

THE CHALLENGE

Bethlehem United Methodist Church
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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.

Bethlehem United Methodist Church 164th Annual Camp Meeting is July 23rd - July 30th

Our Guest Preachers this Year:



Rev. Maria King

Rev. King will be preaching at the 2PM services Sun. – Thurs.

Rev. Maria King is the Church Vitality Strategist for the Northern Piedmont District.

Maria was born and raised in Seagrove, NC and received degrees from Western NC University and Duke University. She is an ordained elder in the Western NC Conference who has served various settings within the local church. Maria is married to Guy King and lives in Greensboro, NC.



Rev. Dr. Charles Kyker

Rev. Kyker will be preaching at the 7:30PM services Sun. – Thurs.

Rev. Charles Kyker is a native of Greensboro, NC. He earned a B.A. in Religion and Philosophy from Greensboro College, his M.Div. from Emory, a Master of Theology in Wesley Studies from Duke University and Doctor of Ministry from Asbury Seminary, where he was a Beeson Scholar. Charles has served churches in WNC Conference since July 1988 and currently serves Christ UMC in Hickory, where over 5,000 worshipers attend each month and average attendance is nearly 2000 each weekend.

Charles married Julie White in 1988. They have four children - Mary Grace, Ashley Beth, Molly Ann and Joseph.

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July & August 2017 Volunteer Schedule

Date	Greeters (8:50AM)	Greeters (10:55AM)	Flowers (Altar/Other)	Communion Stewards (First Sunday of Month)
7/2	NEED GREETER	Byron & Phyllis Dahl	Byron & Phyllis Dahl	NO COMMUNION
7/9	Sandie Harris	NEED GREETERS	Sharon Brown	
7/16	NEED GREETER	NEED GREETERS	Dawn White	
*7/23	COMBINED SERVICE – Homecoming/ Camp Meeting		Ruth Rowland	
*7/30	COMBINED SERVICE - Camp Meeting Ends		Melanie & Ritchie Robb	
8/6	Jerry & Karon M.	NEED GREETERS	NO SIGN-UP	Frank & Julia Willis (E); Desi & Gail Williams (L)
8/13	NEED GREETERS	Joyce King	NO SIGN-UP	
8/20	NEED GREETERS	Phyllis Wicker	Phyllis Wicker	
8/27	NEED GREETERS	NEED GREETERS	Lois Snow	

Opener for July: Kelly Fields **Closer for July:** Kelly Fields

Ushers for July: David Allen, Jerry Berry, Kevin Gunter, Byron Dahl, Terry Franklin

July 23rd is Homecoming Sunday and the start of Camp Meeting. Volunteer responsibilities may change to meet needs of special July events.

Opener for August: Phyllis Wicker **Closer for August:** Greg Wicker

Ushers for August: Earl Fields, Tim Fields, Doug Garrett, Leo Kirkman, Bob Norris

Acolytes: Sofia Cook Marimon & Claudio Cook Marimon

Audio-Visual Techs: Bayne Welborn, Denny Spencer, Terry Franklin **Camp Meeting Audio:** Wayne Moser

Thank you to all who serve!

OUR PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Prayer Needs:

Phyllis Alley
David Arnold
Dale Austin
Thomas Dills
The Robert Fields Family
Bonnie Averill (Home)
Dale Averill (Home)
Dalton Bowman (Home)
Suzie Branch
Edna Coble (NH)
Cletis Fields (NH)
Cory Fields
Raeford Fields
Sandra Garner (major surgery)
Glenn Getner
Sandy Greeson (NH)
Martha Hinshaw
Arnold Ingold (Home)
Carolyn Johnson
Alice Jones
Jerry Jones (Rocky Mt. Spotted Fever)
Betty Kirkman
Marjorie Mabe
Bob Norris
Wayne Ondeck (Home)
Dickie Parks

Ongoing Prayer Needs Continued

Johnny Riddle
Mary Lee Stevens
Billy Underwood (NH)
Mike Underwood (Billy Underwood's son/leg surgery)
Bette Weatherly
Kay Wilkinson
Shirley Woodard
All of our homebound

Immediate Prayer Needs:

Annabel Bunton (travel to Ireland)
Kelsey Garrett
Ruby Hockett
Karon Monnett (Hospital)
Jamie O'Daniel
Barbara Riddle
David Robb
Ed Sawyer
David Sheets (Wanda's bro-n-law)
Brody Watson (Jan Toler's Grandson)
Jeffrey Welker (deployed to Germany, Romania)

If someone has been omitted who should be on our prayer list, or if you know of changes in the prayer needs of anyone we list, please let the church office know.

