



August 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NOT MEETING IN AUGUST: Bibles & Biscuits (Resumes Sept. 2nd) RESUMES August 30th: Wed. Night Choir Practice		1 10AM StoryTime (Child Care)	2 Walking Group (Time Varies) 6:30PM Exercise (FH)	3 10AM Children's Chapel (Sanct) 4PM Children's Chapel (Sanct) 6PM Arbor Clean-Out 7PM Trustees (FH)	4	5
6 Communion 10th Sunday after Pentecost Peanut Butter & Oatmeal Sunday 9:15AM Sunday School 10AM Worship 2PM Vote on Disaffiliation (Sanct) 5PM UMYF	7 Walking Group (Time Varies)	8 10AM StoryTime (Child Care) 9-1PM FH & Kit in use (Friendly CI) 11AM Friendly Club (FH) 2-7PM Blood Drive (in Big Red Bus/BUMC Parking Lot)	9 9:30-10:30AM Book Mobile @ Child Care (Every 2nd Wed.) Walking Group (Time Varies) Deadline for school supply donations. 6:30PM Child Care Bld (Sunsh Rm) 6:30PM Exercise (FH)	10 Deadline for info to be turned in for Promotion Sunday. 7PM Missions (Parlor)	11	12
13 11th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15AM Sunday School 10AM Worship 5PM UMYF	14 Walking Group (Time Varies)	15 10AM StoryTime (Child Care)	16 Walking Group (Time Varies) 6:30PM Exercise (FH)	17 10AM Children's Chapel (Sanct) 4PM Children's Chapel (Sanct)	18	19 School Supply Give-Away (at BUMC, Details TBA)
20 12th Sunday after Pentecost SECRET PAL FORMS DUE 9:15AM Sunday School 10AM Worship 5PM UMYF	21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Walking Group (Time Varies)	22 10AM StoryTime (Child Care)	23 Walking Group (Time Varies) 6:30PM Exercise (FH)	24	25	26
27 13th Sunday after Pentecost Blessing of the Backpacks Promotion Sun/Bibles- 3rd Graders 9:15AM Sunday School 10AM Worship 5PM UMYF	28 10AM Admin Staff Meets (Joseph, Robin, Erica, Et Al, in Parlor) 10:30AM Arlene Stokes (Young-at-Heart Rm) Walking Group (Time Varies) Back to School!	29 10AM StoryTime (Child Care)	30 Wonderful Wednesday (Bus leaves at 9:40AM) Walking Group (Time Varies)  Bus in Use	31	1 Hello September	2 8AM Bibles & Biscuits Men's Bible Study (at Climax Fire #35) 

GREETERS:

8/6 Susan Coward
 8/13 OPEN
 8/20 Phyllis Wicker
 8/27 OPEN

ALTAR FLOWERS:

8/6 OPEN
 8/13 OPEN
 8/20 OPEN
 8/27 Amanda Fields

ACOLYTES:

8/6 Braxton Wall
 8/13 Quart Fulk
 8/20 Bradon Allen
 8/27 Ashton Allen

AUGUST USHERS:

Dale Austin
 Tim Fields
 Glenn Getner
 Greg Wicker

AUGUST OPENER:

David Cranfill

AUGUST CLOSER:

Greg Wicker

NOTES:

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, September 17th Church Picnic (immediately following worship) at Hagan Stone, Shelter #5.

THE CHALLENGE

Bethlehem United Methodist Church

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From the Pastor's Desk...

*The sun goes up, the sun comes down
This old world keeps spinnin' 'round
I'm here travelin' down this long and winding road
Seasons come and seasons go
They take me high, then leave me low
But I'm still standing on the only rock I know
You're my cornerstone
Oh, oh, oh, no matter where I go, my cornerstone*

-Cornerstone by Bryan Fowler / Micah Kuiper / Toby McKeehan 2022

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 is a passage in God's Word; it shares with us like this worship song, that seasons of life do come and do go. Seasons of life are not marked on a calendar of when one season begins and one season ends; we never really know when the next season starts and the next ends and that is hard.

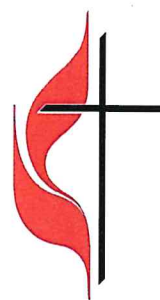
But, as the writers of the song help us to remember too that Jesus, our Lord and Savior, is our Cornerstone (like in God's Word: *Isaiah 28:6, Matthew 21: 42,44, and Ephesians 2:20*). Jesus is our place to stand to withstand the hard seasons and our place to stand on the seasons of celebration.

