

THE CHALLENGE

Bethlehem United Methodist Church
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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.



Rev. Beverly Copley

New District Superintendent for Northern Piedmont District Appointed

In February of this year our current District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Nancy Rankin announced she would retire in June 2018. Dr. Rankin has served as District Superintendent for the Northern Piedmont District since 2012.

Rev. Beverly Copley, currently serving at Ardmore United Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, NC in the Yadkin Valley District will be appointed as DS for the Northern Piedmont District.

Rev. Copley is a graduate of Wake Forest University (B.A., 1988) and Garrett-Evangelical (M.T.S., 1991). She served Broad Street, Statesville, associate (1998-2001); Chapel Hill, Statesville (2001-2003); University City, Charlotte, associate (2003-2007); First UMC, Landis, (2007-2012), Maple Springs, Winston-Salem, associate (2012-2016), and has been at Ardmore since 2016.

Bev currently serves on the Board of Ordained Ministry and previously served on the Annual Conference Worship Committee. She is endorsed by the UMC as a Transitional Interim Ministry Specialist and is a participant in The Royce and Jane Reynolds Leadership Academy for Evangelism and Discipleship.

Bev is married to Jeff Copley who is serving Maple Springs UMC in Winston-Salem. They have two children: Ellen (24) and Thomas (20).

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OUR PRAYER LIST

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 (Clapps)
 Cletis Fields (Clapps)
 Cory Fields
 Kelsey Garrett
 Nancy Golden (chemo)
 Ann Hice (Clapps Assisted)
 Ruby Hockett (assisted living)
 Betty Hull (Clapps Assisted)
 Carolyn Johnson (home)

Ongoing Continued

Marjorie Mabe
 Bobbie McClintock (home)
 Ashley McCollum (surgery)
 Mildred Moser (Clapp's Assisted)
 Jamie O'Daniel
 Dickie Parks
 David Robb
 Wanda Sheets
 Mike Underwood (home)
 Brody Watson (home)
 Jeffrey Welker (back in U.S.)
 Lorene Wells (home)
 Kay Wilkinson
 All of our homebound

Immediate Prayer Needs:

Eutha Bowman
 Jackie Cook
 Phyllis Dahl
 Doris Hockett (Hospice)
 Paige Ramsey Phillips
 Deborah Norris

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6:18 NIV

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Budget Results for March 2018

\$257,568.61 Total Budget Money Available March 31, 2018

+ 27,353.42 Money Received in March

- 26,837.53 Money Spent in March

\$258,084.50 Total Budget Money Available March 31, 2018

For the month of March, 2018, the Church Budget received \$515.89 more than it spent. For the year, the Church Budget spent \$4,312.50 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.

\$19,210.24 Total MM&RF Money Available March 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	\$ 863.78	Handbells	\$ 160.52
Discretionary Fund	\$ 7,151.20	Scholarship-Religion Ed	\$ 1,983.22
Little Chefs	\$ 195.03	Missions-Undesignated	\$ 21,661.57
Records & History	\$ 541.56	Christmas Shoeboxes	\$ 158.20
UMYF	\$21,065.21	Cemetery Fund	\$ 10,255.29
Family Ministries	\$ 1,817.87	Cemetery/Columbarium	\$ 19,284.94
Helen Grady Endowment	\$ 2,667.74	Columbarium Donations	\$ 12,502.00
Flowers	14.50	Columbarium Niche	\$ 1,000.00
Camp Meeting Fund	\$ 50.00	Veteran's Memorial Pavers	\$ 1,000.00
Misc In/Out (UMCOR)	\$ 333.00	Choir Fund	\$ 100.00
Heifer Collection	\$ 50.00		

Total Other Designated Gift Money Available March 31, 2018 \$109,691.21

Frank Willis, Stewardship Ministry Chair

May Birthdays

5/1 Allison Eanes
 5/2 Ruby Hockett
 5/5 Lore Lambert
 5/6 Mark Wilkinson
 5/7 Wendi Martin Lowe
 5/8 Tim Parrish
 5/9 Jana Fields
 John Holder
 Barry Norris
 Alan Wilkinson
 5/11 Mildred Moser
 5/13 Wayne Kirkman
 Jeannie Suggs
 Kelly Fields
 5/17 Caleb Windsor
 5/19 Kelsea Owens
 5/20 James Evans
 5/22 Eutha Bowman
 Nancy Golden
 Brittany Ingold
 Kay Wilkinson
 Taylor Martin
 5/24 Betty Wilkins
 5/26 Adam Garrett
 Joy Massarelli
 Lowell Suggs
 5/27 Doris Kirkman
 Faye Fields
 Debbie Waugh
 Londa Parks
 5/28 Gilbert Suggs
 5/29 Christal Owens
 Karen Barbone
 5/31 Mike Hinshaw

