


# JULY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>NOT MEETING IN JULY:</b> <b>Arlene Stokes</b> <b>Bibles &amp; Biscuits</b> <b>Child Care Board</b> <b>UMYF</b>						1
<b>2 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> Peanut Butter & Oatmeal Sunday 9:15AM Sunday School 10AM Worship  <i>Joseph/Vacation</i>	<b>3</b>  Walking Group (Time Varies) Robin/Vacation Joseph/Vacation ~6:30PM Discernment (Parlor)	<b>4 Independence Day</b>  BUMC Child Care Closed Church Office Closed Robin/Vacation Joseph/Vacation	<b>5</b>  Walking Group (Time Varies) Robin/Vacation Joseph/Vacation 6:30PM Exercise (FH)	<b>6</b>  Robin/Vacation Joseph/Vacation	<b>7</b>  Joseph/Vacation	<b>8</b>
<b>9 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:15AM Sunday School 10AM Worship	<b>10</b>  <i>Erica/Vacation</i> Walking Group (Time Varies) ~6:30PM Discernment (Parlor)	<b>11</b> 10AM StoryTime (Child Care) 9-1PM FH & Kit in use (Friend. CI) 11AM Friendly Club (FH) <i>Erica/Vacation</i>	<b>12</b> 9:30-10:30AM Book Mobile @ Child Care (Every 2nd Wed.) Walking Group (Time Varies) <i>Erica/Vacation</i> 6:30PM Exercise (FH)	<b>13</b>  <i>Erica/Vacation</i> 6PM Arbor Clean Up 7PM Trustees (FH)	<b>14</b>  <i>Erica/Vacation</i>	<b>15</b>
<b>16 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:15AM Sunday School 10AM Worship	<b>17</b>  <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> Walking Group (Time Varies) ~6:30PM Discernment (Parlor)	<b>18</b> 10AM StoryTime (Child Care)	<b>19</b>  Walking Group (Time Varies) 6:30PM Exercise (FH) 7PM Choir (Choir Rm.)	<b>20</b> 10AM Children's Chapel (Sanct.) 4PM Children's Chapel (Sanct.)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> Homecoming <b>Camp Meeting Begins</b> 10AM Sunday School 11AM Worship (Arbor) Covered Dish Lunch 	<b>24</b>  <b>Camp Meeting</b> 	<b>25</b>  <b>Camp Meeting</b> 	<b>26</b> <b>Camp Meeting</b> <i>Wonderful Wednesday</i> (Bus leaves at 9:40AM) 2PM Worship (Arbor) 	<b>27</b>  <b>Camp Meeting</b> 	<b>28</b>  <b>Camp Meeting</b> 	<b>29</b>  <b>Camp Meeting</b> 
<b>30 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Camp Meeting Ends</b> 10AM Sunday School 11AM Worship (Arbor) 	<b>31</b> 10AM Admin Staff (Parlor) Walking Group (Time Varies) ~6:30PM Discernment (Parlor) <b>7PM Admin. Council (FH)</b>	<b>1</b>  10AM StoryTime (Child Care)	<b>2</b>  Walking Group (Time Varies) 6:30PM Exercise (FH) 7PM Choir (Choir Rm.)	<b>3</b> 10AM Children's Chapel (Sanct.) 4PM Children's Chapel (Sanct.) 6PM Arbor Clean Out 7PM Trustees (FH)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

## GREETERS:

7/2 Elaine Bowman  
 7/9 Dale & Gloria Austin  
 7/16 Phyllis Wicker  
 7/23 Kim Lopossay & Joyce Oliver  
 7/30 Jane Sneed

## ALTAR FLOWERS:

7/2 OPEN  
 7/9 Dale & Gloria Austin  
 7/16 OPEN  
 7/23 OPEN  
 7/30 Gail Williams

## ACOLYTES:

7/2 Bradon Evans-Reid  
 7/9 Ashton Evans-Reid  
 7/16 Maysa Downing  
 7/23 Camp Meeting  
 7/30 Camp Meeting

