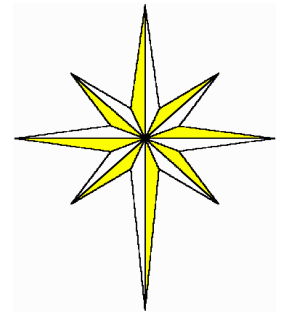


Bethlehem Star April 2022



April Events and Meetings

- Apr 5th 11am United Women in Faith
7pm Men in Christ
- Apr 6th 6pm Meal & Bible Study Week 5
- Apr 9th 2pm Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr 10th Palm Sunday
- Apr 13th 5pm Community Meal—food bags
- Apr 14th 7pm Maundy Thursday service
- Apr 15th Good Friday
- Apr 17th 7am Sunrise Service at cemetery
- Apr 19th 7pm Men in Christ
- Apr 24th 5pm Trustees
- Apr 25th 6pm United Methodist Men @ Boxcar

Youth meet on Sunday at 4pm. Students 6th-12th grade are invited. Contact Eddie Hendershot at (828) 381-9001 for information.

K5 Blast meet on Sunday at 4pm. Students in Kindergarten - 5th grade are invited. Contact Autumn Canipe at (828) 514-6974 for information. Follow the K5 Blast Facebook page for any changes in schedule.

Jesus Tykes and **Jesus Kids** classes meet during the 10am Worship Service.

****Please note:** All meetings and services are subject to change. Announcements will be made by the committee chairs, on the church's Facebook page or through the One Call Phone Tree system.

The United Women in Faith will sponsor the 2022 Mother's Day Booklet. There is a form enclosed with more information and to fill out. Deadline to submit forms is Sunday, April 24th.

Welcome baby!

Austin & Abby (Miller) Setzer are expecting a baby!

Sympathy

- Sympathies to the Pat Mitchell family.
- Sympathies to the Steve Philyaw family.
- Sympathies to the Melanie Schultz family.
- Sympathies to the Wiseman family.
- Sympathies to the Heather Feimster family.
- Sympathies to Donna Reese & family on the loss of her two cousins, Patricia & Lonnie.
- Sympathies to Richard Bumgarner family.
- Sympathies to Rusty Bolick & family on loss of his Mother.
- Sympathies to the Kenny Carpenter family.
- Sympathies to the Faye Lineberger family.



Our Attendance for March 2022

10 AM Worship Services
(includes Facebook LIVE views)

February 27th	91
March 2nd	57
(Ash Wednesday)	
March 6th	98
March 13th	91
March 20th	95
Year to date average	86



April

Anniversaries

- 1st Steve & Dianne Hefner
- 2nd Jerald & Carolyn Leonhardt
- 18th Tyler & Kelsey Sigmon
- 30th Roger & Shirley Shook

MINISTRY FAIR COMING SOON!!

We are planning a **Ministry Fair** during the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9th from 2-4pm. We want each group and organization in the church represented. We want to get the "word" out about why **"WE LOVE OUR CHURCH"** and how awesome it is. We need to show people what we have to offer.

Each group/organization should have a representative at the table to talk about their group and possibly have invitations and/or handouts for people to take with them. They can read and learn about your group, activities, and meeting times. Contact Jeana Link for more information, 828-234-3351.

Come see where you can plug in!!



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April

- 7th Norman Hipps
Lisa Miller
- 8th Courtney Hendershot
Caleb Moser
Jenny Smith
- 10th Matt Spencer
Pat Snyder
- 14th Patrick Alexander
Lemmie Smith
- 15th Charles Connor, IV
- 16th Jill Booker
- 17th Dayne Miller
Blake Herman
- 19th Christy Sigmon
- 20th Wendy Yount
Patricia Elliott
- 22nd John David Deal
Lyn Connolly
- 24th Seth Miller
- 25th Trudye Setzer
Brady Wilson
Jadaven Wright
- 26th Chris Reese
- 28th Katie Plemmons

Mission Opportunities

The **BLESSING BOXES** are an on-going mission for our church. Please donate canned foods and other non-perishable food items. Toiletries, personal hygiene and laundry items are accepted. Monetary donations can be given also.

LOVE PACKAGES collects Christian literature to be sent all over the world to spread the word of God. Gently used Bibles, study books, devotional books and CDs are accepted. (No Guideposts) Containers are in the fellowship hall and old kitchen.

The **Backpack Program** is a program of the Corner Table. There are 34 schools participating with approximately 1300 children enrolled. Food and money donations are appreciated.

The **UWF** is collecting all occasion greeting cards for **St. Jude's Ranch for Children**. New cards (with or without envelopes) and the front of used cards are accepted. *Cards from other charities, Hallmark, Disney and American Greetings can not be accepted due to copyrights.*

The **GALS** are collecting non-perishable, microwaveable, kid friendly easy to fix foods such as Chef Boyardee, canned meats and fruit, cereal, powdered milk, instant grits and oatmeal, crackers, mac & cheese, peanut butter/jelly, juice boxes, pop-tarts, granola/fruit bars, Ramen noodles. Cans should have pop tops for easy opening. These will be bagged and given out at the Community Meal on April 13th for kids to have food over the Easter break from school.

We also need plastic eggs and candy for the Easter Egg Hunt coming up on April 9th. Tubs are in the Fellowship Hall on the right of the door in the dining area. If giving money to purchase items please mark your check for Easter Egg hunt.



United Methodist Women Get a New Name

Beginning this year, United Methodist Women will be called **United Women in Faith**. The new name is part of a refreshment of UMW. Adopting the name United Women in Faith and introducing new and improved programs acknowledges the great changes that have occurred in the lives of U.S. women in the last 40 years and in ways they're engaging in their faith.

We remain the official women's organization of the United Methodist Church. We remain the organization training women for leadership, growing spiritually, transforming through education and providing opportunities for service and advocacy. We remain women in mission who follow God's call for our time.

We meet the first Tuesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall and would love for you to join us. UMF is open to all women of the church.

Alice Williams
President, BUMC UWF

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the outpouring of love I received after my fall and broken hip. The prayers, cards, texts, phone calls, visits and snacks were greatly appreciated and gave me the strength and encouragement I needed. Thanks also for the Valentine Bag of goodies and cards.

I am truly blessed to have you all in my life.

Dianne Hefner

To Bethlehem Church Members,

Thank you again for the nice gift bag you sent to me for Valentine's Day. Everything was very thoughtful, enjoyable and fattening! Thank you again for your thoughts and kindness.

Truly,
Alma Barringer

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the wonderful Valentine's Day basket. Your thoughtfulness means a lot to me. Wishing you all well.

Blessings,
Celesta

Thank you to Sherri Miller for **ALL** she has done for our church. She has moved and we will miss her dearly. Prayers for Sherrie for a smooth move and transition to her new home.



Worship Services:

10 AM Worship - Sanctuary

10 AM Facebook LIVE

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