







JUNE 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 Communion, Trinity Sunday Pecanut Butter & Oatmeal Sun. 9:15AM SS 10AM Worship 11-5PM FH & Kit in use (Fam. Event)  5PM UMYF (Youth Room)	5 Walking Group (Time Varies)	6 10AM StoryTime (Child Care)	7 Walking Group (Time Varies) 5:30PM Confirmation Class 6:30PM Child Care Board (Sunshine Room) 6:30PM Exercise (FH) 7PM Choir (Choir Room)	8 4PM Children's Chapel (Sanctuary) 7PM Trustees (FH)	9	10 3 8AM Bibles & Biscuits, Men's Bible Study (Climax Fire #35) 12 noon-6PM FH & Kit in use (Child Care Grad. Prep.) 3PM Child Care Grad. (FH/Kit.)
11 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Secret Poi Reveal FATHER'S DAY BULLETIN DEADLINE 9:15AM SS 10AM Worship Secret Poi Reveal Reception Follows Worship (FH in use 10-12 noon) 5PM UMYF (Youth Room)	12 Walking Group (Time Varies) ~6:30PM Discernment Team (Parlor)	13 10AM StoryTime (Child Care) 9-1PM FH & Kit in use (Friend. Club prep) 11AM Friendly Club (FH)	14 9:30-10:30AM Book Mobile at Child Care (every 2nd Tues.) Walking Group (Time Varies)  5:30PM Confirmation Class 6:30PM Exercise (FH) 7PM Choir (Choir Room)	15 10AM Children's Chapel (Sanctuary) 4PM Children's Chapel (Sanctuary)	16	17
18 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day 9:15AM SS 10AM Worship  5PM UMYF (Youth Room)	19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Walking Group (Time Varies) ~6:30PM Discernment Team (Parlor)	20 10AM StoryTime (Child Care)	21 VBS 5:30pm Meal 6:30PM Classes Walking Group (Time Varies)  5:30PM Confirm. Class 7PM Choir (Choir Room)	22 VBS 5:30pm Meal 6:30PM Classes	23 VBS 5:30pm Meal 6:30PM Classes	24
25 4th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15AM SS 10AM Worship 5PM UMYF (Youth Room)	26 10AM Admin Staff (Parlor) 10:30AM Arlene Stokes (Young-at-Heart Rm) Walking Group (Time Varies) ~6:30PM Discernment Team (Parlor)	27 10AM StoryTime (Child Care)	28 WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY Bus leaves at 9:40AM Walking Group (Time Varies)  Bus in Use 5:30PM Confirmation Class 6:30PM Exercise (FH) 7PM Choir (Choir Room)	29	30	1 8AM Bibles & Biscuits, Men's Bible Study (Climax Fire #35) 

GREETERS:	ALTAR FLOWERS:	ACOLYTES:	JUNE USHERS:	JUNE OPENERS:	JUNE CLOSER:
6/4 Debbie Waugh	6/4 Caleb, Kristen & Emerson	6/4 Ashton Evans-Reid	David Allen	Kim Faircloth (6/4 & 6/11)	Phyllis Wicker
6/11 Elaine Bowman	6/11 Johnny & Barbara Riddle	6/11 Maysa Downing	Byron Dohi	Jerry Monnett (6/18 & 6/25)	
6/18 Byron & Phyllis Dahl	6/18 BUMC Family	6/18 Braxton Wall	Doug Garrett		
6/25 Jane Sneed	6/25 OPEN	6/25 Quart Fulk	Deji Williams		

NOTES:

THE CHALLENGE

Bethlehem United Methodist Church

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From the Pastor's Desk...

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up..."

I Thessalonians 5:11 NIV

It is truly hard to believe that we are already here...the sixth month of the year for 2023; yes, it is already June. It is hard to believe, or grasp, how time can fly by; interestingly it feels like it gets faster all the time. Speaking of time, I better get back on track.

