

**Transfiguration Sunday.** Liturgical color is white.

*The altar arrangement this morning has been given to the Glory of God and symbolizes the transfiguration of Jesus. "...His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light." (Matthew 17:2b NIV) The lily is used in the arrangement to signify the purity, innocence and redemptive love of Christ Jesus. The lily, in its simplicity, stands alone as having more symbolic meaning than any other flower. Just as, Jesus is the One and Only Son of God. Floral Art in the Church, Inman, Jack, January 1968.*

**February Opener:** Buddy Fields    **February Closer:** Michael Brady

**March Opener:** Sandie Harris    **March Closer:** Sid Fields

**Greeters Today:** 1<sup>st</sup> Worship – Lois Snow    2<sup>nd</sup> Worship – Buddy & Judy Fields

**Greeters Next Sunday:** 1<sup>st</sup> Worship – Deena King & Sharon Norman    2<sup>nd</sup> Worship – Lorrie Roth

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

**March Ushers:** David Fields, Todd Garrett, Glenn Getner, Bud Lauder, Barry Norris

**Communion Stewards Next Sunday:** Carol Fields, Frank & Julia Willis (1<sup>st</sup> Worship)

Byron & Phyllis Dahl, Vivian Wilkinson (2<sup>nd</sup> Worship)

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

**Attendance February 16, 2020 –**

Sunday School	87
1 <sup>st</sup> Worship	50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Worship	100
Total Attendance	150

Your Gifts-----	
<b>Amount Collected to Date</b>	<b>\$46,463.63</b>
Worship Service	\$11,464.11
MMRF	\$20.00
Lumpees/Camp Meeting (to date)	\$565.00

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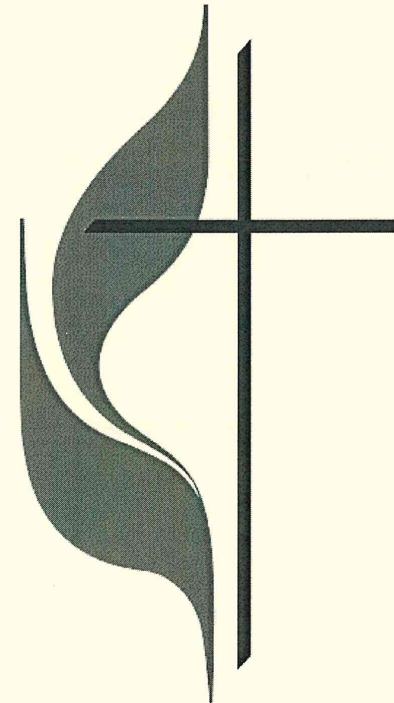
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**Robin Bunton**  
**Reba Lamb**  
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# BETHLEHEM

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### CLIMAX, NORTH CAROLINA



February 23, 2020

*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 *The Lord is My Shepherd*

Lighting of the Altar Candles

\*Call to Worship *Holy Ground* On Screen

\*Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* No. 577

### **SHARING OURSELVES WITH GOD**

\*Passing of the Peace

Children's Message Rev. Debra Short

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

Choral Anthem *How Great is Our God*

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

Scripture Luke 9:28-36

Sermon "The Glory of God" Rev. Debra Short

### **OUR THANKSGIVING AND RESPONSE**

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *He Bringeth Peace*

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

### **GOING FORTH FOR GOD**

\*Closing Hymn *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky* No. 173

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* No. 349

\*Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able.

**TODAY! PLEASE JOIN US** immediately following second worship for a groundbreaking ceremony for the Bradshaw Veterans Memorial & Columbarium.

**ARLENE STOKES UMW** will meet Monday, Feb. 24 at 7pm in the Young-at-Heart Classroom. Speaker will be Mike Jackson from the Howard Coble Center for Special Needs in Pleasant Garden. All are welcome to attend. Also, plans for the March 7th Chicken Stew will be finalized.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** is this Wed. evening @ 7PM. (To begin collecting your special Lenten offering, *Heifer International* Banks are available outside of church office and in the narthex.)

**CHICKEN STEW/BAKE SALE** - Sponsored by Arlene Stokes UMW Circle, March 7<sup>th</sup> (snow date March 14<sup>th</sup>), 12N-1:00PM in fellowship hall; \$7.00/quart. **Preorder** with Cindy 336-674-6858/[cindyf@triad.rr.com](mailto:cindyf@triad.rr.com) or Julia 336-685-4857/[jawillis1@aol.com](mailto:jawillis1@aol.com) by March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Include your name & phone number. Walk-in orders may not be available, so place your orders NOW. Baked items will be available for purchase on site.

