

# THE CHALLENGE

Bethlehem United Methodist Church  
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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Church of Jesus Christ in all forms faces a challenge as it moves forward in its witness for God's Kingdom. *The challenge comes in the question of how to help people come into a relationship with Jesus Christ.* Most churches do not do this well and, unfortunately, with the continuing decline in membership and worship attendance, the United Methodist Church is among them.

The gospel in a nutshell verse of John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world (each individual person) that He gave His one and only Son so that anyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." In this era in which we live, many people confuse **knowing** about Jesus with **belief** in Jesus. Belief is about the heart, and the heart is about a relationship.

As you know, knowing of someone is quite different from having a relationship with someone. Having an acquaintance with someone is not the same as being a friend; one is a distance from your heart, great or small, while the other is someone close to you. Too many, even within the membership of the church, have a mere acquaintance with Jesus rather than a relationship. How can we who profess Jesus Christ as friend and Lord of our lives help another into relationship with Jesus if we do not really have one ourselves?

This question also applies in another way. How can we invite a person into a relationship with the Church of Jesus and into Bethlehem UMC, if we aren't all that excited about being a part of the body of Christ, including His congregation at Bethlehem UMC? People can sense when there is a lack of enthusiasm.

How do you help people come into a relationship with Jesus? It begins with yourself and your clear understanding of what Jesus means to you; what the Church of Jesus Christ means to you; and what Bethlehem UMC means to you. It isn't about the United Methodist Church, nor is it about the congregation of Bethlehem UMC. It is about you and your relationship with Jesus and His Church. It's very personal experience which draws you into worship, prayer, service, giving, and witness.

If you come across a great restaurant, you tell other people about it. If someone has a medical problem and you know of a doctor who did some amazing things with this kind of medical issue, you are going to recommend the doctor to that person. Why are we of the church so quiet about Jesus who saves us from death and eternal damnation and is the giver of life eternally even now? Why is the excitement level so low among us for the Church of Jesus Christ? We have something special to share in the person of Jesus, and in the spiritual support and fellowship of the church, which is His living, breathing body here on earth. Why be so quiet?

How do we help people come into a relationship with Jesus and His Church? Start by asking yourself, "Why do I personally need Jesus?" Meditate upon that for a while, and then follow it up with, "Why do I personally need the Church?" and "Why do I need Bethlehem UMC?" It's personal. These questions have a way of not only changing your viewpoint of things ... your relationship with Christ and His church ... they create a different way of looking at others. You no longer see people as just some people who "should be" in church somewhere. Your excitement over your relationship and intimate friendship with Jesus causes the desire for others to have that same experience of Jesus ... the same experience of the Church, and especially, the same experience as being a part of Bethlehem UMC. When you are excited about your own salvation, you can't help but want it for others.

In Christ, *Pastor Michael*



**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.**

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# OUR PRAYER LIST

## Ongoing Prayer Needs:

David Arnold  
 Gloria Austin  
 Suzie Branch  
 Edna Coble (NH)  
 Cletis Fields (NH)  
 Cory Fields  
 Kelsey Garrett  
 Martha Hinshaw (NH)

Marjorie Mabe  
 Donna McClintock (Home)  
 Dickie Parks  
 David Robb  
 Brody Watson  
 Kay Wilkinson  
 All of Our Homebound

## Immediate Prayer Needs:

Dalton Bowman  
 Frances F. Fields  
 Ruby Hockett (w/daughter)  
 Larry Knight (Home)  
 Bobbie McClintock (Home)  
 Jamie O'Daniel (Home)  
 Mary Lee Stevens  
 Jeffrey Welker

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

*Philippians 4:6*

*Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. Jeremiah 33:3 KJV*

## 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 (mold)	\$ 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

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2017**  
**COMING IN EARLY NOVEMBER**  
**MORE INFORMATION TO COME.**

