

**BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
6103 APPOMATTOX ROAD, CLIMAX, NC 27233**

165TH ANNUAL CAMP MEETING

JULY 22ND – JULY 29TH

–SCHEDULE–

**SUN. @ 11AM (COMBINED WORSHIP), JULY 22ND
REV. BEV COPPLEY, DS
NORTHERN PIEDMONT DISTRICT
HOMECOMING – LUNCH FOLLOWS SERVICE**

**SUN. – FRI. @ 2PM, JULY 22ND – JULY 27TH
REV. CAROL HUNTER
FLAG SPRINGS UMC**

**SUN. – FRI. @ 7:30PM, JULY 22ND – JULY 27TH
REV. CHRIS THORE
FIRST WESLEYAN CHURCH OF HIGH POINT**

**PRAYER MEETING
7PM NIGHTLY
(SUNSHINE CLASSROOM)**

**SATURDAY, 6-7:15PM, JULY 28TH
ICE CREAM SUPPER
SATURDAY, 7:30PM, JULY 28TH
SINGING SERVICE**

**SUN., 11AM (COMBINED WORSHIP), JULY 29TH
CLOSING SERVICE**

THE CHALLENGE

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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.*

THE PASTOR'S COLUMN

The history of the summer camp meetings in the United States goes back to the early 1800's. The practice grew out of the Second Great Awakening, a spiritual revival that took the country by storm.

The camp meeting was a form of Protestant Christian religious service originating in Britain and once common in some parts of the United States. People were attracted to large camp meetings from a wide area. These gatherings especially satisfied the spiritual needs of the growing frontier and its settlers as often with the new settlements, a church fellowship took time to develop. People would travel from far and wide to a particular site to camp out, listen to itinerant preachers, and pray. Some came out of sincere religious devotion or interest, others out of curiosity and a desire for a break from the boring frontier routines. Many new converts resulted from such spiritual experiences. And oftentimes a new church formed as a result of these meetings. Flag Springs UMC below Asheboro where our afternoon speaker this year currently serves came into existence through a camp meeting that met there. Generally, services might run for a week or more with numerous itinerant preachers speaking. There were usually several services during the course of a day separated by a few hours.

My first experience with a camp meeting came when I was a student pastor serving in Georgia. The district clergy with their families gathered in August for the Ball Creek camp meetings. We ate together (that's what Methodists do—especially the clergy it seems) and we worshiped together (we do a lot of that as well). The founding of this camp meeting took place in 1853, one year before it was started at Bethlehem. We worshiped under an arbor. Surrounding the site were many cabins built by families for housing where the people "camped out" during the meetings as it happens also here at Bethlehem.

My first appointment took me to High Point. It was there during the July 4th week that my congregation traditionally participated in the worship at the John Wesley camp meetings. Again, the worship occurred under an arbor. There were not as many cabins as I saw in Georgia. My choir would sing at one of the worship services.

Both of these camp meetings were well attended. People looked forward to these as a child looks forward to the coming of Christmas.

Today you might see an arbor covered in tin. In earlier times, brush such as corn stalks was used to form the roof, thus the reason for the name, brush arbor. Thaddeus Cox was 85 years old when I met him as a member of one of my earlier churches. He told me of an experience he had 75 years before in 1912.

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THE PASTOR'S COLUMN CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

His dad took the family to a camp meeting at the brush arbor located at Lovejoy United Methodist Church, a wonderful community in Montgomery County. They camped and picnicked with others; some of the people they had not seen in a year. It was a kind of reunion to renew old friendships. He said what took place that year when he was 10 remained to this day fresh in his memory.

