

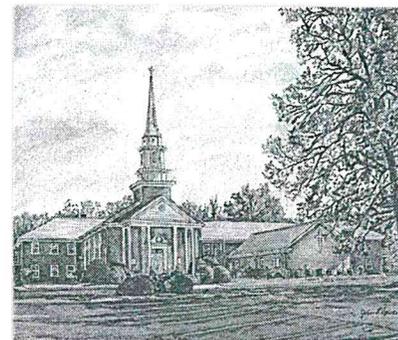
THE CHALLENGE

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.*



WELCOME REV. DEBRA SHORT

Rev. Debra Short begins her appointment at BUMC July 1, 2019.

Rev. Short comes to Bethlehem from Bradley UMC in Gastonia, NC. Originally from Northfield, Illinois, a suburb of the North Shore of Chicago, Pastor Debra grew up in the United Church of Christ denomination. She attended and graduated from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree after receiving her calling at age 36. Before that, Debra graduated from Stephen's College in 1978 with an Associate Arts Degree in Fashion Illustration before graduating in 1980 from Louisiana State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in painting.

After graduating from seminary, she served in the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church for three years before transferring to the Western North Carolina Conference in 2000. Rev. Short joined Bradley Memorial UMC in July 2013 from Westview UMC in Hickory where she was the pastor since 2009. She has also served as lead Pastor at Roberta UMC in Concord; Bonds Grove UMC in Waxhaw, and Pleasant Grove UMC in Charlotte as Associate Pastor.

Debra has an identical twin sister, Jackie. Additionally, Debra has one other sister and two brothers who live in Louisiana and California. Pastor Debra has a fur baby, a Golden Retriever named Lily.

Pastor

Rev. Debra Short
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Dawn White

Music Director

Vickie Flinchum

Choir Director

Organist

Jane Reddick

Pianist

Laura Cranfill

Child Care Director

Jackie Smith
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Ovido Sorbito

Webmaster

Debbie Brady



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PRAYER CONCERNS

Ongoing Prayer Needs:

Vicky Alexander
Bonnie Averill
Jack Bowman
Tommy Bowman (Deena's Bro-in-law)
Suzie Branch
Edna Coble (Morningview)
Thomas Dills
Jane Dunham (fall)
Brad Fields (home)
Cletis Fields (Clapp's)
Cory Fields
Kelsey Garrett (home)
Dicky Parks
Mike Underwood (home)
Nancy Golden
Ruby Hockett (asst. living)

Ongoing Continued

Betty Hull (Wellington Oaks)
Carlton Johnson
Carolyn Johnson (home)
Austin Jolly
Sara Kauzlick
Wayne & Ruby Kirkman
Clyde Land
Marjorie Mabe
Dennis McGee (Melanie Robb's
Step-father)
Mildred Moser (Clapps Assist.)
Jamie O'Daniel
Ernest Wicker (Phyllis Wicker's bro.-in-law)
All of our homebound

Immediate Prayer Needs:

Gray Boren
Peggy Bowman (hosp.)
Priscilla Hodges
Allen Kidd
Clyde Land
Jerry Monnett
Cindy Noell
Preston Ryan
Sharon Thornton
Bruce Wall (Sheila Moser's dad)
Betty Wilkins

Please remember in prayer our BUMC family and friends serving in the military: Todd Garrett, Jeffrey Welker, Thomas Pulliam (Beth Pulliam's husband) and Robert Russell (Kylie Spencer's boyfriend.)

MEMORIALS RECEIVED

In Memory of **Luola Albright**
By Shirley Hackett
By Class of 1955 PG High School

In Memory of **Helen Faircloth**
By BUMC Christian Friendship Class
By Dicky & Evonne Parks

In Memory of **Clem Royal**
By Margaret Royal

In Memory of **Roy Sheets & Johnnie George**
By Wanda Sheets

In Memory of **Mary & Eddie Suggs**
By Carol Williams

Gifts received after publication deadline will be listed in next month's newsletter.

