

# BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CLIMAX, NORTH CAROLINA

**TODAY, Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017** - The flowers have been placed in the church this morning to the Glory of God and in **memory of Carolyn Berry** on her birthday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, by Jerry and family.

The flowers have been placed in the Narthex to the Glory of God and in **memory of Page Jones** by Annie, Janet, Debbie & Pam.

**Sept. Church Opener:** Buddy Fields    **Sept. Church Closer:** David Robb

**8:50AM Greeters Today:** The Cowards    **NEXT WEEK:** Dale & Jennifer Young

**10:55AM Greeters Today:** Phyllis Wicker    **NEXT WEEK:** Debbie Waugh

**September Ushers:** David Fields, Glenn Getner, Bud Lauder, Mario Massarelli, Barry Norris

**Acolytes:** Sofia Cook Marimon and Claudio Cook Marimon

**Audio/Visual Tech:** Bayne Welborn, Denny Spencer, Terry Franklin

**Attendance September 10, 2017 -**

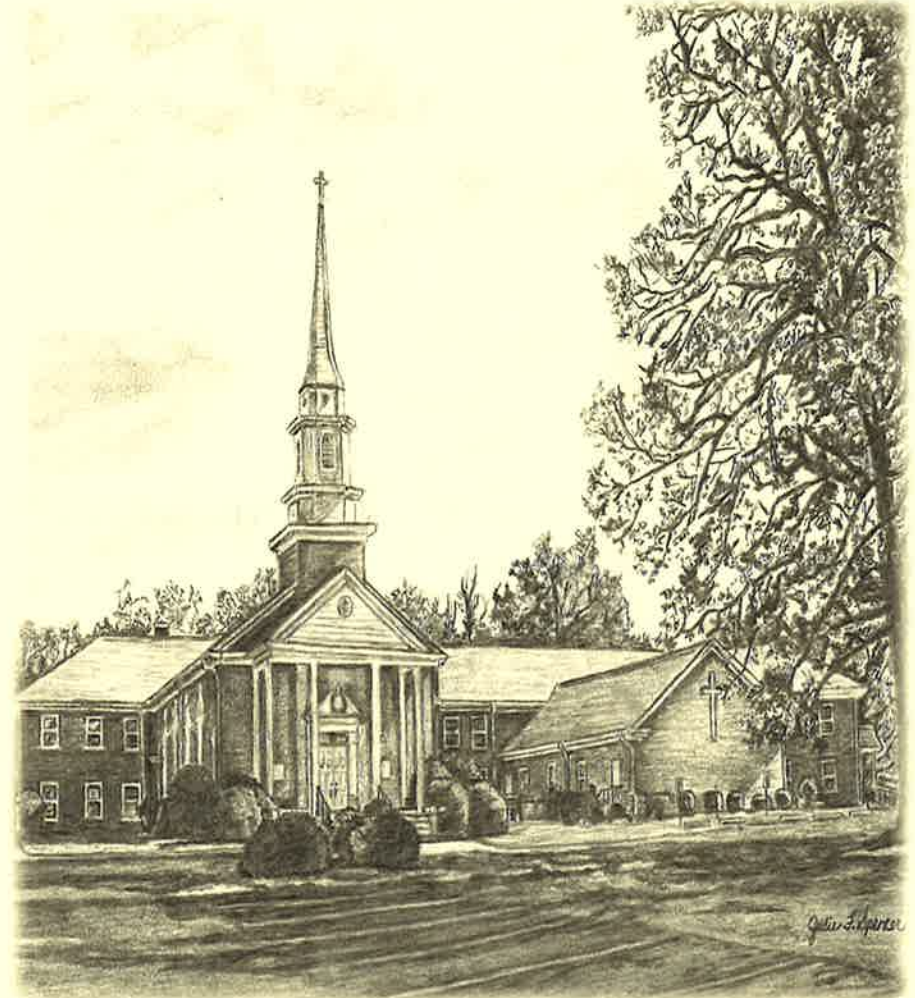
Sunday School	90
8:50AM Early Service	67
10:55AM Worship Attendance	86
<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	<b>153</b>
Your Gifts-----	
Amount Collected to Date	<b>\$237,325.53</b>
Worship Service	\$4,422.50
MMRF	\$265.00
Other:	
Project Agape Shoeboxes (To Date)	\$945.00

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September 17, 2017  
*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 17, 2017

10:55 am

*Welcome all who worship here! We pray you experience God's Holy Spirit in a new way as we worship together. Please be sure to sign the pew register as it is passed up and back down the pew.*

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude *Oh, How He Loves You and Me*

Lighting the Candles

\*Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* No. 577

\*Affirmation of Faith from Romans 8:35, 37-39 No. 887

\*Response *The Church's One Foundation* (vs. 1) No. 545

Joys and Concerns

Prayer for Renewal of the Church (*Unison*) No. 574

Morning Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

Anthem *One Step He Leads* by Pepper Choplin

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Have You Any Room for Jesus?*

\*The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 95

\*Offertory Prayer

Children's Message Pastor Melissa

\*Hymn *I Come with Joy* No. 617

Scripture I Corinthians 12: 1-11

Message "Why Do People Need the Church?" Pastor Michael

\*Hymn *O Church of God, United* No. 547

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Benediction *Spirit Song* (Words on Screen) No. 347

\*Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able.