## JULY USHERS:

David Fields  
 Todd Garrett  
 Bud Launder  
 Barry Norris

## JULY OPENER:

Alice Jones

## JULY CLOSER:

Byron & Phyllis Dahl

**NOTES:** Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 2-7PM Blood Drive will be held in the Big Red Bus.



# THE CHALLENGE

## Bethlehem United Methodist Church

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July 2023

*I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."*

Psalm 122:1

Nestled in a grove of oak trees in the southeastern part of Fentress Township, Guilford County, on Highway 22 in Climax, NC, is located Bethlehem United Methodist Church where Camp Meeting began in 1954 [sic] and has been conducted annually since that time. The main part of the present arbor was built in 1878 to replace the one which had burned. Camp Meeting originally was held in October; later changed to the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in August; still later, because of early school openings, was changed to the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in July. It rightfully remains important to the religious history of the community and the surrounding areas.

At one time, eighteen wooden tents surrounded the hand-hewn log arbor. They provided meager accommodations. Details cannot be covered in this brief account. How would you enjoy sleeping on a mattress of straw covered with a sheet? Would you like to carry your drinking water from a spring some distance away?

These were times when the family came together to worship. They took their religion seriously: prayer meeting before breakfast, at nine o'clock, before the afternoon service and the evening service. Everyone did not attend all the prayer times, but many attended two or more. Several preachers attended and had many services; three different preachers brought the daily messages.

Time gave way to the T Model Ford; the Tents began to dwindle; many of the tents were torn down, and in 1960 eight block tents were built. Now some people bring their modern campers. The Tents now enjoy modern conveniences. In 1967 "An Old Time Hymn Sing" was instituted on Saturday evening. This has been a place of worship for 145 years and in 1988 it was declared a Historic Property in Guilford County.

We hope that each of you may reclaim God's presence in your life, that you will reverence this hallowed ground as it has been dedicated to loving service of our Lord and to our fellow man. We trust He will continue to bless His people in the years to come as they continue to worship Him in truth and love.

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From: A Brief History of Bethlehem United Methodist Church Camp Meeting, Circa 1999.

Let us not give up meeting together, as some as in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the day approaching.

Hebrews 10:25



We kick off Camp Meeting 2023 with Homecoming & Lunch on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>!

Sunday School on July 23<sup>rd</sup> & July 31<sup>st</sup> – 10AM

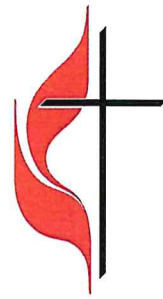
Worship on July 23<sup>rd</sup> & July 31<sup>st</sup> – 11AM

Camp Meeting Services (under the arbor) July 23<sup>rd</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup>, July 25<sup>th</sup>, July 26<sup>th</sup>, July 27<sup>th</sup>, & July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM AND Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 2PM.

Prayer meeting nightly (Sunshine Rm.) at 7PM.

Ice Cream Social on Sat., July 29<sup>th</sup> at 7PM with Music Service  
to follow (under the arbor) at 7:30PM.

Camp Meeting ends on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> with our 11AM service under the arbor.



**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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## CHURCH OFFICE

Here are a few reminders from the Church Office:

- Robin will be on vacation from Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> through Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. She will return to the office on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The deadline for the August newsletter is **Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**. It is most helpful if you email your newsletter items (word documents preferred) to the Church Office at [bethumcclimax@gmail.com](mailto: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 July meeting is Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 10AM.)**
- **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.

Thank you all for everything you do!

