

THE CHALLENGE

Bethlehem Methodist Church

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SPECIAL VETERANS' DAY BULLETIN

The Young-at-Heart Sunday School Class is preparing a special bulletin to honor/ memorialize our Veterans on Sunday, November 9. Donations are \$5 per name.

Special envelopes are available in each Sunday School Class, each entry of the Church, and the Little Library beginning Sunday, October 12 through Sunday, November 2. Checks should be made to the Young-at-Heart class with VETERANS in the memo line. Please give your entries to Judy Fields or Phyllis Wicker.

As always, we thank you for your support of our projects which enables the class to donate to many community needs!



Reminder:

During our time of transition, should the need for pastoral care arise, please contact Denny Spencer, chair SPRC, at 336 706-9923, or the church office and arrangements will be made to have a neighboring Pastor assist you with your needs.



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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bethlehemmethodist.org

STEWARDSHIP REPORT-August 2025

Budget – Revenues & Expenses

\$637,713.18 Total Budget's Fund Balance as of August 1, 2025

+ 27,789.31 Money Received in August

- 31,247.01 Money Spent in August

\$634,255.48 Budget's Fund Balance as of August 31, 2025

For the month of August, 2025, the Church Budget spent \$3,457.70 more than it received. For the year, the Church Budget received \$47,148.73 more than it spent.

Designated Gifts

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. This fund was created by a vote of the church council on August 13, 2011, and was established with \$12,000.00.

\$60,087.81 MM&RF Money Available August 31, 2025

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	\$ 2,587.84
Food Pantry	\$ 1,279.68	Handbells	\$ 160.52
Discretionary Fund	\$ 2,359.40	Scholarship-Religion Ed	\$ 1,983.22
Records & History	\$ 581.56	Missions-Undesignated	\$ 14,323.67
Alpha & Omega Youth	\$24,832.82	Cemetery Fund-Maint.	\$ 35,779.86
Children & Family Ministries	\$ 4,049.47	Choir Fund	\$ 286.26
Helen Grady Endow.	\$ 512.84	Brunswick Stew	\$ <185.00>
(\$512.84 History)		Misc In/Out (railing rep)	\$ 3,500.00

Total Other Designated Gifts \$92,834.02

Total Designated Gifts Collective Fund Balance as of August 31, 2025 \$152,921.83

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 August 17, 2016 by the Church Council and is no longer taking donations.

\$65,930.69 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

October Word Search

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FOOTBALL
TEACHERS
READ
VOLUNTEER
LEAVES
WORLD SERIES
SWEATER
PUMPKINS
BRUNSWICK STEW
HALLOWEEN
APPLES
STATE FAIR
CORN
CANDY
COSTUMES
CIDER

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/8753818/>



Lauren Haywood's Exercise Classes *DANCE, SCULPT, & STRETCH*

What to expect – 30 minutes of our original low impact / high intensity cardio “DANCE SCULPT” followed by 15 minutes of targeted SCULPTING, and 15 minutes of STRETCHING. With this combo we will be able to torch fat, tone muscles, and release tension ALL in one hour together!

Mondays – 5:30–6:30 pm at Tabernacle (Sculpt-Core focus)

Wednesdays – 6:30–7:30 pm at Bethlehem (Sculpt-Glute focus)

All classes \$5 or \$20/5 classes punch cards available at Bethlehem [only]. Please bring your own mat, bottled water, 1-5 lbs weights (optional), and sweat towel. Open to ALL fitness levels! Zero experience needed. New members WELCOME!

