

Today is **Sunday, April 29, 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Easter.**

The Liturgical color is white.

--**Serving in Church--**

**April Church Opener:** NEED OPENER **April Church Closer:** Jerry Berry

**May Church Opener:** Johnny Riddle **May Church Closer:** Greg Wicker

**Communion Stewards for May 6:** (Early) Dale & Becky Windsor, (Late) NEED STEWARDS

**8:50AM Greeters Today:** NEED GREETERS **NEXT WEEK:** Lois Snow

**10:55AM Greeters Today:** Ronda Robb **NEXT WEEK:** Joyce King

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

**May 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 April 22, 2018 -**

Sunday School	106
8:50AM Early Service	85
10:55AM Worship Attendance	93
<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	<b>178</b>

Your Gifts-----

<b>Amount Collected to Date</b>	<b>\$97,296.96</b>
Worship Service	\$4,489.00
MMRF	\$195.00

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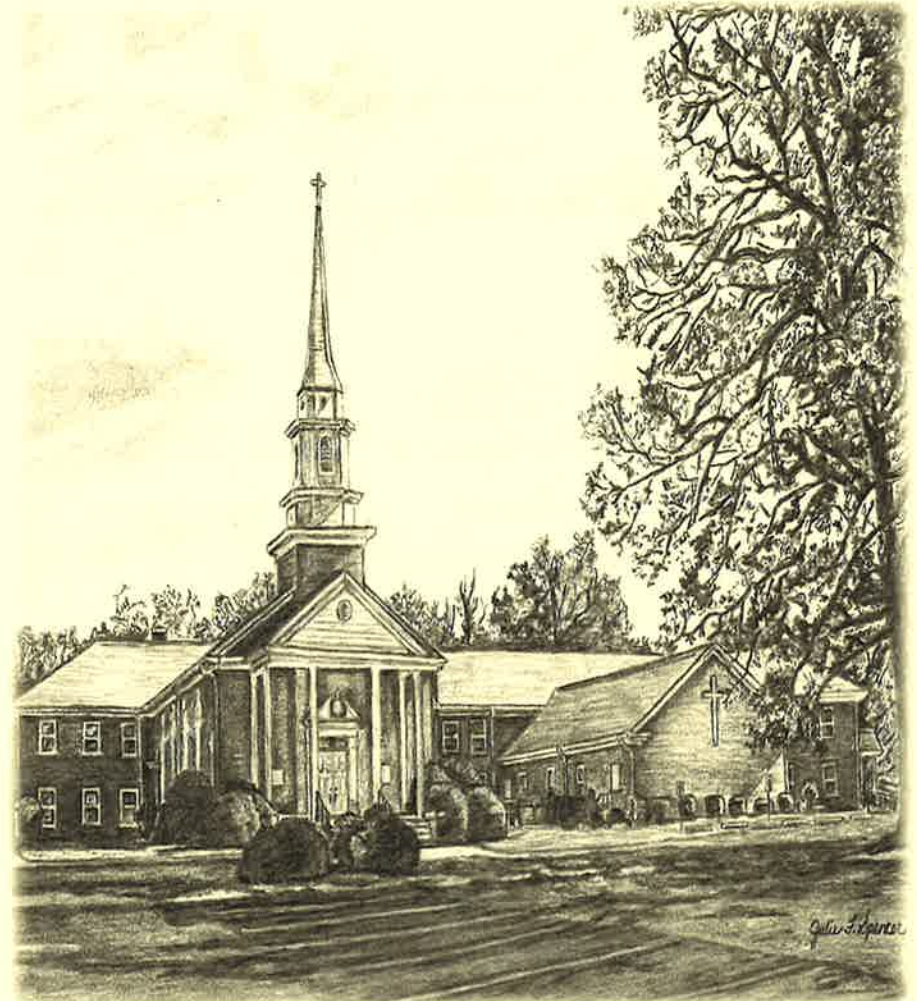
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# BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CLIMAX, NORTH CAROLINA



April 29, 2018  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 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 *The Glorious Kingdom*

Lighting of the Candles

\*Hymn *O Worship the King* No. 73

\*Psalter Psalm 22: 25-31 No. 753

\*Response *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* On Screen

Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Anthem *Open Your Heart  
I Asked the Lord  
He Looked Beyond My Fault and Saw My Need*

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *His Eye is on the Sparrow*

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

\*Offertory Prayer

Children's Moment Pastor Melissa

\*Hymn *Love Lifted Me* On Screen

Scripture 1 John 4:7-21 (NIV)

Message "I, A Shepherd" Pastor Michael

\*Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* No. 384

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Benediction *He Lives* (vs. 1) No. 310

\*Postlude

\*Stand as you are able.

**THE YOUNG-AT-HEART CLASS is sponsoring a Mother's Day Bulletin** to honor our mothers on May 13. Mother's names are \$5 each & checks may be made payable to the Young-at-Heart Class. If honoring more than one mom per check, clip all envelopes together, please. (One name per envelope.) Envelopes are available in SS classes & at each entrance & may be put into the offering plate or given to Karon Monnett, Judy Fields, or Phyllis Wicker. **Deadline is May 6.** Thank you for your participation.



**THURSDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> IS NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** - We are passing a clip board around giving everyone the opportunity to sign up for a prayer slot to pray wherever you are at that time for our families, God's church and our nation. We would covet everyone's participation. Blessings, The Evangelism Committee

**YOU ARE INVITED** - Please join us in a celebration for Jane A. Reddick on **May 5th, 2018 in the Fellowship Hall from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.** Come join us in some reminiscing, refreshments, laughter and fun. Oh! Jane is turning 80! (Please no gifts.)

**GRADUATE SUNDAY** is May 20<sup>th</sup> – Sponsors will be revealed! Adopt-A-Pals, students & sponsors, please **contact Karen Lauder, 336-495-1253**, to let her know which May 20<sup>th</sup> worship service you (sponsor & student) will be attending.

**YARD SALE – May 19<sup>th</sup>, 7AM – 1PM. Bethlehem UMC.** This is a fundraiser for Bethlehem Child Care. \$5/space; \$15/space & 1 table. Contact Deena King for info. Call or text (336)302-5644.

**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!

The altar arrangement has been placed in the church this morning to the Glory of God. It is representative of the *World Day of Prayer* which originated from a proposal made by the Presbyterian Church in 1887 that all churches unite in a national day of prayer. Traditionally *World Day of Prayer* offerings have gone toward the advancement of education and the dissemination of educational materials. In keeping with this theme of education, the floral display is symbolic of the torch of knowledge (made of gladiolus). The flower, gladiolus, is symbolic of generosity.  
Floral Art in the Church p. 165

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep these friends in your prayers.

### Ongoing Prayer Needs:

Lucy Albright (Clapps Assisted)  
 Dale Austin  
 Barbara Badeau (Clapps Assisted)  
 Jack Bowman  
 Peggy Bowman (home)  
 Tony Bowman (home)  
 Suzie Branch  
 Edna Coble (NH)  
 Cletis Fields (Clapps)  
 Cory Fields  
 Kelsey Garrett  
 Nancy Golden (chemo)  
 Ann Hice (Clapps Assisted)

### Ongoing (Cont.)

Ruby Hockett (assisted living)  
 Betty Hull (Clapps Assisted)  
 Carolyn Johnson (home)  
 Marjorie Mabe  
 Bobbie McClintock (home)  
 Mildred Moser (Clapp's Assisted)  
 Jamie O'Daniel (home)  
 Dickie Parks  
 David Robb  
 Wanda Sheets  
 Bobby Tew (home)  
 Mike Underwood (home)  
 Brody Watson (home)

### Ongoing (Cont.)

Jeffrey Welker (back in U.S.)  
 Lorene Wells (home)  
 Kay Wilkinson  
 All of our homebound

### Immediate Prayer Needs:

Eutha Bowman (knee surg. /home)  
 Jackie Cook (knee surgery/ home)  
 Phyllis Dahl (surgery)  
 Doris Hockett (Hospice)  
 Paige Ramsey Phillips  
 Deborah Norris

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.

*Thank you to everyone for their kindness, prayers, cards, calls, visits and food after my knee surgery and during my recovery. With gratitude and love, Jim Smith*

*Thank you church family for your prayers, cards, and love during my recent shoulder surgery. I love you all and am so thankful for you. God Bless, Phyllis Dahl*

**TODAY! Stewards of Children**, a prevention training that teaches adults how to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse will be 1-3PM (check-in & lunch @ 12:15). **Tabernacle UMC, 5721 Methodist Rd., Greensboro.** This is a free event. Info call 336-413-3078.



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

**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.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### Sunday 4/29

8:50AM Early Worship  
 10AM Sunday School  
 Special Combined SS (Adult Classes) in FH  
 10:55AM Traditional Worship  
 1PM Keeping Our Children Safe (Tabernacle UMC)  
 4:30PM Confirmation  
 5:30PM UMYF  
 5:45PM Bible Study

### Monday 4/30

Tabernacle UMC Fried Apple Pie Order Deadline  
 7:30PM Exercise

### Tuesday 5/1 May Day

8AM Breakfast Club (Backyard Grill)  
 10AM StoryTime (in Library)  
 7PM Women in Christ  
 7PM Cub/Boy Scouts

### Wednesday 5/2

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

### Thursday 5/3 National Day of Prayer

Remember to pray in place during your slotted time.  
 3:15PM Children's Chapel  
 7:30PM Trustees

### Friday 5/4

Church Office Closed

### Saturday 5/5 FH in use 2-5

*Cinco de Mayo*  
 9-1:30PM Pine Needles on Sale  
 2-5PM Bday Party for Jane Reddick (FH)

