

BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CLIMAX, NORTH CAROLINA

TODAY, Sunday, December 17, 2017 - The poinsettias have been placed in the church today to the glory of God in memory and in honor of special friends & loved ones listed in the bulletin insert.

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

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

10:55AM Greeters Today: Phyllis Wicker **NEXT WEEK:** Lois Snow/Pat Waugh

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 10, 2017 -

Sunday School	72
8:50AM Early Service	50
10:55AM Worship Attendance	87
Total Worship Attendance	163

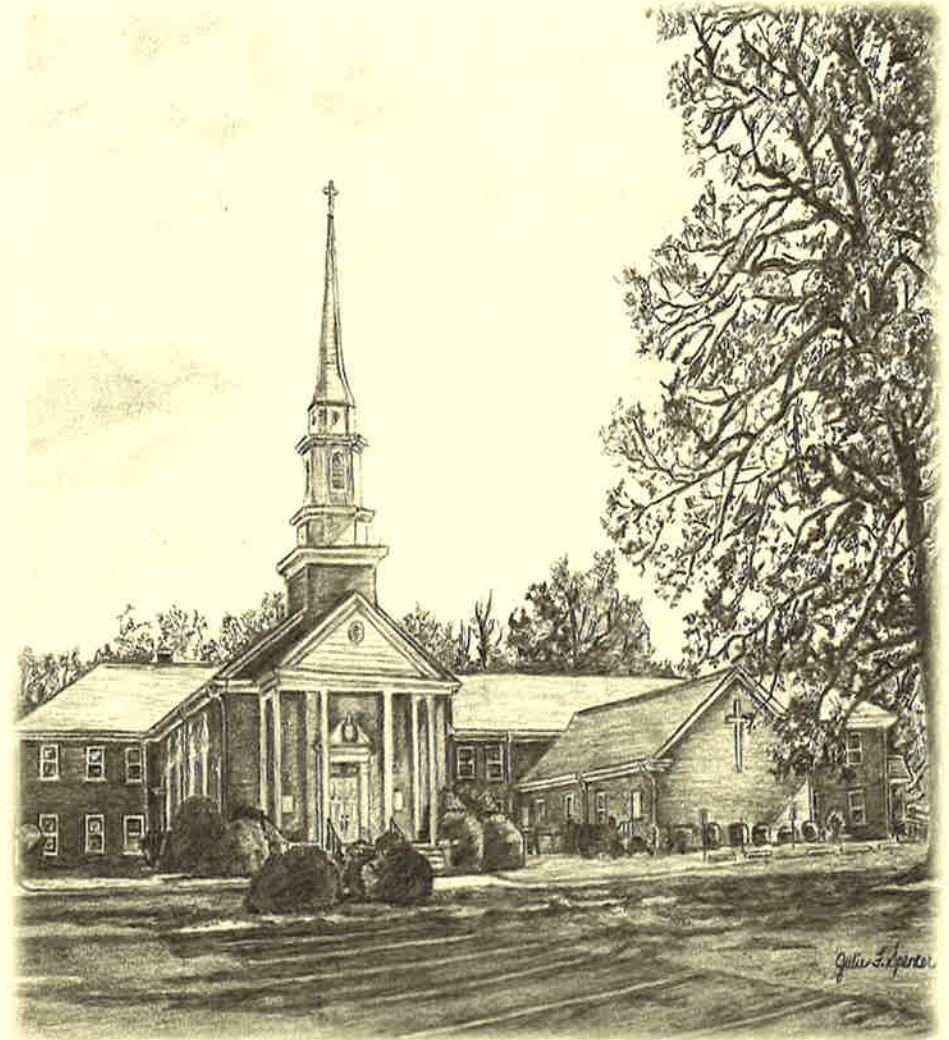
Your Gifts-----	
Amount Collected to Date	\$332,689.56
Worship Service	\$12,082.70
MMRF	\$660.00

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December 17, 2017
Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 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 *Beautiful Name*

Lighting of the Candles

Scripture Isaiah 9: 6-7

*Hymn *There's a Song in the Air* No. 249

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Response Carol *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs.6)* No. 211

New Members Charles and Vicky Alexander

Morning Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *In a Manager*

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

*Offertory Prayer

Christmas Cantata *Candles & Carols* by Mark Hayes & Pamela Martin

*Hymn *What Child Is This* No. 219

*Benediction

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

*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able

Christmas Caroling this evening @ 5PM. (Youth will be assisting Care & Nurture in delivering cards & treats, as well as caroling.) Everyone is welcome to join in on the caroling fun.

VOLUNTEERS FOR 2018 - Greeters, flowers, communion stewards, openers & closers are needed. **(NEEDED FOR JAN. 1ST, 2018 – early service greeters, flowers, and Jan. church opener & Jan. church closer.)** This sign-up list is available on the clipboard outside of the church office. Please do not remove from this area.

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@wnccumc.net or Robin at 336-674-0155.

TODAY 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 **4PM TODAY**.



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



The Christmas Post Office is still open. Bring your cards and deposit them in the mail boxes outside of the church office & in the church narthex. Be sure to check for cards addressed to you in the file boxes in the parlor. (The Christmas Post Office is brought to you by BUMC Youth.) If you want your cards to be picked up before Christmas, bring them before youth meets this Wednesday, 12/20.

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep these friends in your prayers.

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

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 Jimmy Siske. Dr. Siske graduated to the Church Triumphant on Sunday, December 3, 2017.

We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Kenneth Morris Nance, father of Doug Nance. Kenneth graduated to the Church Triumphant on Tuesday, December 12, 2017.

---**Congratulations to Emily Lauder** on graduating from UNC Pembroke with a Bachelors in Social Work. Emily is the daughter of Bud & Karen Lauder and granddaughter of Jerry Berry.

