

BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CLIMAX, NORTH CAROLINA

TODAY, Sunday, January 14, 2018 – The altar flowers this morning are to the Glory of God. Their symbolism: In Jewish tradition frankincense was one of the ingredients in the incense burned before the Holy of Holies. Since incense burned in the temple was used to purify the sanctuary, this gift symbolizes at once Jesus' inherent purity and his worthiness of the holy gift of frankincense. Christ – then, is acknowledged to have dominion over religious observances in this world and in the next.

Jan. Church Opener: Gene Flinchum **Jan. Church Closer:** David Robb

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

10:55AM Greeters Today: Deb Marlowe & Michael Brady **NEXT WEEK:** Beth Coble

January Ushers: David Allen, Jerry Berry, Byron Dahl, Terry Franklin, Kevin Gunter

Acolytes: Sofia Cook Marimon and Claudio Cook Marimon

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

Attendance January 7, 2018 -

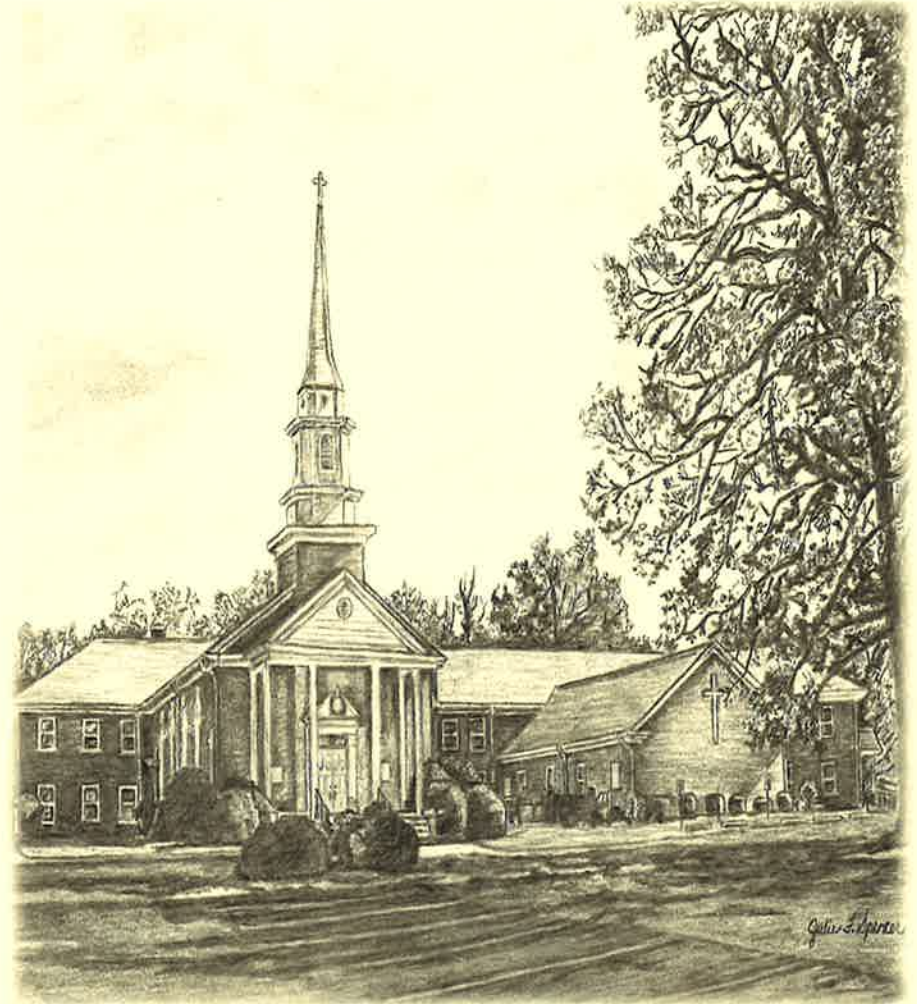
Sunday School	88
8:50AM Early Service	50
10:55AM Worship Attendance	99
Total Worship Attendance	149
Your Gifts-----	
Amount Collected to Date	\$6,513.00
Worship Service	\$6,513.00
MMRF	0

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January 14, 2018
Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2018

10:55AM

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 *The Family of God*

Lighting the Candles

*Hymn *O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (skip vs. 6) No. 57

Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Praise (Responsive) Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18 On Screen

Morning Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

Prayer Response *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* (vs. 1) No. 382

Anthem *I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands On Me* by Lloyd Larson

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Do You Know My Jesus?*

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

*Offertory Prayer

Puppet Pals *Can You Hear Me?* Andrew & Susan Coward

*Hymn *Take My Life and Let It Be* No. 399

Scripture I Samuel 3: 1-10

Message "Call Waiting" Pastor Michael

*Hymn *Make Me a Captive, Lord* No. 421

*Benediction

*Congregational Benediction *There's a Song in the Air* (vs. 4) No. 249

*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR 2018 - Greeters, flowers, communion stewards, two openers & closers are needed for 2018. This list is being passed around this morning via clipboard. Thank you in advance for serving!

CORRECTION - CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Sun., 1/21 @ 7PM, NOT 1/28 Agenda items include approving the budget and committee goals for 2018. Committee chairs are asked to come with their projected goals for the year.

NEW TESTAMENT DISCIPLE STUDY—We are getting ready to begin the New Testament part of the Disciple Study. Our Sunday session continues from 5:45pm until 7 pm if you wish to be a part of that. If there is enough interest (8 minimum), we can do a class Wednesday or Thursday morning. Call the church office at 336-674-0155 to register or speak with Pastor Michael. The first session for our Sunday class is February 11th.

