

THE CHALLENGE

Bethlehem United Methodist Church

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FROM THE PASTOR...

Prayer, it is what undergirds everything we do in our personal lives and the life of the Church. There is a book called, *Draw the Circle* by Mark Batterson, which has different stories and challenges regarding prayer during a 40 day period. One story is about a missionary named Dr. Bob Bagley.

The story is as follows:

"Bob's church in Africa didn't have a church building, so they literally met under the shade of a single tree near the village – that is, until the local witch doctor cursed the tree, and it withered. The church didn't just lose their shade; they were overshadowed by the curse. It undermined the authority of their message. Bob knew their status in the village was in jeopardy if he didn't do something about it, so he called for a public prayer meeting. Not unlike Elijah, who challenged the prophets of Baal to a prayer duel, Bob confronted the curse and called down a blessing on the tree. He literally laid hands on the tree and prayed that God would resurrect it.

If God didn't answer his prayer, he would have dug an even deeper hole...There is an old adage: Desperate times call for desperate measures. Every prayer is a calculated risk, but sometimes God calls us to ante up all the faith we have, and then let the chips fall where they may! That's what Bob did. He asked God to resurrect a tree, and then he added a little tagline to his prayer: 'It's not my name that's at stake.'

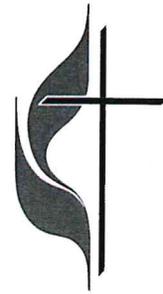
When we act on faith, we aren't risking our reputation; we are risking God's reputation because He's the one who made the promise in the first place. If we aren't willing to risk our reputation, we'll never establish God's reputation. We'll also never experience miracles like the one Bob saw. Not only did God break the curse and resurrect the tree; it became the only tree of its type to yield its fruit, not once, but twice a year. A double crop! A double blessing!"

Are you in a situation where you feel that desperate measures are needed? If so, are you willing to take the risk and act on faith, offering up a prayer that literally puts God's reputation on the line?

As Mark Luther said: "It's the impossible prayers that honor God because they reveal faith and allow God to reveal His glory."

So pray and don't stop. God the Father is a God who loves us and wants the best for us, always.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Debra



**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.**

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WORSHIP MINISTRY

**Join Us! Drive-in Worship
Sunday Mornings at 10AM**

Our worship service is live-streamed on Facebook and posted on our Facebook pages immediately following worship.



**World Communion Sunday
Sunday, October 4th**

Even if we are still doing a drive-in worship, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

(Pre-packed communion elements will be served. Communion servers will be wearing masks and gloves.)

Children's/Family Ministry

At the time of this newsletter's publication, Children's/Family Ministry events/activities are still guided by Covid 19 restrictions. Please contact - Gail Williams, Children's Coordinator (336)314-1668 or Layne Downing, Family Coordinator (336)317-5722 for information.

YOUTH LINK

Youth activities continued to be affected by Covid 19 restrictions. To find our specifics on meetings and activities, please contact Reba Lamb, Youth Director at rebaelamb@yahoo.com or call her at 336-953-7376.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Our Prayer Concerns:

Ongoing

Vicky Alexander
Martha Boren
Jack Bowman
Suzie Branch
Edna Coble
Jane Dunham
Ronda Faggart
Cory Fields
Kelsey Garrett
Nancy Golden
Ruby Hockett

Lucille McClintock
Dennis McGee
Kenny McGinnis
Jamie O'Daniel
Gail Williams

Our Homebound

Immediate

Phyllis Alley

Family of Steve Alley

Rev. Ed Armfield

James Brownsfield (acquaintance/Marjorie M.)