The services took place as usual, one after another, with preacher after preacher pouring their hearts out in sermons. The camp meetings were now into their fourth day, but one elderly gentleman did not think they were going very well. The spirit wasn't right. It was noon and as the people prepared their picnic lunches they brought, this man announced he was going into the nearby woods to pray. He stayed gone so long that people began to worry about him. And a few of the men decided to go check on him. They did not return. People started worrying about them, so a few more went. They failed to report back. More and more people were going into the woods. No one was returning. Mr. Cox said he went with his dad into the woods. What they found were people praying. Thaddeus' dad told him to go get a bucket of water. As long as people had been in the woods on this hot summer day, they might start fainting from dehydration. He got the water but when he turned to go back to the crowd in the woods, he received such a shock, he dropped the bucket of water and ran for the woods.

Thaddeus told me what he saw as he turned back with the water was a huge red dome covering the trees. It looked as if the whole forest was on fire. He ran to warn the people only to find them still in prayer, a glow shining forth from the people. Even as young as he was, he knew it was the presence of the Holy Spirit. The revival anticipated under the arbor was happening under the trees among people deeply given to God in prayer.

The 2018 camp meeting dates for Bethlehem are July 22nd through July 29th. Rev. Bev Copley, our new District Superintendent, starts the week as the speaker for our homecoming service at 11 o'clock a.m. July 22nd.

Rev. Carol Hunter, pastor of Flag Springs UMC south of Asheboro, is our camp meeting afternoon speaker. She comes highly recommended. I served Flag Springs many years ago and continue to have friends who attend that church. The membership is very excited about her leadership and ministry there. She speaks at our 2 pm service every afternoon from Sunday through Friday.



**Rev. Carol Hunter
Flag Springs UMC**

Rev. Chris Thore, senior pastor of First Wesleyan Church of High Point, served in a number of Methodist Church appointments including Central UMC in Asheboro before accepting an extension appointment at First Wesleyan three and a half years ago. He preached in a series of special services for me when I served New Salem UMC in Randleman. He brings the message during our July camp meeting each evening at 7:30 pm.

What we need from each of you right now as we anticipate camp meeting this month are prayers. We need you praying. If this time is going to be life changing for you and everyone else, prayer will make it happen and only prayer to a life-changing Savior, our Lord Jesus. So, pray for our camp meeting. We hope to see you there.



**Rev. Chris Thore
First Wesleyan Church
High Point**

In Christ, Pastor Michael

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ongoing Prayer Needs:

Lucy Albright (Clapps Assisted)
 Charles Alexander
 Vicky Alexander
 Dale Austin
 Barbara Badeau (home)
 Jack Bowman
 Peggy Bowman (home)
 Tony Bowman
 Suzie Branch
 Edna Coble (Morningview)
 Ben Fields (home)
 Cletis Fields (Clapps)
 Cory Fields
 Kelsey Garrett
 Ruby Hockett (assisted living)

Bobby Hooker (Joyce King's bro.)
 Carolyn Johnson (home)
 Marjorie Mabe
 Bobbie McClintock (home)
 Mildred Moser (Clapp's Assisted)
 Jamie O'Daniel (home)
 Dicky Parks
 Paige Ramsey Phillips
 David Robb
 Wanda Sheets
 Bobby Tew (home)
 Mike Underwood (home)
 Brody Watson (home)
 Jeffrey Welker (back in U.S.)
 Lorene Wells (home)
 All of our homebound

Immediate Prayer Needs:

Bonnie Averill
 Thomas Dills
 Jeanette Fields
 Nancy Golden (upcoming surgery)
 Ann Hice (hospital)
 Doris McClintock Hockett
 Betty Hull (home)
 Francis Snow
 Ernest Wicker (Phyllis Wicker's Bro. in Law)

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 May 2018

\$259,659.24 Total Budget Money Available May 1, 2018

+ 24,616.22 Money Received in May

- 25,108.14 Money Spent in May

\$259,167.32 Total Budget Money Available May 31, 2018

For the month of May, 2018, the Church Budget spent \$491.92 more than it received. For the year, the Church Budget spent \$3,229.68 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.

