

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Liturgical color is green.

Altar Flowers this morning have been given to the Glory of God
in memory of Carolyn Berry on her birthday by Jerry and children.

Attendance Last Sunday:

In-Class Sunday School	56
In-Person Worship	87

Greeters Today: Susan Coward **Next Sunday:** Desi & Gail Williams

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:	\$2,109.00
Total:	\$191,064.79

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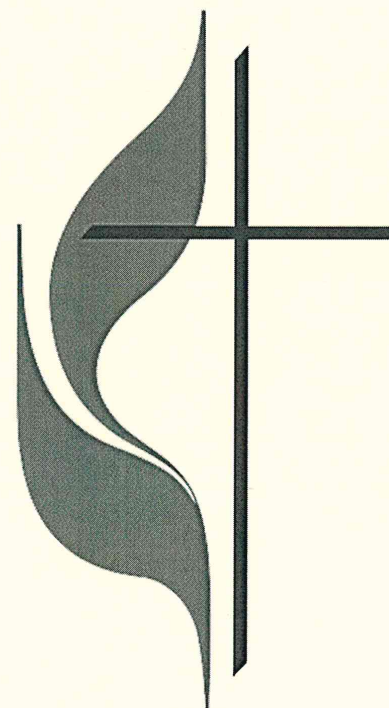
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Pingyi (Lesley) Song
Jane Reddick
Laura Cranfill
Debbie Brady
Erica Shanahan
Ovido Sorbito

BETHLEHEM

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CLIMAX, NORTH CAROLINA



September 12, 2021

Prayer Concerns



Please keep these friends in your prayers:

Ongoing

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

Immediate

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
Jimmy & Ann Shoemaker (Friends of Londa)
Francis Snow
James Surratt (Sandie Harris' dad)
Amber & Brandon Thompson
Barbara Westmoreland
Julia Willis



Ode to Church Volunteers

*There are many among you who volunteer here.
You volunteer tirelessly and (usually) with cheer.*

*Even though we ask you at the last minute,
if it needs to be done, we can count on you to be on it.*

*You help teach our children or dry the dishes.
You plant or uproot stuff based on our wishes.*

*Some flip pancakes, some fetch donuts.
How coffee gets made is quite beyond us.*

*You decorate the church and then take it down.
You host the fun things we do around town.*

*You greet and usher and serve communion.
Every Sunday is like a volunteer reunion!*

*Some of you sing and hit the right notes.
Others play music great composers wrote.*

*You shuffle papers for mailings and fold the bulletins.
You lead classes and meetings no matter what room they're in.*

*You commit for a day, a month or the year.
When you see staff coming towards you, you cower in fear.*

*It's not that you're "Done," you are just overcommitted.
As you are kind, generous, gorgeous and quick-witted!*

*Every great volunteer is in great demand.
Without you these little jobs can get out of hand.*

*We know you have lives, and it's hard to commit.
We hope the difference you make, makes all this ... worth it.*

*The impact of your kindness brings many folks cheer.
[BUMC] volunteers: we are in awe of you this year!*

*Thank you, thank you, and thank you again.
Well done, faithful servants, well done, our friends!*

Credit: First United Methodist of Valparaiso, Indiana
By Heather Curlee Novak, 2016

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

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*Call to Worship	<i>Lord, Be Glorified</i> (Vs. 1, 2)	Screen
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*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* (Vs. 1, 2, 4) No. 577

SHARING OURSELVES WITH GOD

Children's Message

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

Gloria Patri No. 71

THE WORD OF GOD CHANGING OUR LIVES

Scripture James 3:1-12

Sermon “Big Ships, Little Rudders” Rev. A.C. Brock

OUR THANKSGIVING AND RESPONSE

Offering Prayer

GOING FORTH FOR GOD

*Closing Hymn *I Want a Principle Within* No. 410

*Benediction

*Benediction Response	<i>Lord, Be Glorified</i> (Vs. 3, 4)	Screen
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*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

*Dear Bethlehem UMC Family,
How can I begin to thank you for the many special and meaningful cards and most generous gifts, all of which were beyond anything I could have ever imagined? It just shows how giving and loving you truly are. Thank you also for your love and support these past two years as we served God together, something that even the pandemic could not stop us from doing. Please know that I/we will continue to pray for each one of you and Bethlehem UMC.*

Thank You and Shalom, Pastor Debra, Jackie, Noel and Don

We welcome Rev. A.C. Brock as our guest preacher this morning. A.C. served as the pastor at Bethlehem from 2005 – 2012; he will be preaching again next Sunday, September 19th and on September 26th.

Welcome back to Bethlehem, A.C.!

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.**

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.

ARLENE STOKES – Drop off items (under arbor) for Agape Mins. until 9/26. Needed - new blankets, winter clothing items, & new boots for children, infant to 17 yrs. old. Questions, call Jane Snead (336)674-7593.

ARLENE STOKES – meets Mon., 9/27 at 10:30AM under arbor.

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

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS – Secret Pals participating students please return your completed info form to Fran Getner at 2728 Briar Oak Dr., Climax, NC 27233. Also, **Sponsors are needed for Secret Pals.** Please contact Fran if you wish to become a sponsor (336) 685-2086.

Sat., 10/2 – Country Store & Bake Sale. Although there will **NOT** be a Brunswick Stew this year, please plan to contribute & shop on Oct. 2nd! Needed - vegetables (fresh, canned, & frozen), pumpkins, jams, jellies, preserves, apples, figs, etc. Also, cakes, pies, cookies, breads, muffins, & puddings are needed. Questions - call Ruth Rowland at (336)676-7095. Sign-up lists available starting today in ss classrooms & narthex.

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

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