

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Liturgical color is green.

Attendance Last Sunday:

In Class Sunday School	54
In-Person Worship	60

Greeters Today: Dale & Gloria Austin **Next Sunday:** Susan Coward

Security Team: Ron Bazhaw, Michael Brady, Jim Holt, Sandie Harris,
Barry Norris, David Robb, and Desi Williams

Sound: Denny Spencer **Facebook Live Stream:** Kylie Spencer

Your Gifts

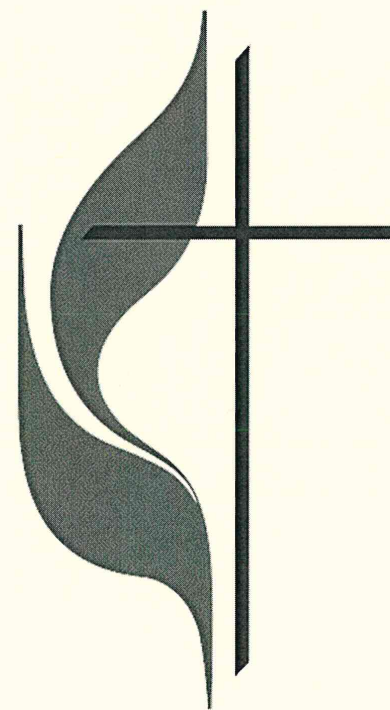
Last Budget Deposit: \$4,418.00

Total: \$188,955.79

BETHLEHEM

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CLIMAX, NORTH CAROLINA



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Rev. Debra Short
Robin Bunton
Pingyi (Lesley) Song
Jane Reddick
Laura Cranfill
Debbie Brady
Erica Shanahan
Ovido Sorbito

September 5, 2021

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 one of the offering boxes.

ENTERING INTO FELLOWSHIP

I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow-being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again. – William Penn

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*Call to Worship *We Are the Body of Christ* Screen

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn *Praise to the Lord* (Vs. 1, 2, 5) No. 139

SHARING OURSELVES WITH GOD

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

Gloria Patri No. 71

THE WORD OF GOD CHANGING OUR LIVES

Scripture Various Scripture Passages

Sermon "How Do You Say Farewell?" Rev. Debra Short

OUR THANKSGIVING AND RESPONSE

Offering Prayer

An Order of Farewell to a Pastor Insert

GOING FORTH FOR GOD

*Closing Hymn *Let There Be Peace on Earth* No. 431

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *Sanctuary* Screen

*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

FROM ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL– Guilford Co. Board of Commissioners has issued a Mask Mandate for public indoor facilities until the county has reached a 70% vaccination rate or when the case positivity rate drops to 5%. This is for all persons regardless of vaccination status. **We have also voted to discontinue the church choir for a period due to mask requirements from the Bishop and Cabinet.** Thank you all for your support and continue to pray for our church.

REMINDER – The Church Office will be closed on Monday in observance of Labor Day.

PASTOR'S HOURS: Pastor Debra will be taking vacation time from **Sept. 7th – Sept. 30th**. During that time she will be in the parsonage until September 21st. After that, in case of an emergency, please contact: **Sept. 20th – 23rd AND Sept. 27th – Sept. 30th – Rev. Mark Weekley (PGUMC);** Cell (336)482-1647/Church Phone (336)674-5711. **Sept. 24th – 26th - Rev. Matt Morris (Tabernacle UMC);** Cell (704)692-8017/Church (336)674-2941.

REMINDER – Today is Peanut Butter & Oatmeal Sunday. Donations are needed. Thank you in advance for supporting this outreach ministry.

ARLENE STOKES WILL BE ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR AGAPE MINISTRY from 9/6-9/26. Items needed - new blankets, winter clothing items, and new boots for children, infant to 17 years old. Drop-off your donated items under the arbor. If you have questions, please call Jane Snead (336)674-7593.

OUTDOOR FALL FEST Sat., 9/18, 5:30-7:30PM – Bring a picnic dinner and enjoy live music and lawn games. FREE Kona Ice! (Featuring Andrew Minor and Friends.)

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS – If you plan to participate in the ***Secret Pals***, please return your completed info forms to Fran Getner at 2728 Briar Oak Dr., Climax, NC 27233. (Forms are available for pick up from the little library or the church office.) Also, **Sponsors are needed for Secret Pals.** Please contact Fran if you wish to become a sponsor (336) 685-2086.

ALTAR FLOWER SCHEDULE & GREETERS - now available for sign-ups. **The sign-up list is available in the foyer outside of the church office.** You may also call Robin in the office to schedule. **LOTS of openings!**

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF NEW INFORMATION – Londa Parks is now the contact person for the Columbarium. Londa's phone number is (336)402-0205.

September-October Upper Rooms are available for pick up from table outside of the church office, the narthex, and the little library. (The large print copies will no longer be available after this issue.)

Sat., October 2nd – Country Store & Bake Sale. Although there will **NOT** be a Brunswick Stew this year, please plan to contribute & shop on Oct. 2nd! We are looking for all sorts of vegetables (fresh, canned, & frozen), pumpkins, jams, jellies, preserves, apples, figs, etc. And lots of cakes, pies, cookies, breads, muffins, & puddings are needed. Questions - call Ruth Rowland at (336)676-7095. Sign-up lists available starting today.

Announcements Are Continued on Back of Insert

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY IS Oct. 3rd. Our guest preacher will be District Superintendent, Rev. Bev Copley.

CROP Walk - Sun., Oct. 3rd. Team captain needed. For info call Sandie Harris at (336) 681-1558.

BETHLEHEM CHILD CARE – Two Part-time teachers needed (Infant Room & Pre-K.) Hours, 2-6PM. If interested, call Erica at (336) 674-9879 or email her at bethchild91@gmail.com



Prayer Concerns

Please keep these friends in your prayers:

Ongoing

Vicky Alexander
Martha Boren
Suzie Branch
Edna Coble
Jane Dunham
Cory Fields
Elaine Flinchum
Melba Fulghum
Kelsey Garrett
Ruby Hockett
Janet Mathis
Mary May (Karen Holt's mom)
Jamie O'Daniel
Wes Taylor
Our Homebound

Immediate

Fred Cook
Rev. Lee Ellis

Phillip Grubbs (Brooke Byrd's brother)
R.W. Hinshaw
Betty Hull
Bill Jones (at Clapps/Appomattox Rd.)
Jimmie Jones
Wayne & Ruby Kirkman
Nancy Kivett
Mike McClintock
Dickie Parks
Barbara Riddle
Sandy Russell (Friend of Londa Parks)
Preston Ryan
Francis Snow
Judy Strickler (Friend of Phyllis Dahl)
James Surratt (Sandie Harris' dad)
Amber & Brandon Thompson
Barbara Westmoreland
Julia Willis



Happy Labor Day!

AN ORDER OF FAREWELL TO A PASTOR

Debra:

I thank you, the members and friends of Bethlehem United Methodist Church, for the love and support you have shown me and my family while I have ministered among you. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

Congregation:

We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us with your departure.

Debra:

I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God. I release you from turning to me and depending on me. I encourage your continuing ministry here and will pray for you and for your new pastor, Rev. Joseph Fulk III.

Let us pray.

ALL:

Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting, we give you thanks for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions. Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.