June Birthdays

6/1 Judy Fields
 David Peele
 6/2 Asher Garrett
 6/4 Robin Bunton
 Betty Fields
 Alan Thornton
 Jenahlee Young
 6/6 Sid Fields
 Marguerite Fields
 Amanda Fields
 6/9 Jeanette Fields
 Chad Garrett
 Joyce King
 6/10 Sherri Bowman
 6/12 Margaret Royal
 6/13 Doug Nance
 6/14 Phillip Jones
 Deena King
 Dale Austin
 6/17 Peggy Bowman
 Glenn Getner
 6/20 Michelle Hinshaw
 Reagan Owens
 6/21 Carol Fields
 Cindy Fields
 Jennifer Young
 6/22 Brenda Fields
 6/23 Fran Getner
 Craig McClintock
 6/26 Jonah Owens
 6/28 Kennedy Waugh
 6/30 Annabel Bunton



CONGRATULATIONS 2018 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

--2018 High School Graduates--

Hayden Lee Edmondson, Southeast Guilford High School, with honors. Hayden is the grandson of Jane Snead. He will attend NC State in the fall.

Alex Garrett, Southeast Guilford High School. Alex is the son of Chad & Stephanie Garrett and will be attending GTCC this fall. Once he completes the basic coursework at GTCC, he plans to transfer to ECU and study civil engineering.

Luke Hinshaw, Southeast Guilford High School. Luke is the son of Mike & Michelle Hinshaw. Luke will be attending NC State and studying engineering.

Mario Massarelli, Providence Grove High School. Mario is the son of Lorrie Roth & Craig Massarelli. Mario will be attending NC State and studying business/computer science.

Madison Nance, Southeast Guilford High School. Madison is the great granddaughter of Mildred Moser.

McKenzie White, Southeast High School. McKenzie is the daughter of Keith White & step-daughter of Dawn White. She plans to enter the nursing program at GTCC this fall.

--2018 College Graduates--

Annabel Bunton, Magna Cum Laude, East Carolina University, BA Psychology with minor in Child Development. Annabel is the daughter of Ray and Robin Bunton.

Ryan Clinch, UNCG, Communications Degree. Ryan is the son of Cindy and Brett Clinch and the grandson of Shirley Hackett.

Emily Corrine Cox, Appalachian State, BS in Special Education. Emily will begin work on her Masters in Special Education at Appalachian this summer. Emily is the granddaughter of Jane Snead.

Katy Fields, George Washington University, BA in Speech and Hearing Sciences. Katy is the granddaughter of Brenda Fields.

Jonathan King, Greensboro College, BS in Urban Ecology with a minor in Chemistry. Jonathan is the son of Jerry & Deena King.

Grace Wilkinson Scholarship Forms: available in the Narthex, church office, and stairwell bulletin board. This scholarship is available for any institute of higher learning (trade school, vocational school, community college, college, university, Masters or Doctoral degrees). The forms are due back to the church office **no later** than 4:00 pm on June 14. Forms received after this date and time will not be considered for a scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded on Sunday, July 15 at the 10:55 am service.

MAY & JUNE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	8:50 Greeters	10:55 Greeters	Altar Flowers	Communion Stewards (Early)	Communion Stewards (Late)	Opener/ Closer For Month
5/6	Lois Snow	Joyce King	Becky Windsor	Becky & Dale Windsor	NEED STEWARDS	MAY Johnny Riddle (O)/Greg Wicker (C)
5/13 Mother's Day Ascension Sunday	Jeannie & Gilbert Suggs	Michael Brady & Debbie Marlowe	Jim Smith			
5/20 Pentecost/Grad. Sunday	Jennifer & Dale Young	Pat Waugh	Pat Waugh			
5/27 Trinity Sunday	NEED GREETERS	Joy, Mario, & Lorrie	Lorrie Roth			
6/3 Communion	Lois Snow	Desi & Gail Williams	COMMUNION	Clark & Michelle Hinshaw	NEED STEWARDS	JUNE Rachel & Kylie (O)/ Karen Barbone (C)
6/10	Sandie Harris	Jim & Bev. Culbertson	Chad & Steph Garrett			
6/17 Father's Day	NEED GREETERS	Phyllis Wicker	The Dahls			
6/24	NEED GREETERS	Betty Kirkman & Jane Snead	Jimmie & Alice Jones			

May Ushers:

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

June Ushers:

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

Audio/Visual:

Gene Flinchum, Terry Franklin, Wayne Moser, Denny Spencer, Justin Windsor

Acolytes:

Sofia Cook Marimon & Claudio Cook Marimon

Thank you all for serving!



