

Sunday, February 18, 2018 – 1ST Sunday in Lent. Liturgical color – purple.

The flowers have been placed in the sanctuary this morning to the Glory of God and in honor of Mr. & Mrs. W.T. Hemphill by Kim, Jim, & Ryan Scotton.

Feb. Church Opener: Buddy Fields **Feb. Church Closer:** Earl Fields

8:50AM Greeters Today: Stacy & Lucille McClintock **NEXT WEEK:** NEED GREETERS

10:55AM Greeters Today: Desi & Gail Williams **NEXT WEEK:** Joyce King

February Ushers: Earl Fields, Tim Fields, Doug Garrett, Leo Kirkman, Bob Norris

Acolytes: Sofia Cook Marimon and Claudio Cook Marimon

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

Attendance February 11, 2018 -

Sunday School	88
8:50AM Early Service	47
10:55AM Worship Attendance	91
Total Worship Attendance	138
Your Gifts-----	
Amount Collected to Date	\$36,407.79
Worship Service	\$6,065.40
MMRF	\$50.00

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BETHLEHEM
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CLIMAX, NORTH CAROLINA

FIRST SUNDAY IN
LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

February 18, 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.

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude *Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome*

Lighting of the Candles

*Hymn *How Firm a Foundation* No. 529

*Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39 No. 887

*Response *My Tribute* No. 99

Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Liturgical Dance Paden O'Daniel

Music: O'Lord by Lauren Daigle

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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

*Offertory Prayer

Children's Moment Pastor Melissa

*Hymn *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know* No. 163

Scripture *Matthew 21: 21-22*

Message *"Moving a Mountain"* Ms. Paden O'Daniel

*Hymn *To God Be the Glory* No. 98

*Benediction

*Congregational Benediction *Lift High the Cross* (Refrain) No.159

(As you depart, greet one another with the joy of Christ.)

*Postlude

* Please stand as you are able.

CLIPBOARD- There are still a few openings on the 2018 volunteer sign-up sheet for greeters, flowers, communion stewards & opener for April. A clipboard is being circulated this morning. Thank you.

BEGINS TODAY - CONFIRMATION CLASS from 4:30-5:30PM Sundays. This is for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders or 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 or Pastor Melissa to learn more.

N.T. DISCIPLE STUDY— We have just begun this study, so there is still time for you to join us. We meet on Sundays from 5:45pm until 7 pm. For more info call the church office at 336-674-0155 to or speak with Pastor Michael.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS MONDAY – Please submit items via email bethumclimax@gmail.com or put in Robin's box. **NEEDED – ALL COMMITTEES meeting dates & times for March.**

FEB. 25 INFORMATIONAL TABLES - Please be sure to stop by for information and to participate in a survey on influenza, including hand hygiene and cough etiquette. As part of the *Community Health Nursing II Program and Information Sustained by the Healthy People 2020 Federal Initiative*, Helen Faircloth, RN, CCRN-K will have an informational table set up in the hallway outside of the fellowship hall and in some Sunday School Classes on February 25th. This information will be available between worship services. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about how to stop the flu.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY, 2/25 – SOUP, SALAD & POTATO BAR. Fundraiser lunch sponsored by BUMC Youth. Hope you will plan to stay for a yummy lunch. Proceeds benefit the youth program of BUMC.

Heifer International Lenten Offering Banks are available on the table outside of the Church office and in the narthex. This offering will be collected on April 8th.

Saturday February 24th 5-7pm

PASTA FOR A PURPOSE

**HELP
BRODY
FIGHT
THE
FIGHT**



**SPAGHETTI DINNER
& BAKE SALE**

BENEFIT FOR BRODY WATSON

Bethlehem United Methodist Church
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PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep these friends in your prayers.

Ongoing Prayer Needs:

Lucy Albright (Clapps Assisted)
Dale Austin
Jack Bowman
Peggy Bowman
Suzie Branch
Edna Coble (NH)
Betty Fields (surgery)
Cletis Fields (NH)
Kelsey Garrett
Martha Hinshaw (NH)
Ruby Hockett (assisted living)
Carolyn Johnson (home)
Janet Jordan (Annie Mae Jones' Daughter)
Marjorie Mabe

Ongoing (Cont.)

Bobbie McClintock (home)
Mildred Moser (Clapp's Assisted Living)
Jamie O'Daniel (home)
Dickie Parks
David Robb
Wanda Sheets
Lisa Shown (broken wrist)
Bobby Tew (home)
Jeffrey Welker (back in U.S.)
Kay Wilkinson
All of our homebound

Immediate Prayer Needs:

Barbara Badeau (Priscilla Hodges' daughter/law at Clapps)

Immediate (Cont.)

Cory Fields
Troy Anthony Finch (Deena's preemie great nephew) flu
Nancy Golden (chemo)
Sandy Greeson Strawberry Lady (BKA)
Doris Hockett
Betty Hull
Linda Land (Clapps)
Ashley McCollum @ Baptist (Linda Duncan's niece)
Jose Marimon Morales (Cesar's dad)
Mike Underwood (home)
Lorene Wells (Clapps)
Brody Watson (bone marrow transplant)

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.