\$20,550.24 Total MM&RF Money Available May 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	\$ 673.63	Handbells	\$ 160.52
Discretionary Fund	\$ 6,919.42	Scholarship-Religion Ed	\$ 1,983.22
Little Chefs	\$ 195.03	Missions-Undesignated	\$ 21,153.49
Records & History	\$ 541.56	Christmas Shoeboxes	\$ 112.43
UMYF	\$22,682.76	Cemetery Fund	\$ 9,805.29
Family Ministries	\$ 1,817.87	Cemetery/Columbarium	\$ 19,384.94
Helen Grady Endowment	\$ 252.65	Columbarium Donations	\$ 10,847.00
Flowers	\$ 38.00	Columbarium Niche	\$ 1,000.00
Camp Meeting Fund	\$ 110.00	Veteran's Memorial Pavers	\$ 1,800.00
Misc In/Out	\$ <28.59>	Col/Vet Mem: Golf Tour.	\$ 2,338.01
		Choir Fund	\$ 865.00

Total Other Designated Gift Money Available May 31, 2018 \$109,487.81

Frank Willis, Stewardship Ministry Chair

July Birthdays

7/2 Steve Fields
 7/3 Ashley McClintock
 Hugh Riggins
 7/4 Ronda Robb
 7/5 David Robb
 7/6 Evonne Parks
 7/7 Melvin Hinshaw
 7/8 Jane Dunham
 7/10 Becky Windsor
 Lauren Cordial
 7/11 Ritchie Robb
 7/12 Rachel Wilkinson
 7/19 Ally Fields
 Jenni Regan
 7/21 Doris Reynolds
 7/23 Benjamin Windsor
 7/25 Tina Hinshaw
 7/29 Stephanie Nance
 Merinda Wilkinson
 7/30 Vicky Alexander
 Taylor Wray
 Sandie Harris
 7/31 Abigail Coble
 Maysa Downing
 Emily Robb

Happy Birthday!

August Birthdays

8/1 Arnold Ingold
 8/2 Linda Duncan
 8/3 Greg Wicker
 Paden O'Daniel
 8/6 Shea Welborn
 Abbey Windsor
 8/10 Gerry Moody
 8/11 Julia Willis
 Dale Windsor
 8/12 Joyce Beidler
 8/15 Kenneth Fields
 8/16 Mike Harris
 8/18 Randy Curtis
 8/19 Jeff Fields
 8/23 Jackie Cook
 Bob Snyder
 8/24 Robbie McClintock
 Brad Wicker
 8/26 Sawyer Edwards
 Michael Garrett
 Michael Swofford
 8/29 Jeremy Coble
 8/28 Kylie Spencer
 8/30 Terry Rowland
 8/31 Lynn Haywood
 Joyce Ingold
 Ruth Rowland

BUMC ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Date:

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Time:

2-7PM

Location:

Fellowship Hall

Appointments:

Call

Susan Coward (336)404-6803

or

Priscilla Hodges (336)685-5122

or visit www.cbcc.us/mobiledrives

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DOWN MEMORY LANE



BUMC Vacation Bible School
1972

FESTIVAL OF WISDOM AND GRACE

A conference for finding purpose and renewal in the second half of life.

August 13-16, 2018

Theme: The Wise Shall Shine

Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. – Daniel 12:3

Conference Schedule Includes

Plenary Sessions – Worship – Entertainment – Workshops

Keynote Speakers

Rev. Heidi B. Neumark, Conference Preacher

Rev. Dr. Clayton Smith, Teaching Pastor

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"When we say grace, do we look
up at Heaven, or down
at the food?"