Evelyn Churchill

Family of Brad Fields

Heather Gibson (friend/Ruth Rowland)

Pete Griffin (Wayne Alley's step-dad)

Lucille Harrison

Betty Hull

Wayne & Ruby Kirkman

Clyde Land

Marjorie Mabe

Deanna McCombs (Sherri Bowman's mom)

Mildred Moser

Dicky Parks

Preston Ryan

Family of Betty Wilkins

MILITARY

Matthew Jones (friend of Londa Parks)

Robert Russell (Kylie Spencer's boyfriend)

Randall Shaver (Sherri Bowman's son)





“A GLOBAL MOVEMENT OF PRAYER,
REPENTANCE, AND RETURN”

SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

TheReturn.org

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

2 CHRONICLES 7:13-14 (NIV)

“America has in great measure departed from God and His ways. We have forgotten the rock upon which we were founded. In many instances we have removed God from our public squares, our culture, and our lives. It is written in the Scriptures that righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a reproach to any people and, further, that the ways of unrighteousness lead to judgment. However, the Scriptures also set forth that God is love and abounding in mercy and that all who come before Him to seek for His mercy will find it—and that in repentance and return will come forgiveness, salvation, healing, revival, and restoration.”

“**THE RETURN IS A MOVEMENT**, an appointed time, and a specific day set apart for one purpose—the return to God by coming before His presence in humility, in sincerity, in prayer, and repentance. We pray that there will be intercession for our country, for each other, and for oneself, for God’s mercy, for the fulfillment of God’s purposes for the nations through repentative prayer, testimonies, worship, and declaration and decrees over the land.”

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR OUR COUNTRY AND THE WORLD on September 26th.
Pray from home, at work, or come to the Arbor. There will be Prayer Booklets to guide your prayer time placed in the Book Box outside the church office on Sept. 19th

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESOURCES

Missing Sunday School? Here we are still! When the virus started, not many of us foresaw it lasting like this. We miss both the lessons of our Sunday School Classes and the fellowship of our classmates.

We have canceled the SS Curriculum material for the summer and fall quarters since we are not meeting. If we read the same Bible scripture and focus on the same topics, perhaps it will foster a spirit of unity until we can gather as classes once again. The following is from *Adult Bible Studies Encounter Fall 2020*, Volume 28, No. 1 which several of our SS classes use.

Topic & Scripture to facilitate self-study:

- 9/6 *Seeing Jesus*, Acts 9:1-20
- 9/13 *Forgiven, Rescued, Restored*
Romans 1:15-17; 5:6-11
- 9/20 *Life in the Spirit*, Romans 8:1-11
- 9/27 *Faith, Salvation, and Righteousness*,
Romans 10:5-13
- 10/4 *Our Mysterious but Approachable God*,
Exodus 24:1-12
- 10/11 *Choose Today*, Joshua 24:14-28
- 10/18 *Food for Our Souls*, Nehemiah 8:1-12
- 10/25 *One With Christ and One Another*,
Luke 22:14-20
- 11/1 *Sacred Spaces*, Genesis 8:20-21; 12:6-8; 28:16-22; 1
Samuel 7:10-12
- 11/8 *Worship in the Synagogue*, Luke 4:31-44
- 11/15 *Worship as the Church*, Matthew 18:15-20;
Hebrews 10:19-25
- 11/22 *Worship at the Throne*, Revelation 4:1-11
- 11/29 *Created, Loved, Known*, Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:13-
18

Daily Bible Readings:

- 8/31 Psalm 7:1-10
- 9/1 Acts 7:59-8:3
- 9/2 Acts 9:1-6; 22:4-5; 26:9-11
- 9/3 Acts 9:7-9; 26:12-18
- 9/4 Acts 9:10-20; 22:12-16
- 9/5 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- 9/6 Romans 1:1-6
- 9/7 Mark 1:14-15
- 9/8 Matthew 11:2-5
- 9/9 Hebrews 2:1-5
- 9/10 1 Peter 1:7-12
- 9/11 Philippians 1:27-29
- 9/12 Romans 1:15-17
- 9/13 Romans 5:6-11
- 9/14 Proverbs 24:9-12
- 9/15 2 Timothy 3:1-9
- 9/16 Luke 11:14-20
- 9/17 Acts 13:34-39
- 9/18 John 5:21-30
- 9/19 Romans 8:1-5
- 9/20 Romans 8:6-11
- 9/21 Isaiah 45:21-24
- 9/22 Psalm 40:1-10

