

TODAY, Sunday, December 24, 2017 - The flowers have been placed in the church today to the Glory of God and in memory of Wade George by Sharon Brown.

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

8:50AM Greeters Today: NO EARLY SERVICE **NEXT WEEK:** Jerry & Karon Monnett

10AM Greeter Today: Lois Snow **NEXT WEEK (10:55AM):** April Wreath & Jim Evans

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 17, 2017 -

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| Sunday School | 93 |
| 8:50AM Early Service | NO EARLY SERVICE |
| 10:55AM Worship Attendance | 184 |
| Total Worship Attendance | 184 |
| Your Gifts----- | |
| Amount Collected to Date | \$342,137.56 |
| Worship Service | \$9,448.00 |
| MMRF | \$300.00 |

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BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CLIMAX, NORTH CAROLINA

*Unto Us
a Child is Born*



DECEMBER 24, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep these friends in your prayers.

Ongoing Prayer Needs:

Dale Austin
 Jack Bowman
 Peggy Bowman
 Suzie Branch
 Edna Coble (NH)
 Pat Coble (hip surgery 11/20)
 Brad Dills
 Tommy Dills
 Cletis Fields (NH)
 Cory Fields
 Joe Garrett (knee surgery)
 Kelsey Garrett
 Nancy Golden
 Martha Hinshaw (NH)
 Ruby Hockett (assisted living)

Ongoing (Cont.)

Carolyn Johnson (home)
 Clyde Land (home)
 Linda Land (home)
 Marjorie Mabe
 Bobbie McClintock (home)
 Donna McClintock (home)
 Jamie O'Daniel (home)
 Dickie Parks
 David Robb
 Zoe Rumley
 Jousha Turner
 Jeffrey Welker (back in U.S.)
 Arnold Williams
 All of our homebound

Immediate Prayer Needs:

Lucy Albright (Clapps)
 Rev. Ed Armfield (Burnette's Chapel)
 Dale Averill
 Jonathan Gusler (Deena's great-nephew)
 Doris Hockett
 Betty Hull
 Lowell Suggs (knee)
 Mike Underwood (home)
 Brody Watson (surgery) (Jan Toler's grandson)
 Kay Wilkinson

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 Bobby Gerringer. Bobby graduated to the Church Triumphant on Sunday, December 10, 2017. Bobby was the father-in-law of Dee Gerringer. Dee is Cub Scout Leader of Pack 342 which meets weekly here at BUMC.

*Thank you to all who helped with the Children's Christmas Shop & Charlie Brown Christmas. We estimate that **60 plus children** attended these events. The Children's Committee thanks you all for everything you have done for our children this year!*

REMINDER - 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.

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 12/24 4th Sunday of Advent
 Hand Bell Choir Performs (10AM)
 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
 10AM Combined Worship (only 1 worship)
 6PM Christmas Eve Candlelight
 Communion

Monday 12/25 FH in use 12-3PM
 MERRY CHRISTMAS

Tuesday 12/26
 Church office closed.
 7PM WIC
 7PM Cub/Boy Scouts

Wednesday 12/27
 3-4PM Food Pantry
 NO YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
 7PM Choir
 7PM Exercise

Thursday 12/28
 NO CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Friday 12/29 FH in use 4:30-9:30PM
 Church Office Closed

Saturday 12/30
 No church activities scheduled.

Sunday 12/31 1st Sunday after Christmas Day
 New Year's Eve
 8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship
 10AM Sunday School
 10:55AM Traditional Worship
 NO UMYF
 NO BIBLE STUDY

--COMING UP--

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| Tuesday, 1/2 | Breakfast Club @ 8AM (Backyard Grill) |
| Thursday, 1/4 | Trustees @ 7:30PM |
| Sunday, 1/7 | Epiphany Sunday Communion Sunday Pnut butter & Oatmeal Sunday |
| Monday, 1/8 | Child Care Board @ 6:30PM |
| Tuesday, 1/9 | Friendly Club @ 10:30AM |

PG YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

- (Sr. Boys)** Thr., 1/4 @ 6:15PM PGUMC vs. Alamance
 Mon., 1/8 @ 7PM Alamance vs. Vandalia @ 8PM BUMC vs. PGUMC @ 9PM PG Baptist vs. New Covenant
- (Jr. Boys)** Thr., 1/4 @ 7PM PG Baptist vs. PGUMC @ 8PM BUMC vs. Vandalia @ 9PM Alamance vs. Tabernacle
- (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.
 Mon., 1/8 @ 6:15PM Alamance vs. Alamance Fire Dept.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULES ARE AVAILABLE ON TABLE OUTSIDE OF CHURCH OFFICE AND IN THE NARTHEX.

December 24, 2017

10:00AM

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.

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Handbell Choir

Lighting of the Candles

*Hymn *Away in a Manger* No. 217

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Response Carol *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs.7)* No. 211

Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

Special Music *Christ Is Come (Five Medleys)* Handbell Choir

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Silent Night, Holy Night* Handbell Choir

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

*Offertory Prayer

Children's Moment Pastor Michael

*Hymn *Love Came Down at Christmas* No. 242

Scripture Luke 2: 1-20

Message "Have Yourself a Not So Perfect Christmas" Pastor Melissa

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

*Benediction *Joy to the World! The Lord is Come* Handbell Choir

*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE TONIGHT @ 6PM.

VOLUNTEERS FOR 2018 - Greeters, flowers, communion stewards, openers & closers are needed for the new year. **Still need church opener & church closer for January.** This sign-up list is available on the clipboard outside of the church office. (Please do not remove from this area.) Thank you 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". Books are \$19.00. To get yours stop by the church office.



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



Be sure to check The Christmas Post Office for cards in the file boxes in the parlor. (The Christmas Post Office is brought to you by BUMC Youth.)

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 bethumcclimax@gmail.com For information on this please contact Layne Downing.

THANK YOU - Many thanks to all who helped record our wonderful Christmas Cantata. Stay tuned for more info on how we will share this.

---REMINDER---

The church office will be closed on Monday, December 25th & Tuesday, December 26th.