Blessings, Robin

### BIBLES & BISCUITS

#### Men's Bible Study

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

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

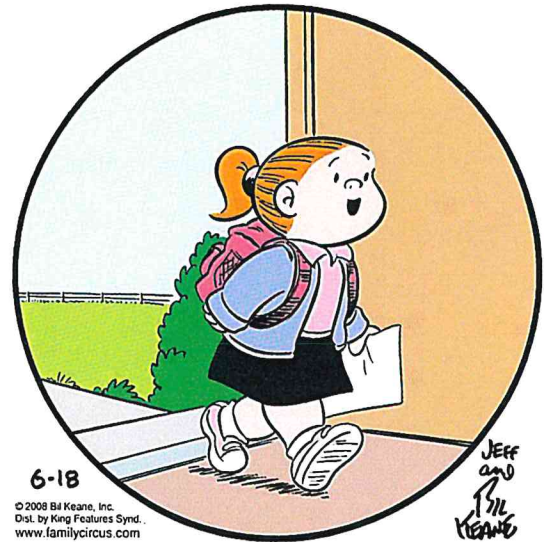
### EXERCISE CLASS

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 [laurenstarr22@gmail.com](mailto:laurenstarr22@gmail.com) **NO CLASS DURING CAMP MEETING WEEK.**



## HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

Have a Happy and safe Fourth! Reminder ... the **Church Office and BUMC's Child Care will be closed on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>!**



**"Today we learned all about the Decoration of Independence."**

## MEETINGS/EVENTS REMINDERS

- **ARBOR CLEAN UP** is Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.
- **TRUSTEES** will meet on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the Fellowship Hall.
- **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL** Will meet for regular business on Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 7PM in Fellowship Hall.
- **ARBOR CLEAN OUT** is Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6PM.

### FIREWORKS: FUN FOR HUMANS

## SCARY FOR PETS

- Tag and microchip your pets!
- Create a safe haven for your pets in a secure, cozy part of your house.
- Turn on the TV or music to mask firework sounds.
- If needed, see your veterinarian for medication options.

*\* It is also recommended to take clear photos of your pet in case they get lost.*



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## Bethlehem UMC Blood Drive



**August 8<sup>th</sup> from 2-7 pm**

Clipboard will be circulated to sign up  
as well as online

**Hope to see you there!**



### **Those in Need of Prayer:**

Gale Berke  
Shirley Coble  
Cory Fields  
Kelsey Garrett  
Lanny & Janey Moore  
Lorrie Roth  
Francis Snow  
Frank & Julia Willis  
Our Homebound & Shut-ins



## ***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 **Robin Bunton** (on her birthday)  
By Jerry & Karon Monnett

In Honor of **My Family**  
By Phala Garrett

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

In Honor of **Johnny & Barbara Riddle** (on their anniversary)  
By Gene & Vickie Flinchum

In Honor of **Braxton & Colton Wall**  
By Wayne & Sheila Moser

### **MEMORIALS**

In Memory of **Ruby Hockett**  
By Martha T. Amick  
By Linda Duncan, Kim & Cindy  
By Gene & Vickie Flinchum  
By Christian Friendship SS Class

In Memory of **Wayne Kirkman**

By Timothy & Shasta Bates  
By Jane Chamelin  
By Betty Jo Chandler  
By Byron & Phyllis Dahl  
By Linda Duncan, Kim & Cindy  
By Buddy & Judy Fields  
By Carol Fields  
By Steve & Cindy Fields  
By The Parks Fields Family  
By Gene & Vickie Flinchum  
By Shirley Hackett  
By The Rayle Family  
By Dell & John Wayne Riggins, Jr.  
By David & Ronda Robb  
By Jean M. Ross  
By Kenny & Lynn Thacker  
By the Ed McClintock Family  
By Wayne & Sheila Moser  
By Bill & Gail O'Connell  
By Jackie Smith  
By Jim Smith  
By Samuel & Glenda Weatherly  
By Jane Williams  
By Frank & Julia Willis

