

THE CHALLENGE

Bethlehem Methodist Church

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From the Pastor's Desk

*There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:*

*a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

God be with You,
Pastor Joseph, III

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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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STEWARDSHIP REPORT-April 2024

Budget – Revenues & Expenses

\$510,919.28 Total Budget's Fund Balance as of April 1, 2024,
+ 32,443.79 Money Received in April
- 18,818.71 Money Spent in April
\$524,544.36 Budget's Fund Balance as of April 30, 2024

For the month of April, 2024, the Church Budget received \$13,625.08 more than it spent. For the year, the Church Budget spent \$8,731.41 more than it received.

Designated Gifts

Disaffiliation Loan Repayment—The church council voted unanimously on October 22, 2023, to borrow the money needed to pay our disaffiliation expenses from the Designated Gifts Collective Fund Balance. The conference notified us on November 15, 2023, the disaffiliation amount was \$78,485.33.

<\$16,816.51> Disaffiliation Loan Balance April 1, 2024
+ 2,710.00 Money Received from Individuals in April
+ 1,606.79 Money Received from Fund Raisers in April
+ 100.00 Money Received from Other Sources in April (Sunshine SS Class)
<\$12,399.72> Disaffiliation Loan Balance April 30, 2024

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.

\$85,156.91 MM&RF Money Available April 30, 2024

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	\$1,274.82	Handbells	\$160.52
Discretionary Fund	\$1,077.02	Scholarship-Religion Ed	\$1,983.22
Records & History	\$581.56	Missions-Undesignated	\$19,728.29
MYF	\$24,732.82	Christmas Shoeboxes	\$290.06
Family Ministries	\$4,893.47	Cemetery Fund-Maint.	\$30,247.83
Helen Grady Endow. (\$800 History, \$1776.43 kitchen)	\$2,576.43	Choir Fund	\$286.26
Brunswick Stew(Care/Nurture	\$189.92	Flowers	\$306.00
Brunswick Stew	\$135.96	Camp Meeting Fund	\$20.00
Heifer Collection	\$ 806.83	Misc In/Out (R.Bunton))	\$220.00

Total Other Designated Gifts \$90,903.67

Total Designated Gifts Collective Fund Balance as of April 30, 2024 \$163,660.86

Trust Funds

\$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 principle (donations) cannot be spent but the interest earned on the principle can be spent for the care and upkeep of the cemetery. The Perpetual Care Cemetery Fund was capped as of September 17, 2016 by the Church Council and is no longer taking donations.

\$60,566.12 **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.²

Frank Willis, Stewardship Ministry Chair



Exercise Class Held at Bethlehem Methodist Church

Exercise classes will continue to be held on *Wednesdays only* from 6:30 – 7:30 PM in the church fellowship hall. It's open to ALL fitness levels. Bring bottled water, light weights (optional) & sweat towel. New members WELCOME!

\$5 per class or \$20 per 5 classes. Questions – Contact Lauren (336)686-4192 or laurenmstarr22@gmail.com.

Wednesdays: Modified / low impact dance sculpt. Light weights are optional. Bring a bottled water.



SECRET PAL REVEAL SUNDAY

Students and sponsors part of Bethlehem's Secret Pal Program will do a sponsor reveal on **Sunday, June 9th, 2024** during the 10AM worship service. A reception with snacks will follow in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship for students and their secret pals. Any questions please contact Fran Getner at 336-685-2086.



FRIENDLY CLUB MEETING

Friendly Club meets on **Tuesday, June 11th**. We will be boarding the bus and leaving the parking lot at 10:30 am for a tasty lunch at Franklinville Diner located at 159 W Main St in downtown Franklinville. A ***BIG SHOUTOUT*** goes to Helen Waugh, who has graciously invited us to tour her residence, art studio and gardens after lunch. Join us in June for a fun trip with good food and good fellowship!



GOOD NEWS!

Our Blessing Box is now in place. You may donate money to the Food Pantry or donate nonperishable items. Canned and boxed food. Nothing that will melt in the summer heat. Please no junk food or outdated items. Please put your donations in the Conference Room. We would like this to be a place where our neighbors in need can help themselves. Thank you Church Family and to God be the Glory.

