

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost. The liturgical color is green.

*Altar Flowers* have been given this morning to the Glory of God  
in honor of Mario Massarelli on his 20<sup>th</sup> birthday by Mum, Dad, and Joy.

FLOWERS NEXT SUNDAY: Lois Snow

November Opener: Jerry Monnett

November Closer: David Cranfill

Greeters Today: 1<sup>st</sup> Worship –Jerry & Karon Monnett; 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship –Lorrie, Mario, Joy

Greeters Next Sunday: 1<sup>st</sup> Worship – Lois Snow; 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship – Joe & Phyllis Garrett

November Ushers: Earl Fields, Tim Fields, Doug Garrett, Leo Kirkman, Bob Norris

Audio/Visual Tech: Gene Flinchum, Terry Franklin, Wayne Moser, Denny Spencer, Justin Windsor

Attendance November 10, 2019 –

Sunday School	90
1 <sup>st</sup> Worship	59
2 <sup>nd</sup> Worship	75
<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	<b>134</b>

Your Gifts-----	
<b>Amount Collected to Date</b>	<b>\$304,169.99</b>
Worship Service	\$5,506.25
MMRF	\$495.00

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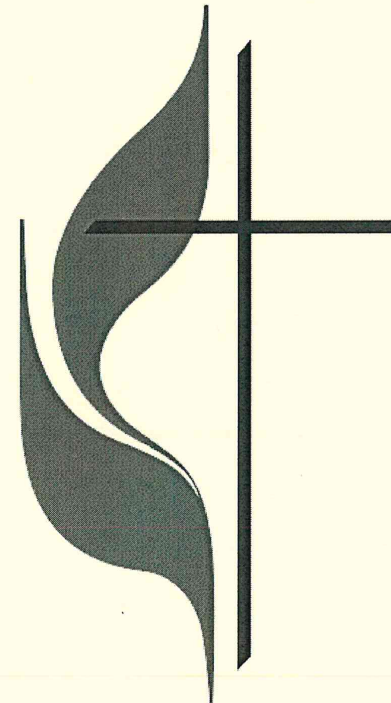
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# BETHLEHEM

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### CLIMAX, NORTH CAROLINA



November 17, 2019

*Welcome all who worship here! We pray you experience God's Holy Spirit in a new way as we worship together. Visitors, please be sure to fill out the visitor card and place it in the offering plate.*

### **ENTERING INTO FELLOWSHIP**

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude *We Are So Blessed*

\*Call to Worship Hymn *From the Rising of the Sun* On Screen

\*Morning Prayer

\*Opening Hymn *Now Thank We All Our God* No. 102

### **SHARING OURSELVES WITH GOD**

\*Passing of the Peace

Puppet Pals

Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer/ The LORD'S Prayer

Choral Anthem *All Good Gifts*

### **THE WORD OF GOD CHANGING OUR LIVES**

Scripture Psalm 8

Sermon "Thankful for Creation" Rev. Debra Short

### **OUR THANKSGIVING AND RESPONSE**

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Cornerstone*

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

Offertory Prayer

### **GOING FORTH FOR GOD**

\*Closing Hymn *How Great Thou Art* (verses 1, 2, 4) No. 77

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response *Shout to the Lord* (Refrain) On Screen

\*Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able.

**POINSETTIA ORDERS** begin today! (See insert to order.)

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE/HOLY COMMUNION NEXT SUN., NOV. 24 @ 7PM @ Bethlehem.** Join us for this joint service with Pleasant Garden Methodist.

**DONATIONS OF FINGER FOODS NEEDED** for the reception following the Community Thanksgiving Service. Thanks in advance for your donations

**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY** – Please fill out your Estimate of Giving Card, place it in the sealed envelope and **bring it with you next Sunday** and be part of a special celebration. If you cannot attend next Sunday, bring your Estimate of Giving Card to the church office or mail it to the church (P.O. Box 56, Climax, NC 27233) **no later than Sunday, December 8, 2019.**

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS: 2020 BUDGET REQUEST FORMS** that you have been provided are due to Frank Willis by **Sunday, December 8th.**

**YOUTH/CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE SCHEDULE**–11/17, 11/24, 12/1 @ 4PM. Dress Rehearsal is Sat., 12/7, time TBA. Performance is 12/8 @ 6PM. Contact Becky Windsor if you have questions (336) 708-2897.

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA IS SUNDAY, DEC. 22 @ 11AM (COMBINED SERVICE.)** Practice is Wed. evenings @ 7PM. Guest singers welcomed; just show up. See Lesley if you have questions.

**HANDBELL CHOIR (PRACTICE) Wed. evenings @ 6PM in the Handbell Room.** Handbells will perform the prelude each Sunday of Advent.

**UMYF CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKE SALE** - The Youth will be baking and selling Christmas Cookies on **Sunday, Dec. 8th** after both morning services and during Sunday school. These baked and decorated cookies will be sold by donation and will help fund their upcoming trip to Boone for Operation Christmas Child and CCC in July. Please contribute if you can!



## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### Sunday 11/17

#### **Poinsettia Orders Begin!**

8:50AM 1<sup>st</sup> Worship  
10AM Sunday School  
11AM 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship  
4PM Play Practice  
5:30PM UMYF

### Monday 11/18

Youth set up Christmas card post office.

6:30PM All Girl Scout Troop  
7PM SPRC  
7:30PM Exercise

### Tuesday 11/19

10AM StoryTime (Library)  
6:30PM Bible Study (Led by Dawn W.)  
6:45PM Line Dancing (FH)  
7PM Women in Christ  
7PM Cub/Boy Scouts

### Wednesday 11/20

3-4PM Food Pantry Open  
6PM Youth Bible Study  
6PM Bell Choir Practice (handbell rm.)  
7PM Cantata/Choir Practice  
7:30PM Exercise

**PECANS NOW  
AVAILABLE - \$10**  
lb-see any Arlene  
Stokes UMW  
member.

### Thursday 11/21

7PM Worship Committee  
7PM Children's Ministries  
7PM Bradshaw Vet. Mem. Comm.

### Friday 11/22 FH in use 5:30-9PM (Cub Scts.)

Church Office Closed.  
6:30PM Hot Mess Christmas Craft Fundraiser  
Event (Cub Scouts)

### Saturday 11/23 FH in use 1-5PM (Bridal Shower)

No Church Activities Scheduled

### Sunday 11/24 *Christ the King Sunday*

*Consecration/Stewardship Sunday*  
8:50AM 1<sup>st</sup> Worship  
10AM Sunday School  
11AM 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship  
4PM Play Practice  
5:30PM Friendsgiving (Youth)  
7PM Community Thanksgiving Service

### COMING UP

Mon., 11/25 @ 7PM Arlene Stokes (Chrismon Tree up/decorating)  
Mon., 11/25 Angel Tree Up (in Narthex)  
Mon., 11/25 & Wed. 11/27 Pastor Debra Out of the Office  
**Thurs., 11/28 Thanksgiving – OFFICE CLOSED**  
Thurs., 11/28 FH in use 9AM-2:30PM (Family Event)  
Sat., 11/30 FH/KIT in use 1-5PM (Bridal Shower/prep/clean-up)  
Sun., 12/1 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Sun., 12/1 Communion, Peanut Butter/Oatmeal Sunday  
Mon., 12/2 10-11:30AM Pastor-led Advent Bible Study begins  
Mon., 12/2 @ 6:30PM Child Care Board Meets  
Tues., 12/3 **by noon** Desserts due to FH (for RCC Christmas meal)  
Thurs., 12/5 @ 7:30PM Trustees  
Fri., 12/6 6:30-8:30M Child Care Christmas Dinner  
Sat., 12/7 @ 10AM (Tentative) Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal/Sanct.  
Sat., 12/7 FH/KIT in use (times vary) Youth Bake Sale Prep  
Sun., 12/8 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Sun., 12/8 Youth Bake Sale (between services)  
**Sun., 12/8 BUDGET REQUESTS DUE!**  
Sun., 12/8 @ 6PM Christmas Play – Santa & Snacks follow in FH

**FROM THE MISSIONS TEAM** - Randolph Corrections Center has asked us to furnish desserts again this year for their Christmas Dinner on Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like to provide a dessert, please sign-up on the clipboard being passed around this morning. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Prayer Concerns

Please keep these friends in your prayers.

### Ongoing Prayer Needs

Vicky Alexander  
Jack Bowman  
Tommy Bowman (Deena's bro-n-law)  
Suzie Branch  
Edna Coble (Morningview)  
Jane Dunham  
Cory Fields  
Kelsey Garrett  
Mike Underwood

### Ongoing cont.

Nancy Golden  
Ruby Hockett  
Betty Hull (Wellington)  
Carlton & Carolyn Johnson  
Clyde Land  
Noel Loftus (Pastor Debra's mom)  
Marjorie Mabe  
Dennis McGee  
Mildred Moser (Clapps Assist.)  
Cindy Noell (Abby W.'s mom)  
Jamie O'Daniel  
All of Our Homebound

### Immediate Prayer Needs

Wayne Cable (friend of Terry F.)  
Ronda Faggart  
Ashley Fields  
Brad Fields  
Lucille McClintock  
Preston Ryan  
Ernest Wicker  
Betty Wilkins  
**BUMC Military:**  
Robert Russell (Kylie S.'s boyfriend)  
Jeffrey Welker

***Because of HIPPA Laws, a name cannot be listed unless the individual or a family member has called the church office or the pastor.***

We extend Christian sympathy to the family of **George E. Stanton**. George graduated to the Church Triumphant on Thursday, October 31, 2019. His funeral service was Sunday, November 3, 2019. George was the brother-in-law of Linda Duncan. Our prayers are with the family.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SHOP – 12/13, 2-4PM & 12/14, 10AM-noon.** New & gently used items (that kids can give as gifts) are needed. Also, gift bags & wrapping paper needed. Drop-off boxes are in the narthex & conference room. THANK YOU!