Questions – contact Lauren 336-686-4192 or laurenmstarr22@gmail.com



BOO BASH



Friday, October 31
6:00 pm Hot Dog Supper
7:00 pm Trunk or Treat



BRUNSWICK STEW/COUNTRY STORE

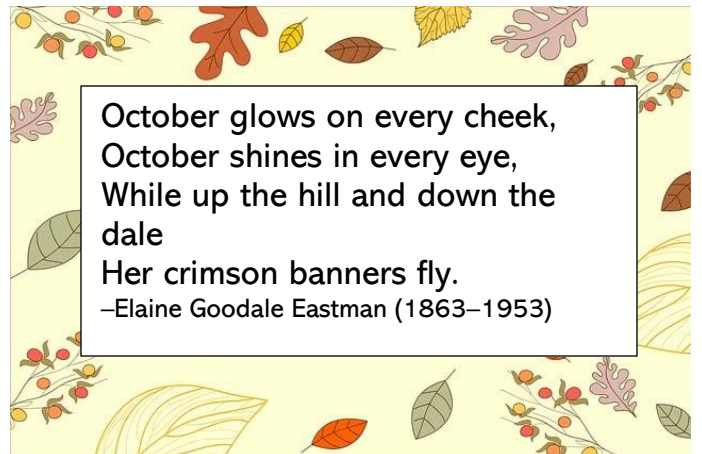


SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4
Stew Sales start at 1:00 pm



October glows on every cheek,
October shines in every eye,
While up the hill and down the dale
Her crimson banners fly.

–Elaine Goodale Eastman (1863–1953)



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 **Angela Berke**
By Gale Berke

In Memory of **Sandy Waugh Bradshaw**
By Patricia Waugh
By Tracy and David Peele

In Memory of **Kathleen Cope**
By Jerry and Karon Monnett

In Memory of **Ralph Kirkman**
By Betty Kirkman

In Memory of **Bill and Bobby Waugh**
By Helen Waugh

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

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



HONORARIUMS

In Honor of **Sid, Libby and Cory Fields**
Alice Jones

In Honor of **Rev Joseph Fulk III and Family**
By Phala Garrett

In Honor of **Alice Jones**
By David and Laura Cranfill

In Honor of **Ruth Rowland's Birthday**
By Jerry and Karon Monnett

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

In Honor of **Frank and Julia Willis**
By Jerry and Karon Monnett

In Honor of **Buddy and Jane Reddick**
By David and Laura Cranfill

In Honor of **Johnny and Barbara Riddle**
By Brenda Darlene Coble



Prayer LIST

Those in Need of Prayer

Active Duty Military

Our Church

John Ainsley

LeeAnne Curtis

Tommy Dills

Cory Fields

Frances Fields

Kelsey Garrett

Carlie H.

Clyde Land

Jerri Ramsey

Albert Smith

Sammy Wall

Frank Willis

Our Homebound & Shut-ins

**Our printed prayer list includes
church members and close family
and friends of church members.**



PG BASKETBALL

SIGN UPS

PG Elementary Gym

FOLLOW PLEASANT GARDEN
YOUTH BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION ON FACEBOOK

October 13: 6-8pm
October 19: 2-4pm
October 21: 6-8pm

BOYS AND GIRLS
AGES 6-18
MUST LIVE IN THE SEHS DISTRICT OR BE A MEMBER
OF A SPONSORING CHURCH
\$45 SIGN UP FEE



BETHLEHEM YOUTH

ALPHA & OMEGA

Alpha:
Kindergarten
-5th grade.
Meets every
other week at
5pm.

Omega: 6th-
12th grade.
Meets weekly
at 5pm.

YOUTH DIRECTOR: LAYNE DOWNING
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Friendly Club will meet on Tuesday, October 14th. The bus will leave the parking lot at 10:30 am to transport us to Bestfood Cafeteria in Siler City where we will dine. After lunch, we will then head to Southern Supreme Fruitcake in Bear Creek to do some early Christmas shopping! We will not tour the kitchen this year but head directly into the sample and shopping areas. Please join us for good food, fellowship and some early Christmas spirit!



Arlene Stokes Circle meets Monday, October 27 at 10:30 in the Parlor.