HONORARIUMS RECEIVED

In Honor of **Carol Fields**
By Dicky & Evonne Parks

In Honor of **Brenda Fields**
By Mitzi Janas

In Honor of **Leo Kirkman**
By Don & Lisa Ehlers

In Honor of **Cesar Marimon & Family**
By Jane Williams

In Honor of **Stacy & Lucille McClintock**
(70th Anniversary)
By Wayne & Phyllis Alley
By Buddy & Judy Fields
By Cindy Fields
By Gene & Vickie Flinchum
By Wes & Lisa Taylor
By Bette Weatherly

In Honor of **David & Ronda Robb**
By Margaret Royal

In Honor of **Ruth Rowland**
By Dicky & Evonne Parks

In Honor of **Michael & Melissa Swofford**
By Gene & Vickie Flinchum

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Budget Results for May 2019

\$306,698.05 Total Budget Money Available May1, 2019
+ 25,359.14 Money Received in May
- 27,577.40 Money Spent in May
\$304,479.79 Total Budget Money Available May 31, 2019

For the month of May, 2019, the Church Budget spent \$2,218.26 more than it received. For the year, the Church Budget received \$6,217.15 more than it spent.

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.

\$32,385.73 Total MM&RF Money Available May 31, 2019

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.

Camp Tekoa	\$ 781.88	Bible Study Books	\$ 1.75
Food Pantry	\$ 1,338.57	Handbells	\$ 160.52
Discretionary Fund	\$ 4,863.54	Scholarship-Religion Ed	\$ 1,983.22
Little Chefs	\$ 26.29	Missions-Undesignated	\$ 19,346.80
Records & History	\$ 561.56	Christmas Shoeboxes	\$ 665.04
UMYF	\$22,137.42	Cemetery Fund	\$ 24,268.71
Family Ministries	\$ 2,113.17	Cemetery/Columbarium	\$ 39,692.02
Helen Grady Endowment	\$ 1,383.85	Columbarium Donations	\$ 12,812.06
Flowers	\$ 417.75	Columbarium Niche	\$ 1,000.00
Camp Meeting Fund	\$ 230.00	Veteran's Memorial Pavers	\$ 4,700.00
Choir Fund	\$ 784.46	Col/Vet Mem: Golf Tour.	\$ 2,338.01

Total Other Designated Gift Money Available May 31, 2019 \$141,606.62

\$101,800.00 **Perpetual Care Cemetery Fund**

In order to plan and provide the necessary funds for the care and upkeep of our cemetery, a Perpetual Care Cemetery Fund was created. This fund was a non-expendable trust fund in which the principle (donations) cannot be spent but the interest earned on the principle can be spent for the care and upkeep of the cemetery. The Perpetual Care Cemetery Fund was capped as of May17, 2016 by the Church Council and is no longer taking donations.

\$49,564.30 **Helen Grady Endowment Fund**

The money was donated to our church from the estate of Helen Grady in 2007 to be used for improvements to the church, community, or the development of an individual. The money is at the United Methodist Foundation of WNC, Inc. and the amount that can be spent annually is 5% of the last three (3) years average end-of-year balance.

Frank Willis, Stewardship Ministry Chair

July Birthdays

7/2 Steve Fields
 7/3 Ashley McClintock
 Hugh Riggins
 7/4 Michael Brady
 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
 7/15 Susan Schmidly
 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
 Sandie Harris
 Debbie Brady
 Taylor Wray
 7/31 Abigail Coble
 Maysa Downing
 Emily Robb

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 Michael Garrett
 Michael Swofford
 8/29 Jeremy Coble
 8/28 Kylie Spencer
 8/30 Terry Rowland
 8/31 Lynn Haywood
 Joyce Ingold
 Ruth Rowland

Happy Birthday!

CHURCH HISTORY LESSON FOR JULY

Submitted by Andrew Coward

64AD

Fire breaks out in Rome. Nero is blamed and tries to deflect blame from himself onto Jews and Christians, soon starting a full scale persecution.