Upcoming Birthdays

July Birthdays

7/2 Steve Fields
7/3 Ashley McClintock
Hugh Riggins
7/4 Ronda Robb
7/5 David Robb
7/6 Evonne Parks
7/7 Melvin Hinshaw
7/8 Jane Dunham
7/10 Becky Windsor
Lauren Cordial
7/12 Rachel Wilkinson
Ritchie Robb
7/19 Ally Fields
Jenni Regan
7/21 Doris Reynolds
7/23 Benjamin Windsor
7/25 Tina Hinshaw
7/29 Stephanie Nance
7/30 Taylor Wray
Sandie Harris
7/31 Abigail Coble
Maysa Downing
Emily Robb

August Birthdays

8/1 Arnold Ingold
8/2 Linda Duncan
8/3 Greg Wicker
Paden O'Daniel
8/6 Shea Welborn
Abbey Windsor
8/10 Gerry Moody
8/11 Julia Willis
Dale Windsor
8/12 Joyce Beidler
8/15 Kenneth Fields
8/16 Mike Harris
8/18 Randy Curtis
8/19 Jeff Fields
8/23 Jackie Cook
Bob Snyder
8/24 Robbie McClintock
Brad Wicker
8/26 Sawyer Edwards
8/26 Michael Garrett
Michael Swofford
8/29 Jeremy Coble
8/28 Kylie Spencer
8/30 Terry Rowland
8/31 Lynn Haywood
Joyce Ingold
Ruth Rowland

We have tried to include all birthdays and list them accurately. Please let the church office know if we have omitted or incorrectly listed information.

Happy Birthday!

New Members

On Sunday, June 11th, 2017 we welcomed three people into church membership:

Ron & Cheryl Bazhaw

1765 Berry Lane
Pleasant Garden, NC 27313

Desi Williams

3515 Chippendale Trail
Greensboro, NC 27406



---REMINDERS--- AND SUCH

--BULLETINS In order to get your announcement in Sunday's worship bulletin, the office needs your information by the Tuesday evening prior to Sunday's bulletin. This earlier cut off is necessary in order to get current bulletins on the website www.bethlehemumc.org

--ARLENE STOKES does not meet in July.

--COMING UP - The Grace Wilkinson Scholarship will be awarded on Sunday, July 16th during the 10:55AM worship service.

*The Lord bless you
and keep you; the
Lord make his face
to shine upon you,
and be gracious to
you; the Lord lift up
his countenance
upon you, and give
you peace.*

*Numbers 6:24-26
(NRSV)*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Budget Results for May 2017

\$223,750.44 Total Budget Money Available May 1, 2017

+ 26,804.20 Money Received in May

- 28,751.95 Money Spent in May

\$221,802.69 Total Budget Money Available May 31, 2017

For the month of May, 2017, the Church Budget spent \$1,947.75 more than it received. For the year, the Church Budget spent \$4,624.52 more than it received.

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.

\$10,842.45 Total MM&RF Money Available May 31, 2017

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.

Insurance Money (mold)	\$ 6,053.70	Cemetery Fund	\$ 11,084.29
Food Pantry	\$ 687.63	Handbells	\$ 160.52
Discretionary Fund	\$ 4,097.34	Scholarship-Religion Ed	\$ 1,983.22
Little Chefs	\$ 37.00	Missions-Undesignated	\$ 15,479.06
Records & History	\$ 521.56	Camp Tekoa	\$ 781.88
UMYF	\$21,131.98	Cemetery/Columbarium	\$ 19,034.94
Family Ministries	\$ 2,170.23	Christmas Shoeboxes	\$ 221.96
Heifer Collection	\$ 1,395.53	Helen Grady Endowment	\$ 2,351.55
Flowers	\$ 342.00	Columbarium Donations	\$ 125.00
Choir Robe Fund	\$ (463.22)	Columbarium Niche	\$ 1,000.00

