Varies) 6:30PM Exercise (FH) 7PM Cant./Choir (Choir Rm)	2 10AM Children's Chapel (Sanctuary) 4PM Children's Chapel (Sanctuary)	3	4 8AM Bibles & Biscuits, Men's Bible Study @ Climax Fire #35 Special Session of the WNC Annual Conference (Virtual)

GREETERS:

10/1 Downing Family
 10/8 Sandie Harris
 10/15 Deb Brady
 10/22 Alice Jones & Kim Lopossay
 10/29 Julie Spencer

ALTAR FLOWERS:

10/1 Open
 10/8 Open
 10/15 Open
 10/22 Open
 10/29 Open

ACOLYTES:

10/1 Ashton Allen
 10/8 Maysa Downing
 10/15 Braxton Wall
 10/22 Quart Fulk
 10/29 Bradon Allen

OCTOBER USHERS:

David Fields
 Todd Garrett
 Bud Louder
 Barry Norris

OCTOBER OPENER:

Dale Austin

OCTOBER CLOSER:

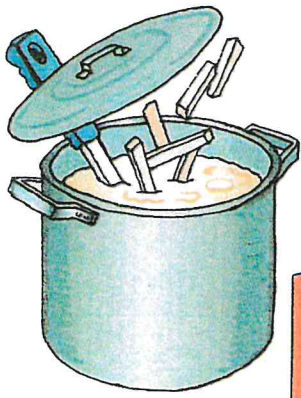
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED





Brunswick Stew



Saturday, October 7th 2023
All Stew Sales **1:00PM**
\$9.00/quart

BETHLEHEM METHODIST CHURCH
6103 Appomattox Road, Climax, NC 336-674-0155



Country Store

Bake Sale



Brunswick Stew—October 7, 2023

Thanks so much for volunteering to help with our Brunswick Stew & Country Store again this year! There's something for everyone and it's good fun visiting and working together. Below is the work schedule for the week of October 2-7:

Tuesday, October 3-- 1:00 pm Fellowship Hall—Wash pots and pans, cleaning of refrigerators. Bring old towels. Setting up tables/chairs for choppers.

- 6 pm FH—Cutting up beef and pork to be cooked on Wednesday. Bring knives and cutting boards. Clean up.

Wednesday, Oct. 4 8:30 am Fellowship Hall—Prepare and cook beef & pork.

- 12:00 noon Help chopping beef & pork, saving broth—Clean up.

Thursday, Oct. 5—6:00 am Fellowship Hall- Help prepare & cook chicken

- 9:00am —Chicken chopping; clean up
- Thursday, After School—Roots to Branches SS Class and others will be washing the potatoes in the kitchen.

Friday, Oct. 6—8:00 am Fellowship Hall—Peel and Chop potatoes and onions; clean up.

Saturday, Oct. 7— 5:00 am—move all ingredients and supplies from church to Stew Shed.

- 8:00 am-9:00 am Stirring of stew
- 9:00 am-10:00 am Stirring of stew
- 10:00 am- stirring until pots are emptied
- 11:00 am—Cooling and Filling of cartons—could use more volunteers
- Clean up Volunteers needed—Sanitize refrigerators/clean & return all equipment to storage
- STEW SALES AT 1:00 PM.....\$9.00 per quart
- Country Store and Bake sale—Bus Shelter—10:00am—1pm Saturday (You may bring your items to the FH from 10:00-12 noon on Friday or to the bus shelter on Sat. before 10:00 am.