---**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 Swoffords' Christmas love offering, please designate your gift as **Swoffords' love offering** on your envelope & on the memo line of your check.

---**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 12/17 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

Monday 12/18

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

6:30PM Arlene Stokes (Christmas Party/
Pavillion)

7PM Exercise

Tuesday 12/19

6-9PM FH in use (Cub Scouts Christmas Party)

7PM Women in Christ

7PM Cub/Boy Scouts

Wednesday 12/20

3-4PM Food Pantry

6PM Youth Bible Study

7PM Choir

7PM Exercise

Thursday 12/21 Winter Begins

3:15PM Children's Chapel

6:30PM PG Lion's Club

Friday 12/22 FH in use 4:30-9:30PM

Church Office Closed

Saturday 12/23

No church activities scheduled.

Sunday 12/24 4th Sunday of Advent

Hand Bell Choir Performs (10AM)

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

10AM Combined Worship (only 1 worship)

6PM Christmas Eve Candle Light

Communion

--COMING UP--

Sun., 12/24

Combined 10AM Service

(Hand Bell Choir will perform.)

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

6PM Candlelight Communion

Christmas Eve Service

PG YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

(Jr. Boys)

Mon., 12/18 @ 6:15PM Alamance vs. Vandalia

Thurs. 12/21 @ 7PM Tabernacle vs. PGUMC

@ 8PM BUMC vs. Alamance

@ 9PM PG Baptist vs. Vandalia

(Sr. Boys)

Mon. 12/18 @ 7PM New Covenant vs. Alamance

@ 8PM PGUMC vs. PG Baptist

@ 9PM Vandalia vs. Bethlehem

(Jr. Girls)

Sat. 1/6 @ 11AM PGUMC vs. PGYBA

@ 11:55AM Tabernacle vs. BUMC

(Pee Wee Boys) Sat., 1/6 @ 12:50PM New Covenant vs. Alamance

@ 1:45PM BUMC vs. PGUMC

@ 2:40PM Tabernacle vs. Alamance Fire Dept.

PGYBA SCHEDULES AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX & OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH OFFICE





Poinsettias have been placed in the church in **Honor of:**



Cletis Fields

By Doug & Kim Garrett

Julia Willis

By Young at Heart Sunday School Class

Ed & Frances McClimock

By Jane Snead

Lucille Freeland

By Desi & Gail Williams

Jerry & Karon Monnet

By Sid, Libby, & Cory Fields

Bette Weatherly

By Sid, Libby, & Cory Fields

Carol Fields

By Sid, Libby, & Cory Fields

My Children

By Ruth Rowland

MaMa & Daddy

By Paden O'Daniel

Bob & Judy Norris

By Amanda, Cesar, Edison, Claudio & Sofia Marimon

Beverly Fields

By Amanda, Cesar, Edison, Claudio & Sofia Marimon

Fred & Jackie Cook

By Amanda, Cesar, Edison, Claudio & Sofia Marimon

Pilar & Jose Marimon

By Amanda, Cesar, Edison, Claudio & Sofia Marimon

Our Children & Grandchildren

By Jim & Beverly Culbertson

David Fields on his 50th Birthday

By David's Family

Cletis Fields

By Brad & Greg

Phyllis Wicker

By Brad & Greg





Poinsettias have been placed in the church in Memory of:



Mike Fields

By Doug & Kim Garrett

Herman & Scott Hackett

By Shirley Hackett

Ralph Kirkman

By Betty Kirkman

Johnny Waugh

By Pat Waugh & Family

Opie (Toby) Snead

By Jane Snead

Lottie Mellette

By Desi & Gail Williams

Raeferd Fields

By Sid, Libby, & Cory Fields

Raeferd Fields

By Jeff & Allison Eanes & Family

Lillie & Howard Garrett

Howard & Mike Childress

By Linda Duncan, Kim & Cindy

Mary Cook

By Amanda, Cesar, Edison, Claudio & Sofia Marimon

H.B. Wicker

By the Wickers

Mary Lynn Smith

By Jim Smith

Wade George

By Sharon Brown

Jerry Freeman, Johnnie & Minnie Harmon, & Robert Harmon

By Jackie Cook

Mary Cook

By Fred Cook

Ernest & Ollie Dahl

Howard, Cleo & Lee Beamon

By Byron & Phyllis Dahl



Poinsettias have been placed in the church in Honor & Memory of:

In Honor of *Pat Waugh*

By Tracy, David, & J.D.

In Memory of *John Waugh*

By Tracy, David, & J.D.

In Honor of *Doris Hockett*

By Sharon & Susan

In Memory of *Bill Hockett*

By Sharon & Susan



CANDLES AND CAROLS

A Christmas Cantata of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

December 17, 2017

By

Mark Hayes and Pamela Martin

BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHOIR

Pat Lineberry, Betty Fields, Fran Getner, Melissa Swofford, Sara Kauzlick, Judy Norris,
Gail Williams, Beverly Culbertson, Amanda Cook, Sofia Marimon, Claudio Marimon,
Michelle Hinshaw, Susan Coward, Karen Wyatt, Gloria Austin, Fred Cook, Edison Marimon,
Eddie Wilkinson, Gene Flinchum, Michael Swofford, Dale Austin, Clark Hinshaw, David Cranfill,
Wayne Moser

NARRATORS

BUMC Youth - Courtney Ingold and Will Rivers

ORGAN AND PIANO

Jane Reddick and Laura Cranfill

CONDUCTOR

Cesar Marimon

Prelude: Call to Light

Light of Hope

Light of Peace

Light of Joy

Light of Love

Light of Christ