

THE CHALLENGE

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Scout Sunday is February 4th. The Scouts will be participating in both worship services at Bethlehem.

We are indeed fortunate to have such a strong scouting presence here at BUMC, hosting Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

For this occasion of Boy Scout Sunday, I asked Scout representatives Brian Cleavenger, Scoutmaster Troop 421 and Dee Geringer, Cub master Pack 432 to share a little bit of information on what it means for BUMC to be a part of Scouting. Their report follows.

Hello, friends of Boy Scout Troop 342 and Cub Scout Pack 342. First, it is great to have the support and backing of a great sponsoring organization of Bethlehem United Methodist Church. The volunteers and scouts would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for providing so much. Obviously the church is the central meeting place. Use of vans, monetary support through our fundraisers, and other church equipment is very much appreciated. Thank you all. As 2017 draws to a close, this is a good time to reflect on the past year and inform you, our sponsors, of some highlights:

- *Cub Pack membership is strong. It has grown from 5 boys just 3 years ago to 26 this year. New boys have joined as well as some transferring from other packs.*
- *Troop membership is holding steady at 13 youth.*
- *Cub Scouts spent 50 hours raising 1400+ pounds of food for the Bethlehem food pantry.*
- *Luke Hinshaw and Tom Triplett earned their Eagle in 2017.*
- *Eagle service projects accounted for 200+ hours of community service at Pleasant Garden Elementary School.*
- *(3) Picnic tables were re-constructed at Bethlehem. One had to be sacrificed to rebuild the others. May it rest in pieces. Ha-ha.*
- *Vacation Bible School benches were built and provided by the troop.*
- *In November, the leaders of the Troop and Pack met with church leadership for what we hope is the 1st Annual Health Report and Information Exchange.*

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Our Mission at Bethlehem UMC is to share the love and spirit of Christ, be a welcoming fellowship for all, nurture followers of Jesus and send them, as servants, into the world in need of God's grace.

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OUR PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Prayer Needs:

Lucy Albright (Clapps Assist. Liv.)
 Dale Austin
 Jack Bowman
 Peggy Bowman
 Suzie Branch
 Edna Coble (NH)
 Cletis Fields (NH)
 Cory Fields
 Kelsey Garrett
 Martha Hinshaw (NH)
 Ruby Hockett (Assist. Living)
 Carolyn Johnson (Home)
 Marjorie Mabe

Ongoing Continued

Bobbie McClintock (Home)
 Mildred Moser (Clapps Assist. Liv.)
 Jamie O'Daniel (Home)
 Dickie Parks
 David Robb
 Lisa Shown (Broken wrist)
 Lowell Suggs (Knee)
 Bobby Tew (Home)
 Jeffrey Welker (Back in U.S.)
 All of our homebound.

Immediate Prayer Needs:

Dale Averill
 Barbara Badeau
 (Priscilla Hodges 'daughter in law)

Immediate Needs (Cont.):

Betty Fields (Surgery)
 Nancy Golden
 Linda Hill (Russell Hill's mother)
 Doris Hockett
 Betty Hull
 Janet Jordan (Annie Mae Jones' daughter)
 Linda Land
 Deanna McCombs (Sherri Bowman's mother) (Surgery)
 Wanda Sheets
 Mike Underwood (Home)
 Lorene Wells
 Kay Wilkinson
 Brody Watson (Bone marrow transplant)

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

MEMORIALS RECEIVED THIS MONTH

In **Memory of A.C. Weatherly**
By Jerry & Karon Monnett

In Memory of **Jimmy Siske**
By Buddy & Judy Fields

In **Memory of Lillie G. Stevenson** (100th B-day)
By Linda, Kim & Cindy Duncan

In **Memory of Lorraine Brady**
By Sandie Harris

In **Memory of Lorraine, Roland, & Russell Brady**
By Michael Brady

In **Memory of Mike Fields**
By Keith Meinelt
By Ruby Hockett
By Steve & Cindy Fields
By Phyllis Wicker
By David & Laura Cranfill
By Cathy Wray