Dear Lord, whatever season we as your people face, may we never lose sight of you as the Cornerstone, our Cornerstone. In Christ Jesus' Name, AMEN.

May you and yours be blessed.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Joseph, III



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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BIBLES & BISCUITS

Men's Bible Study

Is taking a break this summer
& will not meet in August.

It will resume on **Saturday, September 2nd** at
8AM at Climax Fire Stat. #35.



CHURCH OFFICE

Here are a few reminders from the Church Office:

- **INFO NEEDED FROM CHURCH MEMBERS ...** If you have a child or a grandchild entering the third grade this year, please let Phyllis Wicker (336) 685 - 9322 or the church office know **by Thursday, August 10th.**
- The deadline for the September newsletter is **Monday, August 21st.** It is most helpful if you email your newsletter items (word documents preferred) to the Church Office at bethumcclimax@gmail.com
- 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 August meeting is Monday, August 28th at 10AM.)**

Thank you all for everything you do!

Blessings, Robin



EXERCISE CLASS

Taught by Lauren Haywood in BUMC's FH each Wed. from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Open to all fitness levels. Includes dance, strength training, stretching, & all exercises can be done from a chair if needed. 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



RECYCLE FOAM:

An Easy Way to Help Keep 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/>



Blood Drive!

THE BIG RED BUS comes to Bethlehem Tues., Aug. 8th from 2-7PM. Blood collected by OneBlood stays local and is where Cone Health obtains blood for patients. All donors will receive a OneBlood Swag Bag and a \$20 e-Gift Card. Call Susan Coward at 336-404-6803 or go to OneBlood.org/donate and use sponsor code 56568 to sign up. Hope to see you there! ***You must not have donated for 8 weeks prior to give single unit and 16 weeks for a double donation.**



FROM CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES...

On **Sat., Aug. 19th** we will be holding our annual **School Supply Giveaway.** We have a need for the following supplies: **colored pencils, student scissors, packs of notebook paper, pencil pouches.** If you can provide any of these supplies, please place them in the box in the conference room by **WED., AUG. 9th.** Thank You!

AND ... SAVE THE DATE! Blessing of the Backpacks is Sun., Aug. 27th



SECRET PALS

This is a wonderful outreach of BUMC's Care & Nurture Ministry. It pairs sponsors with college students. (The student does not know the identity of his/her sponsor.) Sponsors keep in touch with their student throughout the school year – offering words of encouragement, prayers, and special gifts. Then at the end of the school year, students learn who their sponsor was during the "Reveal."

To participate, college students need to complete an information form which is available on the bulletin boards outside of the Youth Room and in the hall near kitchen/FH entrance. Forms are also available on the church website (click *Youth Ministry*.) Completed **forms should be returned** to Fran Getner or drop them off at the church office **by Sunday, August 20th**.

Parents and grandparents, please pass along this information to your college student. **Also, Sponsors are needed for this Ministry.** Contact Fran Getner for information/to volunteer (336) 685-2086.



FRIENDLY CLUB

Meets **Tuesday, August 8th at 11AM** in the Fellowship Hall. The speaker will be County Ranger Jimmy Holt.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir participants are reminded that Wednesday night choir practice will resume on **Wednesday, August 30th at 7PM** in the Choir Room.

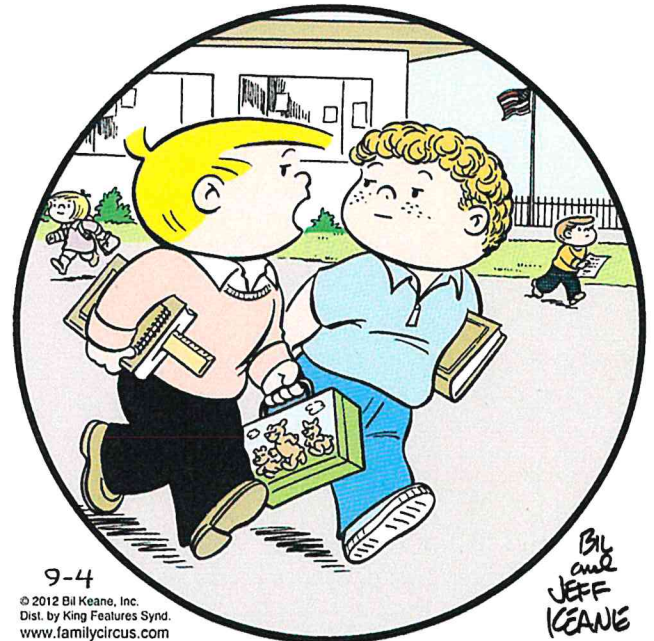


TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND...