**MAY & JUNE FAMILY REUNIONS
AT BUMC**

Sunday, May 27

George & Annie Jones Reunion

Sunday, June 10

Hackett Reunion

To love God, to serve Him because we love Him, is...our highest happiness. Love makes all labor light. We serve with enthusiasm where we love with sincerity.

Hannah More

1745 – 1833, British Writer, Social Reformer

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Yard Sale

May 19th 7AM-1PM

Bethlehem UMC
6103 Appomattox Rd. Climax ★

Fund raiser for Bethlehem Child Care

\$5 space
\$15 space & 1 Table
Contact Deena King
call/text: 336-302-5644

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MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS



Memorials Received

In Memory of David Arnold

By Friendly Club

In Memory of Margaret Barker

By Linda Duncan, Kim & Cindy

By Buddy & Judy Fields

By June Harris

By Delores & Robert Ingold

By Barbara & Fredrick Lupton

By Ernie, Tommy, Mecie, Jaimie Marsh

By Reedy Fork Baptist Church

By Jim Diane & Scott Stanly

By Patricia Townsend

By Fremon & Phyllis Treadway

By the H.B. Wicker Family

In Memory of Dalton Bowman & Boys

By Louise Bowman (2 gifts)

In Memory of Mike Fields

By David & Laura Cranfill

In Memory of Wade George

By Margaret Royal

In Memory of Martha Hinshaw

By Arlene Stokes Circle

By J.E. & Betty Jo Chandler

By David & Laura Cranfill

By Friendly Club

By Gene & Vickie Flinchum

By Shirley Hackett

By Patricia Hinshaw

By Stacy & Lucille McClintock

By Margaret Royal

In Memory of Linda Land

By Steven & Sallie Druiett

By Linda Duncan, Kim & Cindy

By Steve & Cindy Fields

By Dicky & Evonne Parks

By Carol Williams

In Memory of Jose Morales

Marimon

By Gene & Vickie Flinchum

By Sarah Hinshaw

By Donald & Cynthia Hudson

In Memory of Robbie Monnett

By David & Laura Cranfill

By Jerry & Karon Monnett



Memorials Continued

In Memory of Roy Sheets

By Margaret Royal

In Memory of Mary Lynn Smith

By David & Laura Cranfill

In Memory of Mary Lee Stevens

By Franklin & Teresa Stevens

Honorariums Received

In Honor of Dale & Gloria Austin

By Bette Weatherly

In Honor of Alex Garrett

By Phala Garrett

In Honor of Doris Hockett

By Jerry & Karon Monnett

By Margaret Royal

In Honor of Stacy & Lucille

McClintock

By Joyce King

In Honor of Bob & Judy Norris

By Joyce King

In Honor of Wanda Sheets

By Margaret Royal

In Honor of David & Sharon

Welborn

By Margaret Royal

In order to meet printing deadline for the newsletter, some memorials & honorariums received during the month will appear in next month's newsletter.



Congratulations 2018 Confirmands!

Taylor Martin

Claudio Cook Marimon

Edison Cook Marimon

Sofia Cook Marimon

Paden O'Daniel

Lane Royal

Camden Williams

Landen Williams

**Our confirmands will be recognized
during worship on May 13th.**

Bethlehem UMC,

Thank you so much for everything you did during Mom's illness and passing. We appreciate all of the prayers, the gift bags and gifts from different Sunday School Classes. The service was one of the most beautiful we have ever seen. The music was perfect and the sermon and whole service was so soothing to us. Thank you very much. The Land and Shown Families

*I want to say a HUGE thank you to the church for the overwhelming support you have shown me for CCC! You helped me reach my goal for my staff salary! I am constantly reminded of the blessings God has placed in my life and my home church family is definitely one of my greatest blessings! Romans 8:28 states "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." God will surely bless each of you for your generosity and love! I ask that you pray for the staff and campers and most importantly for all the people we will help this summer. Many lives will be touched because of your generosity. I will make each of you proud!
Love, Brittany Ingold*

SPECIAL SUNDAYS IN MAY

Submitted by Robin Bunton

Ascension Sunday is May 13th

Forty days after the resurrection, Jesus and His disciples went to Mount Olivet, near Jerusalem. There, Jesus promised His followers that they would soon receive the Holy Spirit, and He instructed them to remain in Jerusalem until the Spirit had come. (Jesus told them – "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8).)