In **Memory of Dalton & Boys**
By Louise Bowman

In **Memory of Dalton Bowman**
By David & Laura Cranfill

In **Memory of Larry Fields**
By Brenda Fields

In **Memory of Frances Fields**
By David & Laura Cranfill

In **Memory of Robbie Monnett**
By Jerry & Karon Monnett

In **Memory of Clem Royal**
By Margaret Royal
By Beverly Fields
By Jerry & Karon Monnett

In **Memory of Bill Hockett**
By David & Laura Cranfill

In **Memory of Jerry D. Pugh**
By Randy Pugh

HONORARIUMS RECEIVED THIS MONTH

In **Honor of Mike Hinshaw**
By Charles Parks

In **Honor of Doris Hockett's 90th Birthday**
By David & Laura Cranfill

In **Honor of Ruth Rowland**
By Margaret Royal

In **Honor of Bobby Tew**
By Young-at-Heart SS Class

In **Honor of My Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren**
By Phala Garrett

In **Honor of Gene & Vickie Flinchum & Family**
By Robert & Judy Rees

In **Honor of Doris Hockett** (2nd gift)
By David & Laura Cranfill

In **Honor of My Beach Sisters**
By Beverly Fields

In **Honor of Stacy & Lucille McClintock**
By Beverly Fields

In **Honor of David Allen**
By Beverly Fields

In **Honor of Evonne Parks**
By Bette Weatherly

In **Honor of Stacy McClintock's 88th Birthday**
By Angie Routh

In **Honor of Bobby & Dottie Tew**
By Jane Williams

In **Honor of David & Ronda Robb**
By Margaret Royal

In **Honor of Kelly & Betty Fields**
By Margaret Royal

In order to print newsletter by its deadline, some memorials & honorariums received this month will be listed in next month's newsletter.

FEBRUARY YOUTH SCHEDULE

- Sunday, Feb. 4 – **Souper Bowl of Caring** (Follows worship services.); UMYF @ 5:30PM
- Wednesday, Feb. 7 – Bible Study @ 6PM
- Fri. – Sun., Feb. 9 – 11 – Youth Ski Trip (NO UMYF on Feb. 11)
- Wednesday, Feb. 14, - Bible Study @ 6PM
- Sunday, Feb. 18 – UMYF @ 5:30PM
- Wednesday, Feb. 21 – Bible Study @ 6PM
- Sunday, Feb. 25 – Soup, Salad, Potato Bar from 11 – 1:30PM; UMYF @ 5:30PM (Destination Unknown)
- Wednesday, Feb. 28 – Bible Study @ 6PM

February Birthdays

2/1 Jerry King
2/2 Jamie O'Daniel
2/4 Steve Fields
2/6 Sharon Thornton
2/7 Thomas Bonney
John Kivett
Emily Hinshaw
Cody Routh
Jackie Smith
Bayne Welborn
Shayne Welborn
2/8 Earl Fields
2/9 Bud Lauder
2/10 Todd Berry
2/13 Jim Culbertson
2/14 Dean Fields
Rod Waugh
2/15 Laura Cranfill
Martha Hinshaw
2/16 Libby Fields
Bette Weatherly
2/18 Taylor Cotie
Bill Jones
2/19 Pat Lineberry
2/22 David Cranfill
Daniel Hinshaw
Wesley Eanes
2/25 Priscilla Hodges
2/26 Kelly Bowman
Katie Lauder
2/28 Jan Toler

March Birthdays

3/5 Amanda Cook
Alan Kirkman
3/6 Brooke Townsend
Erika Braddock
3/7 Pam Jones
3/8 Buddy Fields
3/9 Darlene Coble
David Robb II
Mike Rivers
3/10 Beverly Fields
Bob Norris
Lucy McClintock
Carlie Suggs
3/11 Suzie Branch
Kimberly Duncan
Teresa Stevens
3/12 James Bowman
Dale Young II
3/13 Heather Robb
3/23 Barry Lineberry
3/24 Leo Kirkman
Johnny Riddle
3/25 Jonathan Franklin
Henry Wilkinson
3/26 Caleb Hinshaw
Lindsey Wray
3/27 Wanda Woodford
3/28 Joey Bowman
Lorene Wells
3/29 Susan Coward
3/31 Carlton Johnson
John David (J.D.) Peele

REMINDER FROM THE COUNTING TEAM

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.

