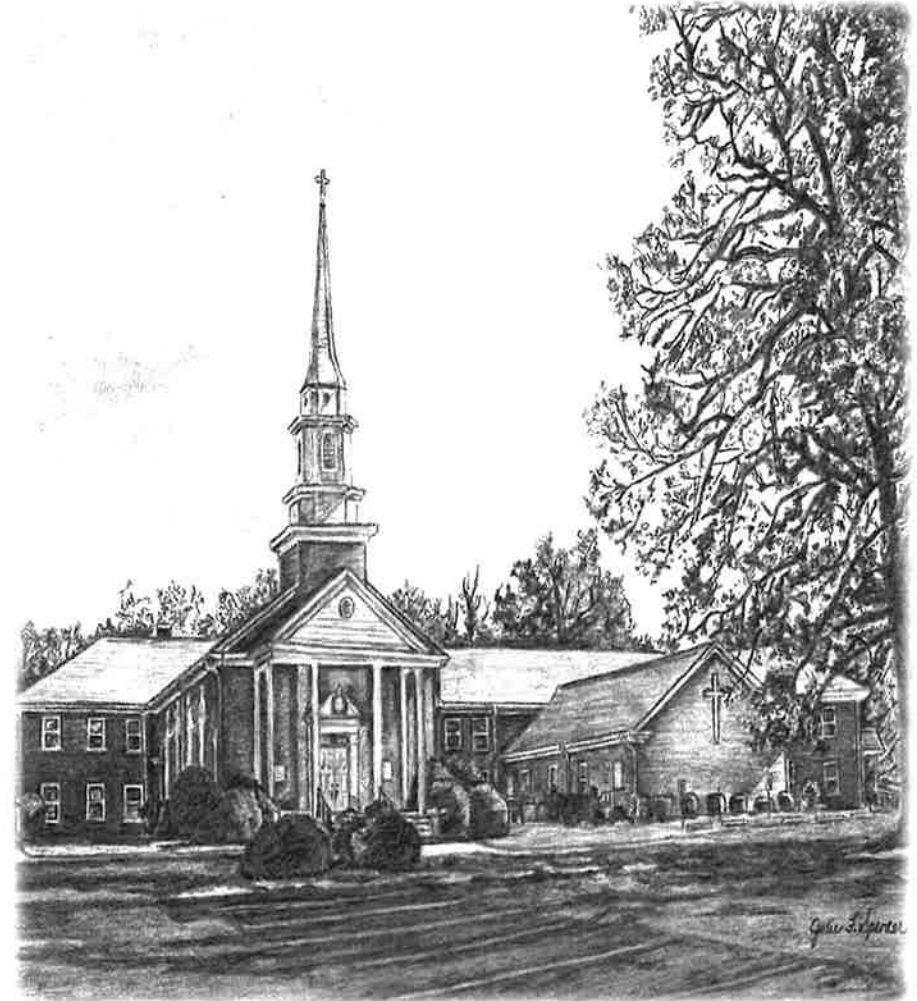


# BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CLIMAX, NORTH CAROLINA



**TODAY, Sunday, November 12, 2017** - The flowers have been placed in the church this morning to the Glory of God in honor of Mario's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday from Mum, Dad & Joy.

**Narthex Flowers:** The flowers have been placed in the narthex this morning to the Glory of God and in honor of U.S. Army PFC Jeffrey Welker and USAF Staff Sgt. Heath Muller.