-Bethlehem Mission Team





Father's Day Bulletins

The Young-at-Heart Class is presently preparing a special bulletin to honor and remember our Fathers on Father's Day, June 16th. Father's names are \$5.00 each, with checks payable to the Young-at-Heart Class. Envelopes may be found in each Sunday School Class, the little library, and at each entrance. Please give your completed envelope (each entry in a separate envelope please) to Phyllis Wicker or Judy Fields. Deadline for Father's Day entries is **Sunday, June 9th**. The class wishes to thank you for your participation in these projects.



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! 

Children's Church will be starting up soon and we need volunteers to teach. Sign up via the clipboard at the front office or via [SignUpGenius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com) under bethumcclimax@gmail.com Children's Church.  **STARTING MAY 19TH** 

BIBLES & BISCUITS  

SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST @ 8AM
At Climax Fire Station #35



Those in Need of Prayer

Active Duty Military
Phyllis Alley
The Family of Emmett VanNess
Cory Fields
Kelsey Garrett
Carlie Hanner
Melvin Hinshaw
Donald Jacobs
Clyde Land
Bud Lauder
Bob & Rose Marshall
MSGT Ryan Osborne
Sammy Wall
Frank 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. Bethlehem Church gratefully acknowledges each gift received.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of **Joyce Oliver**

By Deloras Barwick

By Mary Elliott

By Linda Duncan

By Jane Williams

By The Friendly Club

In Memory of **Rodney Golden**

By David Sillmon

By Carol Fields

By Darlene Coble

In Memory of **Jodi Weatherly (x4)**

By Bob Weatherly

In Memory of **Clem Royal (x2)**

By Margaret Royal

In Memory of **Helen Marie Hodges Faircloth**

By Kim Faircloth

In Memory of **Bill & Doris Hockett**

By David & Laura Cranfill

In Memory of **Peggy Bowman**

By Gail Bowman

In Memory of **Lucy Jennings**

By Phala Garrett

In memory of **Mildred Moser**

By Wayne & Sheila Moser

In Memory of **Earl Fields**

By Faye Fields

By Denny & Julie Spencer

In Memory of **Everette Smith**

By Faye Fields

In Memory of **Addie Fields**

By Faye Fields

In Memory of **Jim Evans**

By Frank & Julia Willis

By Denny & Julie Spencer

In Memory of **Raeferd Fields**

By Jeff & Allison Eanes

In Memory of **Peggy Bowman**

By Gale Berke

In Memory of **Guy & Ruth Reynolds**

By David & Laura Cranfill

In Memory of **Earnest Spencer**

By Denny & Julie Spencer

In Memory of **Rev. Joseph Fulk, Jr.**

By David & Laura Cranfill

In Memory of **Bette Weatherly & Irene Monnett**

By Jerry & Karon Monnett

In Memory of **Wade Lopossay**

By Kim Lopossay

In Memory of **Bill & Bobby Waugh**

By Helen Waugh

HONORARIUMS

In Honor of **BMC Missions Team**

By Leo Kirkman

In Honor of **Greg & Shannon Wicker; Robert & Kylie Russell**

By Sheila & Wayne Moser

In Honor of **Lucille McClintock**

By Angie Routh

In Honor of **Denny Spencer**

By Layne, Madigan, & Maysa Downing; & Kylie Russell



June

6/1 Judy Fields
David Peele
6/2 Asher Garrett
6/4 Betty Fields
Alan Thorton
Jenahlee Young
6/6 Sid Fields
Marguerite Fields
Amanda Fields
6/9 Chad Garrett
Joyce King
6/10 Sherri Bowman
6/12 Margaret Royal
6/13 Doug Nance
6/14 Phillip Jones
Deena King
Dale Austin
6/17 Glen Getner
6/20 Michelle Hinshaw
Reagan Owens
6/21 Carol Fields
Cindy Fields
Jennifer Young
6/22 Brenda Fields
6/23 Fran Getner
Craig McClintock
6/26 Jonah Owens
6/28 Kennedy Waugh Pavatt