2018 CHURCH BUDGET

Church Council met on January 21, 2018 and approved the budget for 2018. A copy of the approved budget is included in this newsletter.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018 - is the first day of Lent and marks the beginning of a period of reflection and penance. In the Bible, sprinkling oneself with ashes was traditionally a sign of one's sorrow for having committed sins. In the Christian tradition, Ash Wednesday also marked the beginning of preparation for the understanding of the death and resurrection of Christ. The particular symbolism of ashes for this day comes from a practice in the Roman Catholic churches in which the ashes from the palms used in the preceding year's Palm Sunday celebration are blessed. With these ashes, the priest on the first day of Lent marks a cross on the forehead of each worshiper. This practice has become a part of Ash Wednesday services in many United Methodist churches.

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/ash-wednesday>

EASTER CANTATA CHOIR PARTICIPANTS

Practices for the Easter Cantata are on Wednesday evenings from 7-7:30PM. Volunteers are welcome to join the choir and participate in the Easter Cantata (@ 10:55AM combined service April 1). If you are interested, contact Cesar @ 336-457-5649 or just come.

Heifer International Lenten Offering Banks

These banks are available on the table outside of the church office and in the narthex. This special offering will be collected on Sunday, April 8.

FEBRUARY-MARCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

| Date | 8:50 Greeters | 10:55 Greeters | Altar Flowers | Communion Stewards (Early) | Communion Stewards (Late) | Opener/ Closer For Month |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2/4 Communion | Courtney Ingold | Andrew & Susan Coward | Evonne Parks | Frank & Julia Willis | Desi & Gail Williams | Buddy Fields (O)/Earl Fields (C) |
| 2/11 Transfiguration | Lois Snow | Betty K. & Jane Snead | Ruth R. & Robin B. | | | |
| 2/18 | Stacy & Lucille M. | Desi & Gail Williams | Kim Scotton | | | |
| 2/25 | NEED GREETERS | Joyce King | NEED FLOWERS | | | |
| 3/4 Communion | Courtney Ingold | Karen Barbone | NEED FLOWERS | Michelle & Clark Hinshaw | Desi & Gail Williams | Sandie Harris (O)/Karen Barbone (C) |
| 3/11 | Jennifer & Dale Young | Michael Brady & Deb Marlowe | Jim & Bev. Culbertson | | | |
| 3/18 | Sandie Harris | Phyllis Wicker | NEED FLOWERS | | | |
| 3/25 Palm Sunday | Wayne & Phyllis Alley | Buddy & Judy Fields | Judy Fields | | | |

February Ushers:

Earl Fields, Tim Fields, Doug Garrett, Leo Kirkman, Bob Norris

March Ushers:

David Fields, Glenn Getner, Bud Lauder, Mario Massarelli, Barry Norris

2018 Volunteer Sign-Up Board is on table outside of the church office.

Thank you in advance for serving!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Looking ahead into 2018, the Troop Patrol Leader Council (youth leadership and Scoutmaster) will meet and decide on the activity program. At least one camping outing is planned per month with a goal of at least 75% attendance. Each camping outing includes a chapel service every member of Bethlehem UMC should enjoy.

Many have heard and harbor questions about the changes coming to Scouting for 2018 which will allow girls to join. The BSA has recommended how a Troop or Pack should be organized with boys and girls. Bethlehem UMC leadership, as sponsoring organization, has an active role in deciding if and how the organization would be structured. None of the BSA options involve fully mixing genders. Since Bethlehem UMC is also a sponsor of an active Girls Scout Troop, the decisions of Bethlehem UMC leadership will be considerable. We look forward to working together and respect the decisions by the leadership.

