

BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CLIMAX, NORTH CAROLINA

TODAY, Sunday, December 10, 2017 - The flowers have been placed in the church today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Susie Culbertson by Jim & Beverly Culbertson and children.

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

8:50AM Greeters Today: Sandie Harris **NEXT WEEK: NO EARLY SERVICE**

10:55AM Greeters Today: Joyce King **NEXT WEEK:** Phyllis Wicker

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 December 3, 2017 -

Sunday School	102
8:50AM Early Service	73
10:55AM Worship Attendance	90
Total Worship Attendance	163

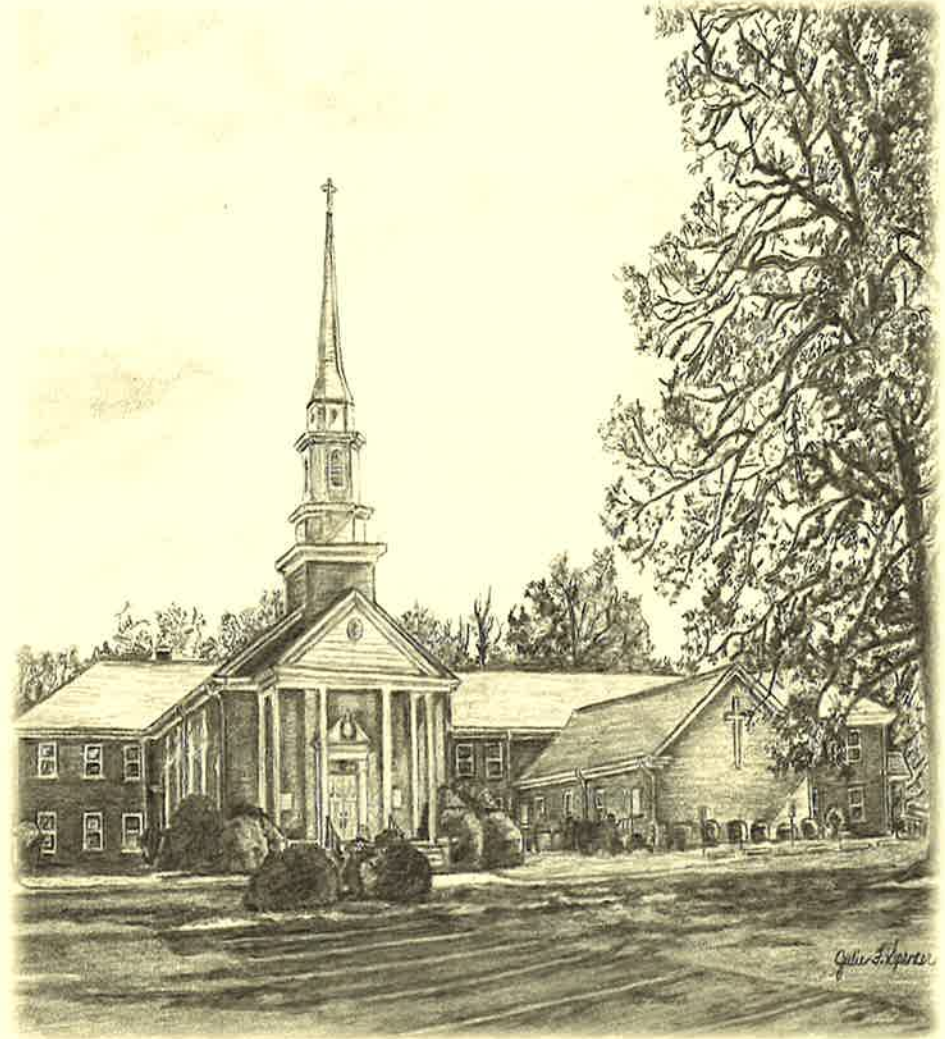
Your Gifts-----	
Amount Collected to Date	\$320,605.86
Worship Service	\$6,981.28
MMRF	\$120.00
Other:	
Project Agape Shoeboxes (To Date)	\$1,311.00

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December 10, 2017
Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017 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 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Lighting of the Candles

*Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High* No. 238

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Song: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vs. 2) No. 211

Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

Special Music *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
Jane Reddick, Organ & Cesar Marimon, Piano

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

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

*Offertory Prayer

Puppet Pals *Mary, Joe, & Gab* Andrew and Susan Coward

*Hymn *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* No. 216

Scripture Luke 1: 26b-38a

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

*Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* No. 196

*Benediction

*Congregational Benediction No. 213
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Might Gates (vs. 2)

*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able

TONIGHT – Our children & youth will present the annual Christmas Pageant. Join us @ 6PM (sanctuary) for this special presentation. Santa & refreshments will follow in the FH.

VOLUNTEERS FOR 2018 - Greeters, flowers, communion stewards, openers & closers are needed. A clipboard is being passed around this morning for sign-ups. Thank you in advance for serving.

THE ONE YEAR BIBLE—Pastor Mike spent the year reading through the Bible using "The One Year Bible". Beginning Jan. 1st, he will once again begin this year-long undertaking. You are invited to join him on this journey using "The One Year Bible". We will be placing an order for the books on Dec. 18th; books are \$19 each. If you would like the church to order one for you, please contact Pastor Mike at mwofford2@wncumc.net or Robin at 336-674-0155.

DEADLINE IS TOMORROW, Mon., Dec. 11! 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. *Please make your checks to Greensboro Urban Ministry.* Contact Phyllis Dahl to purchase your cards.

Join us for Friendly Club on Tuesday, December 12th at 10:30AM. We will be having Christmas activities. Bring a \$3 gift for a game that we will play. Also, bring a dish for lunch and a friend! Even if you don't usually come, we would love to see you on Tuesday!