**CHRISTMAS HONOR CARDS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.** Cost \$5. See a Mission Team member to purchase. Benefits the Greensboro Urban Ministry.

**HELEN GRADY ENDOWMENT FUND** - The Endowment committee is pleased to announce that for 2019 we have approximately \$2,000.00 available for disbursement. Any group, committee, or individual that would like to apply for this money may do so by submitting a ***Request for Funds Application***. ***This form is available from the church office and must be returned to the church office before 4 PM, December 9, 2019.*** (Forms also available on table outside of church office and in the narthex.) Funds will be released in early 2020.

**BRADSHAW VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PAVERS** - \$100.00/paver. Veterans do not have to be members of Bethlehem UMC. Purchase forms are on table outside of the church office. Return completed forms to the church office.

**Pastoral Visitation** - Should pastoral needs such as hospitalizations (or ER situations), illness, or end-of life concerns occur, please contact Pastor Debra directly. She may be reached at the church, Mon. – Thurs., 8:30-4:30PM at (336) 674-0155. At other times, please call the parsonage at (336) 617-8226.

**Pastor's Office Hours** – Pastor Debra has scheduled office hours on **Mon., Wed., and Thurs. from 9AM-12 noon.** (Meetings and appointments may affect these hours.) Please call the church office at (336) 674-0155 in advance, if you need to schedule a time to meet with her.





### Gifts of Love Luke 10:27

There is one thing that the Lord wants but that He will not force us to do—to love Him freely. Love, by its very nature, requires freedom of choice. God gave us a free will so that He could experience us freely giving our love to Him.

An Offering is to give, sacrifice, or present something to God as a mark of respect and love. Giving is actually a relational decision. As we continually decide to give, we constantly affirm how much we value our relationship to God as His children.

Giving becomes worship as we give our very best. Giving becomes a way of saying thank you to God for His grace and promised provision. Proverbs 3:9 says, “*Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops.*” - The Hebrew word “honor” means to “glorify” or to acknowledge the importance of something. Giving becomes a deep part of our personal connection to God.

In the process of making giving decisions, we establish our agreement with God about stewardship. However, giving is definitely not all there is to stewardship. Stewardship is a very large topic, concerned with all our relationships to God and to each other. We are each stewards of God’s gifts to us.

### Weekly Giving if the Percentage is (Rounded to the nearest dollar)

Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	15%
16,000	1,333	308	6.00	12.00	18.00	25.00	31.00	46.00
20,000	1,667	385	8.00	15.00	25.00	31.00	39.00	58.00
25,000	2,083	481	10.00	19.00	29.00	38.00	48.00	72.00
30,000	2,500	577	12.00	23.00	35.00	46.00	58.00	87.00
35,000	2,917	673	13.00	27.00	40.00	54.00	67.00	101
40,000	3,333	769	15.00	31.00	46.00	62.00	77.00	115
45,000	3,750	865	17.00	35.00	52.00	69.00	87.00	130
50,000	4,167	962	19.00	38.00	58.00	77.00	96.00	144
60,000	5,000	1,154	23.00	46.00	69.00	92.00	115	173
75,000	6,250	1,442	29.00	58.00	87.00	115	154	216
100,000	8,333	1,923	38.00	77.00	115	154	192	288
125,000	10,417	2,404	48.00	96.00	144	192	240	361



## Hot Mess Christmas Crafting Night Fundraiser Party!

Proceeds Benefit Pack 342

*Just in time for Christmas.*

Friday, Nov. 22 6:30PM until  
BUMC Fellowship Hall

<i>Embroidery Hoop Christmas Ornaments</i>	<i>\$8/each</i>
<i>Hot Mess Canvas</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
<i>Buffalo Plaid door wreaths</i>	<i>\$28.00</i>

Please RSVP and let Deatra know which craft you will be making...along with image...wording...etc. (See choices below.)

If you wish to do a craft with a face silhouette, please send me a pic of profile against a light background at [deecasey61805@aol.com](mailto:deecasey61805@aol.com)

Snacks and all supplies will be provided. Lots of fun...all ages can participate. Something for everyone.

Deatra (Dee) Geringer (336) 213 - 0326



### Poinsettias for Christmas!

We invite you to provide Poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and Christmas Eve. (Please allow your flower to adorn the sanctuary during these special worship events by waiting until after the Christmas Eve worship service to take it home.) Poinsettias can be ordered through the church office for **\$13.50 each**.

To order please complete this form and place it, together with your payment, in an envelope – **write your name** and **poinsettia** on the outside of the envelope. If paying by check, make check payable to Bethlehem UMC; write **poinsettia** on memo line. You may turn in orders by placing them in the offering plate or bringing them to the church office. **\*Deadline for ordering is Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. FLOWERS CANNOT BE ORDERED WITHOUT PAYMENT.**

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 336-674-0155.

1 Poinsettia = \$13.50 2 Poinsettias = \$27.00 3 Poinsettias = \$40.50 4 Poinsettias = \$54.00

Poinsettia(s) given by:

Number of Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_ X \$13.50 = TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of:

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In Memory of:

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