Everyone agrees protecting youth is the main goal. Do you know what "The Charter", which is framed on the wall in the upstairs scout room, represents? All registered leaders have:

- Received background checks by BSA.
- Completed online Youth Protection Training annually.
- Trained for specific positions.
- Agree to 2 deep leadership principles.

Once again, thank you all and may everyone enjoy the upcoming Christmas season.
 Brian Cleavenger – Scoutmaster Troop 342 & Dee Gerring - Cub master Pack 342.

More News and Events

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, 704-516-6272. The first session for our Sunday class is February 11th.

MISSIONS TEAM END OF YEAR REPORT

Submitted by Phyllis Dahl, Chair

Our Lenten Offering of \$1,929.81 was sent to Heifer Fund - \$823.25 more than last year.

Our local missions built 2 ramps, repaired a porch, did home repairs, and yard work for church and community members.

Had a church work day and plan to do another one in 2018.

Helped Daniel and Alex Lumpee pack and get ready to move back to Texas. Helped clean arbor for Camp Meeting. Helped with Brunswick stew.

Filled and donated 166 boxes to Project AGAPE Christmas Shoe Boxes.

Gave \$1,000.00 to Second Mile Giving. Went with the youth to CCC.

Had Red Cross blood drive and donated 54 pints of blood - eleven pints more than last year.

Donated baked goods to Randolph CRC for inmates' Christmas dinner.

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 1 John 4:16

CONFIRMATION CLASS- 4:30-5:30PM Sundays, beginning Feb. 18. This is for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders and youth who have not had confirmation class. We will cover basics of faith and church. Confirmands will have the option of joining the church on Mother's Day Sunday and/or be recognized for this accomplishment. Please contact Pastor Michael, 704-516-6272 or Pastor Melissa, 704-619-0875 to learn more.

NOTICE FROM THE TRUSTEES - 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.

Arlene Stokes UMW Circle Chicken Stew & Bake Sale



Saturday, March 3rd
(Snow date March 17th)
12 noon-1:00 pm
\$7.00/quart



Preorder; walk in orders may not be available

Phone/email orders to:
Cindy 336-674-6858/cindyf@traid.rr.com
Julia 336-685-4857/jawillis1@aol.com
Be SURE to include your name
& phone number!
Place orders by February 18th

MISSIONS TEAM (CONT.)

Had BBQ fundraiser and raised \$3,040.00.

Sold 80 Honor Cards totaling \$400.00 - thirty-six more than last year.

Gave 600 pounds of oatmeal and peanut butter to Urban Ministry.

Helped with Vacation Bible School.

Fed 57 families from our Food Pantry.

Helped with Children's Christmas Store.

Went 4 times to Fayetteville, NC to help flood victims.

Went to Alaska on mission trip.

Made donations to Jamie O'Daniel Fund, helped Ally Fields and Brittany Ingold with their mission trips. These donations totaled \$4,760.00.