- 9/23 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17
- 9/24 Galatians 2:15-21
- 9/25 Revelation 14:9-13
- 9/26 Romans 10:5-13
- 9/27 Romans 10:14-17
- 9/28 Psalm 73:21-28
- 9/29 Psalm 119:105-112
- 9/30 Deuteronomy 5:23-33
- 10/1 Exodus 19:1-8
- 10/2 Exodus 24:3-8
- 10/3 Hebrews 9:18-23
- 10/4 Exodus 24:1-2, 9-12
- 10/5 Psalm 5:1-12
- 10/6 Psalm 73:21-28
- 10/7 Deuteronomy 30:15-20
- 10/8 Joshua 24:1-13
- 10/9 Joshua 24:14-21
- 10/10 Joshua 24:22-28
- 10/11 Judges 2:6-12
- 10/12 Psalm 19:8-11
- 10/13 Psalm 89:1-18
- 10/14 Psalm 119:97-104
- 10/15 2 Timothy 3:14-17
- 10/16 2 Peter 1:19-21
- 10/17 Nehemiah 8:1-12
- 10/18 Nehemiah 8:13-18
- 10/19 Zechariah 9:9-12
- 10/20 Ephesians 2:11-14
- 10/21 Matthew 5:17-20
- 10/22 Hebrews 12:18-24
- 10/23 Luke 22:7-13
- 10/24 Matthew 26:26-30
- 10/25 Luke 22:14-20
- 10/26 Psalm 95:1-11
- 10/27 Genesis 8:15-22
- 10/28 Genesis 12:4-8
- 10/29 Genesis 28:1-7
- 10/30 Genesis 28:10-22
- 10/31 1 Samuel 7:2-6
- 11/1 1 Samuel 7:7-13
- 11/2 Psalm 74:1-12
- 11/3 Matthew 9:35-38
- 11/4 Matthew 12:9-14
- 11/5 John 18:19-24
- 11/6 Acts 15:14-21
- 11/7 Luke 4:31-37
- 11/8 Luke 4:38-44
- 11/9 Matthew 16:13-20
- 11/10 Acts 2:17-28
- 11/11 1 Corinthians 12:3-18
- 11/12 Romans 12:3-18
- 11/13 Acts 2:42-47
- 11/14 Matthew 18:15-20
- 11/15 Hebrews 10:19-25
- 11/16 Psalm 100:1-5
- 11/17 John 18:33-37
- 11/18 1 Timothy 6:11-16

- 11/19 Revelation 1:4-8
- 11/20 John 1:29-36
- 11/21 Revelation 4:1-11
- 11/22 Revelation 5:1-14
- 11/23 Psalm 92:1-15
- 11/24 Genesis 5:1-5
- 11/25 Job 10:8-12
- 11/26 Isaiah 44:1-5
- 11/27 Ecclesiastes 11:1-5
- 11/28 Genesis 1:24-28
- 11/29 Psalm 139:13-18

OTHER MINISTRY

⌘ MISSION MOMENT

Due to COVID-19 the Project AGAPE Christmas Shoe Box ministry collection by the Western and North Carolina Conferences of the United Methodist Church has been canceled for this year. Early in 2020 shoebox shipments were made and the Mission Response Center in Terrell is working on a stockpile of boxes that can still be shipped this year. The project director in Armenia indicates she should have enough shoeboxes to provide a Christmas for the children in the Kashatagh region she serves.

If you have the opportunity to take advantage of good buys on the following items, just hold them until we are able to make shoeboxes for next year - pencils, pencils sharpeners, crayons, colored pencils, erasers, metric rulers.

Fall and winter will provide opportunities to purchase much needed gloves and caps/toboggans for their long, hard winters in the mountainous area.

If you are practicing "stay-at-home safety" and don't have access to making these purchases or other items for creating your own shoeboxes, we continue to accept monetary donations. When safe shopping returns, we will purchase items to create these boxes for next year.

It is disappointing that we are unable to participate in this important ministry in partnership with the Armenian Apostolic Church, the oldest Christian Church in the world. But it is even more important that all who are involved in this ministry practice safety protocols, so as not to spread the virus. It's imperative we remember God is still in control and will give us the strength and guidance to weather his storm.

