

# BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CLIMAX, NORTH CAROLINA

**TODAY, Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017** - The flowers have been placed in the church this morning to the Glory of God and in honor of Francis Snow's Birthday by Bobbie & Jan.

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

**Oct. Church Opener:** Alice Jones    **Oct. Church Closer:** Karen Barbone

**8:50AM Greeters Today:** Dale & Jennifer Young    **NEXT WEEK:** Stacy & Lucille Mc.

**10:55AM Greeters Today:** Debbie Waugh    **NEXT WEEK:** Karen Barbone

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

**October Ushers:** David Allen, Jerry Berry, Kevin Gunter, Byron Dahl, Terry Franklin

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

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

**Attendance September 17, 2017 -**

Sunday School	75
8:50AM Early Service	38
10:55AM Worship Attendance	80
<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	<b>118</b>
<b>Your Gifts-----</b>	
Amount Collected to Date	<b>\$243,617.53</b>
Worship Service	\$6,292.00
MMRF	\$70.00
Other:	
Project Agape Shoeboxes (To Date)	\$995.00

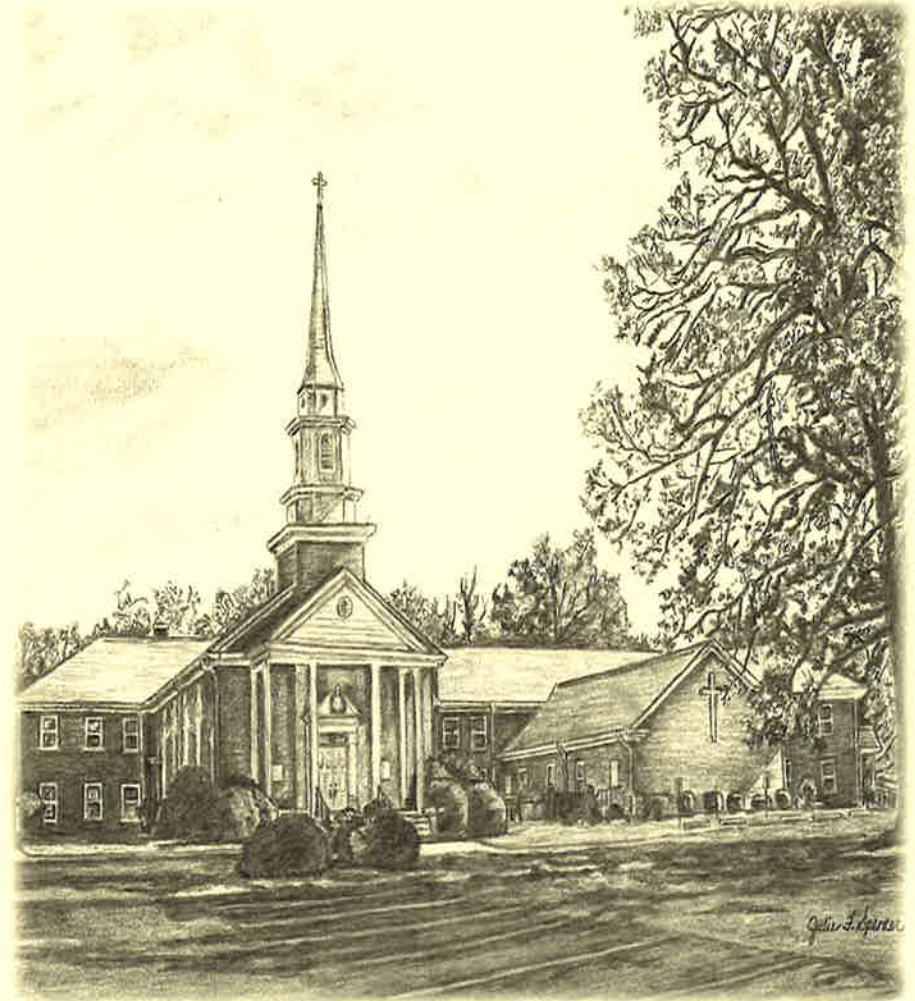
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September 24, 2017  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 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

Lighting the Candles

\*Hymn                      *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*                      No. 400

\*Psalter                      Psalm 24                      No. 755

\*Response                      *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* (vs. 1)                      No. 213

Joys and Concerns

First Reading                      Luke 15: 1-10

Morning Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

Anthem                      *Without His Cross*                      by Joseph Martin

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

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

\*Offertory Prayer

Children's Message

\*Hymn                      *Amazing Grace*                      No. 378

Second Reading                      I Timothy 1: 12-17

Message                      "What's So Amazing about Grace?"                      Pastor Michael

\*Hymn                      *Love Lifted Me*                      Cokesbury No. 233

\*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.