**TODAY @ 4:30PM! BIBLE BUDDIES LEGOS.** Children preschool (must be accompanied by an adult) to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration forms are located outside of church office. Children will build scenes from the Bible using Legos.

**BEGINS TODAY! Project AGAPE Christmas Shoeboxes Collection**  
Week: Sept. 17-24

- Your filled shoebox(es) to conference room
  - Items in collection bins to create boxes
  - \$ donations marked "shoeboxes" for items or shipping
- Help us provide a great Christmas for the children of Armenia!

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - MON., SEPT.18<sup>TH</sup>.** Please submit items electronically to [bethumcclimax@gmail.com](mailto:bethumcclimax@gmail.com) or leave in Robin's box.

**CUB SCOUT PACK 342 FUNDRAISER DINNER** - No need to cook. Fundraiser dinner this Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>! 5:30-7PM – Baked spaghetti, YUM. Eat in or take out.

**COMING UP - PACK 342 COAT DRIVE** Watch your bulletin for more info.

**FAMILY GAME NIGHT - FRI., SEPT. 22<sup>ND</sup> @ 7PM.** Brought to you by Family & Children's Ministries. Games for all ages. Guaranteed to be a fun-filled evening.

--BRUNSWICK STEW SCHEDULE - See the insert for information.--



**SPECIAL OFFERING: UMCOR**—Hurricanes *Harvey* and *Irma* brought devastation to both Texas and Florida. Thousands of people lost everything. The clean-up will take months, with the question for some folks being, will they ever get their lives back again? The United Methodist Church remains one of the first responders when there are disasters. Through the work of UMCOR, our United Methodist church works to help get people back on their feet as quickly as possible. You can make a contribution today to assist others who face these weather created hardships. Through your gift, UMCOR can do its work. Give generously! **Make your checks payable to BUMC, with hurricane relief on memo line.**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep these friends in your prayers.

Ongoing Prayer Needs:	Ongoing (Cont.)	Immediate Prayer Needs:
David Arnold	Marjorie Mabe	Dalton Bowman (home)
Gloria Austin	Wayne Ondeck (home.)	Frances Frank Fields
Dale Averill	Dickie Parks	Ruby Hockett (with daughter)
Thomas Dills	Barbara Riddle	Donna McClintock (home)
Suzie Branch	Johnny Riddle	Lucille McClintock (home)
Edna Coble (NH)	David Robb	Jamie O'Daniel (home)
Cletis Fields (NH)	Brody Watson (Asheboro)	Mary Lee Stevens
Cory Fields	(Jan Toler's grandson)	Jeffrey Welker (deployed to Poland)
Kelsey Garrett	Kay Wilkinson	OTHERS:
Martha Hinshaw (NH)	All of our homebound	
Betty Kirkman		

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.

*The family of Bill Underwood would like to thank the members of BUMC for all acts of kindness shown to them during Bill's illness and passing. Even though Bill was not a member of Bethlehem, this was his home church growing up. The family thanks you for your support and prayers during this time. God Bless All of You, Betty Wilkins*

**Veterans/Bradshaw Memorial** – Church council has approved the construction of a Veteran's Memorial, Sandy Bradshaw Memorial, & Columbarium. We are beginning fundraising for this project. Ways to contribute to the Memorial:

- Make donations to the Veterans/Bradshaw Memorial.
- Purchase a paver to honor or memorialize a veteran. For \$100, you can purchase an engraved paver. Approved info limited to – veteran's name, rank, branch of service, war and/or years of service.
- The columbarium will have 94 niches with each niche being large enough to accommodate the cremains of two people. While columbarium niches will be offered free to all church members, you can select and reserve your niche for a \$500 donation.

For more information contact a memorial committee member – Becky Windsor (Chair), Dale Windsor, David Robb, Mike Hinshaw, Mike Rivers, Tracy Peele, Jerry Berry, Kelly Fields, Jim Smith, David Cranfill, and Pastor Michael.

**Safe Sanctuary Meeting: Mon., Oct. 23 @ 7PM (Sunshine Classroom)** This meeting will explain the guidelines and procedures for Safe Sanctuary in our church. SS teachers & nursery workers who teach children or youth under 18 years of age, scout representatives for boy scouts, cub scouts and girl scouts, daycare staff, a representative from the choir, and any other groups that work with children or youth should attend. Even if you have had safe sanctuary training, it is a requirement to do this periodically so please attend. Any questions just ask Pastor Melissa

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

**Sunday 9/17** (FH RSVD. 1-4:30PM)  
 8:30AM-4:30PM Agape Shoe Box Drop Off  
 8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar  
 8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship  
 10AM Sunday School  
 10:55AM Traditional Worship  
 4:30PM Bible Buddies Legos  
 5-7PM UMYF  
 5:45PM Dis. Fast Track Bible Study

**Monday 9/18** NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  
 7PM Worship Committee  
 7:30PM Exercise

**Tuesday 9/19**  
 7PM Women in Christ  
 7PM Boy/Cub Scouts

**Wednesday 9/20**  
 3-4PM Food Pantry  
 5:30PM-7PM Cub Scout Fund. Dinner  
 7PM Choir  
 7:30PM Exercise

**Thursday 9/21** INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE  
 3:15PM Children's Chapel  
 6-7PM Youth Bible Study  
 6:30PM PG Lion's Club  
 7PM Fam. Mins/Children Mins. (JOINT MTG.)