# Upcoming Birthdays

## October Birthdays

10/2 Phyllis Dahl  
Scott Wilkinson  
10/4 Travis Franklin  
10/5 Jim Smith  
10/6 Jack Bowman  
Lorrie Roth  
10/8 Tracy Peele  
10/9 Dale Routh  
10/11 Courtney Ingold  
10/13 Betty Kirkman  
10/15 Susan Davis  
Lee Anne Curtis  
10/16 Kristi Robb  
10/17 Bonnie Averill  
Joseph F. Garrett  
Pat Snyder  
Kelly Wilkinson  
10/18 Byron Dahl  
Herbert McClintock  
10/22 Cletis Fields  
10/23 Alex Haywood  
10/24 Mike Fields  
Carolyn Johnson  
Kimber Faircloth  
Donna Younts  
10/25 Jeffrey Welker  
10/27 Jim Little  
10/28 Holly Robb  
10/30 Victoria Coble

## November Birthdays

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  
Sarah Hinshaw  
Annie Mae Jones  
Jean Greeson  
11/12 Vickie Flinchum  
Karen Lauder  
Madison Nance  
11/13 Fred Cook  
11/14 Ronda Faggart  
Phil Smith  
Melissa Swofford  
Carol Williams  
11/17 Jonathan King  
Nathan Pipe  
11/18 Gail Williams  
Mario Massarelli  
11/19 Will Rivers  
11/22 Nancy Kivett  
Terry Owens  
11/23 Doug Garrett  
Emily Lauder  
Franklin Stevens  
11/24 Frances F. Fields  
Frank Willis  
11/27 Ginny Fields  
11/28 Tim Fields  
Bobby Tew  
11/29 Ethan Hill  
Wayne Moser  
11/30 Mark Allen  
Beverly Culbertson

*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.*



# THIS & THAT

**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 Geringer (336) 213-0326.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Mario Massarelli!  
Mario was recently elected  
VP of his senior class  
@ Providence Grove.

*Grays Chapel Elementary would like to extend a tremendous thank you for all of the wonderful school supplies that your church family sent to us.*

*Our school could not do half the things we do for students without the support of our community. We are truly very grateful for Christ-like believers with which to work.*

*In His Hands, Grays Chapel Elementary*

**---REMINDER---**

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS  
SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 22, 2017  
@ 7PM.**

## Memorials Received

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Margaret Royal

In Memory of Eddie Suggs  
By Jim & Carol Williams

In Memory of Clem Royal  
By Margaret Royal

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Bette Weatherly

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Jerry & Karon Monnett

In Memory of Billy Underwood  
By Jerry & Karon Monnett

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Charles & Evonne Parks

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By David & Ronda Robb

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Ingold

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Jane Williams

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Jim Evans & April Wreath

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Phil Way

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Frank & Julia Willis

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Mr. & Mrs. Bill Riggs

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Buddy & Judy Fields

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Pat Waugh

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Adult Fellowship Class

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Phyllis Wicker

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Kelly & Betty Fields

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Betty Hull

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Betty Kirkman

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Shirley Hackett

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Denny & Julie Spencer

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Wayne & Phyllis Alley

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By The Vickery Family

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Waugh Asphalt, Inc.

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Clara Brown

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Tommy Arrington

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Jane Christopher

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Jim & Beverly Culbertson

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Leo Kirkman

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Kathleen Cope

In Memory of Raeford Fields  
By Betty Wilkins

In Memory of Travis Norris  
By Adult Fellowship Class

In Memory of Travis Norris  
By Frank & Julia Willis

In Memory of Travis Norris  
By The Bridger's Family

In Memory of Travis Norris  
By Buddy & Judy Fields

In Memory of Travis Norris  
By Jerry & Karon Monnett

In Memory of Travis Norris  
By Bette Weatherly

In Memory of Travis Norris  
By Jim & Beverly Culbertson

In Memory of Travis Norris  
By Leo Kirkman

In Memory of Travis Norris  
By Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Ingold

In Memory of Travis Norris  
By Kelly & Betty Fields

In Memory of Travis Norris  
By Denny Spencer & Family

In Memory of Travis Norris  
By Benjamin Weston

In Memory of Travis Norris  
By Pat Waugh

### Honorariums Received this Month

In Honor of Jerry & Karon Monnett's  
Anniversary  
By Larry, Lynne, & Ruby

In Honor of Frank & Julia Willis  
By Jerry & Karon Monnett

In Honor of Evonne & Dickie Parks  
By Bette Weatherly

In Honor of Linda, Kim, & Cindy Duncan  
By Margaret Royal

*In order to print newsletter by its deadline, some memorials & honorariums received this month will be listed in next month's newsletter.*

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

### 2017

#### Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

Recognition of those family members & friends who have graduated to the Church Triumphant will be Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> during the 10:55AM worship service.