Total Other Designated Gift Money Available May 31, 2017 \$88,196.17

Frank Willis, Stewardship Ministry Chair



Honorariums this Month

In Honor of Jerry & Karon Monnett
By Margaret Royal

In Honor of Stacy & Lucille
McClintock's Anniversary
By Angie Routh

In Honor of Leo Kirkman
By Don & Lisa Kirkman

In Honor of Earl Fields
By Pat Waugh

In Honor of Pat Lineberry
By Pat Waugh

Memorials this Month

In Memory of Nancy Garrett
By Betty Hull

In Memory of Clem Royal
By Margaret Royal

In Memory of Roland L. Brady
By Michael Brady

In Memory of Lorraine Brady
By Michael Brady

In Memory of Lorraine Brady
By Sandie Harris

**Memorials & Honorariums received after
newsletter deadline will appear in next
month's newsletter.**



A MISSION MOMENT

Project AGAPE Christmas Shoe Boxes

Submitted by Julia Willis

Project AGAPE is a joint-ministry venture of the Western and North Carolina Conferences of the United Methodist Church in partnership with the Armenian Apostolic Church, the oldest Christian Church in the world. Since 1993, North Carolina Methodists are the only humanitarian aid relief in the Kashatagh region of Armenia. They celebrate Christmas on January 6th and declare "Christmas Boxes are Joy Boxes!"

Again, we have the opportunity to join with all the Methodist congregations in North Carolina to provide a coveted Christmas gift to a child who may get only this ONE gift. Countless times the AGAPE staff hear this from parents: "These boxes are the biggest joy of our children." The Country Director tells us that families and children may walk six hours or more just on the hope there might be enough shoe boxes for them to get one!

Let's make that happen.

Scouts, Day Care, UMYF, Sunday School classes and church groups are encouraged to participate in this rewarding project in some way. Choose your way to participate:

- Create your own box(es) from the packing list below -
If you need plastic shoe boxes, they will be in the office entrance area in August
- Purchase suitable items & place in collection boxes in church narthex & office entrance (August-September)
- Donate money (checks payable to Bethlehem UMC...memo "Shoe Boxes"). Mission Team members will make purchases to fill boxes or use for shipping cost.

Use the list on page 7 of this newsletter to make your purchases, record & pack items into a PLASTIC shoebox along with \$5 cash or check payable to "WNC Conference" for transportation cost (in an envelope taped to outside of a shoebox). Tape your age check list to box lid. You'll see from the list suggestions, school supplies are high on their list. Education is very important to them and school supplies are not easy to obtain. So July and August are great opportunities to take advantage of school supply sales. Also, winters are rough in this area so caps/toboggans/gloves are essential.

This is an excellent Christmas project for your child or grandchild or great grandchild. They can help select the items to send to a child their age who rarely receives any gift. They can include their picture, a note, and their address. They just "might" get a pen pal!

Boxes can be brought to the Church Conference Room beginning **Sunday, September 17th & Sunday, September 24th & during office hours that week.**

Groups that want to help the Mission Resource Center in Terrell, NC sort & pack the contents of Project AGAPE shoe boxes to get them ready for shipment, contact Dwaine Morgan, MRC, 8973 Greenwood Road, Terrell, NC (near Mooresville), 828.478.2106, wncumcmrc@gmail.com or dmorgan@wncumc.org.



BUMC VBS 2017
JULY 10th-13th
6:30-8:30PM
(Dinner 5:30-6:15PM)
bethlehemumc.org

A REMINDER FROM THE TRUSTEES

- We appreciate your use of the facilities reservations forms for the use of church facilities. Please continue to complete these forms going forward to ensure your requests are considered for the church calendar!

2017 Agape Christmas Boxes Packing List

1. Please use only plastic shoe size (6 qt.) boxes with a lid. An example of this is made by SteriLite Plastic Box. Cardboard shoeboxes cannot be accepted. The plastic boxes with lids will be useful in other ways.
2. Feel free to include in your box a note of greeting and encouragement. You may want to include a picture of yourself or a group in your church. Also, if you want to correspond with the child who receives your box, please include your postal address.
3. **Enclose \$5 in cash or check** for transportation costs for each box. Checks are to be made out to **"WNCC Conference"** & **marked for Agape Christmas Boxes. Checks should be placed in an envelope & taped to top of box.**
4. Boxes can be brought to the Church Conference Room beginning Sunday, September 17th & Sunday, September 24th & during office hours that week.
5. Please choose the age level and sex of the child for whom you want to prepare a box. Fill the box as specified below. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU CHECK EVERY ITEM WHICH YOU HAVE PLACED IN THE BOX FOR YOUR AGE GROUP. You may add other age-appropriate items as long as you check "other" and list the item and quantity of items. Close your box and **wrap three rubber bands** around the box.
6. NO candy, NO batteries, NO liquid, NO glass, NO toothpaste.