This sixth month of the year, June itself, is an interesting time - the halfway point of the year containing the longest (Northern Hemisphere) and shortest days (Southern Hemisphere) of the year. Its birthstone(s) include pearl, moonstone, and alexandrite; the flowers for June are rose and honeysuckle. But one fact of interest about June happens on June 1st: *Say Something Nice Day*.

After thinking about it, that sounds cool, an awesome idea to remind us that something so small, or insignificant to some, can be so life-changing; or at least the opportunity to better someone's day. For example, Elaine and I had the blessed opportunity to stop by and grab some coffee one morning and after placing our order and paying our bill, the young lady approached us very apologetically, "I am so sorry. We are out of what you ordered..."

"That's fine," I said. "I'll just have something else." Nothing major on our behalf, but she looked stunned and explained that she appreciated the kindness and understanding. She then said something to the effect of, "...people are not nice anymore, kind of hateful...". Then she smiled and appeared like it was a new day or at least going to be a better day.

After reading this verse in *I Thessalonians 5:11* and coming across this awesome day on June 1st, it was like "Wow" What a sweet reminder of how important it is to encourage, build each other up, and be a vessel of God's love. These small acts are the building blocks of day-changing or even life-changing moments to bless others as we have been blessed, or as Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you (*John 13:34*)."

We do live in a time, a place, and a world where we, even in our climate of polarizing thoughts, feelings, views, etc., need to express words, thoughts, and actions that build up and encourage instead of tearing down; by doing so it gives us a place to minister and truly bring God's love that transforms.

Have a Blessed and Beautiful beginning to your summer.

God's Grace and Peace be with you and yours.

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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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, you will need to enter through another door. Once inside, please let the church office know you are in the building.
- The deadline for the July newsletter is **Monday, June 19th**. 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 June meeting is Monday, June 26th at 10AM.)**

Thank you all for everything you do!

Blessings, Robin



Bibles & Biscuits (Men's Bible Study)



Saturday, June 3rd at 8AM

Meets monthly on the 1st Sat. at Climax Fire Stat. #35.



EXERCISE CLASS

Lauren Haywood will teach classes in the fellowship hall each Wed. from 6:30–7:30 pm. Open to all fitness levels. Classes will include dance, strength training, stretching, and all exercises can be done from a chair if needed. Bring water, light weights, and a yoga mat or towel. Cost is \$5 per class or \$20 for 5 classes. Questions – contact Londa Parks at 336-402-0205.





Secret Pal Reveal

Sunday, June 11th

Cake & Punch Reception
in the Fellowship Hall
will follow worship.







JOIN US FOR BETHLEHEM UMC'S VBS 2023

JUNE 21-23

MEAL: 5:30PM

VBS BEGINS AT 6:30

**PLEASE PRE-REGISTER
BY JUNE 18**






SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY BULLETIN

\$5/name. Envelopes are available in Sunday School classes, on either end of the altar, and at each entrance. Turn envelopes in to Phyllis Wicker or Judy Fields by **Sunday, June 11th**. Make checks payable to Young-at-Heart SS Class.

This year, the June 18th altar flowers will be given to the *Glory of God* and in honor/memory of our fathers **given BY YOU, the donors**, with all other profit going to the Young-at-Heart treasury.

Thanks for your participation in this project!



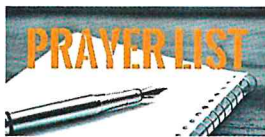


Happy Father's Day

The father of the righteous will
greatly rejoice;
he who fathers a wise son will
be glad in him.

