

BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CLIMAX, NORTH CAROLINA

TODAY, Sunday, October 22, 2017 - The flowers have been placed in the church this morning to the Glory of God in honor of Lyn Flinchum's birthday by Lois & Francis Snow.

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

8:50AM Greeters Today: Alice Jones **NEXT WEEK:** Johnnie & Barb. Riddle

10:55AM Greeters Today: Pat Waugh **NEXT WEEK:** Beth Coble

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 15, 2017 -

Sunday School	83
8:50AM Early Service	39
10:55AM Worship Attendance	131
Total Worship Attendance	170
Your Gifts-----	
Amount Collected to Date	\$275,088.50
Worship Service	\$4,826.16
MMRF	\$470.00
Other:	
Project Agape Shoeboxes (To Date)	\$1,311.00

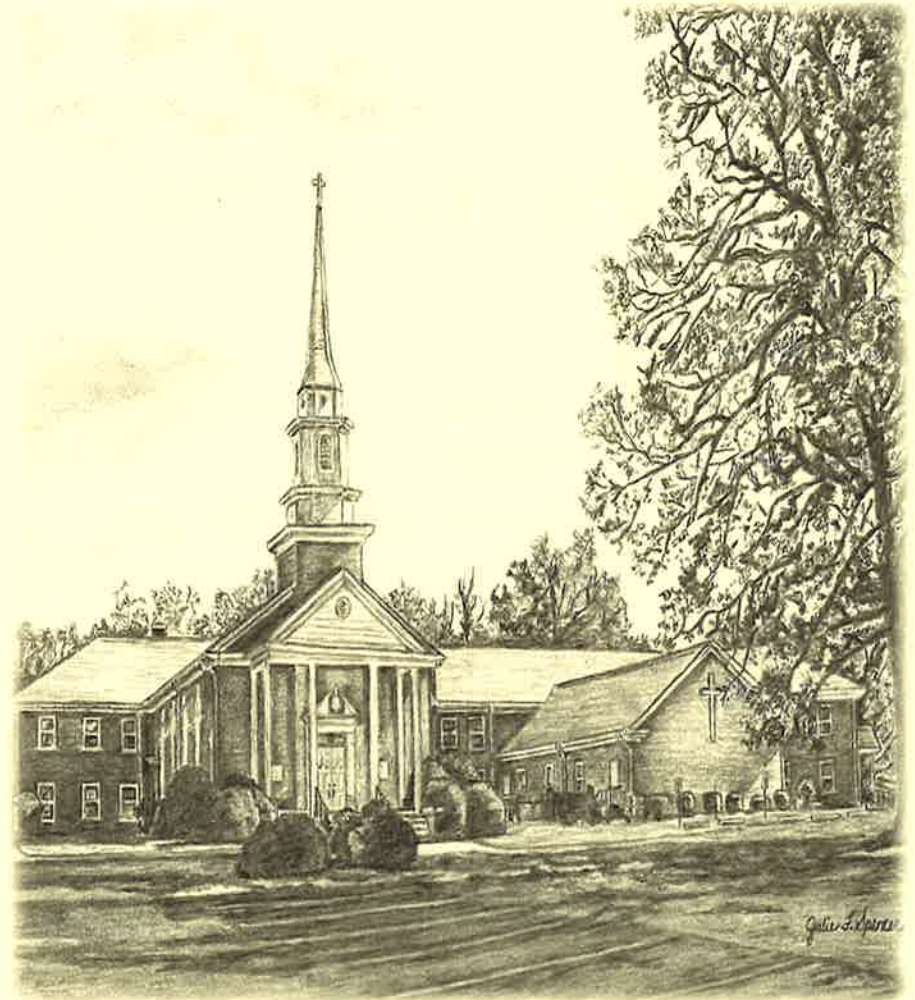
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October 22, 2017
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 2017

10:55 am

---CHURCH COUNCIL TONIGHT @ 7PM.---

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 *If That Isn't Love*

Lighting the Candles

*Hymn *Christ for the World We Sing* No. 568

Joys and Concerns

Affirmation of Faith "The Nicene Creed" No. 880

Morning Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

Anthem *Give Me Jesus* arranged by Ruth Schram

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Beautiful Garden of Prayer*

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

*Offertory Prayer

Children's Message

*Hymn *Rescue the Perishing* No. 591

Scripture Acts 17: 16-23

Message "The Struggle with Our Witnessing" Pastor Michael

*Hymn *My Hope is Built* No. 368

*Benediction

*Congregational Benediction

Go, Tell It on the Mountain (Refrain) No. 251

*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

A note from the SPRC - October is Pastor Appreciation month. We will be collecting a love offering during the remainder of the month for Pastors Michael & Melissa.