451AD

Because of clashes between Christian factions, Roman Emperor Marcian issues a law against brawling in churches and against holding meetings in private houses or in the streets.

1505AD

Terrified by a thunderstorm, Martin Luther vows to become a monk and soon afterward enters the order of the Augustinian Hermits.

1903AD

Apache leader Geronimo is baptized into the Methodist Church in Medicine Creek, Oklahoma Territory.

1969AD

Buzz Aldrin, a Presbyterian elder, takes communion on the moon during the Apollo 11 landing.

From Daniel Hinshaw Appalachian Trail Blog

Day 71 – 6-9-19, Sunday, MM 1,534.5

Hiked 24.7 miles to Mt. Wilcox South Shelter

If the world operated more like the Trail, where people go out of their own way just to make somebody else's day, this world would look a lot more like Heaven. It's self-sacrificing love, that's all it is.

Daniel Hinshaw

(Thank you to Jane Williams for submitting this piece.)

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the prayers...for me and my family during my illness and the passing of my daughter. You have helped in ways you do not know. I pray Our Lord will fill you with the love you have given to others 10-fold. May God bless each of you.

*Always with a song,
Priscilla*

JULY & AUGUST VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	8:50 Greeters	10:55 Greeters	Altar Flowers	Narthex Flowers	Family Reunions	Communion Stewards (First) 3 STEWARDS NEEDED	Communion Stewards (Second) 3 STEWARDS NEEDED	Opener/ Closer For Month
July 7	Lois Snow	The Dahls	Karen Holt					<u>JULY</u> Jerry Monnett (O); Kelly Fields (C)
July 14	Jerry & Karon Monnett	Vivian Wilkinson	VBS Theme					<u>JULY</u> Jerry Monnett (O); Kelly Fields (C)
July 21	Lois Snow	Phyllis Wicker	Jimmy & Karen Holt					<u>JULY</u> Jerry Monnett (O); Kelly Fields (C)
July 28 Homecoming, Camp Meeting Begins		COMBINED SERVICE/ UNDER ARBOR	Libby Fields/ Ruth Rowland					<u>JULY</u> Jerry Monnett (O); Kelly Fields (C)
August 4 Camp Meeting Ends/Communion		COMBINED SERVICE/ UNDER ARBOR	Ruth Rowland			1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.	<u>AUGUST</u> Phyllis Wicker (O); Vivian Wilkinson (C)
August 11	Deena King	NEED GREETERS	Lois Snow					<u>AUGUST</u> Phyllis Wicker (O); Vivian Wilkinson (C)
August 18	Lois Snow	NEED GREETERS	Bob & Judy Norris (Mem of Travis Norris)					<u>AUGUST</u> Phyllis Wicker (O); Vivian Wilkinson (C)
August 25 Blessing of the Backpacks	NEED GREETERS	NEED GREETERS	Amanda Fields					<u>AUGUST</u> Phyllis Wicker (O); Vivian Wilkinson (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

Thank you all for serving!

CAMP MEETING 2019 - Make plans to attend our 166th BUMC Camp Meeting. It begins with Homecoming on Sunday, July 28th with a combined 10:55AM worship under the arbor. A covered dish lunch will follow in the fellowship hall. Camp Meeting services under the arbor are at 2PM and 7:30PM, July 28 – August 4.

You Are Invited!
Open House
at
The Tents
Camp Meeting 2019
Sunday, July 28th from 5 - 7 PM
Come experience the long
tradition of tenting.