**Infant 0- 3 yrs old:
male/female**

- baby blanket
- bib
- book (pictures)
- cloth diapers
- comb or brush
- socks (prs)
- rattle or teething ring
- sippy cup
- soft toy (no buttons/eyes)
- other
- other
- other
- other

Age 3-6 yrs old: male/female

- cap/toboggan
- comb or brush
- coloring book
- box of crayons
- mittens/gloves (pr)
- pkg washable markers
- note pad
- ball
- car
- doll
- pencil sharpener
- eraser
- socks (pr)
- pkg stickers
- stuffed animal
- toy/game
- toothbrush (NO TOOTHPASTE)
- pkg hairbands/bows
- mirror
- other
- other
- other
- other

Age 7-12 yrs old: male/female

- cap/toboggan
- comb or brush
- coloring book
- box of crayons
- mittens/gloves (pr)
- pkg washable markers
- note pad
- pkg/box pencils
- pkg colored pencils
- pencil sharpener
- eraser
- socks (pr)
- pkg stickers
- stuffed animal
- toy/game
- toothbrush (NO TOOTHPASTE)
- pkg hairbands/bows
- mirror
- other
- other
- other
- other

Age 13-18 yrs old: male/female

- cap/toboggan
- comb or brush
- coloring book
- box of crayons
- mittens/gloves (pr)
- pkg washable markers
- note pad/journal
- pkg/box pencils
- pkg colored pencils
- pencil sharpener
- eraser
- socks (pr)
- metric ruler
- stuffed animal
- toy/game
- toothbrush (NO TOOTHPASTE)
- pkg hairbands/bows
- mirror
- picture frame
- underwear
- other
- other
- other
- other

2017 CAMP MEETING SCHEDULE



SUNDAY, 11AM (Combined Worship), JULY 23rd
Rev. Dr. Nancy Rankin
 HOMECOMING – LUNCH FOLLOWS SERVICE

SUN. - THURS. @ 2PM, JULY 23rd - 27th
REV. MARIA KING
 NORTHERN PIEDMONT
 CHURCH VITALITY STRATEGIST

SUN. - THURS. @ 7:30PM, JULY 23rd - 27th
REV. DR. CHARLES KYKER
 CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 CATAWBA VALLEY DISTRICT

FRIDAY, 2PM, JULY 28th
REV. MICHAEL SWOFFORD

FRIDAY, 7:30PM, JULY 28th
REV. MELISSA SWOFFORD

PRAYER MEETING
7PM NIGHTLY

SATURDAY, 6-7:15PM, JULY 29th
 ICE CREAM SUPPER
SATURDAY, 7:30PM, JULY 29th
 SINGING SERVICE

SUNDAY, 11AM (Combined Worship), JULY 30th
 CLOSING SERVICE

HERO CENTRAL

VBS

Bethlehem United Methodist Church
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An Intergenerational/Family
Vacation Bible School



WHEN: July 10th - July 13th

6:30-8:30PM - DINNER 5:30-6:15pm

- Dinner Provided Nightly
- Story time
- Crafts
- Games
- Science
- Music
- Plus activities for Youth & Adult VBS Attendees!

**Nursery Provided
for Children of Adults
Attending Bible School.**

REGISTRATION FORMS:

BETHLEHEMUMC.ORG

ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH OFFICE



Do good! Seek peace and go after it! Psalm 34:14b

BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

164TH ANNUAL CAMP MEETING

JULY 28ND - JULY 30TH



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COME OUT AND
HEAR INSPIRING
MESSAGES UNDER
THE HISTORIC ARBOR.



CELEBRATING
164 YEARS!