The Arlene Stokes Circle will meet TODAY @ 3:00 pm instead of Mon., Oct. 23rd.

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

SIGN-UP TODAY - Pictures for directory sign-up lists available outside of FH following worship.

If you have photos to contribute to the activities pages of the new directory, send them to Layne Downing lsdowning12@gmail.com

Lil/Big Chefs is Nov. 17, 18 - registration going on now; registration forms are on table outside of church office. Return completed forms to Pastor Melissa. (Need disposable aluminum pie tins for Lil/Big Chefs. May leave these tins in Pastor Melissa's office.)

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.

Christmas Cantata Rehearsals are Wednesdays 7:00 to 7:30PM. These rehearsals will go on until Dec. 17th, when the Cantata will be performed. We will have a general rehearsal on Sat., Dec., 16th. **Volunteers are welcome to join the choir for the Cantata.** Let Cesar know if you wish to participate (336) 457-5649.

Handbell Choir STARTS TODAY! Rehearsals for Christmas will start today. **Time: 5 to 6pm. Participants are needed.**

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. Thank you for all you do.

CUB SCOUTS PACK 342 COAT DRIVE – Accepting your gently used coats (adults & children) for distribution November 25th. Drop-off box is outside of church office. Deadline to drop off coats is November 17th. Questions - contact Dee Gerringer (336) 213-0326.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep these friends in your prayers.

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

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 extend Christian sympathy to the family of David Arnold. David graduated to the Church Triumphant on Tuesday, October 17, 2017.

We want to thank everyone for all the love you've wrapped us in this year. We are very humbled by all the prayers, cards, and food that you have shared. God has blessed us in so many ways. God bless you all, love Jamie, Tater and Paden.

NEW ADDRESS - Ruby Hockett is currently staying with her daughter, Lynne. She asked that you note the change in her contact info.

Ruby Hockett
c/o Lynne Causey
1929 W. Lake Rd
Burlington, NC 27215
 Ruby's Cell Phone # is (336) 202-2484

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.

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

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 (Begins Today!)
 5-7PM UMYF
 5:45PM Bible Study
 7PM Church Council

Monday 10/23
 7PM Safe Sanctuary Training (FH)
 7:30PM Exercise

Tuesday 10/24
 7PM Nominations Comm.
 7PM Women in Christ
 7PM Boy/Cub Scouts

Wednesday 10/25
 3-4PM Food Pantry
 6PM Youth Bible Study
 7PM Choir/Cantata
 7:30PM Exercise

Thursday 10/26 (Tentative, FH in use 4-10PM)
 3:15PM Children's Chapel

Friday 10/27
 Church Office Closed

Saturday 10/28
 No Church activities scheduled.

Sunday 10/29 Reformation Sunday
 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
 5-6PM Hand Bells
 5-7PM UMYF

--COMING UP--

Tues., Oct. 31 6-8PM BOO BASH
Sun., Nov. 5 All Saints Sunday
Sun., Nov. 5 @ 7PM Charge Conference
Sun., Nov. 5 @ 7:30PM Church Council
Sun., Nov. 19 @ 7PM Joint Thanksgiving Service w/Pleasant Garden UMC (@ BUMC)

---**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.

NO QUARRY COMMITTEE Meeting with Commissioners will be on Thurs., 11/2 @ 5:30PM. Mini bus will leave the church @ 4PM. Contact David Cranfill for information.

---**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.

---**PG Basketball** if you missed sign-ups, there will be an additional sign-up opportunity on Tues., 10/24 from 6 – 8 p.m.

BULLETIN DEADLINE – Announcements, and the like, are due to the office by Tues. evening. Whenever possible, please send via email bethumclimax@gmail.com
 Thanks.