**Friday 9/22** AUTUMN BEGINS  
 Church Office Closed  
 7PM Family Game Night (All Ages)

**Saturday 9/23**  
 No church activities are scheduled.

**Sunday 9/24**  
 8:30AM-4:30PM Agape Shoe Box Drop Off  
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### --COMING UP--

--Mon., 9/25 @ 7PM Arlene Stokes  
 --Sun., 10/1 Pnut Butter & Oatmeal Sun.; **NO COMMUNION**  
 John & Rebecca Coble Fields Reunion (FH)  
 --Mon., 10/2 @ 6:30PM Child Care Board  
 --Tues., 10/3 @ 8AM Breakfast Club (Bck. Yd.Grille)  
 --Wed.-Fri., 10/4-10/6 – Brunswick/Chicken Stew Prepping  
 --Sat., 10/7 – Stew Sale @ 1PM  
 --Sun., 10/8 Communion Sunday; McClintock Reunion (FH);  
 7PM Church Council

**Needed Pee Wee Basketball Team Coach**, ages 9 – 11 year-old boys. Practice is Tues. nights @ 6PM @ PG Gym. All games will be played on Saturdays. Schedule will be out before the first game, which is usually around the first Sat. in Dec. If interested, please see David Cranfill or contact him by cell phone: 336-509-5994.

**BULLETIN** – Items for bulletin are due Tuesday evening. Please submit electronically if possible - bethumclimax@gmail.com

**Brunswick/Chicken Stew  
October 7<sup>th</sup>**

Our Brunswick/Chicken Stew is a church project and it takes all of us working together to make this a success. As the sign up lists for various volunteer opportunities circulate, please consider how you can be a part of this event...from lifting pans in the kitchen on Wed/Thurs, peeling potatoes on Fri/stirring pots on Sat/boxing stew & delivering to vehicles/baking for the Bake Sale...there's something for everyone! If we are to continue this tradition, we all have to do our part and it can be an event of fellowship and not overwork just a few!

**BRUNSWICK/CHICKEN STEW Schedule**

- Wed, Oct 4:**  
 8AM Wash Buckets  
 11AM Cooking all Beef & Pork-Fellowship Hall Kitchen  
 12:30PM Chopping all Beef & Pork-Fellowship Hall  
 (Schedule times you can help)
- Thurs, Oct 5:**  
 6AM Cooking all Chicken-Fellowship Hall Kitchen  
 8AM Chopping Chicken-Fellowship Hall  
 (Schedule times you can help)
- Fri, Oct 6:**  
 8AM Peel/Chop Potatoes & Onions-Fellowship Hall  
 8-1PM Country Store Items-to Fellowship Hall, if ready!
- Sat, Oct 7:**  
 5:30AM Stew ingredients due at Shed  
 7-9AM Country Store Items to Bus Shelter  
 1PM **Stew Sales** (first come/first serve-3 lines)...\$7.00/quart

- **Breakfast Biscuits/Coffee**
- **Yard Sale**
- **Bake Sale**
- **Country Store Sale**
- **Hot Dog Lunch**

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**Budget Results for August 2017**

\$227,949.93 Total Budget Money Available August 1, 2017  
 + 25,147.34 Money Received in August  
 - 24,061.80 Money Spent in August  
**\$229,035.47 Total Budget Money Available August 31, 2017**

For the month of August, 2017, the Church Budget received \$1,085.54 more than it spent. For the year, the Church Budget received \$2,608.26 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.

\$11,604.58 Total MM&RF Money Available August 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 (mod)	\$ 6,053.70	Cemetery Fund	\$ 10,509.29
Food Pantry	\$ 302.09	Handbells	\$ 160.52
Discretionary Fund	\$ 3,654.45	Scholarship-Religion Ed	\$ 1,983.22
Little Chefs	\$ 10.70	Missions-Undesignated	\$ 15,516.42
Records & History	\$ 521.56	Camp Tekoa	\$ 781.88
UMYF	\$16,417.97	Cemetery/Columbarium	\$ 19,034.94
Family Ministries	\$ 2,104.23	Christmas Shoeboxes	\$ 970.00
Bible Study Books	\$ < 19.97>	Helen Grady Endowment	\$ 2,351.55
Columbarium Niche	\$ 1,000.00	Columbarium Donations	\$ 275.00
		Misc In/Out	\$ 357.57

Total Other Designated Gift Money Available August 31, 2017 **\$81,985.12**

Frank Willis, Stewardship Ministry Chair