## ---IN OUR COMMUNITY---

**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.

### New Pictorial Directory

BUMC will be doing a new, updated pictorial directory in the next couple of months.

Please make note of these dates: **October 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, sign-ups** for photos.

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>, (Thursday), November 3<sup>rd</sup> (Friday), November 4<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) photos** to be taken.

Further information on this will be shared via phone tree and in your Sunday worship bulletins.



### COMING AGAIN THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON...

**Children's Christmas Shop will be Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 1. Where children shop for the adults in their lives.** Items needed: small ceramics, purses, fleece blankets, jewelry, tools, wallets, stuffed animals, perfumes or colognes, bath items such as lotions, powders, etc. neckties, Christmas figurines, small and medium Christmas bags, tote bags, or anything that will appeal to a child shopping for the adult(s) in his or her life. These may be delivered to Pastor Melissa's office or preferably to parsonage screened-in porch any time.

## BUMC CHILDREN'S SABBATH CELEBRATION

Children's Sabbath will be October 15<sup>th</sup> during both worship services. There will be special presentations by our children and youth, with a focus on the needs of these two groups in our church and community. We are collecting the items below, and we will have a special offering which will go to **Room in the Inn** and other agencies.

- Gas cards for transportation
- \$25 Walmart & Target gift cards (for groceries, clothes and shoes) for families with young children
- Diaper bags (neutral theme)
- Diaper wipes
- Pack & Play with Bassinet Attachment (new or used)
- Toddler beds
- Car seat head supports
- Children's toys (new or gently used)
- Children's clothing (new or used)
- Children's blankets (new or used)

### WHAT IS CHILDREN'S SABBATH?

The Children's Defense Fund has led and organized The National Observance of Children's Sabbath since 1991. This ecumenical celebration brings together people of all faiths to address the needs of children.

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/why-united-methodists-observe-childrens-sabbath>

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Coble's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
5200 Coble Church Road - Julian, NC 27283  
*Piedmont Singing Men*  
In Concert  
Sunday, October 15 @ 5PM  
Reception follows  
Free of Charge - All are invited!

**SOULS 4 SOULS - WEARING OUT POVERTY**  
First Lutheran Church is collecting shoes during October to help locally & globally.  
Bring to: **First Lutheran Church**  
**3600 W. Friendly Ave.**  
**Greensboro, NC**  
8-5PM M-Th.; 8-1PM Fri.; 8-12:30PM Sun.

# More October Happenings



Saturday, October 7th 2017  
 All Stew Sales 1:00PM  
 \$7.00/quart

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## Boo Bash

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

6-8PM

Hot Dog Supper

Hay Ride

Trick or Treating & Games



## Pastor Appreciation Sunday, October 8th

This celebration was established in 1992 with a mission of uplifting and encouraging pastors, missionaries, and religious workers.

<https://corporate.hallmark.com/holiday/clergy-appreciation-month>

**ZERBINI FAMILY CIRCUS**  
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 Climax General Store, 1218 NC 62E & Red Cross Comm. Store, 7974 NC Hwy 22N  
 For Info Call: Tim Fields 336-669-4394  
 Follow us on

**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*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**JOINT THANKSGIVING SERVICE** - Our annual joint Thanksgiving Service with Pleasant Garden UMC will be Sunday, November 19 @ 7PM, here at Bethlehem UMC. Be sure to mark your calendars for this very special worship service. Canned goods to stock BUMC's food pantry are appreciated. Fellowship time with refreshments will follow the service.

**Donations of finger foods are requested.**

## 2017 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The annual Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 10 at 6PM.

Practices will begin mid-October.

Any children or youth interested in participating should contact Deena King @ (336)302-5644.

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## MISSION TEAM NEWS

The August blood drive was a big success. We collected 54 pints of life-giving blood. That surpassed our goal. Thank you, Susan Coward, for all of your hard work. Thanks to everyone who donated blood, time, and snacks.