**THERE WILL BE A RETIREMENT RECEPTION** for Jackie Smith on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> in the FH immediately following second worship. Cake and refreshments will be served. All are invited as we thank Jackie for twenty-nine years as Bethlehem's Child Care Director.

**PASTOR-LED LENTEN Bible Study** begins March 10<sup>th</sup>. You may pick up your study books next Sun., March 1<sup>st</sup> outside of the church office.

**FROM THE CHOIR DIRECTOR** - We will be recruiting singers to sing the piece "Hallelujah" from Handel's *Messiah* for Easter Sunday Service. We are also recruiting Bell Choir Participants for Easter Sunday Service. Both practices will start on March 25<sup>th</sup> - 6PM for Bells, 7PM for Choir. We will have **three total special practices** for Easter Sunday - March 25, April 1, and April 8. Questions - contact Lesley.

**CAMP MEETING 2020** - Daniel Lumpee will be preaching at the 7PM Camp Meeting services this year. Currently, the estimated cost is \$2525.00 to cover flights, hotel accommodations, and car rental for the Lumpees. Per administrative council, these funds will come directly from the congregation's donations. NOTE: Your gifts will not be listed on your church statement. Thusly, the gift you give will not be a part of your tithing. Thank you in advance. (Please label your gift by writing 'for Lumpees' on the offering envelope. If writing a check, make check payable to BUMC, write 'for Lumpees' on the memo line.)



## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### Sunday 2/23 Transfiguration Sunday

8:50AM 1<sup>st</sup> Worship

10AM Methodism 102 (FH)

Children K-6 room 115

11AM 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship

Bradshaw Vet. Mem. & Columbarium Groundbreaking  
(Follows 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship)

5:30PM UMYF

### Monday 2/24

6:30PM All Girls - Scouts

6:30PM Children/Family Ministries

6:45PM Walking

7PM Arlene Stokes

### Tuesday 2/25 Fat Tuesday

10AM StoryTime (Library)

6:45PM Line Dancing (FH)

7PM Women in Christ

7PM Cub/Boy Scouts

### Wednesday 2/26 Ash Wednesday

Lent Begins

3-4PM Food Pantry Open

6PM Youth Bible Study

7PM Ash Wednesday Service

### Thursday 2/27

7PM Bradshaw Vet. Mem. Comm.

Friday, 2/28 FH/KIT in use 5-9PM (Derby set-up)

Church Office Closed.

### Saturday 2/29 Happy Leap Year!

FH/KIT in use 9-2PM (Scout Derby)

9-12:30PM Lay Servant Training (Guilford College UMC)

Sunday 3/1 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. /Lent, Communion, Pnut Butter/  
Oatmeal Sunday

8:50AM 1<sup>st</sup> Worship

10AM Sunday School

11AM 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship

2:30-6:30PM Lay Servant Training (Guilford College UMC)

3PM Methodism 103 (FH)

5:30PM UMYF

### COMING UP

Mon., 3/2 @ 7PM Child Care Board Meets

Tues., 3/3 @ 8AM Breakfast Club (Backyard Grill)

Thurs., 3/5 - Sat., 3/7 Chicken Stew Prep (Sale on 3/7 @ 1PM)

Thurs., 3/5 @ 7:30PM Trustees

Fri., 3/6 **World Day of Prayer**

Fri., 3/6 @ 7PM Movie Night (FH)

Sun., 3/8 Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sun., 3/8 Retirement Reception for Jackie Smith (after 2<sup>nd</sup> worship)

Tues., 3/10 Pastor-led Lenten Bible Study Begins (10AM or 6:30PM)

Tues., 3/10 @ 10:30AM Friendly Club

Tues., 3/10 @ 7PM Evangelism Meets

Thurs., 3/12 @ 7PM Missions

Fri., 3/14 Parlor in use 10AM-4PM (Wedding party gathering only)

Sun., 3/15 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun./Lent, Noisy Collection

Mon., 3/16 @ 7PM SPRC



He was transfigured before their eyes.

## Prayer Concerns

Please keep these friends in your prayers.