POINSETTIAS - Last day to order is **WED., DEC. 13TH** Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary on December 17th. Order forms are in your bulletin; price is \$13.00.

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE DEADLINE – Thank you for participating in Clapp's Nursing Home Christmas Angel Tree. 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.



Please bring your Christmas cards for our shut-ins & deposit them in the mail boxes (outside of church office or in narthex) **by Fri., Dec. 15th**. The Youth will sort them so that they may be delivered on Sat., Dec. 16th & Sun., Dec. 17th.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep these friends in your prayers.

Ongoing Prayer Needs:	Ongoing (Cont.)	Immediate (Cont.)
Dale Austin	Donna McClintock (home)	Nancy Golden (home)
Jack Bowman	Jamie O'Daniel (home)	Jonathan Gusler (Deena's great-nephew)
Suzie Branch	Dickie Parks	Doris Hockett
Edna Coble (NH)	David Robb	Betty Hull
Pat Coble (hip surgery 11/20)	Jousha Turner	Carolyn Johnson (home)
Brad Dills	Jeffrey Welker (back in U.S.)	Clyde Land (home)
Tommy Dills	Arnold Williams	Linda Land (Clapps)
Cletis Fields (NH)	All of our homebound	Bobbie McClintock (home)
Cory Fields	Immediate Prayer Needs:	Jimmy Siske
Kelsey Garrett	Lucy Albright (Clapps)	Mike Underwood (home)
Martha Hinshaw (NH)	Dale Averill	Brody Watson (surgery) (Jan Toler's grandson)
Ruby Hockett (assisted living)	Peggy Bowman	Kay Wilkinson
Marjorie Mabe		

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** to all who provided desserts for RCC Christmas Dinner. The inmates were very appreciative and said *thank you* and *God bless you*.

---**COAT DRIVE UPDATE** - 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.

---**FROM THE SPRC** – If you would like to give to the Swofford's Christmas love offering, please designate your gift as **Swofford's love offering** on your envelope & on the memo line of your check.

---**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 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 lsdowning12@gmail.com

---**Budget requests were due on Dec. 3rd**. If you did not submit your information to the finance committee, please do so ASAP.

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Sunday 12/10 2nd Sunday of Advent

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.

Monday 12/11

7PM Exercise

Tuesday 12/12

10:30AM Friendly Club
7PM Women in Christ
7PM Cub/Boy Scouts

Wednesday 12/13

Deadline for ordering Poinsettias

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

--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). Christmas cards for shut-ins due 12/15.**

Thursday 12/14

3:15PM Children's Chapel
5-7PM Christmas Shop **Set-up** (Kid's area/Library & Conf. Rm.)
7PM Missions

Friday 12/15

FH in use 1-9PM Young at Heart Christmas Party

Church Office Closed

5-7PM Christmas Shop **Set-up** (Kid's area/Library & Conf. Rm.)

Saturday 12/16

FH in use 3-8:30PM

9:45AM Cantata Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
12PM-12AM Youth OCC (Boone)
3-7PM Christmas Shop (Kid's area/Library & Conf. Rm.)
4-7PM Charlie Brown Christmas (Sunshine Rm.)

Sunday 12/17 3rd Sunday of Advent

FH in use 12-2PM
Poinsettias in Sanctuary
Angel Tree Gifts Due

10AM Sunday School
10:55AM Combined Worship/Cantata
5PM Christmas Caroling (All Welcome)
5:30PM Youth – Christmas Caroling & Shut-in visits
Christmas Party

--COMING UP--

Sun., Dec. 17 Combined 10:55AM Worship/Christmas Cantata, *Candles & Carols*
Mon., Dec. 18 JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Thurs., Dec. 21 Winter Begins
Sun., Dec. 24 Combined 10AM Service (Hand Bell Choir will perform.)
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
6PM Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Service

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SHOP NEEDS - 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. Volunteers needed for **set-up of Christmas shop on Thurs., Dec. 14 and Fri., Dec. 15 from 5-7PM**. Meet in conference room area.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Budget Results for November 2017

\$227,919.88 Total Budget Money Available November 1, 2017
 + 25,306.35 Money Received in November
 - 21,204.01 Money Spent in November

\$232,022.22 Total Budget Money Available November 30, 2017

For the month of November, 2017, the Church Budget received \$4,102.34 more than it spent. For the year, the Church Budget received \$5,595.01 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.

\$14,530.58 Total MM&RF Money Available November 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 (mold)	\$ 6,053.70	Cemetery Fund	\$ 10,005.29
Food Pantry	\$ 611.82	Handbells	\$ 160.52
Discretionary Fund	\$ 3,654.45	Scholarship-Religion Ed	\$ 1,983.22
Little Chets	\$ 883.99	Missions-Undesignated	\$ 13,501.94
Records & History	\$ 521.56	Camp Tekoa	\$ 781.88
UMYF	\$19,761.56	Cemetery/Columbarium	\$ 19,284.94
Family Ministries	\$ 1,917.87	Christmas Shoeboxes	\$ 317.69
Bible Study Books	\$ <136.34>	Helen Grady Endowment	\$ 274.55
Columbarium Niche	\$ 1,000.00	Columbarium Donations	\$ 375.00
		Columbarium Pavers	\$ 300.00

Total Other Designated Gift Money Available November 30, 2017 \$81,253.64

Frank Willis, Stewardship Ministry Chair



Poinsettias for Christmas!

We invite you to provide Poinsettias to adorn our sanctuary on December 17th. 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 13th.** If you have any questions, please call the church office at 336-674-0155.

Given By: _____

Number of Poinsettias _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____