### Sunday 5/6 Communion;

Peanut Butter/Oatmeal Sunday  
**DEADLINE FOR MOTHER'S DAY BULLETIN ENTRIES**  
 8:50AM Early Worship  
 10AM Sunday School  
 10:55AM Traditional Worship  
 4:30PM Confirmation  
 5:30PM UMYF  
 5:45PM Bible Study (Last Class)

### COMING UP

Mon., May 7 @ 6:30PM Child Care Board Meeting  
 Tues., May 8 @ 10:30AM Friendly Club  
 Thurs., May 10 @ 7PM Finance Comm. Meeting  
 Thurs., May 10 @ 7PM Missions Team Meeting  
 Sun., May 13 Mother's Day, Ascension Sunday



**REMINDER FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRS** – In order to avoid scheduling conflicts and to keep the church calendar up-to-date, please give Robin your upcoming meeting dates and times as promptly 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.

Tabernacle UMW Homemade Fried Apple Pie Sale  
 Order DEADLINE April 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Contact Erin Burke 336-456-8533  
 Name, Phone #, pick-up date (May 1-5), quantity @ \$1.75 each  
 PICK UP DATES: May 1-5, 3:00-5:00PM in fellowship hall

## National Prayer Day, 2018 Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Our Dear Heavenly Father, while we come to You in complete humility, we also come to You with boldness in the authoritative name of Your One and Only Son, Jesus Christ, who is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. In Jesus' name, fill us now with Your Holy Spirit and lead us as we pray in Jesus' name for America. First, we want to thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed on our land, blessings that have allowed us to bring so much good and benefit to not only our own citizens but also to the rest of the world. The very ideas upon which this country was founded were based on biblical truths, no matter how some try to rewrite history to deny this very fact today

Our hearts are broken over how you continue to be marginalized and dismissed by both our people and our institutions. We are also saddened by the fact that your people have contributed greatly to the spiritual apathy that now engulfs us. Our satisfaction in remaining religious without being committed to living out the truths of Your Word has caused us to become co-conspirators with the forces of evil that are destroying us as a society.

Oh God, we are burdened for our nation today. It is for this reasons that we personally and collectively repent of our carnality and recommit of becoming visible and verbal disciples of Jesus Christ. Enable us by Your Spirit, to longer be secret agent Christians but rather to publicly declare and live our Your truth in a spirit of love so that your feel welcome in our homes, in our workplaces, in our schools and institutions and in our government once again. Help us to turn from the sins that we have committed against your Word and your Name. Enable us to turn away from our contentious words and ways toward one another that has led us to division and polarization. We turn away from our disrespect and lack of dignity toward each other, and we turn away from our continual devaluation of all human life from the womb until death in this world. We also turn away from and refuse to participate in skepticism, criticism, and cynicism in our nation. We turn away from anything that divides us, and we run toward the gospel of Jesus Christ that is the only thing that has the power to unite us together.

Lord, in this critical hour in our nation, we pray for unity in America. Only You can bring unity, harmony, and oneness in America. As Your Word calls us in Ephesians 4:3, "*Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace*", we ask You to empower us to make every effort to live in unity, to call for unity, and to forward unity in America continually.

Continued on reverse.

We pray for the churches in America to unify in Jesus Christ and to pray as one unified spiritual family for America. May Your Church pray for America passionately, perpetually, privately, and publicly.

We pray for God's power to unify families, workplaces, communities, and cities in America. By Your Spirit, lead us to forgiveness, reconciliation, healing, and unity.

We pray for people of all ethnicities and races in America to come together as one, living in peace and unity together. Oh Lord, because each of us is created in Your image, please give us the courage to stand against all racial and ethnic division, denouncing it as evil and sinful, while simultaneously coming together in unity with all persons knowing this is God's will for us.

We pray in unity for the security of our nation. We ask You to preserve the United States of America from the forces of evil that are threatening our lives and our future. God, please guard all persons in public and private settings from anyone or anything that desires to harm us or take our lives. Our future is in Your hands.

We agree clearly, unite visibly, and pray extraordinarily for the next Great Spiritual Awakening in America. Oh Lord, wake up Your church spiritually and convict Your people to agree clearly, unite visibly, and pray extraordinarily until the next Great Spiritual Awakening occurs in our generation.

Oh God, we stand together upon Your words in *Psalms 133:1*, "*How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony.*" Through Jesus' name and by the Holy Spirit's power, we pray for all Americans to unify and to live together in unity.

Thank you for Your promise to hear our prayers when we call to You with hearts of repentance and obedience, which is how we are appealing to You today. On behalf of Your church, we affirm afresh the priority You are to us that You would fill every dimension of our lives as we seek to bring You glory through the advancement of Your kingdom in our personal lives, in our family lives and in the lives of you church and our government leaders. In the mighty and majestic name of Jesus Christ who is the Only Savior and the Only Hope in this world, we pray. Amen.

**You may use this insert as your guide for prayer on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please pray, wherever you are, during your selected time slot.**

**National Day of Prayer 2018**