-SCHEDULE-

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7PM NIGHTLY

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ICE CREAM SUPPER

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SINGING SERVICE

SUNDAY, 11 AM COMBINED WORSHIP, JULY 30TH
CLOSING SERVICE



July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>Please let the church office know of changes & cancellations of meetings, events, and other activities which are included on the church calendar in our monthly newsletter. If possible, jot the information down and put in Robin's box or email info to her at bethunccclimax@gmail.com. We want to make sure our monthly newsletter calendar is as accurate as possible. Thanks.</p>					
2 4th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar 8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship 10AM Sunday School 10:55AM Traditional Worship	3 7:30PM Exercise	4 Independence Day 8AM Breakfast Club @ Backyard Grille CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	5 7:30PM Exercise	6 3:15PM Children's Chapel 7PM Missions Team	7	8 1 YOUTH BACK FROM CCC
PNUJ BUTTER & OATMEAL SUN.	10 8AM-5:30PM Youth/Gboro Local Missions	11 8AM-5:30PM Youth/Gboro Local Missions	12 8AM-5:30PM Youth/Gboro Local Missions	13 8AM-5:30PM Youth/Gboro Local Missions	14	15
9 5th Sun. after Pentecost 8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar 8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship 10AM Sunday School 10:55AM Traditional Worship	10 6:30PM Camp Meeting & History Comms.	11 7PM Women In Christ	12 7:30PM Exercise	13 WNCC Mission U @ Pfeiffer	14 WNCC Mission U @ Pfeiffer	15 WNCC Mission U @ Pfeiffer
16 6th Sun. after Pentecost Grace Wilkinson Scholarship Awarded @ 10:55AM Worship 8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar 8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship 10AM Sunday School 10:55AM Traditional Worship	17 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE (INCLUDING INFO FOR CALENDAR)	18 7PM Family Ministries 7PM Women In Christ 7PM Boy/Cub Scouts	19 5-7PM Cub Scout Fund. Meal 7:30PM Exercise	20 3:15PM Children's Chapel 6:30PM PG Lion's Club 7PM Children's Ministries	21	22 10AM Car Show & Fun Day (Fam. Mins. Annual Event)
WNCC Mission U @ Pfeiffer	24 CAMP MEETING 2PM Rev. M. King 7PM Prayer Meeting 7:30PM Dr. Kyker	25 CAMP MEETING 2PM Rev. M. King 7PM Prayer Meeting 7:30PM Dr. Kyker	26 CAMP MEETING 2PM Rev. M. King 7PM Prayer Meeting 7:30PM Dr. Kyker	27 CAMP MEETING YOUTH NIGHT 2PM Rev. M. King 3:15PM Children's Chapel 7PM Prayer Meeting 7:30PM Dr. Kyker	28 CAMP MEETING 2PM Pastor Michael 7PM Prayer Meeting 7:30PM Pastor Melissa	29 CAMP MEETING 6PM Ice Cream Social 7PM Prayer Meeting 7:30PM Singing Service
23 7th Sun. after Pentecost Homecoming/Camp Mtng 8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar 10AM Sunday School 10:55AM Combined Worship Homecoming Lunch Follows Worship CAMP MEETING JULY 23-30	31 7:30PM Exercise					
30 8th Sun. after Pentecost COMBINED SERVICE CAMP MEETING ENDS						

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Thank You, God for Summertime

A prayer of summertime gratitude by Heidi Busse

We thank you, Loving God
for birds, bugs, and butterflies,
for hot dogs, hamburgers, hiking and home runs,
for lollipops, lemonade, lilacs, licorice, ladybugs, and love!

We thank you, Loving God
for sand, sunshine, and sprinklers,
for popsicles, parks, and picnics,
for family, friends, fun and faith!

We thank you, Loving God
for all of the gifts of summertime.

Amen.

If you are not a member of Bethlehem UMC and feel God leading you to it, I welcome you to speak to me about adding your name as a member of the church. You can reach me at – (704)516-6272 or email me at mwofford2@wnccumc.net In Christ, Pastor Michael

REMINDER---BUMC's Annual Blood Drive is Tuesday, August 1st. Blood donors are reminded they **must not have donated blood** for 6 weeks prior to giving on August 1. Additionally, when sign-ups begin, please list a **current phone number**. This will help expedite scheduling.

The deadline for the August Newsletter is Monday, July 17th. Please submit items via email – bethumcclimax@gmail.com or leave in Robin's box. Thanks.