We will have another church work day on November 4th. Please come and help us. Last time we had fun and got a lot done.

The Mission Team will be helping Melissa with the Christmas store for the children.

Some of our Mission Team will be going to Fayetteville Nov. 12-14 to help them rebuild. If you would like to go, please let us know.

The local missions built a ramp for a church member. We delivered 78 lbs. of oatmeal and peanut butter to Urban Ministry. (Please remember to bring it to church the first Sunday of every month.) The food pantry fed 81 people over the past 4 months. Currently, we are a little low on food, so please donate.

The Cub Scouts are collecting coats for children and adults until Nov. 17. There will be a drop-off box by the church office. Please help.

We plan to help the hurricane survivors in Texas and Florida. We will be preparing flood buckets and working on plans for a trip to Florida. Please pray for all the victims of hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Thank you, church family, for all of your support. *Phyllis Dahl, Mission Chair*

## LIL/BIG CHEFS

Please mark your calendars for a Little Chefs/Big Chef event on November 17 (Friday) and November 18(Saturday). Friday from 5:30-8:15 will be for Kindergarten through 5th grade children and will involve cooking with a Chef N'gai from the Greater Harvest Food Bank. Saturday from 10 to 1 will be for children preschool through 5th grade plus adults who are willing to mentor children as a Big Chef. (No cooking experience required.) We will be receiving food boxes from local farms and preparing a meal based on those boxes. We will also have contests, safety demos, and chef honors plus learning how God honors food and harvest seasons. Wow! Can't wait for this fun, fun, faith activity. More to come in October. Pastor Melissa

## 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

## October & November 2017 Volunteer Schedule

Date	Greeters (8:50AM)	Greeters (10:55AM)	Flowers (Altar/Other)	Communion Stewards (First Sunday of Month)
10/1	<b>NEED GREETERS</b>	Karen Barbone	John & Rebecca Fields Reunion	NO COMMUNION
10/8	Sandie Harris	Jane Chamelin & Shirley Hackett	McClintock Reunion	Sandie Harris & Zoe (E); Lorrie & Mario (L)
10/15	Lois Snow	Joyce King	Desi & Gail Williams	
10/22	Alice Jones	Pat Waugh	Lois Snow	
10/29	<b>NEED GREETERS</b>	Beth Coble	Karen Barbone	
11/5	<b>NEED GREETERS</b>	<b>NEED GREETERS</b>	Lois Snow	Dale & Becky Windsor (E); <b>NEED LATE SERVICE.</b>
11/12	Sandie Harris	Lorrie, Mario, Joy	Lorrie Roth	
11/19	Karon & Jerry Monnett	Karen Barbone	Ruth Rowland	
*11/19	* ---JOINT (PLEASANT GARDEN UMC) THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE/ <b>COMMUNION</b> @ 7PM			
11/26	Lois Snow	Buddy & Judy Fields	Judy Fields	

**Opener for October:** Alice Jones    **Closer for October:** Karen Barbone

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

**Opener for November:** Jerry Monnett/Phyllis Wicker    **Closer for November:** David Cranfill

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

**Acolytes:** Sofia Cook Marimon & Claudio Cook Marimon

**Audio-Visual Techs:** Denny Spencer, Terry Franklin, Bayne Welborn

**Thank you to all who serve!**

**GREETERS** - A mailbox (in the short hall outside of the church office) has been designated for greeters. This box (upper, far right box) is where bulletins will be left. Please remember to pick up bulletins from this box prior to worship service. Thanks.

### *CHOIR NEWS*

**Christmas Cantata** Rehearsal will start on Wed., Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 to 7:30PM. These rehearsals will go on until Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, when the Cantata will be performed. We will have a general rehearsal on Sat., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. **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<sup>nd</sup>. Time: 5- 6PM **Participants are needed.** Performance date TBA

### BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**OUR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES:**

**8:50AM AND 10:55AM**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS AT 10AM**

Children's & Families' Ministry is requesting donations of candy for the upcoming BOO BASH. There will be a box in the foyer outside of the church office for candy donations. All Sunday School Classes & Scouts are asked to decorate their rooms and provide candy to hand out during BOO Bash trick-or-treating time.