**Nov. Church Opener:** Jerry Monnett **Nov. Church Closer:** David Cranfill

**8:50AM Greeters Today:** Sandie Harris **NEXT WEEK:** Jerry & Karon Monnett

**10:55AM Greeters Today:** Lorrie, Mario, & Joy **NEXT WEEK:** Karen Barbone

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

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

**Audio/Visual Tech:** Wayne Moser, Justin Windsor, Gene Flinchum, Denny Spencer, Terry Franklin

**Attendance November 5, 2017 -**

Sunday School	106
8:50AM Early Service	54
10:55AM Worship Attendance	155
<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	<b>209</b>

Your Gifts-----

Amount Collected to Date	<b>\$295,872.96</b>
Worship Service	\$7,508.25
MMRF	\$551.00
Other:	
Project Agape Shoeboxes (To Date)	\$1,311.00

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November 12, 2017

*Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*

November 12, 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 *This is My Country*

Lighting the Candles

\*Hymn *America* (vss 1, 4) No. 697

\*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

\*Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian Flag

\*Hymn *America the Beautiful* No. 696

Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

Anthem *May the Lord Bless You* by Judy Hunnicutt

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Onward Christian Soldiers*

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

\*Offertory Prayer

Puppet Pals Andrew & Susan Coward

\*Hymn *This is My Father's World* No. 144

Scripture Mark 4: 26-29

Message "And the Seed Sprouts" Pastor Michael

\*Hymn *Rejoice, the Lord is King* No. 715

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Benediction *Sent forth by God's Blessing* No. 664


\*Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able.

**This year's Honor Card** by local artist William Mangum is titled "Rise Up." It's a print made into a holiday card benefiting Greensboro Urban Ministry. 100% of the \$5.00 donation per card goes directly to helping to feed, clothe and house those who are far less fortunate than most of us. If you would like to help support this worthy cause, please contact Phyllis Dahl with your order. ***Please make your checks out to Greensboro Urban Ministry.*** The plan is to have all sales completed and monies turned in by Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Little Chefs** -Friday night, 11/17 and Saturday morning, 11/18. Friday night (5:30-8PM) is for K-5 and Saturday morning (10AM-1PM) is for Preschool through 5th grade. There are still openings so please speak with Pastor Melissa. **Needed: Thank you for the pie tins. We need clear plastic quart jars. Thanks.**

**CUB SCOUTS PACK 342 COAT DRIVE** – Accepting your gently used coats (adults & children) for **distribution Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>**. Drop-off box is outside of church office. **Deadline to drop off coats is Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>**. If anyone knows someone in need of a coat, come pick one out Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>. Questions - contact Dee Gerring (336) 213-0326.

 Coming up on **Sun., Nov. 26**, before and after worship services – there will be a bake sale outside of the FH. **Proceeds will go to "She's the First" ECU Chapter.** Also on Nov. 26, during both worship services, Annabel Bunton (Robin Bunton's daughter) will give a brief presentation on the "She's the First" program, an educational advocacy program for girls all over the world. Your support is greatly appreciated. **And your baked goods are appreciated. Thank you in advance.**



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

**FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Budget requests are due to the Finance Committee by Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have questions, contact Faye Fields @ (336)674-5788.

**Stewardship Sunday is Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Your stewardship letters will be mailed out soon. Once received, please fill out your Estimated Giving Card; place it in the sealed envelope & bring it with you to Stewardship Sunday & be part of a special celebration. If you can't attend on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, please mail your card, no later than Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, to the church (P.O. Box 56, Climax, NC 27233).

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep these friends in your prayers.

Ongoing Prayer Needs:	Ongoing (Cont.)	Immediate (Cont.)
Dale Austin	Dickie Parks	Linda Land
Gloria Austin	Barbara Riddle	Bobbie McClintock (home)
Suzie Branch	David Robb	Lucille McClintock (home)
Edna Coble (NH)	Brody Watson (Asheboro)	Jeffrey Welker (back in US)
Cletis Fields (NH)	(Jan Toler's grandson)	Kay Wilkinson
Cory Fields	All of our homebound	Arnold Williams (Desi's Dad)
Kelsey Garrett	<b>Immediate Prayer Needs:</b>	Others:
Martha Hinshaw (NH)	Mike Fields	_____
Marjorie Mabe	Vickie Flinchum (eye surgery)	_____
Donna McClintock (home)	Doris Hockett	_____
Jamie O'Daniel (home)	Ruby Hockett (assisted living)	_____

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.