Bethlehem United Methodist Church 2018 Budget

| <u>Budget Expense Category</u> | <u>2017 Budget</u> | <u>2017 Actual</u> | <u>2018 Budget</u> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| CC 1101 Pastor's Salary | 54,277 | 54,277.00 | 54,317.00 |
| CC 1102 Pastor's Pension | 6,000 | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 |
| CC 1103 Pastor's Insurance | 573 | 573.00 | 619.00 |
| CC 1104 Pastor's Housing Allowance | 9,000 | 9,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| CC 1110 Pastor's Medical Reimbursement | 2,550 | 2,550.00 | 2,550.00 |
| Total Pastor's Salary | 72,400 | 72,400.00 | 73,486.00 |
| CC 1105 Pastor's Business Related Expense | 125 | 90.78 | 125.00 |
| CC 1106 Pastor's Conference Expense | 500 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| CC 1107 Pastor's Continuing Education | 800 | 1,067.38 | 535.00 |
| CC 1108 Pastor's Travel Allowance | 6,000 | 4,018.87 | 6,000.00 |
| CC 1109 Pastor's Pulpit Expenses | 500 | 400.00 | 500.00 |
| CH 1301 Church-Pastor's Pension | 8,872 | 8,872.00 | 8,454.00 |
| CH 1302 Church-Pastor's Health Insurance | 10,893 | 10,893.00 | 11,764.00 |
| Total Church Portion-Pension & Health | 19,765 | 19,765.00 | 20,218.00 |
| CO 1201 Conference Operating Costs | 13,976 | 13,976.00 | 12,698.00 |
| CO 1202 Conference Ministries | 5,103 | 5,103.00 | 5,313.00 |
| CO 1203 General Church Ministries | 10,602 | 10,602.00 | 10,553.00 |
| CO 1204 District Apportioned Funds | 2,832 | 2,832.00 | 2,773.00 |
| Total Conference & District Apportionments | 32,513 | 32,513.00 | 31,337.00 |
| EV 301 Upper Room/Pockets/Devo | 1,050 | 1,247.50 | 1,050.00 |
| EV 302 Lay Delegate(s) to Annual Conference | 800 | 400.00 | 800.00 |
| EV 303 60+ Dinner | 600 | 355.54 | 500.00 |
| EV 304 Camp Meeting Expenses | 2,210 | 2,519.58 | 2,200.00 |
| EV 305 Youth Basketball | 750 | 750.00 | 750.00 |
| EV 306 Confirmation Class | 100 | | 100.00 |
| Total Evangelism Ministry | 5,510 | 5,272.62 | 5,400.00 |
| MM 802 Mission Special-2nd Mile Giving | 1,000 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Total Missions Ministry | 1,000 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| NC 601 Care & Nurture Supplies | 250 | 106.85 | 300.00 |
| Total Care & Nurture Ministry | 250 | 106.85 | 300.00 |
| RH 401 Records & History Supplies | 100 | | 100.00 |
| Total Records & History Ministry | 100 | - | 100.00 |
| SG 501 Vacation Bible School | 1,000 | 704.90 | 1,000.00 |
| SG 502 UMYF | 9,000 | 9,000.00 | 9,000.00 |
| SG 503 Children's Ministry | 3,000 | 2,039.45 | 2,500.00 |
| SG 504 Church School Literature | 4,500 | 4,920.18 | 5,000.00 |
| SG 505 Camp Tekoa | 600 | | 0.00 |
| SG 506 Family Ministries | | | 2,500.00 |
| SG 507 Adult Studies Leader Materials | | | 150.00 |
| Total Spiritual Growth Ministry | 18,100 | 16,664.53 | 20,150.00 |
| SS 1001 Administrative Assistant | 19,575 | 19,575.00 | 20,000.00 |
| SS 1002 Chancel Choir Director | 12,600 | 11,886.78 | 12,900.00 |
| SS 1003 Music Director | 5,200 | 4,400.00 | 5,200.00 |
| SS 1005 Organist | 5,200 | 5,300.00 | 5,200.00 |
| SS 1007 Late Service Pianist | 5,200 | 5,300.00 | 5,200.00 |
| SS 1008 Nursery Attendant | 1,948 | 1,690.00 | 1,948.00 |