Our continued support of this ministry is greatly appreciated.

Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women 2020 Annual Celebration September 26 & 27, 2PM



As has happened to most gatherings in the past six months, our Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska has been canceled. We will hold a virtual meeting in two sessions on September 26 and 27, at 2pm via Zoom Webinar. Go to the conference website, www.wnccumw.org - you will see information regarding the Conference Annual Celebration FREE registration. The Saturday session begins with the necessary business of adopting the 2021 budget and election of officers and a message from Deaconess Cindy Johnson on her work with migrants on the Texas/Mexico border. The Sunday session will include Bishop Paul Leeland, recognition of outgoing officers, installation of incoming officers, a memorial service, and the president's address.

This is an excellent way for ALL UMW members to "attend" an annual meeting! We welcome anyone to join in on the Zoom meeting regardless if you are a UMW member or not.

Julia Willis, WNCC UMW President



FALL BIBLE STUDY

Tues. Oct. 6 – Tues. Nov 10

10:00 – 11:30 am

7:00 – 8:30 pm

COST: \$14

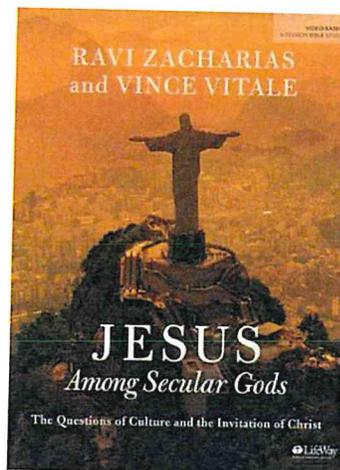
"As belief in the secular gods of atheism, hedonism, relativism, and humanism continues to grow, it's more important than ever for believers to be able to defend and share the claims of Christ."

"This six-session Bible study challenges the popular and trending philosophies of the day, skillfully pointing out the fallacies in their claims and presenting compelling evidence for absolute truth as found in Jesus and revealed in Scripture."

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP AND PAY

WED. SEPT. 17

Please either call the church office or pick up a form in the "Book Box" outside the church office.



ALL Payments for books MUST be made by SEPT 17

**SECRET PALS MINISTRY IS UP AND RUNNING FOR THE
NEW SCHOOL YEAR!**

Attention College Students! Please send your Secret Pal Information to Fran Getner ASAP. Even if you are at home and doing virtual college. Mail your completed form to Fran Getner at: 2728 Briar Oak Drive, Climax, NC 27233

Or email it to her at:

fgetner@stanleybenefits.com or fbgquilts@gmail.com

SPONSORS NEEDED. CONTACT FRAN FOR INFO.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

A Message from the New Child Care Director

My name is Erica Shanahan, and I am so excited about being the new Director of the Child Care here at Bethlehem UMC! I have been in child care management since February 2008. I have an Educational and Family Services Degree from Greensboro College. I have known that I wanted to work with children in some capacity since I was in the 2nd grade! I am from northern VA, but I came down here for college when I was 18 and I never left! I have three children, Ryleigh- age 14, Camden- age 11, and Reagan- age 8. They are very excited about my new position. In my free time I enjoy working out, watching my children play sports and going hiking. I try to go to the beach or the mountains any chance that I can get! Thank you for entrusting me to care for the children here at Bethlehem. If you ever want to come and see what we are doing at the preschool (once COVID is gone), please feel free to stop by for a visit. I know that we will be able to do great things together here at the church. I look forward to meeting you!



**SANDY WAUGH BRADSHAW/VETERANS MEMORIAL
& COLUMBARIUM DEDICATION**

Sunday, September 13

Immediately following Drive-in Worship

Masks are REQUIRED.

Social distancing (6ft.) instituted. NO singing.