*Thank you for all the prayers, cards and visits with Mary Lee over the last several months, while she was unable to join her church family. And thank you for the prayers, cards, meals and expressions of sympathy. Your support meant so much to our family during this difficult time. The Family of Mary Lee Stevens*

*We want to thank the Randolph County Honor Guard for their participation in the 11AM service.*

**Friendly Club Excursion!** The Friendly Club will travel on the church bus to the Piedmont Triad Farmers' Market on Sandy Ridge Road **this Tuesday, November 14**. There will be plenty of time for you to look around, check out the displays, and buy! We will have lunch at the Moose Cafe there at the Farmers' Market!

**JOINT THANKSGIVING SERVICE** Our annual joint Thanksgiving Service with Pleasant Garden UMC will be next Sunday, November 19 @ 7PM, here at Bethlehem UMC. We will receive an offering for the food pantries at both churches during the service. Fellowship time with refreshments will follow the service. **Donations of finger foods are requested.**

**If you have photos to contribute to the activities pages** of the new directory, email to Layne Downing [ltdowning12@gmail.com](mailto:ltdowning12@gmail.com)

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

### **Sunday 11/12** (FH in use 1:30-5PM)

We will observe **Veterans Day** during worship(s).

8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar  
 8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship  
 10AM Sunday School  
 10:55AM Traditional Worship  
 4:30PM Hand Bells  
 4:30PM Bible Buddies  
 5:30PM Christmas Play Meeting  
 (For anyone, children & youth, interested in being in the Christmas play and their parents.) Will meet in Bible Buddies Room)  
 5:30PM UMYF  
 5:45PM Bible Study

### **Monday 11/13**

7:30PM Exercise

### **Tuesday 11/14**

10:30AM Friendly Club (Trip)  
 6PM Cub Scout Event (Youth Rm.)  
 7PM Women in Christ  
 7PM Cub/Boy Scouts

### **Wednesday 11/15**

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

### **Thursday 11/16**

3:15PM Children's Chapel  
 6:30PM PG Lion's Club  
 7PM Children & Fam. Mins.

### **Friday 11/17**

Church Office Closed  
 5:30-8PM Lil Chefs (FH)

### **Saturday 11/18**

10AM-1PM Lil Chefs (FH)

### **Sunday 11/19**

8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar  
 8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship  
 10AM Sunday School  
 10:55AM Traditional Worship  
 4:30PM Hand Bells  
 4:30PM Bible Buddies  
 5:30PM UMYF  
 5:45PM Bible Study  
 7PM Joint Thanksgiving Service  
 (With PG UMC HERE at Bethlehem)

## --COMING UP--

--**Mon., Nov. 20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

--Tues., Nov. 21 @ 7PM SPRC

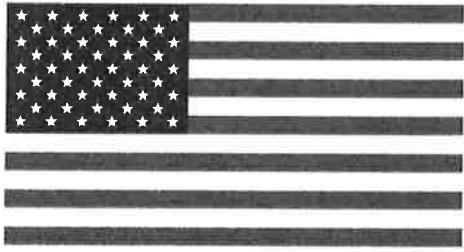
--Thurs., Nov. 23 THANKSGIVING (Church Office Closed)

--Sat., Nov. 25 from 2-5PM Coat Drive Distribution (FH)

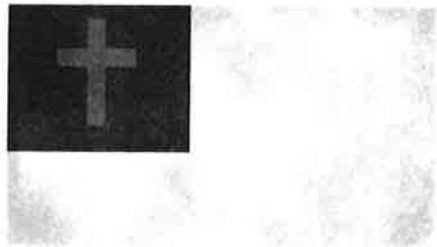
--Sun., Nov. 26 Bake Sale to benefit "She's the First"

--Sun., Nov. 26 & Mon., Nov. 27 Arlene Stokes decorates for Advent

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - The Arlene Stokes Circle will meet at the church on **Sunday, November 26 @ 3PM** to decorate for Advent and Christmas. They are asking for able-bodied, strong men and women to come out and help assemble and decorate the Chrismon Tree. If you have questions, please contact Jane Snead (336) 674-7593.



"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."



"I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands; one Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe."