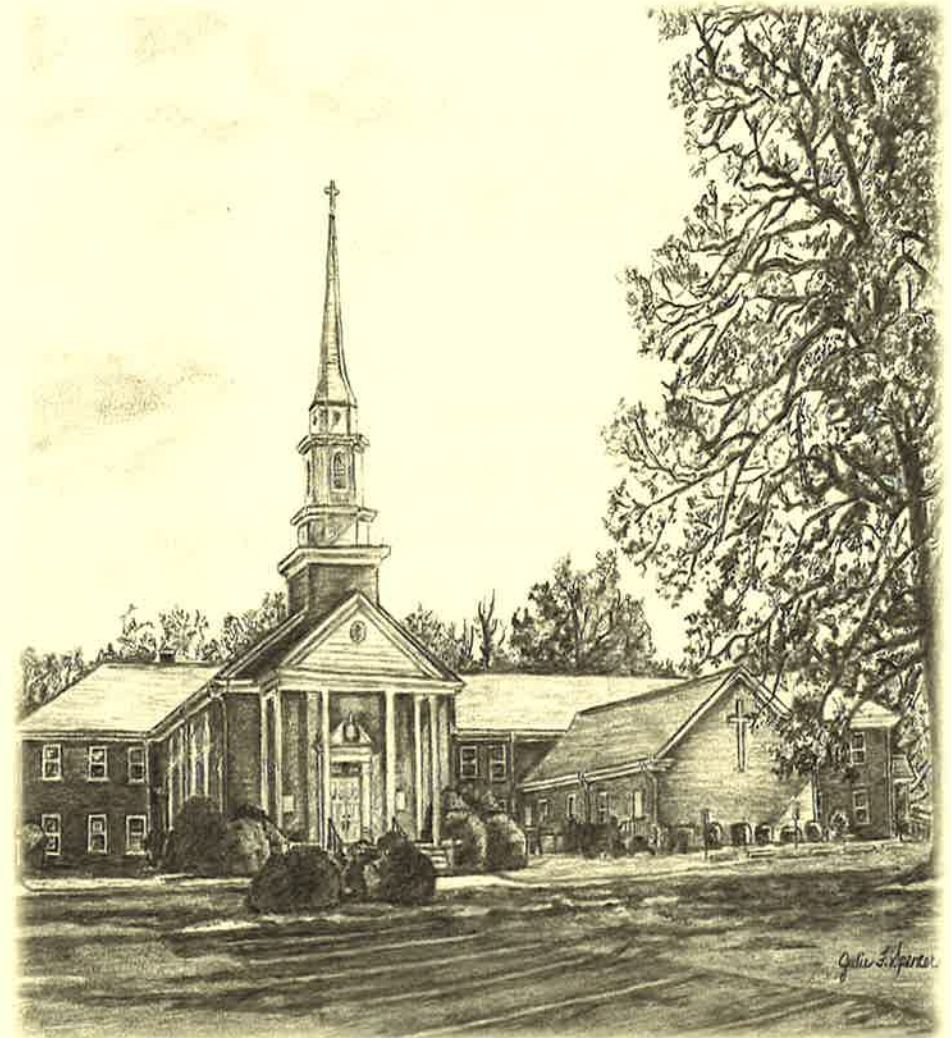


# BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CLIMAX, NORTH CAROLINA



**TODAY, Sunday, December 3, 2017** - The flowers have been placed in the church today to the glory of God and in honor of Bobbie McClintock's birthday by Lois & Francis Snow.

**Dec. Church Opener:** The Dahls **Dec. Church Closer:** Barry Norris

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

**10:55AM Greeters Today:** Lorrie, Joy, & Mario **NEXT WEEK:** Joyce King

**December Ushers:** David Fields, Glenn Getner, Bud Lauder, Mario Massarelli, 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 26, 2017 -**

Sunday School 110

8:50AM Early Service 62

10:55AM Worship Attendance 92

**Total Worship Attendance 154**

Your Gifts-----

Amount Collected to Date **\$313,624.58**

Worship Service \$4,894.10

MMRF \$330.00

Other:

Project Agape Shoeboxes (To Date) \$1,311.00

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December 3, 2017  
*First Sunday of Advent  
Communion Sunday  
Stewardship Sunday*

December 3, 2016 10:55AM

*Welcome! We pray you experience God's Holy Spirit in a new way as we worship together. Please be sure to sign the pew register.*

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude *Winds through the Olive Trees*

Lighting of the Candles

\*Hymn *Joy to the World* No. 246

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Song: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vs. 1) No. 211

Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Come, Child of Peace*

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

\*Offertory Prayer

Anthem *Do you Hear What I Hear?* by N. Regney/G. Shayne

Scripture I Corinthians 1: 18-31 (NIV)

Message "God and the Insignificant" Pastor Michael  
Series: The Journey by Adam Hamilton

Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Response *Fill My Cup, Lord* No. 641

Stewardship Cards Presented to God

\*Hymn *Hymn of Promise* No. 707

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Benediction No. 213

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* (vs. 2)

\*Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able.


**TODAY is Pnut butter & Oatmeal Sunday.** Your donations of pnut butter and oatmeal go to Urban Ministries. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

**CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE –TODAY, Sun. 12/3 @ 6PM** Children's Play Practice; 6:30PM Youth Play Practice (Children's Place). **Sat. 12/9 @ 9AM** Children's Dress Rehearsal; 10AM Youth Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary). Christmas Play is **Sun. 12/10 @ 6PM.**

**RCC Christmas Dinner Desserts Needed** - A clipboard is being passed around this morning for dessert donations. Desserts due to FH by 1:30PM Tues., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. Please cut/slice your dessert. If you have questions, contact Phyllis Dahl @ 336-312-5273.

**This year's Honor Card** by local artist William Mangum is titled "Rise Up" - a holiday card benefiting Greensboro Urban Ministry. 100% of the \$5.00 /per card goes directly to help feed, clothe & house those who are far less fortunate than most of us. To help support this worthy cause, please contact Phyllis Dahl with your order. ***Please make your checks to Greensboro Urban Ministry.*** Deadline is Mon., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Clapp's Nursing Home Christmas Angels!** Please celebrate Christmas with Clapp's Nursing home residents by selecting an Angel from the Angel tree in the Narthex. Please return non-wrapped gifts in gift bags, with Angel attached, to the Narthex by Sun., Dec. 17th!

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

**What a Blessing!** Cub Scout Pack 342 collected a total of 192 coats during their coat drive. If you know of anyone (child or adult) who is in need of a coat, please contact Dee Gerringer @ (336)213-0326. Coats which are not distributed in the community will be given to Fox 8's Give-a-Kid-a-Coat in January 2018.

**FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Budget requests are due to the Finance Committee today. If you have questions, contact Faye Fields @ (336)674-5788.

**We appreciate all of your contributions.** When we receive duplicate contributions (more than one) in the same check, it becomes complicated for processing. **Please give to only one fund in a check.** This will help us more than you could ever know. Thank you for your help in this matter. The Counting Team

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep these friends in your prayers.

### Ongoing Prayer Needs:

Dale Austin  
Gloria Austin  
Suzie Branch  
Edna Coble (NH)  
Pat Coble (hip surgery 11/20)  
Brad Dills  
Tommy Dills  
Cletis Fields (NH)  
Cory Fields  
Kelsey Garrett  
Martha Hinshaw (NH)  
Ruby Hockett (assisted living)  
Marjorie Mabe

### Ongoing (Cont.)

Donna McClintock (home)  
Jamie O'Daniel (home)  
Dickie Parks  
Barbara Riddle  
David Robb  
Jousha Turner  
Jeffrey Welker (back in U.S.)  
All of our homebound  
**Immediate Prayer Needs:**  
Lucy Albright (hospital)  
Dale Averill  
Jack Bowman (home)  
Peggy Bowman  
Nancy Golden (home)

### Immediate (Cont.)

Jonathan Gusler  
(Deena's great-nephew)  
Doris Hockett  
Carolyn Johnson (home)  
Clyde Land (home)  
Linda Land (Clapps)  
Bobbie McClintock (home)  
Lucille McClintock (home)  
Jimmy Siske  
Mike Underwood (home)  
Brody Watson (surgery)  
(Jan Toler's grandson)  
Kay Wilkinson  
Arnold Williams (Desi's Dad)

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 Mike Fields. Mike graduated to the Church Triumphant on Thursday, November 23, 2017.*

*Dear Bethlehem Friends, I want to thank you all for welcoming me on November 26<sup>th</sup> when I spoke on my involvement in "She's the First" at ECU. You were all so kind and friendly. In addition, because of your generosity, I was able to raise \$696.00 from the bake sale. All of this money will be used to fund educational programs for our "She's the First" scholars. I will graduate in May of 2018, but I will continue to advocate for gender equality for women and girls all over the world. Thank you again for supporting me and ECU's Chapter of "She's the First". All of God's Blessings, Annabel Bunton, STF, ECU Chapter Co-President*

--**Order your Poinsettias!** Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are in your bulletin; price is \$13.00.

--**NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY** – If you did not sit for a photo when directory photographers were here and you want to submit a photo for the directory, you may do so at **a cost of \$10.00 per photo**. If your submittal is a professional photo, you will need to submit a consent form. Photos can be emailed to the church [bethumclimax@gmail.com](mailto:bethumclimax@gmail.com). For information on this please contact Layne Downing. **If you have photos to contribute to the activities pages** of the new directory, email to [Layne Downing](mailto:LayneDowning12@gmail.com) [LayneDowning12@gmail.com](mailto:LayneDowning12@gmail.com)

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

### Sunday 12/3 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent

Communion  
Stewardship Sunday  
Pnut Butter/Oatmeal  
Budget Requests Due  
8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar  
8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship  
10AM Sunday School  
10:55AM Traditional Worship  
5-6PM Hand Bells  
5:30PM UMYF  
5:45PM Bible Study  
6PM Play Practice (Children)  
6:30PM Play Practice (Youth)  
(Children's Place)

### Monday 12/4

6:30PM Child Care Dinner (FH)  
7PM Exercise

### Tuesday 12/5 FH in use 6-9PM

8AM Breakfast Club (Backyard Grill)  
7PM Women in Christ  
7PM Cub/Boy Scouts

### Wednesday 12/6

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

### Thursday 12/7

3:15PM Children's Chapel  
7:30PM Trustees

### Friday 12/8

Church Office Closed

### Saturday 12/9

9-11AM Christmas Play Rehearsal (Sanct.)

### Sunday 12/10

8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar  
8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship  
10AM Sunday School  
10:55AM Traditional Worship  
5-6PM Hand Bells  
6PM Christmas Play; Santa follows play.

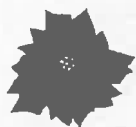
--**BUMC POST OFFICE** – Bring your Christmas Cards for the youth to sort. Drop-off boxes outside of church office & in the narthex....**and be sure to pick up your Christmas Cards from the post office (in parlor).**

### --COMING UP--

--Thrs., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 5-7PM Christmas Shop **Set-up** (Kid's area/Library & Conf. Rm.)  
7PM Missions  
--Fri., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 5-7PM Christmas Shop **Set-up** (Kid's area/Library & Conf. Rm.)  
--Sat., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 3-7PM Christmas Shop (Kid's area/Library & Conf. Rm.)  
4-7PM Charlie Brown Christmas (Sunshine Rm.)

--**Children's Christmas Shop is Sat., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> (3-7PM).** Gift items are needed, especially for men. Also need stuffed animals to give to children. Please leave your gift donations in Pastor Melissa's office. And don't forget about **Charlie Brown Christmas from 4-7PM on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Deena King (336)302-5644 or Pastor Melissa (704)619-0875 for info. Volunteers needed for **set-up of Christmas shop on Thurs., Dec. 14 and Fri., Dec. 15 from 5-7PM.** Meet in conference room area.





### Poinsettias for Christmas!

We invite you to provide Poinsettias to adorn our sanctuary on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Flowers can be ordered through the church office and the cost will be \$13.00 each. If ordering Poinsettias through the church office, please complete this form, enclose your check made payable to Bethlehem UMC. You may place your cash order in an envelope and place it in the offering plate or bring to the church office. Please make sure your name and "Poinsettia" is on the outside of the envelope. Also, make sure your order form is filled out correctly with the number of poinsettias and the lines "In honor of" or "In memory of."

**\*Deadline for ordering is Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.** If you have any questions, please call the church office at 336-674-0155.

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of:

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In Memory of:

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