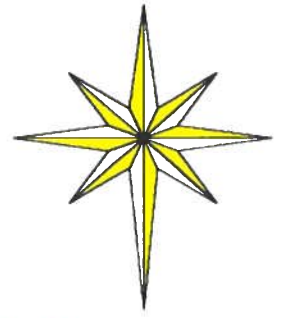


Bethlehem Star April 2023



April Events and Meetings

- Apr 1 1-3pm Spring Fling/Egg Hunt
- Apr 2 **Palm Sunday**
- Apr 3 10am Hands at Work
- Apr 4 11am United Women in Faith
- Apr 5 5pm Community Meal
(Help with traffic control is needed @ 4)
- Apr 6 7pm **Maundy Thursday** Service
- Apr 9 7am Sunrise Service @ Cemetery
Breakfast after-Fellowship Hall
- 10:30am **EASTER SUNDAY** (combined service)
- Apr 10 6:30pm GALS
- Apr 13 6:30pm Church Council
AA meeting
- Apr 17 10am Hands at Work
- Apr 20 10:45am Corner Table
- 6:30pm AA meeting
- Apr 23 5pm Trustees
- Apr 24 6pm United Methodist Men @ Boxcar
- Apr 27 6:30pm AA Meeting
- Apr 30 Mother's Day forms & Graduation info due

Sunday morning worship times:

- 9:39am Praise Service in Fellowship Hall
- 11:00am Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

Jesus Tykes and **Jesus Kids** classes meet during the 9:39am Praise Service.

Open Door Class meets Sunday mornings at 10am.

Youth meet Sunday at 4pm. Students 6-12th grade. Contact Eddie Hendershot at (828) 381-9001 for information. **KIDS B.L.A.S.T.** meet Sunday at 4pm. Students K - 5th grade. Contact Autumn Canipe at (828) 514-6974 for information.

www.facebook.com/groups/183080758729790

Children's Church is held during the 11am Sunday Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall classroom.

Congratulations

Charles Murray, a Sophomore at Bunker Hill, received basketball honors in the 2A CVAC. Charles received All Conference, All Tournament and NC Outstanding Sophomore honors. Charles is the grandson of Charles & Nancy Murray.

Evan Miller was named MVP at the Lutheran Schools Basketball Tournament in Cary and Best Defensive Player of the Year for the Concordia Christian Boys BB team.

Welcome

Dina Murphy was received as a member of BUMC on Sunday, February 26. Dina comes from Pleasant Hill UMC in Pleasant Hill, MO and has been attending BUMC for a while. She found us on Facebook after deciding to move here and started watching. We are so blessed to have her join us. WELCOME Dina!

Sympathy

Sympathy and prayers to the family of Don Killian. Don is Terri Miller's stepdad.

Sympathy to the family of Mark Yount.

Sympathies to the family of Dr. Richard Yaussy. Dr. Yaussy served as Interim Pastor at Bethlehem in 1993.

Sympathy to the Greer Buff family. (Jearld Leonhardt's cousin)

Sympathy to the Tom Shook family. (Tammy Little's father, Lorean Little's daughter-in-law)

Thankful

Our CDC continues to grow. We now have 34 children enrolled and a waiting list. If you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering or working at the center, please send them to Sabrenia. 828-827-2022

If you know of a 2023 Graduate from our church, please give their name to Alice Williams or Julia Snyder. Graduation Sunday will be May 21st.

Attendance for March 2023

(includes Facebook LIVE views)

	9:39	11:00
February 26	79	41
March 5	104	29
March 12	58	35
March 19	87	25
March 26	88	27
Average	83	31



ANNIVERSARIES

1	Steve & Dianne Hefner
2	Jerald & Carolyn Leonhardt
9	Mark & Anita Loftin
18	Tyler & Kelsey Sigmon
30	Roger & Shirley Shook

2023 Communion Stewards

April 2	9:39	Jeff & Julie Herman Mark & Anita Loftin
	11:00	Tim & Carole Miller
May 7	9:39	Chris & Donna Reese Randall & Jeannie Sullins
	11:00	Matt & Kristen Sims
June 4	9:39	Richard & Winter Setzer Autumn & Montana Canipe
	11:00	Rick & Angie Sigmon
July 2	9:39	Dayne & Terri Miller Keri & Isaiah Hendershot
	11:00	Steven & Carolyn Kale

Alternates: Brittany & Khloe Riddle
Jason & Kristy Hedrick

Please let Sheila Miller know if you can not serve on your scheduled date. 828-234-1855



Birthdays

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



Ripken Baker Yount was baptized on Sunday, March 5. Parents are Ryan & Mara Yount. Grandparents are Mark & Anita Loftin. Great grandparents are James & Jean Loftin.