BIRTHDAYS

	<u>September</u>		<u>October</u>
9/2	Vivian Wilkinson	10/2	Phyllis Dahl
	Gloria Austin		Scott Wilkinson
	Tater O'Daniel	10/4	Travis Franklin
9/3	Karen Parrish	10/5	Sherri Davis
	Barbara Riddle		Jim Smith
	Pam Suggs	10/6	Jack Bowman
9/5	Jeff Eanes		Lorrie Roth
9/8	Harper Garrett	10/8	Tracy Peele
9/9	Ethan Eanes	10/9	Dale Routh
	Grace Kirby	10/11	Courtney Ingold
	Desi Williams	10/13	Betty Kirkman
9/11	Alex Garrett	10/15	Susan Davis
	David Goad		LeeAnne Curtis
9/12	Dicky Parks	10/16	Kristy Robb

9/16	Krimson Gunter	10/16	Noel Loftus
9/17	Terry Franklin	10/17	Bonnie Averill
	Phala Garrett		Joseph Garrett
9/18	Garrett Owens		Kelli Wilkinson
9/19	Mary Lauren Bonney	10/20	Braxton Wall
	Sheila Moser	10/23	Alex Haywood
9/21	David Welborn	10/24	Kimber Faircloth
9/26	Francis Snow		Donna Younts
9/27	Layne Downing		Jeffrey Welker
9/28	Floyd Cook	10/26	Don Short
9/30	Buddy Reddick	10/27	Jim Little
		10/28	Holly Robb
		10/30	Victoria Coble

Happy Birthday!

HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS

Acknowledgement: *Since the last newsletter publication, the following gifts have been made in honor/memory as listed. BUMC gratefully acknowledges each gift received.*

HONORARIUMS

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

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

In Honor of **Jerry & Karon Monnett**
By Margaret Royal

MEMORIALS

In Memory of **Steve Alley**
By the Young-at-Heart SS Class

In Memory of **Jerry Hilliard**
By Linda Duncan, Kim & Cindy

In Memory of **Carolyn Johnson**
By Arnold & Joyce Ingold

In Memory of **Ralph & Julia Johnson**
By David & Sharon Goad

In Memory of **Rob Monnett**
By David & Laura Cranfill
By Jerry & Karon Monnett

In Memory of **Rev. Chuck Rowland**
By David & Laura Cranfill

In Memory of **Clem Royal**
By David & Laura Cranfill

In Memory of **A.C. & Bette Weatherly**
By David & Sharon Goad

In Memory of **Bette Weatherly**
By David & Laura Cranfill
By Jerry & Karon Monnett

In Memory of **H.B. Wicker** (on his birthday)
By Durwood & Sandra Martin

CAMP MEETING QUESTIONS ANSWERED 2020

Summertime at Bethlehem has brought thoughts of Camp Meeting for many years. That was no different this year, even though we were already in the midst of the COVID 19 pandemic and the accompanying shutdowns.

A very special Camp Meeting had been planned for 2020. After much discussion, planning, and dealing with logistics, we had invited a well-liked former Duke intern to be our speaker. That person is Daniel Lumpee who was our intern from May, 2015 – April, 2016. After he left us, he went back to his home state of Texas. We were very excited to have him, his wife, and two children coming for Camp Meeting.

With the pandemic and social distancing a reality, it became apparent that Camp Meeting was out for this year. A large crowd gathering in the arbor was out; singing familiar camp meeting songs was out; socializing was out; any kind of snacks and food were out. Pastor Debra said at the August 9 church service that Camp Meeting was canceled. Some church people thought Camp Meeting had never been canceled before. A quote from a Greensboro paper of 1950 supported this belief: "The first camp meeting was held at Bethlehem in October, 1854 and since that time has been held in slightly modified form every year hence."

However, an article in an August, 1958 Liberty newspaper states that "during the Civil War the meetings were suspended and they were not begun again until 1878. Since that year they have been held each year."

We do know Camp Meeting was originally held during the third week in October and later changed to the fourth week in August. The date was changed again in 1970 to the fourth week in July because of earlier school opening dates.

This would have been Camp meeting #167. Keep your good memories and discuss past Camp Meetings with others. Hold firm the thought that 2021 will be different.