**LAST DAY TO DROP OFF SHOEBOX! 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!

--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 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.**

**THE JOHN & REBECCA COBLE FIELDS FAMILY REUNION** will be held on Sunday, Oct. 1st in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30. All members of the family are invited!

**CHILDREN'S SABBATH WILL BE CELEBRATED AT BOTH SERVICES ON SUNDAY, OCT. 15<sup>TH</sup>** -Children/youth will be in charge of worship. Please let pastor Melissa know if your child would like a speaking part or would assist with other duties that Sunday.

**CUB SCOUTS PACK 342 COAT DRIVE** – Accepting your gently used coats (adults & children) for distribution in November. Drop-off box is outside of church office. Deadline to drop off coats is November 17. Questions - contact Dee Gerringer (336) 213-0326.

**NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** – Sign-ups 10/8, 10/15, 10/22; Photos taken 11/2, 11/3, 11/4. Pastors Michael & Melissa have more info if you have questions.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep these friends in your prayers.

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

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.

*We would like to thank Amy Campbell for her work as Director of Youth at BUMC. Amy is leaving us to pursue youth ministry endeavors in High Point. We will miss her & we wish her well.*

**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 9/24

8:30AM-4:30PM Agape Shoe Box Drop Off **LAST DAY!**  
 8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar  
 8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship  
 10AM Sunday School  
 10:55AM Traditional Worship  
 4PM SPRC  
 4:30PM Bible Buddies Legos  
 5-7PM UMYF  
 5:45PM Dis. Fast Track Bible Study

### Monday 9/25

7PM Arlene Stokes  
 7:30PM Exercise

### Tuesday 9/26

7PM Women in Christ  
 7PM Boy/Cub Scouts

### Wednesday 9/27

3-4PM Food Pantry  
 7PM Choir  
 7:30PM Exercise

### Thursday 9/28

NO CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

### Friday 9/29

Church Office Closed

### Saturday 9/30

No church activities are scheduled.

### Sunday 10/1 Pnut butter & Oatmeal Sunday

8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar  
 8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship  
 10AM Sunday School  
 10:55AM Traditional Worship  
 12:30PM John & Rebecca Coble Fields Reunion (in FH)

### --COMING UP--

--Mon., 10/2 @ 6:30PM Child Care Board  
 --Tues., 10/3 @ 8AM Breakfast Club (Bck. Yd.Grille)  
 ---Wed., 10/4 @ 7PM Cantata Practice  
 --Wed.-Fri., 10/4-10/6 – Brunswick/Chicken Stew Prepping  
 --Sat., 10/7 – Stew Sale @ 1PM  
 --Sun., 10/8 Communion Sunday; McClintock Reunion (FH);  
 --Mon., 10/9 @ 6:30PM Records & History Committee

---SPRC is recruiting for a Youth Director to work part-time with our youth. If you know of anyone who might be a good fit for this position, please ask him/her to contact the church office @ (336) 674-0155 for more information.

---Christmas Cantata Rehearsal will start on Wednesday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 7 to 7:30? These rehearsals will go on until Dec. 17 when the Cantata will be performed. We will have a general rehearsal on Sat., Dec., 16. Volunteers are welcome to join the choir for the Cantata. Let Cesar know if you wish to participate (336) 457-5649.

---Handbell Choir Rehearsals for Christmas will start on Sunday, October 22. Time: 5 to 6pm? Participants are needed.

---NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> is Pnut Butter & Oatmeal Sunday. Your donations of peanut butter & oatmeal go to Urban Ministries.

---DON'T MISS THE CIRCUS! A Real Circus under the Big Top! Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> @ 3PM & 6PM. Vacant lot behind Climax General Store. Info/Tickets: 336-669-4394.

---Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk – Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration: 1:30PM, Walk: 2:30PM. Contact Sandie Harris for information: (336) 681-1558.

---CHURCH COUNCIL meets Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7PM

**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**



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