We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Mary Hill. Mary graduated to the Church Triumphant on Monday, February 12, 2018. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. Mary was the mother of Russell Hill.

The family of Arnold D. Williams would like to thank everyone for their prayers, support, and outreach during the time of his illness and death. We are so thankful to be a part of such a loving and giving church family. Desi and Gail Williams

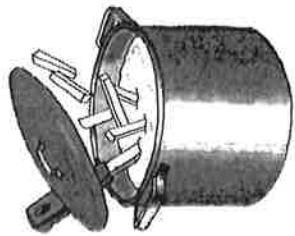
Thank you all for your prayers, food, calls and support during Dale's illness and his passing. We were so comforted by all the care we received from Bethlehem Church. God Bless, Bonnie Averill & family

Thank you all for your calls, cards, prayers and support while I have been out of church. God bless each of you. Betty Hull

LOST BRASS ALTAR CROSS. It was a part of the candle/altar set. If you know the whereabouts of this please let the church office know 336-674-0155. Thank you.

CAMP TEKOA - We need to determine if there is sufficient interest for planning Camp Tekoa for summer 2018. Due to past low involvement, no budget request was submitted for 2018. There is approximately \$700+ in the designated camp fund currently. This amount will likely pay for one full tuition or part of several tuitions. If there is interest, please contact me so that necessary activities can be planned. Thanks, Lorrie Roth (919)818-6536.

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

ALL ORDERS DUE TODAY!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday 2/18 1st Sunday in Lent

CHICKEN STEW ORDERS DUE
8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar
8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship
10AM Sunday School
10:55AM Traditional Worship
4:30-5:30PM Confirmation Classes
Begin
5:30PM UMYF
5:45PM Disciple Bible Study

Monday 2/19

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Need ALL committee dates & times for March.
7PM Exercise

Tuesday 2/20

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

Wednesday 2/21

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

Thursday 2/22

3:15PM Children's Chapel
7PM SPRC (Parlor)

Friday 2/23

Church Office Closed

Saturday 2/24 FH in use 3-8PM

9-12:30PM Lay Servant Training (Guilford College UMC)
5-7PM Spaghetti Fundraiser & Bake Sale (Brody Watson)

Sunday 2/25 2nd Sunday in Lent

8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar
8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship
Flu Informational/Survey Event
10AM Sunday School
10:55AM Traditional Worship
11-1:30PM Soup, Salad, Potato Bar (Youth fundraiser)
2-5:30PM Lay Servant Training (Guilford College UMC)
4:30-5:30PM Hand Bell Choir (Begins Today)
4:30-5:30PM Confirmation Class
5:30PM UMYF (DESTINATION UNKNOWN HAS BEEN CANCELLED)
5:45PM Disciple Bible Study

COMING UP

Mon., Feb. 26	Arlene Stokes @ 7PM
Thurs., March 1	Trustees @ 7:30PM
Fri., March 2	World Day of Prayer
Fri., March 2	Chicken Stew 6:30AM-3PM (Arlene Stokes)
Sat., March 3	Chicken Stew 5AM-3PM; Stew Sales 12-1PM
Sat., March 3	Lay Servant Training 9:30-12:30PM (Guilford College UMC)
Sun., March 4	3 rd Sun. /Lent; Communion; Peanut Butter/Oatmeal Sunday

BUMC SPRC

Bud Lauder, Chair
Class of 2018
Denny Spencer
Stacy McClintock
Lois Snow

Class of 2019

Bud Lauder
Doug Nance
Phyllis Wicker

Class of 2020

Karen Barbone
Byron Dahl
Carol Fields

Annual Conference Lay Delegate – David Robb
Annual Conference Lay Delegate – Alice Jones
Lay Leader – Andrew Coward

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Budget Results for January 2018

\$262,397.00 Total Budget Money Available January 1, 2018
 + 24,312.39 Money Received in January
 = 27,121.02 Money Spent in January
 \$259,588.37 Total Budget Money Available January 31, 2018

For the month of January, 2018, the Church Budget spent \$2,808.63 more than it received. For the year, the Church Budget spent \$2,808.63 more than it received.

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.
 \$18,114.24 Total MM&RF Money Available January 31, 2018

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	Camp Tekoa	\$ 781.88
Food Pantry	\$ 612.82	Handbells	\$ 160.52
Discretionary Fund	\$ 8,305.08	Scholarship-Religion Ed	\$ 1,983.22
Little Chets	\$ 195.03	Missions-Undesignated	\$ 23,001.09
Records & History	\$ 521.56	Christmas Shoeboxes	\$ 158.20
UMYF	\$18,606.56	Cemetery Fund	\$ 9,705.29
Family Ministries	\$ 1,817.87	Cemetery/Columbarium	\$ 19,284.94
Helen Grady Endowment	\$ 274.55	Columbarium Donations	\$ 10,697.00
Flowers	\$ 14.50	Columbarium Niche	\$ 1,000.00
Camp Meeting Fund	\$ 25.00	Veteran's Memorial Pavers	\$ 700.00

Total Other Designated Gift Money Available January 31, 2018 \$103,898.81

Frank Willis, Stewardship Ministry Chair

2018

Lenten & Easter Worship and Event Schedule

- 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 from 2 - 4PM
- 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)