Desi & Gail Williams are traveling to the Holy Land in September 2024. If anyone is interested in joining them, let Desi & Gail know. They have information to share!



GriefShare will begin on **Tues., Sept. 12th at 2PM**
Please RSVP Gail Williams (336-314-1668) if you are interested in attending.



"The hardest part about goin' back to school is getting my voice to whisper again."



Those in Need of Prayer:

Cory Fields
Sam Riddle
Lorrie Roth
Francis Snow
Frank & Julia Willis
Our Homebound & Shut-ins



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 **Dalton & Boys**
By Louise Bowman

In Memory of **Earl Fields**
By David & Laura Cranfill

In Memory of **Ruby Hockett**
By Paula Atwater

In Memory of **Jimmie Jones**
By David & Laura Cranfill

In Memory of **Wayne Kirkman**
By the Elizabeth Carroll Family
By Arlene Stokes Circle
By David & Laura Cranfill

In Memory of **Dicky Parks**
By David & Laura Cranfill

In Memory of **Dicky Parks & Keith Parks**
By Evonne Parks (2 gifts)

In Memory of **Clem Royal**
By David & Laura Cranfill
By Margaret Royal (2 gifts)

HONORARIUMS

In Honor of **Todd Garrett**
By Phala Garrett

In Honor of **Stephanie Garrett**
By David & Laura Cranfill

In Honor of **Bob & Wanda McClintock**
By Wayne & Sheila Moser

In Honor of **Stacy & Lucille McClintock**
By Wayne & Sheila Moser
By Wes & Lisa Taylor

In Honor of **David & Ronda Robb**
By Margaret Royal



August

8/1 Arnold Ingold
8/2 Linda Duncan
8/3 Greg Wicker
Paden O'Daniel
8/6 Shea Welborn
Abbey Windsor
8/10 Gerry Moody
8/11 Julia Willis
Dale Windsor
8/15 Kenneth Fields
8/16 Mike Harris
8/18 Randy Curtis
8/23 Jackie Cook
8/24 Robbie McClintock
Brad Wicker
8/26 Sawyer Edwards
Michael Garrett
8/28 Kylie Spencer Russell
8/29 Jeremy Coble
8/31 Lynn Haywood
Joyce Ingold
Ruth Rowland

September

9/2 Vivian Wilkinson
Gloria Austin
Tater O'Daniel
9/3 Karen Parrish
Barbara Riddle
Pam Suggs
9/5 Jeff Eanes
9/8 Harper Garrett
9/9 Ethan Eanes
Grace Kirby
Desi Williams
9/11 Alex Garrett
David Goad
9/16 Krimson Gunter
9/17 Terry Franklin
Phala Garrett
9/18 Garrett Owens
9/19 Mary Lauren Bonney
Sheila Moser
9/21 David Welborn
9/22 Elaine Fulk
9/26 Francis Snow
9/27 Layne Downing
9/28 Floyd Cook
9/30 Joseph Fulk, III
Buddy Reddick



The End

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Budget Results for June 2023

\$500,240.73 Total Budget Money Available June 1, 2023

+ 22,723.53 Money Received in June

- 20,232.00 Money Spent in June

\$502,732.26 Money Available June 30, 2023

For the month of June, 2023, the Church Budget received \$2,491.53 more than it spent. For the year, the Church Budget received \$47,988.67 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.

\$74,626.71 MM&RF Money Available June 30, 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	\$ 19,791.64
UMYF	\$24,097.13	Christmas Shoeboxes	\$ 290.06
Family Ministries	\$ 4,006.77	Cemetery Fund-Maint.	\$ 31,472.88
Helen Grady Endow.	\$ 907.00	Choir Fund	\$ 196.26
(\$800 History/\$107AltarFlowers)		Flowers	\$ 261.50
Brunswick Stew(Care/Nurture)	\$ 189.92	Camp Meeting Fund	\$ 1,255.00
Church Sign	\$ 500.00		

Total Other Designated Gift Money Available June 30, 2023 \$90,707.74

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

\$54,433.56 **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

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