JULY AND AUGUST VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	8:50 Greeters	10:55 Greeters	Altar Flowers	Communion Stewards (Early)	Communion Stewards (Late)	Opener/ Closer For Month
7/1	Karon & Jerry Monnett	NEED GREETERS	Jan Toler & Bobbie McClintock			JULY Jerry Monnett (O)/Michael Brady (C)
7/8 Communion	Lois Snow	NEED GREETERS	COMMUNION	NEED STEWARDS	NEED STEWARDS	Jerry Monnett (O)/Michael Brady (C)
7/15	Clarence & Lucille McClintock	Joyce King	Jimmy & Karen Holt			Jerry Monnett (O)/Michael Brady (C)
7/22 Homecoming/Camp Meeting Begins		COMBINED SERVICE /Under Arbor – Alice Jones, Greeter	HOME COMING/CAMP MEETING			Jerry Monnett (O)/Michael Brady (C)
7/29 Camp Meeting Ends		COMBINED SERVICE /Under Arbor – NEED GREETER	CAMP MEETING			Jerry Monnett (O)/Michael Brady (C)
8/5 Communion	Lois Snow	NEED GREETERS	COMMUNION	NEED STEWARDS	Desi & Gail Williams	AUGUST Phyllis Wicker (O)/Denny Spencer (C)
8/12	NEED GREETERS	NEED GREETERS	NO SIGN-UP			Phyllis Wicker (O)/Denny Spencer (C)
8/19	NEED GREETERS	Phyllis Wicker	Bob & Judy Norris			Phyllis Wicker (O)/Denny Spencer (C)
8/26	NEED GREETERS	NEED GREETERS	Jackie Cook			Phyllis Wicker (O)/Denny Spencer (C)

July Ushers:

David Allen, Jerry Berry, Byron Dahl, Terry Franklin, Kevin Gunter

August Ushers:

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

FURTHER DOWN MEMORY LANE



VBS Beginner's Class
June 1947



BUMC Vacation Bible School 1997

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Memorials Received

In Memory of Howard and Iva Alexander

By Charles and Vicky Alexander

In Memory of Margaret Barker

By Kelly and Betty Fields

By Arnold and Joyce Ingold

By Dicky and Evonne Parks

In Memory of Martha Hinshaw

By Jane Chamelin

In Memory of Doris Hockett

By Jane Chamelin

By Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ingold

In Memory of Deborah Norris

By Jerry and Karon Monnett

In Memory of Kay Wilkinson

By Jane Chamelin

By David and Laura Cranfill

By Steven Denkenberger

By Merv and Faith Murdock

Honorariums Received

In Honor of Tyler and Heather Adams

By Margaret Royal

In Honor of BUMC

By the Jones Reunion

In Honor of Earl Fields

By Dicky and Evonne Parks

In Honor of Kelsey Garrett

By Phala Garrett

In Honor of Luke Hinshaw

By Margaret Royal

In Honor of Mike Hinshaw

By Dicky and Evonne Parks

In Honor of Leo Kirkman

By Don and Lisa Ehlers

In Honor of Stacy and Lucille McClintock (69th Anniversary)

By Angie Routh

By Wes and Lisa Taylor

In Honor of the Missions Team

By Marjorie Mabe

In Honor of Jerry and Karon Monnett

In Honor of Londa Parks

By Dicky and Evonne Parks

In Honor of Jane Reddick

By Laura Cranfill

In Honor of Michael and Melissa Swofford

By David and Laura Cranfill

By Jerry and Karon Monnett

By Bette Weatherly

In Honor of Bette Weatherly (Shoebox Ministry)

By Jerry and Karon Monnett

In Honor of Betty Wilkinson

By Dicky and Evonne Parks

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

MORE FROM MEMORY LANE



Camp Meeting 1974



Camp Meeting 1982

From Greensboro News & Record, Sunday, August 1982

MEMORY LANE

Summer marks a couple of sure things at Bethlehem UMC. For one, VBS is always an enjoyable time for church family and friends. Secondly, summer means Camp Meeting - a week of worshiping and reminiscing with kinfolk.

What a blessing that these 'sure things' continue today!