July

7/2 John Steve Fields
7/3 Ashley McClintock
7/4 Micheal Brady
Ronda Robb
7/5 David Robb
7/6 Evonne Parks
7/7 Melvin Hinshaw
7/10 Becky Windsor
Lauren Cordial
7/11 Quart Fulk
Ritchie Robb
7/12 Rachel Wilkinson
7/13 Jason Fields
7/18 Riley Christie
7/19 Ally Fields Shuford
7/21 Doris Reynolds
7/23 Benjamin Windsor
7/25 Tina Hinshaw
7/29 Merinda Wilkinson
7/30 Debbie Brady
Sandie Harris
Taylor Wray
7/31 Abigail Coble
Maysa Downing
Emily Robb



May 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 8AM Bibles & Biscuits @ Climax Fire #35 1PM Colton's Birthday
2 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Communion 9:15AM SS 10AM Worship 1PM Family Reunion (FH) 5PM Sen. Youth (Sr. Youth Room)	3 Walking Group (Time Varies)	4 10AM StoryTime (Lib.)	5 Walking Group (Time Varies) 6:30PM Exercise (FH) 7PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)	6 10AM Child. Chapel (Sanct.) 4PM Child. Chapel (Sanct.) 7PM Trustees (FH)	7	8
9 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day Bulletin Deadline! SECRET PALS REVEAL 9:15AM SS 10AM Worship 5PM Sen. Youth (Sr. Youth Rm.)	10 Walking Group (Time Varies)	11 10AM StoryTime (Lib.) 11AM Friendly Club (Franklinville Diner)  Bus in Use	12 9:30-10:30AM Bookmobile (Childcare) Walking Group (Time Varies) 6:30PM Exercise (FH) 7PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)	13	14	15
16 4th Sunday after Pentecost Special Father's Day Bulletin 9:15AM SS 10AM Worship 5PM Sen. Youth (Sr. Youth Room)	17 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Walking Group (Time Varies)	18 10AM StoryTime (Lib.)	19 Walking Group (Time Varies) 6:30PM Exercise (FH) 7PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)	20 Annual Conference (Winston) 10AM Child. Chapel (Sanct.) 4PM Child. Chapel (Sanct.)	21 Annual Conference (Winston)	22 Annual Conference (Winston)
23 5th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15AM SS 10AM Worship 5PM Sen. Youth (Sr. Youth Room)	24 10AM Paid Staff Meeting (parlor) 10:30AM Arlene Stokes (Young-at-Heart) Walking Group (Time Varies) 6PM Vacation Bible School	25 10AM StoryTime (Lib.) 6PM Vacation Bible School	26 Wonderful Wednesday (Bus leaves at 9:40AM) Walking Group (Time Varies)  Bus in Use 6Pm Vacation Bible School 6:30PM Exercise (FH) 7PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)	27	28	29
30 6th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15AM SS 10AM Worship 5PM Sen. Youth (Sr. Youth Rm.)	1 July					

GREETERS:

6/2 Susan Coward
 6/9 Aubrey & Magra
 6/16 Byron & Phyllis Dahl
 6/23 Wayne & Phyllis Alley
 6/30 Pat Waugh

Notes: _____

ALTAR FLOWERS:

6/2 Kelly Dills
 6/9 Darlene Coble
 6/16 Byron & Phyllis Dahl
 6/23 OPEN
 6/30 OPEN

ACOLYTES:

6/2 Maysa Downing
 6/9 Braxton Wall
 6/16 Quart Fulk
 6/23 Bradon Allen
 6/30 Ashton Allen

USHERS:

David Allen
 Byron Dahl
 Doug Garrett
 Desi Williams

JUNE OPENER:

OPEN

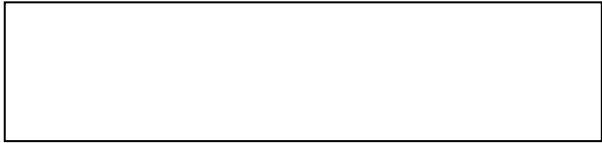
JUNE CLOSER:

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