In Memory of **Ed McClintock**  
By Gene & Vickie Flinchum

In Memory of **Clem Royal**  
By Margaret Royal

In Memory of **Margaret Elaine Sherron**  
By Friendly Club

In Memory of **Sandy Still**  
By Melvin & Karen Hinshaw





<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
7/2 John Steve Fields	8/1 Arnold Ingold
7/3 Ashley McClintock	8/2 Linda Duncan
7/4 Michael Brady	8/3 Greg Wicker
Ronda Robb	Paden O'Daniel
7/5 David Robb	8/6 Shea Welborn
7/6 Evonne Parks	Abbey Windsor
7/7 Melvin Hinshaw	8/10 Gerry Moody
7/10 Becky Windsor	8/11 Julia Willis
Lauren Cordial	Dale Windsor
7/11 Quart Fulk	8/15 Kenneth Fields
Ritchie Robb	8/16 Mike Harris
7/12 Rachel Wilkinson	8/18 Randy Curtis
7/15 Susan Schmidly	8/23 Jackie Cook
7/18 Riley Christie	8/24 Robbie McClintock
7/19 Ally Fields Shuford	Brad Wicker
7/21 Doris Reynolds	8/26 Sawyer Edwards
7/23 Benjamin Windsor	Michael Garrett
7/25 Tina Hinshaw	8/28 Kylie Russell
7/29 Merinda Wilkinson	8/29 Jeremy Coble
7/30 Debbie Brady	8/31 Lynn Haywood
Sandie Harris	Joyce Ingold
Taylor Wray	Ruth Rowland
7/31 Abigail Coble	
Maysa Downing	
Emily Robb	



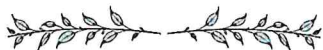
**Thank You!**

*From the Family of Wayne Kirkman:*

*We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love we have received during Ruby's and Wayne's illnesses and injuries and since Wayne's passing.*

*We appreciate all who brought meals, called, texted, sent cards, came to visit at home or in the hospital, and prayed for us. We are humbled by your care and compassion.*

*Thank you for your continued prayers for our family.*



*On behalf of the Young-at-Heart Class, thank you all for participating in the Special Mother's Day and Special Father's Day Bulletins this year.*

*A portion of the money collected from these bulletins was used to provide altar flowers on Mother's Day and again on Father's Day. It was all of you – the Bethlehem Family, who made this possible through your participation in these special bulletins.*

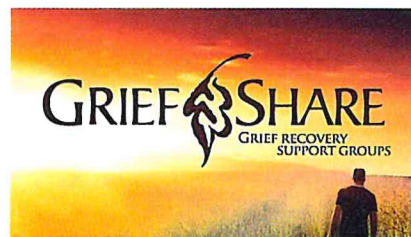
*Thank you all again!  
The Young-at-Heart Class*

**JUST FOR FUN ...**

## Books of the Bible Word Scramble

1.	svrbproe	
2.	ervleaoit	
3.	smtletanaoni	
4.	omrnas	
5.	gnsesie	
6.	bwserhe	
7.	eouxsd	
8.	haeos	
9.	snaaltagi	
10.	ojnha	
11.	eudtermooy	
12.	rcahahezi	
13.	nbuesmr	
14.	nsppailiiph	
15.	seiephans	
16.	oieplmnh	
17.	eihemjra	
18.	eugjds	
19.	hobaaid	
20.	hrtsee	

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*Coming in September...*

*Griefshare will begin September 12<sup>th</sup> (2-4PM) and will run for 13 weeks.*





# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

## Budget Results for May 2023

\$500,280.12 Total Budget Money Available May 1, 2023

+ 27,292.49 Money Received in May

- 27,331.88 Money Spent in May

\$500,240.73 Money Available May 31, 2023

For the month of May, 2023, the Church Budget spent \$39.39 more than it received. For the year, the Church Budget received \$45,497.14 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.

\$73,606.71 MM&RF Money Available May 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	\$ 2,094.17	Scholarship-Religion Ed	\$ 1,983.22
Records & History	\$ 581.56	Missions-Undesignated	\$ 19,123.43
UMYF	\$24,097.13	Christmas Shoeboxes	\$ 290.06
Family Ministries	\$ 3,966.77	Cemetery Fund-Maint.	\$ 27,831.65
Helen Grady Endow.	\$ 907.00	Choir Fund	\$ 196.26
(\$800 History/\$107AltarFlowers)		Flowers	\$ 521.50
Brunswick Stew(Care/Nurture)	\$ 189.92	Camp Meeting Fund	\$ 1,205.00

Total Other Designated Gift Money Available May 31, 2023 \$86,475.99

## \$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 May 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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