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|---|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| SS 1009A Social Security & Medicare Tax | 4,722 | 4,435.11 | 4,722.00 |
| SS 1009B Employee SS/Medicare Tax | | 28.51 | |
| SS 1010 Safe Sanctuary Certifications | 200 | 50.00 | 100.00 |
| SS 1011 Payroll Processing Fees | 1,100 | 913.75 | 960.00 |
| SS 1013 Youth Coordinator | 12,000 | 9,450.00 | 12,000.00 |
| Total Staff Salaries & Expenses | 67,745 | 63,029.15 | 68,230.00 |
| ST 1401A State Sales Tax Jan-June | 1,000 | 1,340.44 | 1,200.00 |
| ST 1401B State Sales Tax July-Dec | 1,000 | 1,202.82 | 1,200.00 |
| Total Sales Tax | 2,000 | 2,543.26 | 2,400.00 |
| TR 901 Kitchen & Paper Supplies | 5,000 | 4,374.66 | 4,800.00 |
| TR 902 Keyboard Tuning or Repair | 450 | 875.00 | 800.00 |
| TR 903 Copier Costs | 8,000 | 8,650.08 | 8,000.00 |
| TR 904 Office & Business Expenses | 3,975 | 3,280.54 | 3,975.00 |
| TR 905 Postage | 1,585 | 1,747.78 | 1,585.00 |
| TR 906 Office Equipment Maintenance | 850 | 1,067.80 | 1,000.00 |
| TR 907 Church Telephone | 3,600 | 5,643.74 | 4,200.00 |
| TR 908 Van/Bus Maintenance | 1,200 | 134.50 | 1,200.00 |
| TR 909 Insurance (property) | 15,000 | 14,153.00 | 15,000.00 |
| TR 910 Church Utilities | 25,500 | 21,148.84 | 25,500.00 |
| TR 912 Church Maintenance | 10,000 | 7,700.44 | 12,000.00 |
| TR 913 Parsonage Maintenance | 3,000 | 821.62 | 2,000.00 |
| TR 914 Lawn Maintenance | 11,500 | 10,576.00 | 11,500.00 |
| TR 915 Commercial Cleaning Service | 21,000 | 19,500.00 | 22,000.00 |
| TR 916 Contracts | 12,000 | 8,943.78 | 10,000.00 |
| TR 917 Auto Insurance | 1,377 | 1,353.00 | 1,384.00 |
| Total Trustees Budget | 124,037 | 109,970.78 | 124,944.00 |
| WM 401 Worship Supplies | 600 | 850.26 | 600.00 |
| WM 402 Choir Supplies | 200 | | 200.00 |
| WM 403 Communion Supplies | 75 | | 75.00 |
| WM 404 Acolyte Supplies | 150 | 208.00 | 200.00 |
| WM 405 Chancel Choir Supplies | 2,650 | 962.22 | 2,000.00 |
| Total Worship Ministry | 3,675 | 2,020.48 | 3,075.00 |
| TOTAL BUDGET | 355,020 | 331,362.70 | 358,300.00 |
| <u>Budget Income Category</u> | | | |
| BA 1301 Budget | 330,000.00 | 339,667.06 | 341,500.00 |
| BA 1302 Camp Meeting | 1,500.00 | 3,772.00 | 1,500.00 |
| BA 1304 Sunday School Collection | 2,800.00 | 2,599.40 | 2,600.00 |
| BA 1305 Use of Building | 625.00 | 1,255.00 | 700.00 |
| BA 1306 Day Care | 6,000.00 | 6,350.00 | 6,600.00 |
| BA 1309 Sales Tax Refund | 2,400.00 | 3,279.06 | 2,400.00 |
| BA 1319 Refund | | 76.97 | 0.00 |
| BA 1334 Journal Entries | | 1.30 | 0.00 |
| BA 1310 Budget Grant | | | 3,000.00 |
| BA 1355 Fundraiser by entire Church - Stew Profits | 5,500.00 | 8,358.10 | 0.00 |
| BA 1350-51-52-53 Fundraisers by Young-at-Heart Class | 1,800.00 | 3,505.00 | 0.00 |
| BA 1354 Fundraisers by other Church classes or groups | 4,395.00 | 496.25 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL BUDGET INCOME | 355,020 | 369,360.14 | 358,300.00 |