Contact Deena King if you have questions (336) 302-5644.

# October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 17<sup>th</sup> Sun./Pentecost</b> <b>World Communion Sunday</b> 8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar 8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship 10AM Sunday School 10:55AM Traditional Worship 5-7PM UMYF J-K Kids, Fields Reunion!	<b>2</b> 6:30PM Child Care Board 7:30PM Exercise	<b>3</b> 8AM Breakfast Club @ Backyard Grille	<b>4</b> STEW PREPPING 7PM Youth Bible Study 7PM Cantata/Choir FOOD PANTRY 3-4PM	<b>5</b> STEW PREPPING 3:15PM Children's Chapel 7:30PM Trustees	<b>6</b> STEW PREPPING	<b>7</b> 1PM STEW SALE CUB SCOUT PACK 342 FOOD DRIVE
<b>8 18<sup>th</sup> Sun./Pentecost</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>Pastor Appreciation Sunday</b> 8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar 8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship 10AM Sunday School 10:55AM Traditional Worship 4:30PM Bible Buddies 5:45PM Bible Study 5-7PM UMYF McCannlock Reunion!	<b>9 Columbus Day</b> 6:30PM Records & History 7:30PM Exercise	<b>10</b> 10:30AM Friendly Club 7PM Women in Christ 7PM Boy/Cub Scouts	<b>11</b> 7PM Youth Bible Study 7PM Cantata/Choir 7:30PM Exercise FOOD PANTRY 3-4PM	<b>12</b> 3:15PM Children's Chapel 7PM Bi Monthly Chairs	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15 19<sup>th</sup> Sun./Pentecost</b> <b>Children's Sabbath Cele.</b> 8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar 8:50AM Blended, Casual Wrsp 10AM Sunday School 10:55AM Traditional Worship 4PM Missional Network Cele. 5:45PM Fast Track Bible Study CIRCUS 3PM & 6PM	<b>16</b> NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE (INCLUDING INFO FOR CALENDAR) 7:30PM Exercise	<b>17</b> 6-7PM UMYF 7PM Camp Meeting 7PM Women in Christ 7PM Boy/Cub Scouts	<b>18</b> 7PM Cantata/Choir 7:30PM Exercise FOOD PANTRY 3-4PM	<b>19</b> FH & KIT. in use 3:15PM Children's Chapel 6:30PM PG Lion's Club 7PM Finance 7PM Missions	<b>20</b> CHURCH in use (wedding)	<b>21</b> CHURCH in use (wedding)
<b>22 20<sup>th</sup> Sun./Pentecost</b> 8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar 8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship 10AM Sunday School 10:55AM Traditional Worship 4:30PM Bible Buddies Legos 5:45PM Fast Track Bible Study 5-6PM Hand Bells 5-7PM UMYF 7PM Church Council	<b>23</b> 7PM Safe Sanc. (Sunshine Rm.) 7PM Arlene Stokes 7:30PM Exercise	<b>24</b> 7PM Women in Christ 7PM Boy/Cub Scouts	<b>25</b> 7PM Cantata/Choir 7:30PM Exercise FOOD PANTRY 3-4PM	<b>26</b> 3:15PM Children's Chapel	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29 21<sup>st</sup> Sun./Pentecost</b> <b>Reformation Sunday</b> 8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar 8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship 10AM Sunday School 10:55AM Traditional Worship 4:30PM Bible Buddies Legos 5:45PM Fast Track Bible Study 5-6PM Hand Bells 5-7PM UMYF	<b>30</b> 7:30PM Exercise	<b>31</b> 6-8PM BOO Bash				

Notes:

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 16.**

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**---PROJECT AGAPE UPDATE---**

**Thank you** to all who participated and supported this outreach! 166 shoeboxes were collected.

*Project AGAPE — ministry to Armenia and to some of our most desperate Christian brothers and sisters — is a collaborative effort of the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conferences of The United Methodist Church in a joint effort with the Armenian Apostolic Church. Project AGAPE brings hope to vulnerable children.*

<https://nccumc.org/outreach/project-agape/>

*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 [msofford2@wnccumc.net](mailto:msofford2@wnccumc.net)*

Blessings, Pastor Michael