

**BETHLEHEM  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
CLIMAX, NORTH CAROLINA**

**TODAY, Sunday, October 15, 2017** - The flowers have been placed in the sanctuary to the Glory of God and in honor of Jeffrey Welker's 21st birthday on Oct 25th by Gail and Desi Williams.

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

**8:50AM Greeters Today:** Lois Snow **NEXT WEEK:** Alice Jones

**10:55AM Greeters Today:** Joyce King **NEXT WEEK:** Pat Waugh

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

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

**Audio/Visual Tech:** Gene Flinchum, Denny Spencer, Terry Franklin

**Attendance October 8, 2017 -**

Sunday School	79
8:50AM Early Service	51
10:55AM Worship Attendance	81
<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	<b>132</b>
Your Gifts-----	
Amount Collected to Date	<b>\$261,938.09</b>
Worship Service	\$4,513.00
MMRF	\$180.00
Other:	
Project Agape Shoeboxes (To Date)	\$1,311.00

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October 15, 2017  
*Children's Sabbath*

October 15, 2017 10:55AM

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude *Praise Him, All Ye Little Children*

Lighting the Candles

Call to Worship

\*Hymn *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God* No. 405  
*(Please place baby items in display at front of the sanctuary)*

Call to Confession and Repentance Pastor Melissa

First Scripture Reading Jeremiah 31: 15-17

Morning Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

Anthem *Child of the King* by Cindy Walker

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Jesus Loves Me*

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

\*Offertory Prayer

Children's Moment Our Little Princesses and Knights  
*If You're Happy and You Know It*  
*This Little Light of Mine*  
*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Second Scripture Reading Mark 10: 13-16

Message "Back to God's Kingdom" Pastor Melissa

Blessing of the Children and Youth  
*(Parents with their children are asked to come forward for a special blessing at the end of the service today. Please fill out an index card with child/youth name on the card. Parents or grandparents may also ask for blessings for a child in abstention)*

\*Hymn *Onward Christian Soldiers* No. 575

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Benediction *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* (Refrain) No. 251

\*Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able.

*Welcome all who worship here! We pray that 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.*

**TODAY!** A Real Circus under the Big Top! 3PM & 6PM. Vacant lot behind Climax General Store. More Info/Tickets: 336-669-4394.

**TODAY! Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk** – Registration: 1:30PM, Walk: 2:30PM. Contact Sandie Harris for information: (336) 681-1558.

**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 11/17. Questions - contact Dee Gerringer (336) 213-0326.

**ATTENTION 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.

**Christmas Cantata Rehearsals** start on Wed., Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 7 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 to 6PM **Participants are needed.**

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

**DATE CHANGE - The Arlene Stokes Circle will meet Sun., Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> @3:00 pm** instead of Mon., Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will still meet in the Young at Heart Class. The program includes guest speaker, Debbie Adams (Mrs. Santa Claus) who will be sharing details of her mission trip to Brazil. We invite other church members to join us!

**Arlene Stokes UMW** has Mascot Pecans for sale! \$10.00/lb bag. Persimmon Pulp \$7.00/2-cup package.

**Safe Sanctuary Meeting: Mon., Oct. 23 @ 7PM (Will meet in FH)** SS teachers & Nursery workers, who teach children or youth under 18 years of age, Scout Representatives for Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts, Child Care 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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The BOO Bash is 10/31, 6PM -8PM.** This annual event is a great alternative to traditional Trick-or-Treating. (Donations of candy are requested. You may leave your donations in the box in the foyer outside of the church office.) Thank you all for supporting this outreach event.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep these friends in your prayers.

Ongoing Prayer Needs:	Ongoing (Cont.)	Ongoing (Cont.)	Immediate Prayer Needs:
David Arnold	Cory Fields	Jamie O'Daniel (home)	Dale Austin
Gloria Austin	Kelsey Garrett	Dickie Parks	Heather Fields Coble
Suzie Branch	Martha Hinshaw (NH)	David Robb	Ruby Hockett (with daughter)
Edna Coble (NH)	Marjorie Mabe	Brody Watson (Asheboro) (Jan Toler's grandson)	Bobbie McClintock (home)
Cletis Fields (NH)	Donna McClintock (home)	Kay Wilkinson	Lucille McClintock (home)
			Barbara Riddle
			Mary Lee Stevens
			Sharon Thornton (Surgery Friday)
			Jeffrey Welker (deployed to Poland)

*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 Dalton Bowman wants to thank each and every one who sent prayers, love and support during Dalton's illness and passing. Without your love and support and God's help, we could not have made it. He fought a long, hard battle, which he won on September 28, 2017. Also thank you for the calls, cards, visits and food. We are thankful for such a wonderful caring Church family and friends. God bless each of you.*

**Thank you Cub Scout Pack 342.** They collected over 1400 pounds of food and \$151.73 in cash for our food pantry.

**NEW ADDRESS** – Ruby Hockett's new address -

Ruby Hockett  
c/o Lynne Causey  
1929 W. Lake Drive  
Burlington, NC 27406  
Cell Phone is 336-202-2484

### NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

- **Sign-ups begin today!** Other sign-up dates - 10/15, 10/22; Photos taken 11/2, 11/3, 11/4. Sign-ups taking place after services in hallway outside of FH.
- We would like to showcase all that Bethlehem does in the "activities" section. Many of you take photos at our events and we would love to use those images to create a collage of all we have done. If you have photos, please email them to [lsdowning12@gmail.com](mailto:lsdowning12@gmail.com) Please include a description of the photo in the email, so it can be easily sorted and used. Thanks in advance! Layne Downing

**Memorials for Veteran's Day** – The Young-at-Heart SS Class is preparing a special keepsake bulletin to honor or memorialize our Veterans on Sunday, November 12. Donations are \$5 per name. Please use a separate envelope for each Veteran's name (available at each entrance and in the SS Classes.) Make checks payable to Bethlehem UMC with Veteran's Memorial on the memo line. Envelopes may be given to Karon Monnett, Judy fields, or Phyllis Wicker or placed in the offering plate. Deadline is Sunday, November 5. Thanks for your participation in this project.

