

Today, Sunday, March 25, 2018 is Palm Sunday. Liturgical color is purple.
The flowers have been placed in the church today by Buddy & Judy Fields to the Glory of God & in loving memory of Reece Jones & in honor of his namesakes.
Reece would have celebrated his 100th birthday on March 24th.
The Palms have been placed in the Church in loving memory of
J.C. & Gary Corum by their loving family.

Serving in Church

March Church Opener: Sandie Harris **March Church Closer:** Karen Barbone
8:50AM Greeters Today: Wayne & Phyllis Alley **NEXT WEEK: NO EARLY SERVICE**
10:55AM Greeters Today: Buddy & Judy Fields **NEXT WEEK: Karen Barbone**
March Ushers: David Fields, Glenn Getner, Bud Lauder, Mario Massarelli, Barry Norris
Acolytes: Sofia Cook Marimon and Claudio Cook Marimon
Audio/Visual Tech: Gene Flinchum, Terry Franklin, Wayne Moser, Denny Spencer, Justin Windsor

Attendance March 18, 2018 -

Sunday School	97
8:50AM Early Service	72
10:55AM Worship Attendance	114
Total Worship Attendance	186
Your Gifts-----	
Amount Collected to Date	\$69,587.36
Worship Service	\$8,615.61
MMRF	\$376.00
UMCOR Special Sunday Offering (To Date)	\$333.00

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BETHLEHEM
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CLIMAX, NORTH CAROLINA



MARCH 25, 2018

March 25, 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 *Were You There?* by Donald Allured

Lighting the Candles

*Hymn *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* No. 277

Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

Anthem *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!* by John Darwal

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Sweet Hour of Prayer* by William Bradbury

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

*Offertory Prayer

Children's Moment Pastor Melissa

Special Music *The Palms*

Message "The Trial Between the Triumphs" Pastor Michael

Palm Entry—Matthew 21:1-11

Pastor: The setting of the test

1st reading: "Gethsemane"—Matthew 26: 36-56

2nd reading: "The Trial"—Matthew 26: 57-68

Pastor: The laws of the Jews

3rd Reading: "The Denial"—Matthew 26: 69-75

4th reading: "Condemned to Death"—Matthew 27: 1-26

Soloist: *Were You There?*—Gail Williams

5th reading: "The Way of the Cross"—Matthew 27: 27-44

6th reading: "The Lord Speaks from the Cross"—Matthew 27: 45-66

Pastor: Sermon Conclusion

*Hymn *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* No. 297

Handbell Benediction *God Be with You* by William Tomer

*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

Easter Lily Orders – Orders must be turned in to office **by Tuesday**. Please complete the order form found in your bulletin and place in the offering plate.



MAUNDY THURSDAY/TENEBRAE SERVICE– Thursday at 7PM. Holy Communion will be served.

CANTATA REHEARSAL – Easter Cantata Rehearsal will be Saturday, March 31st at 9AM. We will meet in the sanctuary.



EASTER EGG HUNT THIS SATURDAY, March 31 from 2 – 4PM (Rain or Shine) Join us for refreshments, crafts, & story time in the fellowship hall before moving outside to hunt for eggs. Donations of individually wrapped candy (no chocolate) & small prizes (bouncy balls; tattoos, plastic rings, etc.) can be left in the boxes outside of the church office & in the narthex.

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS – The wooden cross will be set up in the sanctuary on Easter morning. You will be invited to come up and add flowers to the cross at the beginning of worship. If you have fresh flowers to bring, please bring them. Flowers will also be provided.

BAKE SALE - Brittany Ingold will be on staff for her second summer at Carolina Cross Connection. She will be having a bake sale on April 15th from 10AM - 12:30PM to raise money for her salary as she has to raise half her salary. Come support her if you are able! Thanks.



Exercise Classes: TIME CHANGE! Starting Mon. 3/26 classes will begin at 7:30p.m. for one hour each Monday & Wednesday. Cost is \$1 per class. Bring light weights, mat & bottled water. Everyone welcome!

Lent/Easter Worship Event Schedule

- 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)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep these friends in your prayers.

Ongoing Prayer Needs:

Lucy Albright (Clapps Assisted)
Dale Austin
Jack Bowman
Peggy Bowman (Clapps)
Tony Bowman (home)
Suzie Branch
Edna Coble (NH)
Cletis Fields (NH)
Cory Fields
Jeanette Fields (home)
Kelsey Garrett
Nancy Golden (chemo)
Sandy Greeson Strawberry Lady (BKA)

Ongoing (Cont.)

Ruby Hockett (assisted living)
Carolyn Johnson (home)
Marjorie Mabe
Bobbie McClintock (home)
Ashley McCollum surgery
Mildred Moser (Clapp's Assisted Living)
Jamie O'Daniel (home)
Dickie Parks
David Robb
Wanda Sheets
Mike Underwood (home)
Jeffrey Welker (back in U.S.)

Ongoing (Cont.)