### Ongoing Prayer

Vicky Alexander

Jack Bowman

Suzie Branch

Edna Coble (Morningview)

Fred Cook

Jane Dunham

Cory Fields

Kelsey Garrett

Nancy Golden

Ruby Hockett

### Ongoing cont.

Betty Hull

Larry Knight

Clyde Land

Marjorie Mabe

Lucille McClintock

Dennis McGee

Mildred Moser

Jamie O'Daniel

Dicky Parks

Our Homebound

### Immediate Prayer

Rev. Ed Armfield

Martha Boren

James Brownsfield (friend of Marjorie M.)

Carol Coble

Ronda Faggart

Brad Fields

Wayne & Ruby Kirkman

Carolyn Johnson

Alice Jones

Kenny McGuiness

### Immediate cont.

Donald Rose McGee (Ruth's sister)

Preston Ryan

Mike Underwood

Bette Weatherly

Ernest Wicker

Betty Wilkins

### Military

Matthew Jones (friend of Londa P.)

Robert Russell (Kylie S.'s boyfriend)

**NEW CHILD CARE DIRECTOR** - We welcome **Tonia Lee-White** as Bethlehem's new Child Care Director. Tonia comes to Bethlehem from Building Blocks Early Education Center. Her educational accomplishments include a Masters in Special Education and a Bachelors in Linguistics and Psychology. Currently Tonia is pursuing a Masters in Education. Her first day at Bethlehem's Child Care Center is February 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Methodism 102 - During Sunday School time in the Fellowship Hall**

#### **Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> - 2016 & 2019 General Conference - What Happened?**

\*What happened at GC 2016 that led to a special Called General Conference in Feb. 2019?

\*What happened at GC 2019 that has led us to this point leading up to GC 2020?

### **Methodism 103 - GC 2020, 3:00 pm, March 1<sup>st</sup> in the Fellowship Hall**

**Rev. Burt Williams from North Morganton UMC will be the presenter.**

\*What are the important Petitions and Plans being presented and what will they mean for us?

\*What does the WCA (Wesleyan Covenant Association) have to do with GC 2020?

\*What will the New Denomination look like?

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER FOR 2-4 GRADES is needed.** If you are able to serve or want more info, please contact Sandie Harris (336) 681-1558. Thank you.

**SAFE SANCTUARY** - Because of Safe Sanctuary, children cannot be permitted to wander the church unattended. We have had incidences where unsupervised children had been found in empty classrooms sitting on opened window sills. Parents/responsible adults are asked to please escort children to their Sunday School Classroom at the start of the class. Please do not leave your child until the teacher is present.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** - Announcements and information to be listed in the bulletin should be sent to the church office no later than Tuesday evening. Please send info by email to [bethumclimax@gmail.com](mailto:bethumclimax@gmail.com) Thank you.



What is it really and why is it such an important time before Easter?

In our busy, secular world, we all need time for reflection and renewal. Lent is such a time. It is a 40-day liturgical period to remember Jesus, who he was and is, and what he sacrificed for us. It is a time of self-examination as we probe deeply and respond honestly to how we are getting on with the process of transformation into that new person in Jesus Christ. It is a time of inner penitence and reconciliation with God as we prepare once again to receive the gift of Easter. It is a time to engage in personal and communal prayer, fasting, reading Scripture, and worship. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of this 40-day period with the imposition of ashes on the forehead as a sign of mourning and repentance.

**On Ash Wednesday, the “Alleluias” will be buried until Easter morning. There will be no song during Lent which includes Hallelujah or Alleluia. The Sanctuary is stripped of all flowers and flags as we focus on the cross. All to return on Easter Sunday.**

There will be purple cloths on the wooden cross standing in the sanctuary and the one outside. Purple is a color for royalty but also signifies penitence and preparation.

There will be a **third**, smaller cross in the Chancel area with candles in it. During Advent, we light a candle every Sunday signifying the light coming into the world with Jesus’ birth. During Lent, every Sunday we extinguish a candle, signifying the light that came into the world, leaves the world, even if for a short time. The Christ candle is extinguished on Good Friday. It will not be until Easter morning that the light re-enters the Sanctuary.

We are Easter people, but it is when we observe and participate in Lent that we are able to experience the FULL joy of Easter.

May this Lenten season be one of transformation for you, your family, and our Congregation.