Happy Birthday

October

10/2	Phyllis Dahl
	Scott Wilkinson
10/4	Travis Franklin
10/5	Sherri Davis
	Jim Smith
10/6	Lorrie Roth
10/8	Tracy Peele
10/9	Dale Routh
10/11	Courtney Ingold
10/13	Betty Kirkman
10/14	Cheryl Bazhaw
10/15	Susan Davis
	LeeAnne Curtis
10/16	Kristi Robb
10/17	Bonnie Averill
	Joseph F. Garrett
	Kelli Wilkinson
10/18	Byron Dahl
	Herbert McClintock
10/20	Braxton Wall
10/23	Alex Haywood
10/24	Donna Younts
10/25	Jeffrey Welker
10/27	Jim Little
10/28	Holly Robb
10/30	Victoria Coble

November

11/1	Matthew Garrett
	Amanda Parks
11/3	Denny Spencer
11/5	Kaila Hill
11/6	Sharon Hill
11/10	Justin Windsor
11/11	Pat Coble
11/12	Vickie Flinchum
	Karen Lauder
	Madison Nance
	Kathy Wilkinson
11/13	Fred Cook
11/14	Ronda Faggart
	Phil Smith
	Carol Williams
11/17	Jonathan King
	Nathan Pipe
	Emily Lauder Taylor
11/18	Gail Williams
	Mario Massarelli
11/19	Will Rivers
11/22	Nancy Kivett
	Terry Owens
11/23	Doug Garrett
	Franklin Stevens
	Shannon Wicker
11/26	Frank Willis
11/28	Tim Fields
11/29	Ethan Jill
	Wayne Moser

OCTOBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Walking Group (Time Varies) 6:30 pm Exercise (FH) 7:00 pm Choir Practice	2 Children's Worship 10:00 am and 4:00 pm 7:00 pm Trustees Mtg FH	3	4 BRUNSWICK STEW and Bake Sale/ Country Store 1:00 pm Fellowship Hall
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5 World Communion Sunday Peanut Butter & Oatmeal Sunday 9:15 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship – Communion CROP Walk 1:30 pm	6 Walking Group (Time Varies)	7	8 Walking Group (Time Varies) 6:30 pm Exercise (FH) 7:00 pm Choir Practice	9	10	11
12 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Collection for Veterans' Day Bulletin begins Omega Youth 5:00 pm	13 Walking Group (Time Varies) Child Care Field Trip Bus reserved 	14 Friendly Club – lunch at Bestfoods and visit to Southern Supreme Fruitcake  Bus leaves at 10:30 am	15 Walking Group (Time Varies) 6:30 pm Exercise (FH) 6:30 pm Childcare Bd Mtg Sunshine Room 7:00 pm Choir Practice	16 Children's Worship 10:00 am and 4:00 pm	17	18
19 19th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Alpha and Omega Youth 5:00 pm	20 Walking Group (Time Varies)	21	22 Walking Group (Time Varies) 6:30 pm Exercise (FH) 7:00 pm Choir Practice	23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24	25
26 20th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Omega Youth 5:00 pm	27 Walking Group (Time Varies) 10:00 am Paid Staff Meeting Arlene Stokes 10:30 am (Parlor)	28	29 Wonderful Wednesday Bus leaves at 9:40 am Bus Res  Walking Group (Time Varies)	30	31 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Halloween Boo-Bash	NOVEMBER

GREETERS:

10/5 Wayne and Phyllis Alley
 10/12 Andrew and Susan Coward
 10/19 Elaine Bowman
 10/26 Alice Jones and Carol Fields

ALTAR FLOWERS:

10/5 OPEN
 10/12 OPEN
 10/19 OPEN
 10/26 OPEN

ACOLYTES:

10/5 Ashton Allen
 10/12 Aubrey Wilson
 10/19 Maysa Downing
 10/26 Braxton Wall

USHERS:

David Fields,
 Todd Garrett,
 Bud Lauder,
 Barry Norris

OCTOBER OPENER:

