

FEBRUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 5th Sunday after Epiphany <i>Prut Butter & Oat. Sunday</i> 9:15AM Sunday School 10AM Worship SPM UMYF (Youth Rm.)	6 Walking Group (Time Varies)	7 10AM StoryTime (Child Care)	8 Walking Group (Time Varies)	9 4PM Children's Chapel (Sanct.) 7PM Trustees (FH)	10	11 2PM Memorial Service (Sanctuary, FH, & Kit in use 1-4PM)
12 6th Sunday after Epiphany 9:15AM Sunday School 10AM Worship SPM UMYF/Meals on Wheels Treets (Youth Rm.)	13 Walking Group (Time Varies)	14 Valentine's Day 10AM StoryTime (Child Care) 10AM Friendly Club (FH & Kit in use 9-noon) 1-7PM Blood Drive (FH & Kit.) Office Closed from 8:30-1:30PM	15 CONFERENCE STATISTICAL REPORTING DEADLINE Walking Group (Time Varies)	16 10AM Children's Chapel (Sanct.) 4PM Children's Chapel (Sanct.)	17	18
19 Transfiguration Sunday 9:15AM Sunday School 10AM Worship SPM UMYF/CCC Parent Meeting (Youth Rm.)	20 President's Day Walking Group (Time Varies)	21 Fat Tuesday 10AM StoryTime (Child Care)	22 Ash Wednesday Lent Begins 6AM Imposition of Ashes Informal Services (Sanct.) Wonderful Wednesday Walking Group (Time Varies) Lenten Offering Begins	23	24	25
26 1st Sunday in Lent Youth - Deadline to let Pastor Joseph know if going to CCC. 9:15AM Sunday School 10AM Worship SPM UMYF (Youth Rm.)	27 10AM Admin Staff Meets (Joseph, Robin Erica, Et Al in conf. rm.) 10:30AM Arlene Stokes (Young-at-Heart Rm.) Walking Group (Time Varies)	28 10AM StoryTime (Child Care)	1 Walking Group (Time Varies) 7PM Ash Wed. Service (Sanct.)	2 10AM Children's Chapel (Sanct.) 4PM Children's Chapel (Sanct.) 7PM Trustees (FH)	3	4 8AM Bibles & Biscuits (Men's Bible Study) at Climax Fire #35

Greeters (Sunday Worship Hour):

Flowers:

Acolyte(s):

Ushers (for February):

NOTES:

2/5 Desi & Gail Williams
 2/12 Susan Coward
 2/19 Byron & Phyllis Dahl
 2/26 OPEN

2/5 Kim Lopossay
 2/12 OPEN
 2/19 OPEN
 2/26 OPEN

2/5 Quart Fulk
 2/12 Maysa Downing
 2/19 Braxton Wall
 2/26 Quart Fulk

Dale Austin
 Tim Fields
 Glenn Geither
 Greg Wicker

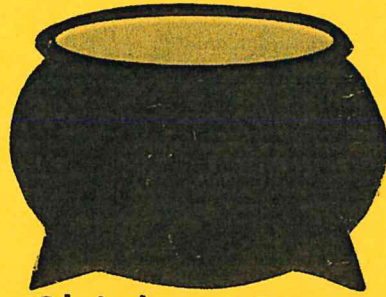
Bethlehem United Methodist Church 2023 Budget

<u>Budget Expense Category</u>	<u>2023</u>
CC 1101 Pastor's Salary	58,405
CC 1102 Pastor's Pension	4,800
CC 1103 Pastor's Insurance	911
CC 1104 Pastor's Household Expenses	9,500
CC 1110 Pastor's Medical Reimbursement	0
Total Pastor's Salary	73,616
CC 1106 Pastor's Conference Expense	400
CC 1107 Pastor's Continuing Education	300
CC 1108 Pastor's Travel Allowance	3,000
CC 1109 Pastor's Pulpit Expenses	500
CH 1301 Church-Pastor's Pension	7,942
CH 1302 Church-Pastor's Health Insurance	14,271
Total Church Portion-Other Pastor's Expenses	26,413
CO 1201 Conference Apportioned Funds	12,719
CO 1203 General Church Apportioned Fund	7,756
CO 1204 District Apportioned Funds	2,954
Total Conference & District Apportionments	23,429
EV 301 Upper Room	550
EV 302 Lay Delegate to Annual Conference	500
EV 303 60+ Dinner	800
EV 304 Camp Meeting Expenses	3,000
EV 305 Youth Basketball (2 teams; onlu bill for 1)	150
EV 306 Confirmation Class	100
Total Evangelism Ministry	5,100
MM 802 Mission Special-2nd Mile Giving	1,000
NC 601 Card & Visitation	0
Children's/Family Ministry:	
SG 503 Children's Ministry	1,000
SG 506 Faimily Ministries	2,500
RH 401 Records & History Supplies	0
Spiritual Growth:	
SG 501 Vacation Bible School	1,000
SG 502 UMYF	9,000
SG 504 Church School Literature	5,500
SG 507 Adult Studies Leader Materials	150
Total Congregational Care	19,150
SS 1001 Administrative Assistant	21,218
SS 1002 Chancel Choir Director	0
SS 1003 Music Director	0
SS 1005 Organist	5,356
SS 1007 Late Service Pianist	5,356