February 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|---|
|  | | | | 1 3:15PM Children's Chapel 4PM Helen Grady Apps Due 7:30PM Trustees | 2 <i>Groundhog Day</i> | 3 |
| 4 5 th Sunday after Epiphany <i>Communion</i> Boy Scout Sunday Putt Butter & Oatmeal Sun Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday 8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar 8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship 10AM Sunday School 10:55AM Traditional Worship 5:30PM UMYF | 5 6:30PM Child Care Board 7PM Exercise | 6 8AM Breakfast Club (Backyard Grill) 10AM StoryTime in Library 7PM Bradshaw Vet. Mem. Comm. 7PM Women in Christ 7PM Boy/Cub Scouts | 7 FOOD PANTRY 3-4PM 6PM Youth Bible Study 7PM Cantata/Choir 7PM Exercise | 8 3:15PM Children's Chapel 7PM Missions | 9 Youth Ski Trip | 10 (FH in use 2-4PM) Youth Ski Trip |
| 11 <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i> Youth Ski Trip (Return) 8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar 8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship 10AM Sunday School 10:55AM Traditional Worship NO UMYF 5:45PM Bible Study | 12 6:30PM History & Rec. 7PM Exercise | 13 <i>Fat Tuesday</i> 10AM StoryTime in Library 10:30AM Friendly Club 7PM Worship 7PM Women in Christ 7PM Boy/Cub Scouts | 14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Valentine's Day FOOD PANTRY 3-4PM 6PM Youth Bible Study 7PM Ash Wed. Services 7PM Exercise 7:45PM Cantata/Choir | 15 3:15PM Children's Chapel 6:30PM PG Lion's Club 7PM Children & Family Ministries | 16 <i>Chinese New Year</i> | 17 (FH in use 2-4PM) |
| 18 <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> 8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar 8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship 10AM Sunday School 10:55AM Traditional Worship 4:30-5:30PM Confirmation 5:30PM UMYF 5:45 Bible Study | 19 <i>Presidents' Day</i> NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE (INCLUDING INFO FOR CALENDAR) 7PM Exercise | 20 10AM StoryTime in Library 7PM Women in Christ 7PM Boy/Cub Scouts | 21 FOOD PANTRY 3-4PM 6PM Youth Bible Study 7PM Cantata/Choir 7PM Exercise | 22 3:15PM Children's Chapel | 23 | 24 9-12PM Lay Servant Training @ Guilford College UMC |
| 25 <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i> 8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar 8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship 10AM Sunday School 10:55AM Traditional Worship 11-1:30PM Youth - Soup, Salad, Po. Bar 2:30-5:30PM Lay Ser. Trng. (GCUMC) 4:30-5:30PM Confirmation 5:30PM UMYF (Destination Unknow) 5:45PM Bible Study | 26 7PM Arlene Stokes 7PM Exercise | 27 10AM StoryTime in Library 7PM Women in Christ 7PM Boy/Cub Scouts (FH in use 6-8PM) Cub Award Event | 28 FOOD PANTRY 3-4PM 6PM Youth BS 7PM Cantata/Choir 7PM Exercise | 3/1 3:15PM Children's Chapel | | |

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Lenten & Easter Worship and Event Schedule

- Ash Wednesday – Feb. 14 @ 7PM Worship Service
- 1st Sun. in Lent – Feb. 18, Worship @ 8:50AM & 10:55AM; SS @ 10AM
- 2nd Sun. in Lent – Feb. 25, Worship @ 8:50AM & 10:55AM; SS @ 10AM (Youth - Soup, Salad, Potato Bar 11-1:30PM)
- 3rd Sun. in Lent – Sun. March 4, Worship @ 8:50AM & 10:55AM (Holy Communion); SS @ 10AM
- 4th Sun. in Lent – March 11, Worship @ 8:50AM & 10:55AM; SS @ 10AM
- 5th Sun. in Lent – March 18, Worship @ 8:50AM & 10:55AM; SS @ 10AM
- Palm/Passion Sun. – March 25, Worship @ 8:50AM & 10:55AM (Hand Bell Choir performs); SS @ 10AM
- Maundy Thurs. – March 29 @ 7PM Worship/Tenebrae Service (Holy Communion)
- Egg Hunt – Sat., March 31 @ 10AM (Tentative)
- Easter Sunrise Service – Sun., April 1 @ 6:45AM (Breakfast follows in FH); SS @ 10AM
- Easter Cantata – Sun., April 1, Combined 10:55AM Worship (NO COMMUNION)

If you are not a member of Bethlehem UMC and feel God leading you to it, I welcome you to speak to me about adding your name as a member of the church. You can reach me at – (704)516-6272 or email me at mwofford2@wnccumc.net

Blessings, Pastor Michael

**DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER IS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH.**