Kim Faircloth

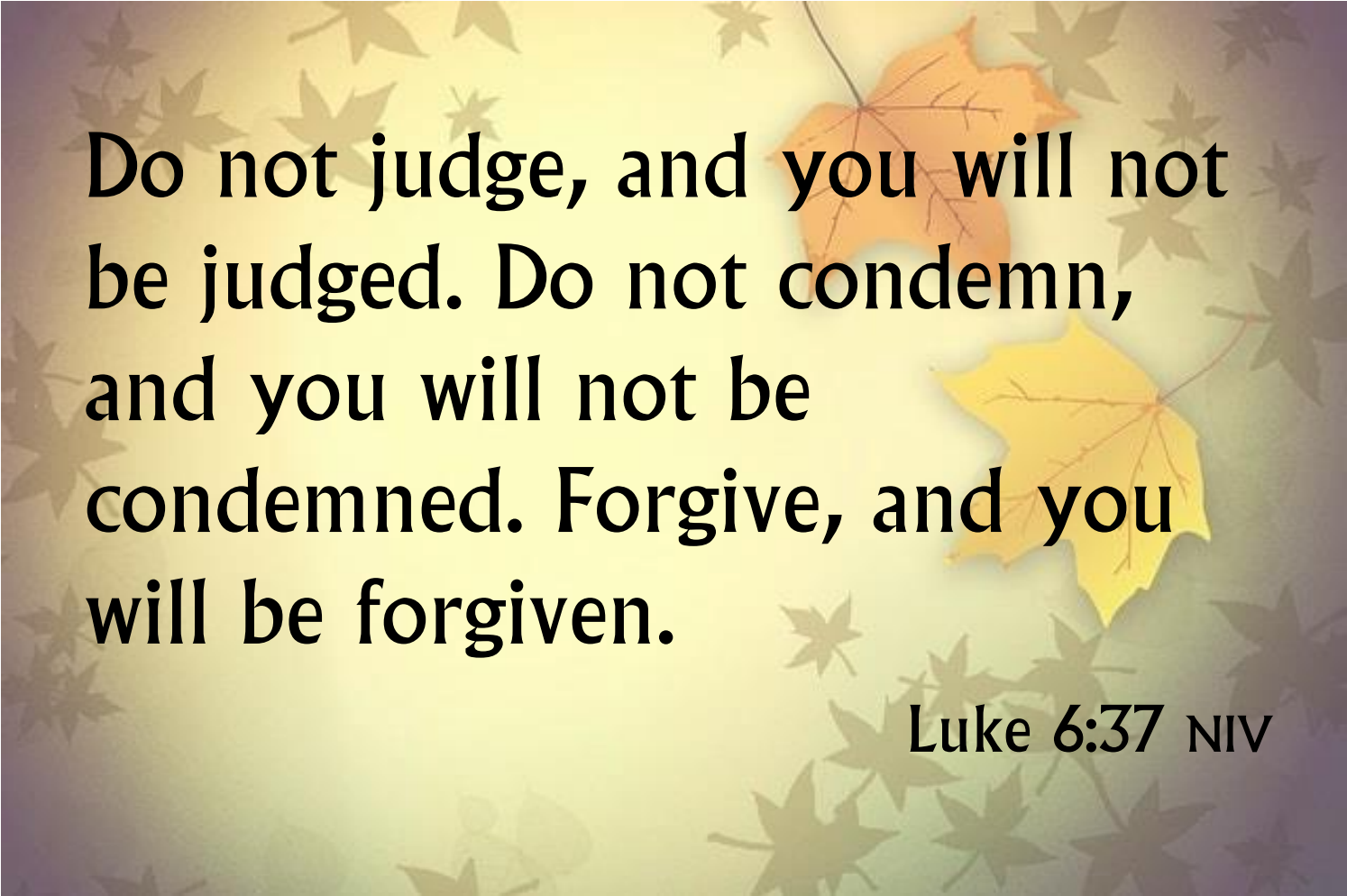
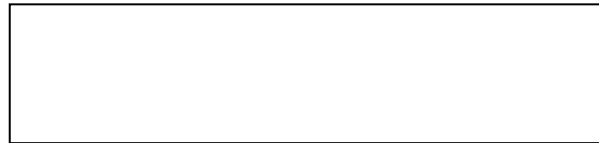
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Do not judge, and you will not
be judged. Do not condemn,
and you will not be
condemned. Forgive, and you
will be forgiven.

Luke 6:37 NIV