PROVERBS 23:24

<http://clipart-library.com/christian-father-cliparts.html>



Those in Need of Prayer:

Cory Fields
 Jerry Flinchum
 Kelsey Garrett
 Ruby Kirkman
 Clarence & Lucille McClintock
 Johnny & Donald Rose McGhee
 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 **Susan Coward**
 By David & Laura Cranfill

In Honor of **Kelly Dills**
 By Wayne & Sheila Moser

In Honor of **Kelly & Betty Fields**
 By Jerry & Karon Monnett (2 gifts)

In Honor of **Elaine Fulk**
 By Wayne & Sheila Moser

In Honor of **Pastor Joseph Fulk, III**
 By David & Laura Cranfill

In Honor of **Sarah Hinshaw**
 By Wayne & Sheila Moser

In Honor of **Wayne & Ruby Kirkman**
 By Wayne & Sheila Moser

In Honor of **Karon Monnett**
 By Wayne & Sheila Moser

In Honor of **Jerry & Karon Monnett**
 By Wayne & Phyllis Alley

In Honor of **Johnny & Barbara Riddle**
 By Wayne & Phyllis Alley

MEMORIALS

In Memory of **Mike Childress**
 By Linda Duncan, Kim & Cindy

In Memory of **Helen Faircloth**
 By Kim Faircloth

In Memory of **Lucy Jennings**
 By Phala Garrett

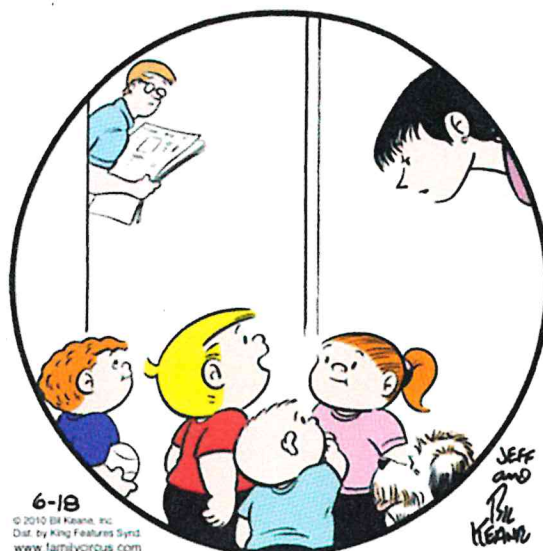
In Memory of **Ruby Hockett**
 By Wayne & Phyllis Alley
 By Carol Fields
 By Leo & Doris Kirkman

In Memory of **Wayne Kirkman**
 By David & Laura Cranfill
 By Phala Garrett
 By Melvin & Karen Hinshaw
 By Jerry & Karon Monnett
 By Evonne Parks
 By Margaret Royal

In Memory of **Dicky & Keith Parks**
 By Evonne Parks

Those Who Have Given Their Lives for us to enjoy freedoms.
 By Jane Williams

In Memory of **A.C. & Bette Weatherly**
 By Jerry & Karon Monnett



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"We voted and on Father's Day Daddy gets to play with us ALL DAY!"

Birthdays

	June		July
6/1	Judy Fields	7/2	John Steve Fields
	David Peele	7/3	Ashley McClintock
6/2	Asher Garrett	7/4	Michael Brady
6/4	Robin Bunton		Ronda Robb
	Betty Fields	7/5	David Robb
	Alan Thornton	7/6	Evonne Parks
	Jenahlee Young	7/7	Melvin Hinshaw
6/6	Sid Fields	7/10	Becky Windsor
	Marguerite Fields		Lauren Cordial
	Amanda Fields	7/11	Quart Fulk
6/9	Chad Garrett		Ritchie Robb
	Joyce King	7/12	Rachel Wilkinson
6/10	Sherri Bowman	7/15	Susan Schmidly
6/12	Margaret Royal	7/18	Riley Christie
6/13	Doug Nance	7/19	Ally Fields Shuford
6/14	Phillip Jones	7/21	Doris Reynolds
	Deena King	7/23	Benjamin Windsor
	Dale Austin	7/25	Tina Hinshaw
6/17	Glenn Getner	7/29	Stephanie Nance
6/20	Michelle Hinshaw		Merinda Wilkinson
	Reagan Owens	7/30	Debbie Brady
6/21	Carol Fields		Sandie Harris
	Cindy Fields		Taylor Wray
	Jennifer Young	7/31	Abigail Coble
6/22	Brenda Fields		Maysa Downing
6/23	Fran Getner		Emily Robb
	Craig McClintock		
6/26	Jonah Owens		
6/28	Kennedy Waugh Pavatt		



How to Plant Your Garden

First, you come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses.