Thanks to Judy Fields, Chair of History & Records Committee for providing the photos.

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 6th Sun./Pentecost Peacut Buffer & Oatmeal Sunday (Cont. Rm. rsvd day/night) 8:50AM Early Worship Service 10AM Sunday School 10:55AM Traditional Worship 5PM UMYF (509 Deer Valley Ct., PG)	2 (Cont. Rm. rsvd day/night) 7:30PM Exercise	3 8am Breakfast Club (Cont. Rm. rsvd day/night) 10AM StoryTime (Library)	4 (Cont. Rm. rsvd day/night) CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 	5 (Cont. Rm. rsvd day/night) 3:15PM Children's Chapel	6 (Cont. Rm. rsvd day/night) 6PM Clean up arbor. Put out showings.	7 (Cont. Rm. rsvd day/night)
8 7th Sun./Pentecost Communion Sunday 2pm TIL SET-UP FOR VBS 8:50AM Early Worship Service 10AM Sunday School 10:55AM Traditional Worship	9 6-8:30PM VBS (Dinner 6-6:30PM)	10 6-8:30PM VBS (Dinner 6-6:30PM)	11 NO FOOD PANTRY 6-8:30PM VBS (Dinner 6-6:30PM)	12 3:15PM Children's Chapel 6-8:30PM VBS (Dinner 6-6:30PM)		14
15 8th Sun./Pentecost GWS awarded/late worship 8:50AM Early Worship Service 10AM Sunday School 10:55AM Traditional Worship	16 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:30PM Exercise	17 7PM Bradshaw Vet. Mem. Comm. 7PM Women In Christ 7PM Cub/Boy Scouts	18 Food Pantry Open 3-4PM 7PM Choir Practice (Rehearse for Camp Mt.) 7:30PM Exercise	19 3:15PM Children's Chapel 6:30PM PG Lion's Club 7PM Children's Mins.		21
22 9th Sun./Pentecost Homecoming. Camp Meeting Begins 10AM Sunday School 10:55AM Combined Worship under arbor. 12noon Lunch in FH 2PM Worship (under arbor) 7PM Prayer Time 7:30PM Worship (under arbor)	23 CAMP MEETING 2PM Rev. Carol Hunter 7PM Prayer Time 7:30PM Rev. Chris Thore	24 CAMP MEETING 2PM Rev. Carol Hunter 7PM Prayer Time 7:30PM Rev. Chris Thore	25 NO FOOD PANTRY CAMP MEETING (Youth Night) 2PM Rev. Carol Hunter 7PM Prayer Time 7:30PM Rev. Chris Thore	26 3:15PM Children's Chapel CAMP MEETING 2PM Rev. Carol Hunter 7PM Prayer Time 7:30PM Rev. Chris Thore		28 (FH in use 10-2PM) CAMP MEETING 6PM Ice Cream Supper 7:15PM Prayer Time 7:30PM Singing Service
29 10th Sun./Pentecost Camp Meeting Ends 9:30AM Prayer Time 10AM Sunday School 10:55AM Combined Worship (under arbor)	30 7:30PM Exercise	31 7PM Women in Christ 7PM Cub/Boy Scouts				

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DEADLINE FOR AUGUST NEWSLETTER IS MONDAY, JULY 16TH.

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

*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 msofford2@wnccumc.net
Blessings, Pastor Michael*



ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE VBS

Mon., July 9 – Thurs., July 12, 6-8:30PM.
Ages 3 years to adult.
Bible lessons, music, games, and crafts
for the whole family. Join us!

LIBRARY NEWS

Research has shown that students who read during summer months maintain their reading levels better than those who don't read. Visit our library at BUMC to find some great books in the Easy or Juvenile sections. These books were donated to our library for YOUR use!

Also, if you would be willing to read to the Day Care one day a month beginning in August, let Phyllis Wicker know – 336-685-9322. Give it a try – these kids love to read!