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SS 1008 Nursery Attendant	1,948
SS 1009A Employer SS (6.2%)/Medicaid (1.45%)= 7.65%	3,499
SS 1010 Safe Sanctuary Certifications	240
SS 1011 Payroll Processing Fees	500
SS 1013 Youth Coordinator	12,000
SS 1014 Staff Parish Miscellaneous Expenses	500
Total Staff Salaries & Expenses	50,617
ST 1401A State Sales Tax Jan-June	1,000
ST 1401B State Sales Tax July-Dec	1,000
Total Sales Tax	2,000
TR 901 Kitchen & Paper Supplies	1,500
TR 902 Keyboard Tuning or Repair	600
TR 903 Copier Costs	7,600
TR 904 Office & Business Expenses	3,400
TR 905 Postage	1,500
TR 906 Office Equipment Maintenance	500
TR 907 Church Telephone	4,000
TR 908 Van/Bus Maintenance	800
TR 909 Insurance (property)	15,800
TR 910 Church Utilities	27,000
TR 912 Church Maintenance	16,500
TR 913 Parsonage Maintenance	1,500
TR 914 Lawn Maintenance	13,300
TR 915 Commercial Cleaning Service	21,000
TR 916 Contracts	8,000
TR 917 Auto Insurance	1,300
TR 918 Servant Keeper Contract	400
TR 919 Legal Fees	3,500
Total Trustees Budget	128,200
WM 401 Worship Supplies	1,000
WM 402 Choir Supplies	200
WM 403 Communion Supplies	75
WM 404 Acolyte Supplies	100
WM 405 Chancel Choir Supplies	2,000
Total Worship Ministry	3,375
TOTAL BUDGET	332,900
<u>Budget Income Category</u>	
BA 1301 Offerings & Pledges	311,370
BA 1302 Camp Meeting	2,000
BA 1304 Sunday School Collection	2,280
BA 1305 Use of Building	100
BA 1306 Child Care	7,800
BA 1309 Sales Tax Refund	2,400
BA 1310 Bake Sale	
BA 1312 Intrest Income	6,750
BA 1319 Refund	200
TOTAL BUDGET INCOME	332,900

Bethlehem United Methodist Church



Chicken Stew

March 18, 2023

\$9.00 per Quart

Pre-orders Only

Orders due by March 5

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Snow date: March 25

THE CHALLENGE

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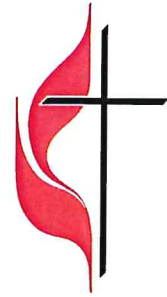
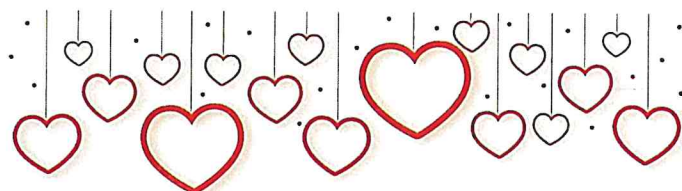
1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 NIV

13 If I speak in the tongues^[a] of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. **2** If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. **3** If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast,^[b] but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. **5** It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **6** Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. **7** It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. **9** For we know in part and we prophesy in part, **10** but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. **11** When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. **12** For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.



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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FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE



Upcoming church office schedule changes:

Administrative Council approved the 2023 budget at the January 24th, 2023 Administrative Council meeting. A copy of the approved budget is enclosed in this newsletter.

Beginning January 2023 Pastor Joseph and BUMC staff meet on the **last Monday of the month at 10AM**. These administrative staff planning meetings will be held every month. Please be mindful of this recurring meeting when you plan your church business, as Robin will be away from her desk and the church phone.