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 **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 third Thursday of each month from 10:45am to 12:45pm is the designated day and time for our church to volunteer at **The Corner Table** in Newton. The date for this month is April 20th. Please let Avajeon Meadows know by Sunday, April 16th if you want to help. Phone/text: 828-234-6519

The Corner Table

Feeding Needs of Catawba County

COMMUNITY KITCHEN • BACKPACK PROGRAM • FROZEN MEALS

The **UWF** are collecting books so the children in the Child Development Center each have a book that they can keep. If you would like to help, there will be baskets in the old kitchen and in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring books that are appropriate for children ages 0-5 years. We will be collecting through Sunday, April 30th.

Thank you,
United Women of Faith

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Catawba County Child Advocacy and Protection Center is selling Pinwheels for Prevention. The **UWF** are buying 25. There will be a ceremony on April 5th at Zahra Baker Park from 12-1pm. (Rain date April 19th) After that we will pick up our pinwheels and put them in front of the Day Care for the rest of April.



Carolyn Leonhardt, Parsonage Committee Chair, spoke to the members Sunday, March 12 regarding work that needs to be done at the Parsonage. This work includes finishing the kitchen cabinets, repair to the wall between the master bath and bedroom/craft room and removal of the yellow jackets inside the laundry room wall. Estimate to finish the kitchen is \$3500 (this does not include the other repairs). Currently there is only \$3000 budgeted for Parsonage repairs in 2023. Carolyn asked for contributions to the Parsonage Fund to cover the balance of the kitchen repairs and the other repairs. Please mark contributions for the Parsonage Fund.

The Church Council has voted and approved the recommendation of the Trustees to purchase a new electric stove for the kitchen. It has been installed and already in use.

Coming Soon.....

****Miracle of Bethlehem****

**Miracle Sunday
June 4th, 2023**

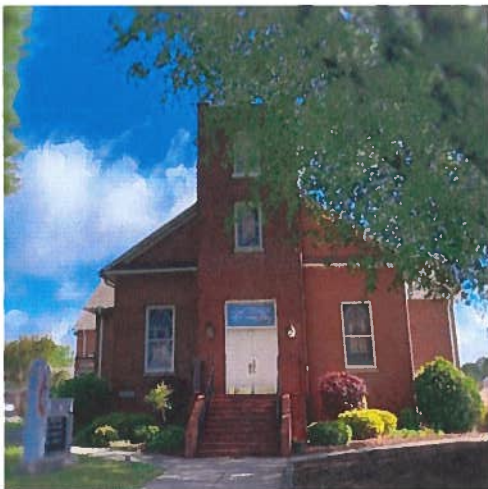
Watch your mail for information on the "Miracle of Bethlehem".

A red poster for a "PORT-A-PIT Fundraiser". The text reads: "JOIN US FOR A PORT-A-PIT Fundraiser SPONSORED BY BUMC METHODIST MEN". Below the text is an illustration of a charcoal grill with a fire, flanked by two grilling tools. At the bottom, it says: "BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST 3214 CATAWBA ST. CLAREMONT 5.5.2023 \$12/PLATE 11AM-4PM 1/2 CHICKEN, BAKED BEANS, COLESLAW, ROLL, DESSERT ONLY PRE-ORDER TIX: CALL 828.381.2603 OR SEE A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH".

Proceeds go to the Youth Mission trip, Building Fund & UMM



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Worship Services:

9:39 AM Praise Service - Fellowship Hall

11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary

Facebook Live: [Bethlehem UMC-Claremont, NC](#)

FM 90.1 in your car