Lisa Shown (broken wrist)
Bobby Tew (home)
Kay Wilkinson
All of our homebound
Immediate Prayer Needs:
Barbara Badeau (Clapps)
Tony Bowman (Hospital)
Ann Hice (Clapps)
Doris Hockett
Betty Hull (Clapps)
Clyde Land (surgery)
Lorene Wells (Clapps)
Brody Watson (home)

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.

The Land family would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, food, visits, and love received during this very difficult time.

Announcement of new family - Amanda Fields and William "Bill" Thompson were married on March 3, 2018. Bill and Amanda will reside in Climax with their two children, Will Rivers and Matthew Thompson. We welcome this new family into our church community.

Helen Grady Endowment Committee voted to replace and install the projector in the front of the sanctuary. The available funds for 2017 were \$2,393.19; balance remaining 2016: \$274.55; total \$2,667.74.

THE BRASS ALTAR CROSS IS STILL MISSING - 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.

BRADSHAW/VETERAN'S MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT – Sat., 4/14 @ Holly Ridge Golf Course. 8AM shotgun start. \$65/golfer or \$260 for team of 4 (Golfer deadline 4/10.) Hole sponsorship \$100 (4/4 deadline). Lunch is provided. Call Becky Windsor for more info (336)708-2897.

VBS - JULY 9-12 5:30-8:30PM If you are interested in helping, please let Gail Williams or Melissa Swofford know. We would love to have you! Remember we are a *Safe Sanctuary Church* and must have an updated background check on file. You can pick one up from the church office or from the Children's Ministries mailbox. Please fill it out and return to Robin in the church office ASAP!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday 3/25 Palm/Passion Sunday

Handbell Choir performs @ both services.

8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar
8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship
10AM Sunday School
10:55AM Traditional Worship
4:30-5:30PM Confirmation Class
5:30PM UMYF (Movie in W-S)
5:45PM Disciple Bible Study

Monday 3/26 Monday of Holy Week

7PM Bradshaw Vet. Mem. Comm.
7PM Arlene Stokes
7:30PM Exercise

Tuesday 3/27 Tuesday of Holy Week

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING LILIES

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

Wednesday 3/28 Wed. of Holy Week

3-4PM Food Pantry
6PM Youth Bible Study
7PM Cantata/Choir
7:30PM Exercise

Thursday 3/29 Maundy Thursday

3:15PM Children's Chapel
7PM Maundy Thursday Service

Friday 3/30 Good Friday

Church Office Closed

Saturday 3/31 Holy Saturday

9-1:30PM Pine Needles on Sale
9AM Cantata Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
2-4PM Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday 4/1 Easter Day

NO COMMUNION

Peanut Butter & Oatmeal Sunday

6:45AM Sunrise Service

Breakfast follows Sunrise Service (FH)

9:45AM Prayer/Altar

10AM Sunday School

10:55AM Combined Worship/Cantata

COMING UP

Mon., 4/2 Easter Monday – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tues., 4/3 Breakfast Club @ 8AM (Backyard Grill)

Thurs., 4/5 Trustees @ 7:30PM

Thurs., 4/5 NO CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Sun., 4/8 Receive Lenten Offering/Heifer Int.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS - In order to avoid scheduling conflicts, your help is needed. Please relay your meeting dates & times to the church office **as promptly as possible**. If meetings vary, please project date & time as closely as possible. Thank you.

Scout Troop 342 Pine Needles on sale now. \$4.50 per bale. Saturday 9AM – 1:30PM; for other times call Eddie Wilkinson @ 336-674-0921, leave a message.

FROM THE TRUSTEES - In an effort to move forward with security measures for our church, all entrance doors will be locked at 10:55am for the service. To gain entry after 10:55am, enter via the front main doors to the sanctuary where they will be monitored by a member. Thank you, BUMC Trustees Committee

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

---REMINDER - Next Sunday there will be one combined Easter worship @ 10:55AM. ---



2018 Order Form
Due Tuesday, March 27

We invite you to provide Easter Lilies to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 1st. Flowers can be ordered through the Church office. The cost is **\$13.75** each. (Slight increase in cost to cover delivery fee.)

Please complete this form & enclose check or cash in an offering envelope & **write your name & Easter Lilies on the outside.**

PLEASE RETURN YOUR ORDER FORM & MONEY TO THE CHURCH OFFICE NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, MARCH 27TH.

Orders received after March 27th may not get processed in time for Easter.

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY

Donor _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Church office order _____ lilies @ **\$13.75** each.

(1 lily \$13.75, 2 lilies \$27.50, 3 lilies \$41.25, 4 lilies \$55.00)

BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
HANDBELL CHOIR
PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 25, 2018

CONDUCTOR

Cesar Marimon

RINGERS

- Susan Coward
- David Fields
- Clark Hinshaw
- Michelle Hinshaw
- Courtney Ingold
- Wendi Lowe
- Edison Marimon
- Jamie O'Daniel
- Tater O'Daniel
- Will Rivers
- Shannon Wicker
- Becky Windsor

MUSIC

- Prelude - *Were You There?* By Donald Allured
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