### Sunday 10/15 Children's Sabbath Celebration

Pictorial Directory Sign-ups  
Circus 3PM & 6PM  
CROP Walk 1:30PM

8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar

8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship

10AM Sunday School

10:55AM Traditional Worship

5:45PM Bible Study (Not meeting; do lessons 4&5.)

6PM Missional Network @ Pleasant Union

### Monday 10/16

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE (INCLUDES CALENDAR INFO)**

7:30PM Exercise

### Tuesday 10/17

7PM Camp Meeting

7PM Women in Christ

7PM Boy/Cub Scouts

### Wednesday 10/18

3-4PM Food Pantry

6PM Youth Bible Study

7PM Choir/Cantata

7:30PM Exercise

### Thursday 10/19

3:15PM Children's Chapel

6:30PM PG Lion's Club

7PM Finance

7PM Missions

### Friday 10/20 (FH in use 5:30PM til)

Church Office Closed

### Saturday 10/21 FH & Kitchen in use (morn)

No church activities scheduled.

### Sunday 10/22 Pictorial Directory Sign-ups

8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar

8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship

10AM Sunday School

10:55AM Traditional Worship

3PM Arlene Stokes

4:30PM Bible Buddies

5-6PM Hand Bells

5-7PM UMYF

5:45PM Bible Study

7PM Church Council

### --COMING UP--

**Monday, October 23 @ 7PM (FH) Safe Sanctuary Training**

**Tuesday, October 24 @ 7PM Nominations Comm.**

**Tuesday, October 31 6-8PM BOO BASH**

**Sunday, November 5 @ 7PM Charge Conference**

**Sunday, November 5 @ 7:30PM Church Conference**

---**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!** Forms & facilities use policy are available outside of church office. Once completed, please turn form in to the church office.

---**Pleasant Garden Youth Basketball Association** sign-ups and try-outs for Pee Wee players.

Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> - 6 – 8pm

Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> - 2 – 4pm

Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> - 6 – 8pm

Registration fee is \$30.00/player and only \$80.00 if you are signing up 3 or more. After October 16<sup>th</sup>, any late sign-ups will be \$45.00.

Contact David Cranfill (336-509-5994) if you have questions.

---**Child Care Teacher Needed.** Please contact Jackie Smith for more information (336) 674-9879.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### Budget Results for September 2017

\$229,035.47 Total Budget Money Available September 1, 2017  
 + 26,032.97 Money Received in September  
 = 25,916.92 Money Spent in September  
 \$229,151.52 Total Budget Money Available September 30, 2017

For the month of September, 2017, the Church Budget received \$116.05 more than it spent. For the year, the Church Budget received \$2,724.31 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.  
 \$11,959.58 Total MM&RF Money Available September 30, 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
Food Pantry	\$ 302.09
Discretionary Fund	\$ 3,654.45
Little Chefs	\$ 910.70
Records & History	\$ 521.56
UMYF	\$16,091.57
Family Ministries	\$ 2,104.23
Bible Study Books	\$ <152.34>
Columbarium Niche	\$ 1,000.00
UMCOR Hurricane Relief	\$ 700.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 10,355.29
Handbells	\$ 160.52
Scholarship-Religion Ed	\$ 1,983.22
Missions-Undesignated	\$ 14,616.08
Camp Tekoa	\$ 781.88
Cemetery/Columbarium	\$ 19,234.94
Christmas Shoeboxes	\$ 667.07
Helen Grady Endowment	\$ 2,351.55
Columbarium Donations	\$ 275.00
Misc In/Out (DBOM)	\$ 80.00

Total Other Designated Gift Money Available September 30, 2017    \$81,691.51

Frank Willis, Stewardship Ministry Chair

### 2017 Brunswick/Chicken Stew

A huge "thank you" to so many who were a part of our stew in a variety of ways from cooking/chopping meats (762 lbs), preparing vegetables (250+ lbs), adding ingredients & stirring pots, tending fires, cashiering, cleaning pots, donating ingredients & supplies and keeping everything washed!

976 Total Quarts (737 qts Brunswick; 239 qts Chicken)

Thanks to those who provided baked items; canned vegetables, jellies/jams, etc for the country store.

In order to fund this year's budget, the church council voted to include \$5500 of stew profits in our annual budget. We are still waiting for some contributions from Sunday school classes to help pay for meats & vegetables, but as of 10/12/17 here are the financial results:

Stew Sales	6,941.10
Desserts/Country Store	832.00
Sunday School Contributions	<u>335.00</u>
	8,108.10
Less Expenses	<u>-2,027.65</u>
Profit	6,080.45

A special thanks to our UMYF members who sold hot dogs and contributed \$496.25 as a budget fundraiser!

This was truly a church effort...a lot of hard work, long days...but with the help of so many it was a success and the fellowship was invaluable.

Stew Committee