JULY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Not Meeting in July: Arlene Stokes Child Care Bld. Friendly Club Trustees UMYF Youth Bible Study 	1 Rev. Short's BUMC Appointment Begins 7:30PM Exercise	2 8AM Breakfast Club (Backyard Grill) 7PM Women in Christ 7PM Cub/Boy Scouts	3 FOOD PANTRY 3-4PM 7:30PM Exercise	4 Independence Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	5	6
7 4 th Sun. after Pentecost/ Peanut Butter/Oatmeal Sun., DECORATE FOR VBS Eddie Wilkinson, Worship Speaker 8:50AM 1 st Worship 10AM Sunday School 10:55AM 2 nd Worship	8 VBS 6-8:30PM  REV. SHORT'S 1 st DAY/ OFFICE	9 VBS 6-8:30PM 	10 VBS 6-8:30PM 	11 VBS 6-8:30PM 	12	13 FH in use 4PM-8PM (Set-up for covered dish)
14 5 th Sun. after Pentecost Youth leave for CCC 8:50AM 1 st Worship 10AM Sunday School 10:55AM 2 nd Worship Charge Conf. (after 2 nd worship) Covered Dish for Rev. Short (follows 2 nd worship) FH	15 CCC 7:30PM Exercise	16 CCC 7PM Women in Christ 7PM Cub/Boy Scouts	17 CCC FOOD PANTRY 3-4PM 7:30PM Exercise	18 CCC Mission u 5PM Arbor clean-up/put out shavings 7PM Missions 7PM Children's Mins.	19 CCC Mission u	20 CCC Mission u FH in use all day (set-up for homecoming)
21 6 th Sun. after Pentecost CCC Testimonies, GWS Awarded (2 nd Worship), Mission u 8:50AM 1 st Worship 10AM Sunday School 10:55AM 2 nd Worship	22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:30PM Exercise	23 7PM Women in Christ 7PM Cub/Boy Scouts	24 FOOD PANTRY 3-4PM 7PM Choir 7:30PM Exercise	25 7PM Bradshaw Vet. Mem Comm.	26	27
28 6 th Sun. after Pentecost Homecoming/Camp Meeting Begins 10AM Sunday School 10:55AM Combined Worship/Arbor Covered Dish Lunch after worship 2PM Worship under Arbor 7PM Prayer Time 7:30PM Worship under Arbor	29 2PM Worship under Arbor 7PM Prayer Time 7:30PM Worship under Arbor	30 CAMP MEETING 2PM Worship under Arbor 7PM Prayer Time 7:30PM Worship under Arbor	31 CAMP MEETING 2PM Worship under Arbor 7PM Prayer Time 7:30PM Worship under Arbor	1 CAMP MEETING 2PM Worship under Arbor 7PM Prayer Time 7:30PM Worship under Arbor	2 2PM Worship under Arbor 7PM Prayer Time 7:30PM Worship under Arbor	3 7PM Prayer Time 7:30PM Ice Cream Social & Singing under Arbor

Notes:

- No activities will be scheduled at the Church (after 2PM) during VBS. Additionally, no daytime or evening activities will be scheduled at the Church during the week of Camp Meeting.
- July Choir Practice will only be on Wed., July 24 @ 7PM. (The Wednesday before camp meeting.)

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Monday, July 8 – Thursday, July 11

6–8:30PM

- *Dinner @ 6PM*
- *Opening Drama @ 6:30PM*
- *Followed by Classes/Activities/Games/Crafts*

VBS for the whole family:

K-2, 3-5, 6-12 (youth), and adult

Blast into a galaxy of discovery where kids and adults learn about the God who does exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think (Ephesians 3:20).

A Vacation Bible School that is full of interplanetary adventures!

Registration forms are available at the church office

or by visiting our website:

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**DEADLINE FOR AUGUST NEWSLETTER IS
Monday, JULY 22nd.**

Part-Time Chancel Choir Director Needed - If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested in this position, please send a resume to bethumcclimax@gmail.com

Please write **SPRC/Choir Director Search** in the subject of the email. Questions can be relayed to the SPRC by calling the church office @ (336) 674-0155.

Bradshaw/Veterans Memorial Update

Submitted by Becky Windsor

The Bradshaw/Veterans Memorial Committee is getting final quotes and plans to begin construction soon. Our plan is to cover the ground with pavers. You can honor or memorialize special veterans in your life by purchasing one or more pavers. Cost per paver is \$100.00. Veterans **do not** have to be members of Bethlehem UMC.

Purchase forms are available on the table outside of the church office. Return completed forms to the church office.