Helen Grady Endowment Fund: The Endowment committee is pleased to announce that for 2017 we have approximately \$2,000.00 available for disbursement. Any group, committee, or individual that would like to apply for this money may do so by submitting a ***Request for Funds Application***. **This form is available from the church office and must be returned to the church office before 4 PM, January 31, 2018.** Funds will be released in early 2018.

Mildred Moser is at Clapp's Assisted Living. If you would like to send her a card the address is: Clapp's Assisted Living, Room 320, 4558 Pleasant Garden Road, Pleasant Garden NC 27313
Her telephone number is: 336-392-7635.

Notice from the trustees committee: the trustees committee is in the process of instituting security practices for our church. Please be aware this may mean some changes for us. More information will be provided as it is available. If you are interested in participating on a security committee please contact Barry Norris @ 336-908-0274.

We still have some Christmas cards to be picked up. Please check the front pew this morning. Deliver to others if you are able.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep these friends in your prayers.

Ongoing Prayer Needs:

Dale Austin
Dale Averill
Jack Bowman
Peggy Bowman
Suzie Branch
Edna Coble (NH)
Cletis Fields (NH)
Cory Fields
Kelsey Garrett
Nancy Golden
Martha Hinshaw (NH)
Ruby Hockett (assisted living)

Ongoing (Cont.)

Carolyn Johnson (home)
Marjorie Mabe
Bobbie McClintock (home)
Mildred Moser (Clapp's Assisted Living)
Jamie O'Daniel (home)
Dickie Parks
David Robb
Zoe Rumley
Lowell Suggs (knee)
Jeffrey Welker (back in U.S.)
Arnold Williams (hospice)
Lucy Albright (Clapps Assisted)
All of our homebound

Immediate Prayer Needs:

Betty Fields (surgery)
Linda Hill (Russell Hill's mother)
Doris Hockett
Betty Hull
Deanna McCombs (Sherri Bowman's mother) surgery
Lisa Shown (broken wrist)
Bobby Tew (home)
Mike Underwood (home)
Brody Watson (surgery) (Jan Toler's grandson)
Kay Wilkinson

Please help us keep this list up-to-date. 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.

EQUIPPING SEMINARS – Sun., 1/28 @ Christ UMC in Greensboro, 3-5PM. **Call 336-282-3711 for info on registration.** Seminars for pastors and local church officers who serve on Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), Finance, Trustees, Church Council, Youth Ministry, and Archive & History. Seminars and leaders for each seminar are listed below:

- Staff Parish Relations Committee** - Dr. Nancy B. Rankin
- Finance Committee** - Lynne Gilbert and Landa Wallace
- Trustees** - Dr. Tom Gibson
- Church Council** - Rev. Maria King
- Youth Ministries** - Jason Boggs
- Archives & History** - Sandra Williamson

We will be taking the bus for this event. We will leave the church at 2:30PM.

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday 1/14 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar
8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship
10AM Sunday School
10:55AM Traditional Worship
5:30PM UMYF (Youth-Parent Meeting)
5:45PM Bible Study

Monday 1/15 MLK, Jr. Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday 1/16

10AM StoryTime (in Library)
7PM Worship Committee
7PM WIC
7PM Cub/Boy Scouts

Wednesday 1/17

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

Thursday 1/18

3:15PM Children's Chapel
6:30PM PG Lion's Club (FH)
6:30PM SPRC (meet in Parlor)
7PM Children & Family Ministries

Friday 1/19

Church Office Closed

Saturday 1/20

No church activities scheduled.

Sunday 1/21 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar
8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship
10AM Sunday School
10:55AM Traditional Worship
5:30PM UMYF
NO BIBLE STUDY
7PM Church Council

--COMING UP--

- Monday, 1/22 Newsletter Deadline
- Monday, 1/22 Arlene Stokes @ 7PM
- Sunday, 1/28 Equipping Seminars, 3-5PM (Christ UMC)
- Sunday, 1/28 NO BIBLE STUDY

---BUMC Child Care is now accepting applications for an afternoon position. For information contact Jackie Smith @ 336-674-9879.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Budget Results for December 2017

\$232,022.22 Total Budget Money Available December 1, 2017
 + 55,734.56 Money Received in December
- 25,359.78 Money Spent in December
 \$262,397.00 Total Budget Money Available December 31, 2017

For the month of December, 2017, the Church Budget received \$30,374.78 more than it spent. For the year, the Church Budget received \$35,969.79 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.
 \$18,014.24 Total MM&RF Money Available December 31, 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	\$ 9,780.29
Food Pantry	\$ 611.82	Handbells	\$ 160.52
Discretionary Fund	\$ 8,659.45	Scholarship-Religion Ed	\$ 1,983.22
Little Chefs	\$ 195.03	Missions-Undesignated	\$ 23,014.94
Records & History	\$ 521.56	Camp Tekoa	\$ 781.88
UMYF	\$18,306.56	Cemetery/Columbarium	\$ 19,284.94
Family Ministries	\$ 1,817.87	Christmas Shoeboxes	\$ 158.20
Bible Study Books	\$ <68.28>	Helen Grady Endowment	\$ 274.55
Columbarium Niche	\$ 1,000.00	Columbarium Donations	\$ 10,697.00
Flowers	\$ 429.50	Columbarium Pavers	\$ 600.00
Pastor Appreciation	\$ 540.00	Camp Meeting Fund	\$ 25.00
		In/Out (Christmas Shop)	\$ 248.15

Total Other Designated Gift Money Available December 31, 2017 \$105,075.90

Frank Willis, Stewardship Ministry Chair