Then Jesus blessed them, and as He gave the blessing, He began to ascend into heaven. It is plain from Scripture that Jesus' ascension was a literal, bodily return to heaven. He rose from the ground gradually and visibly, observed by many intent onlookers. The account of Jesus' ascension is found in Luke 24:50-51 and Acts 1:9-11.

www.spotlightministries.org/a-timetable-of-events-from-the-resurrection-to-pentecost/

Pentecost is Sunday, May 20th

Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the promise that they would receive the Holy Spirit was fulfilled to his followers.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:1-4

<http://www.dummies.com/religion/christianity/what-is-pentecost/>

Trinity Sunday is Sunday, May 27th

Trinity Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday after Pentecost, reminding us of the three different ways we experience the one God whom we worship. We worship God the Creator; we worship Jesus who experienced the life of a human; and we worship the way that God works within us - the Holy Spirit. In Methodist congregations all over the world, we say as a gathered body that we "believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit."

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/trinity-sunday-with-children-and-families>

ARBOR ACRES OFFERING

Sunday, May 13th is Mother's Day. On this special Sunday the United Methodist Churches throughout the Western North Carolina Conference will be asked to support the Mother's Day Offering for Arbor Acres. This offering supports the financial assistance ministry at Arbor Acres. For 38 years, this United Methodist Retirement Community has provided a ministry of care and love to many older, needy residents within the United Methodist Church.

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. We will do the same for Fathers on Father's Day, June 17th.

PENTECOST & THE COLOR RED

In the church the color red is representative of the Holy Spirit. So, on Pentecost Sunday wear red. Let's fill the sanctuary with the color red as we fill our hearts with the Holy Spirit.

MAY

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 6 6th Sun after Easter Communion Sunday: Peanut Butter/Oatmeal Sunday MOTHER'S DAY BULLETIN DEADLINE 8:50AM Early Worship Service 10AM Sunday School 10:55AM Traditional Worship 4:30PM Confirmation 5:30PM UMYF 5:45PM Bib. Study (last class)	7 6:30PM Child Care Board 7:30PM Exercise	1 8am Breakfast Club 10AM StoryTime (Library) 7PM Women in Christ 7PM Cub/Boy Scouts	2 Food Pantry open 3-4PM 6PM Youth Bible Study 7PM Choir Practice 7:30PM Exercise	3  National Day of Prayer 3:15PM Children's Chapel 7:30PM Trustees	4	5 FH in use 2-5PM. 9AM-1:30PM Pine Needles
13 7th Sun after Easter Ascension Sunday Mother's Day Confirmands recognized during worship. 8:50AM Early Worship Service 10AM Sunday School 10:55AM Traditional Worship NO UMYF	14 7PM Evangelism 7:30PM Exercise	8 10AM StoryTime (Library) 10:30AM Friendly Club 7PM BiMonthly Chatis 7PM Women in Christ 7PM Cub/Boy Scouts	9 Food Pantry open 3-4PM	10 3:15PM Children's Chapel 7PM Finance 7PM Missions	11	12 9AM-1:30PM Pine Needles
20 8th Sun after Easter Pentecost Graduation Sunday Father's Day Bulletin Begins. Sanctuary In use 3-4PM. 8:50AM Early Worship Service 10AM Sunday School 10:55AM Traditional Worship 5PM Graduate Cookout 6PM VBS Training (Sun. Class) 7PM Church Council	21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	15 10AM StoryTime (library) 7PM Women in Christ 7PM Cub/Boy Scouts	16 Food Pantry open 3-4PM 6PM Youth Bible Study 7PM Choir Practice 7:30PM Exercise	17 3:15PM Children's Chapel 6:30PM PG Lion's Club 7PM Children's Mins. Comm.	18 7AM Yard Sale 9AM-1:30PM Pine Needles	19 FH & Parking lot in use 5AM-2PM.
27 9th Sun after Easter Trinity Sunday 8:50AM Early Worship Service 10AM Sunday School 10:55AM Traditional Worship 5:30PM UMYF	28 Memorial Day Church Office Closed Child Care Closed 7PM Arlene Stokes (Room - at-the-Inn-Shower) 7:30PM Exercise	22 10AM StoryTime (library) 7PM Women in Christ 7PM Cub/Boy Scouts	23 Food Pantry open 3-4PM 6PM Youth Bible Study 7PM Choir Practice 7:30PM Exercise	24 FH & kitchen in use all day. 3:15PM Children's Chapel 7PM Child Care Graduation	25	26 9AM-1:30PM Pine Needles 

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DEADLINE FOR JUNE NEWSLETTER IS MONDAY, MAY 21st.

*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*

UMYF SCHEDULE FOR MAY

5/06 5:30-7:00 pm UMY
5/13 NO UMY--Mother's Day
5/20 5:00-7:00 pm UMY Cookout at Church for Seniors
5/27 5:30-7:00 pm UMY

5/02 6-7 pm Bible Study
5/09 6-7 pm Bible Study
5/16 6-7 pm Bible Study
5/23 6-7 pm Bible Study
5/30 6-7 pm Bible Study