Then plant three rows of peas: Peace of mind, peace of heart, and peace of soul.

Next plant four rows of squash: squash gossip, squash indifference, squash grumbling, and squash selfishness.

You will want to plant four rows of lettuce: lettuce be faithful, lettuce be kind, lettuce be patient, and lettuce really love one another.

And remember, no garden is without turnips: turnip for meetings, turnip for service, and turnip to help one another.

Finally include thyme: thyme for God, thyme for each other, thyme for family, and thyme for friends.

Be sure to include all these in your garden and you will discover the secret to true happiness.

Thompson, John. *Charity & Children: Kennedy Home Alumni Column*. May 2023, p.11.

Just for Fun...

SUMMER FUN

Word Search Puzzle



W A T E R P A R K V A C A T I O N
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BAREFOOT	FISHING	PICNIC
BASEBALL	FLIP FLOPS	POPSICLE
BEACH	FRIENDS	ROAD TRIP
BICYCLE	FRISBEE	SPRINKLERS
CAMPING	GAMES	SUNSHINE
COOKOUT	ICE CREAM	SWIMMING
FAIRGROUND	LEMONADE	VACATION
FIREWORKS	OUTDOORS	WATER PARK



COMING NEXT MONTH!!!

Homecoming Sunday, July 23rd



Camp Meeting Sun., July 23rd - Sun., July 30th

Stay tuned for more information ...



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Budget Results for April 2023

\$491,980.36 Total Budget Money Available April 1, 2023

+ 28,149.62 Money Received in April

- 19,849.86 Money Spent in April

\$500,280.12 Money Available April 30, 2023

For the month of April, 2023, the Church Budget received \$8,299.76 more than it spent. For the year, the Church Budget received \$45,536.53 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.

\$72,086.71 MM&RF Money Available April 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	\$ 2,144.17	Scholarship-Religion Ed	\$ 1,983.22
Records & History	\$ 581.56	Missions-Undesignated	\$ 18,228.43
UMYF	\$23,457.13	Christmas Shoeboxes	\$ 290.06
Family Ministries	\$ 3,366.77	Cemetery Fund-Maint.	\$ 28,079.15
Helen Grady Endow.	\$ 907.00	Choir Fund	\$ 196.26
(\$800 History/\$192AltarFlowers)		Flowers	\$ 571.50
Brunswick Stew(Care/Nurture)	\$ 189.92	Camp Meeting Fund	\$ 1,160.00
Heifer Collection	\$ 1,035.54		

Total Other Designated Gift Money Available April 30, 2023 \$85,679.03

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

\$54,695.82 **Helen Grady Endowment Fund**

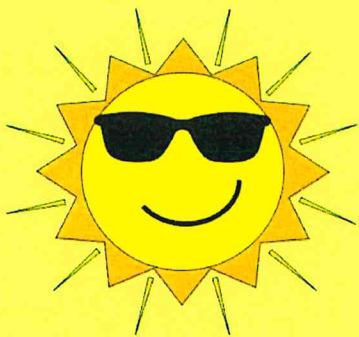
The money was donated to our church from the estate of Helen Grady in 2007 to be used for improvements to the church, community, or the development of an individual. The money is at the United Methodist Foundation of WNC, Inc. and the amount that can be spent annually is 5% of the last three (3) years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

Frank Willis, Stewardship Ministry Chair

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Song Of Summer

Poet: Mary Mapes Dodge

Up in the tree top, down in the ground,
High in the blue sky, far, all around, -
Nearby and everywhere creatures are living,
God in his bounty something is giving.

Up in the tree top, down in the ground,
High in the blue sky, far, all around, -
Nearby and everywhere creatures are striving,
Labor is surely the price of their thriving.

Up in the tree top, down in the ground,
High in the blue sky, far, all around, -
Nearby and everywhere, singing and humming,
Busily, joyfully. Summer is coming!