In order to finalize and complete 2022 Statistical Reporting, the church office will be **closed on Tuesday, February 14th from 8:30AM until 1:30PM**. (Robin will be in the office during this time for the purpose of completing these reports.) The office will open for church business as usual after 1:30PM.

Blessings, **Robin**



ASH WEDNESDAY February 22nd

There will be 2 imposition of ashes services, an early morning informal **service at 6AM** and an evening **service at 7PM**.

Have you ever wondered about the meaning behind and the symbolism of ashes on Ash Wednesday? Here is a brief explanation:

Ashes are an ancient symbol. In Genesis, we read that God formed human beings out of the dust of the earth (Genesis 2:7). After expulsion from the Garden of Eden, the first

human beings are told by God, "you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19 NRSV). The Hebrew word translated dust, is occasionally translated ashes elsewhere. Throughout scripture, ashes are part of rituals when people seek forgiveness and mourn their sin (see Numbers 19:9, 17; Hebrews 9:13; Jonah 3:6; Matthew 11:21, and Luke 10:13, among others).

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-when-did-ash-wed-begin-and-why-do-we-celebrate-it>



FEBRUARY FRIENDLY CLUB

February Friendly Club will meet on Tuesday, February 14th from 10AM – 12 noon. Please make note of this special meeting time.



BLOOD DRIVE

Our winter blood drive is Tuesday, February 14th from 1-7PM in the fellowship hall. Questions – please contact Susan Coward(336)404-6803.



Heifer International/ Special Lenten Offering

The Mission Team encourages you and your family to keep a special offering this Lent. As in years past, the offering will be received after Easter and will go to *Heifer International*. Special Heifer International Offering Banks will be available in the narthex, on the table outside of the church office, and in the little library beginning Ash Wednesday.

How did Heifer International begin? Here is a brief history:

While passing out meager rations of powdered milk during the Spanish Civil War, Indiana farmer Dan West was distraught when the supply of milk ran out with children still waiting in line. He realized that they needed "not a cup, but a cow." Families did not need

short-term relief, but a continual source of food and income. Heifer International was born from that simple idea. When they stopped fighting, we started feeding. In 1944, the first cows sent abroad were donated by West's neighbors and distributed in Puerto Rico.

But there were other wars to be won, as well. As World War II came to a haunting end, huge portions of Europe and Asia were reduced to ruins, with populations diminished, farmland demolished and hunger running rampant. Heifer became active in revitalizing these war-torn countries, including refugee resettlement centers. Groups of farmers, who dubbed themselves the Seagoing Cowboys, began escorting livestock overseas, making about 360 trips on 73 different ships.



Early on "Seagoing Cowboys" accompanied livestock on voyages.

<https://www.heifer.org/history/index.html>



SECRET PAL REVEAL/ SAVE THE DATE

Secret Pal reveal will be during worship on Sunday, June 11. A reception in the fellowship hall will follow worship. Be sure to put this special event on your calendar. Questions – please contact Fran Getner (336) 685-2086.



Prayer LIST

Those in Need of Prayer

Ray Allred
Cory Fields
Kelsey Garrett
Carlie Hanner
Candy Hinshaw
Phil Marion
Ondeck Family
Lorrie Roth
Margaret Royal
Francis Snow
Frank & Julia Willis
Tom Wood

Our Homebound & Shut-ins

The 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 honor/memory as listed.

BUMC gratefully acknowledges each gift received.

MEMORIALS:

In Memory of **Earl Fields**
By David & Laura Cranfill
By Sheila & Wayne Moser
By Jane Williams

In Memory of **Jeanette Fields**

By Gale Berke
By David & Laura Cranfill
By Buddy & Judy Fields
By Carol Fields
By the Cletis Fields Family
By Kelly & Betty Fields
By Joyce Oliver
By David & Ronda Robb

In Memory of **Jean Greeson**

By Francis & Lois Snow

In Memory of **Martha Hinshaw**

By Melvin Hinshaw

In Memory of **Dub Hockett**

By Larry & Lynne Causey

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In Memory of **Coy & Ruth McClintock**