Facts from the Committee on Records and History
Compiled by Judy Fields
August 10, 2020



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Once again there are no calendar inserts in the newsletter. We simply do not know how our schedule will play out in the next couple of months. However, here are some dates/events to remember:

- Mon., 9/7 Labor Day – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- Wed., 9/9 Child Care Board Meets (7PM/Arbor)
- Thurs., 9/10 Church Council Meets (7PM/Arbor)
- Tues., 9/22 Fall Begins!
- Sat. 9/26 The Return/A Day of Prayer (p. 3)
- Sat. 9/26, Sun., 9/27 UMW Virtual Celebration (p.5)
- **OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!**
- Thurs., 10/1 Trustees (6:30PM/Arbor)
- Sun., 10/4 *World Communion Sunday* (p. 2)
- Mon., 10/5 Child Care Board Meets (Tentative)
- Thurs., 10/8 SPRC Meets (7PM/Arbor)
- Sun., 10/11 **Pastor Appreciation Sunday**
- Mon., 10/19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE (Nov. & Dec.)

The Covid 19 Pandemic has affected time-honored events at BUMC. Please make note of the following change -

- **BRUNSWICK STEW** – Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the Brunswick Stew Event which had been planned for October 1 – 3 has been postponed, by those who oversee the stew event, until a later date to be determined, and if possible.

YOUR *HELP* IS NEEDED!

In order to include the most accurate information possible on year-end reports we need to know how many people have viewed our online worship services. How you can help? **If you shared our online worship services** over the past several months, please send (to the best of your recollection) **how many times you have shared** and **the number of people who viewed your shared post**. Please send this information to the church office at bethumcclimax@gmail.com

Thank you all for what you continue to do to support the church and its work.

*I miss seeing all of you! Stay safe.
Blessings, Robin*



Thank You!

Thank you all for the phone calls, cards, prayers, and food at the time of my brother Steve's passing. God Bless You All, Wayne & Phyllis Alley

LOOKING AHEAD



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
SUNDAY, NOV. 1ST
DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK!
Set your clocks back one hour
before you go to bed.**



CHARGE CONFERENCE IS COMING UP!

Sunday, November 8 @ 6:30PM



The God of the universe - the One who created everything and holds it all in His hand - created each of us in His image, to bear His likeness, His imprint. It is only when Christ dwells within our hearts, radiating the pure light of His love through our humanity, that we discover who we are and what we were intended to be. There is no other joy that reaches as deep or as wide or as high - there is no other joy that is more complete.

*Wendy Moore
1971 - , American Writer*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Budget Results for July 2020

\$353,074.63 Total Budget Money Available July 1, 2020

27,962.35 Money Received in July

- 19,166.01 Money Spent in July

\$361,870.97 Total Budget Money Available July 31, 2020

For the month of July, 2020, the Church Budget received \$8,796.34 more than it spent. For the year, the Church Budget received \$23,412.78 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.

\$30,267.61 Total MM&RF Money Available July 31, 2020

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	\$ <72.67>
Food Pantry	\$ 1,666.60	Handbells	\$ 160.52
Discretionary Fund	\$ 5,312.50	Scholarship-Religion Ed	\$ 1,983.22
Records & History	\$ 581.56	Missions-Undesignated	\$ 16,362.98
UMYF	\$20,353.98	Christmas Shoeboxes	\$ 302.85
Family Ministries	\$ 1,210.27	Cemetery Fund	\$ 23,389.39
Helen Grady Endow.	\$ 800.00	Cemetery/Columbarium	\$ 12,676.86
Flowers	\$ 136.75	Arbor Fund	\$ 935.37
Camp Meeting Fund	\$ <700.16>	Misc In/Out <small>(cc fraud)</small>	\$ <32.21>
Choir Fund	\$ 1,004.46	Heifer Int'l (Lenten)	\$ 1,007.20
		PPP	\$ <4,569.50>

Total Other Designated Gift Money Available July 31, 2020 \$83,291.85

\$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 July 17, 2016 by the Church Council and is no longer taking donations.

\$51,142.42 **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

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