By Frances McClintock

In Memory of **Ed McClintock**

By Richard & Beverly Sparkmon

By Phyllis Wicker

In Memory of **Robbie Monnett**

By David & Laura Cranfill

By Larry & Lynne Causey

In Memory of **Travis Norris**

By Allen & Barbie Norris

In Memory of **Dicky Parks**

By Jerry & Karon Monnett

In Memory of **Guy & Ruth Reynolds**

By David & Laura Cranfill

In Memory of **Clem Royal**

By Jerry & Karon Monnett

By Margaret Royal

In Memory of **Bobby Tew**

By Jim & Carol Williams

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

By Larry & Lynne Causey

In Memory of **Tommy Oliver**

By David & Laura Cranfill

In Memory of **Jodi Weatherly**

By Charles & Debra Weatherly

HONORARIUMS: In Honor of **Alice Jones**

By Wayne & Sheila Moser

In Honor of **Ruby Hockett**

By Larry & Lynne Causey

In Honor of **Wayne & Ruby Kirkman**

By Wayne & Sheila Moser

In Honor of **Stacy & Lucille McClintock**

By Wes & Lisa Taylor

In Honor of **Jerry Monnett (80th Bday)**

By David & Laura Cranfill

In Honor of **Jerry & Karon Monnett**

By Larry & Lynne Causey

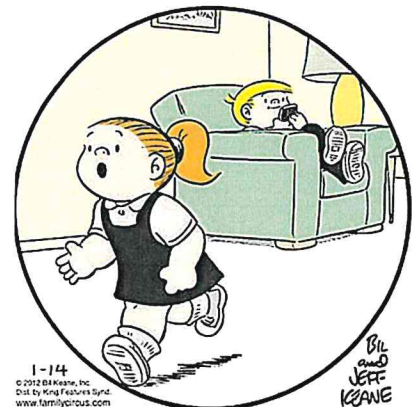


February

2/1 Jerry King
2/2 Jamie O'Daniel
2/4 R. Steve Fields
2/6 Sharon Thornton
2/7 Thomas Bonney
Emily Hinshaw Peters
Cody Routh
Jackie Smith
Bayne & Shayne Welborn
2/9 Bud Lauder
2/10 Todd Berry
2/14 Dean Fields
Rod Waugh
2/15 Laura Cranfill
2/16 Libby Fields
2/18 Taylor Cotie
2/19 Pat Lineberry
2/22 David Cranfill
2/22 Daniel Hinshaw
Wesley Eanes
2/26 Kelly Bowman
Brian Downing
Katie Lauder
2/28 Kelly Dills
Jan Toler

March

3/5 Amanda Cook
Alan Kirkman
3/6 Brooke Townsend
Erika Braddock
3/7 Pam Jones
3/8 Buddy Fields
3/9 Lois Bazhaw
Darlene Coble
David Robb, II
Mike Rivers
3/10 Beverly Fields
Bob Norris
Lucy McClintock
Carlie Suggs
3/11 Suzie Branch
Kimberly Duncan
Teresa Stevens
3/12 Dale Young
3/13 Heather Robb Adams
3/20 Barry Lineberry
3/24 Leo Kirkman
Johnny Riddle
3/25 Jonathan Franklin
Henry Wilkinson
3/26 Caleb Hinshaw
Lindsey Wray
3/27 Wanda Woodford
3/28 Joey Bowman
Lorene Wells
3/29 Susan Coward
3/31 Carlton Johnson
John David (J.D.) Peele



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and
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"Billy says he doesn't hafta go to church anymore 'cause his phone has an app for that!"

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Budget Results for December 2022

\$434,577.63 Total Budget Money Available December 1, 2022

+ 36,203.00 Money Received in December

- 16,037.04 Money Spent in December

\$454,743.59 Money Available December 31, 2022

For the month of December, 2022, the Church Budget received \$20,165.96 more than it spent. For the year, the Church Budget received \$34,568.29 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.

\$104,229.02 MM&RF Money Available December 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	\$ 882.70
Food Pantry	\$ 1,743.22	Handbells	\$ 160.52
Discretionary Fund	\$ 2,129.17	Scholarship-Religion Ed	\$ 1,983.22
Records & History	\$ 581.56	Missions-Undesignated	\$ 17,397.58
UMYF	\$22,257.13	Christmas Shoeboxes	\$ 290.06
Family Ministries	\$ 2,246.77	Cemetery Fund-Maint.	\$ 28,019.15
Helen Grady Endow.	1,292.00	Choir Fund	\$ 345.80
(\$800 History/\$300 CobleCtr/\$192AltarFlowers)		Flowers	\$ 530.50
Brunswick Stew(Care/Nurture)	\$ 189.92	Camp Meeting Fund	\$ 1,160.00
		Misc In/Out (Dunham Estate)	\$ 32,190.25

Total Other Designated Gift Money Available December 31, 2022 \$114,181.43

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

\$50,091.75 **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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