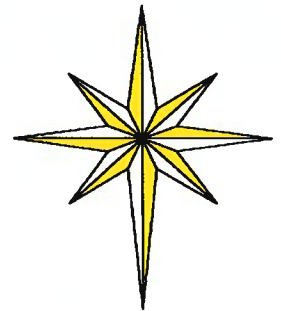


Bethlehem Star December 2021



December Events and Meetings

- Dec 4th 9am-12pm Laundry Day
3pm Claremont Christmas Parade
- Dec 6th 10am Hands at Work
- Dec 7th 11:30am United Methodist Women Lunch
7pm Men in Christ
- Dec 8th 5pm Community Meal
- Dec 11th 6:30pm Children's Christmas Program
- Dec 13th 6:30pm GALS
- Dec 20th 10am Hands at Work
- Dec 21st 7pm Men in Christ
- Dec 24th 6pm Christmas Eve Service
- Dec 25th **HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!**
MERRY CHRISTMAS
- Dec 26th 5pm Trustees

The **Angel Tree** is filled with many specific needs for individuals and families in our area. **Cardinal Kids** are children in Hospice care or with developmental challenges who have been included this year. There are 72 angels on the tree. Please choose an angel and sign the sheet by the angel number. All gifts need to be returned to the tree on or before **Wednesday, December 15th**. Thank you for sharing the spirit of Christmas. For questions or if anyone would like an angel but is unable to get by the church to choose one, please call Donna Sims at 828-612-7932 or Donna Reese at 828-446-1475.



Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 19th in honor or in memory of loved ones or to the Glory of God. Flowers will be \$10 each. An order form is included. Orders are due by Wednesday, December 8th.

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 are meeting again during the 10am Worship Service.

United Methodist Men will not meet in December. Next meeting will be January 25, 2022.

Church Council will not meet in December. Next meeting will be January 13, 2022.

2022 Program Calendars are here. Committee Chairs and group leaders please let Patricia know if you want one.

The **GALS** will be packing Christmas Community bags for children to have food over the holidays. Easy to fix, non-perishable, microwaveable foods and snacks are needed. Examples: Oodles of Noodles, Ramen noodles, soup, Chef Boyardee single serving bowls, canned meat, fruit & pudding cups, crackers, pop-tarts, cereal, cereal bars, granola/fruit bars, instant grits & oatmeal, powdered milk, Little Debbie snacks. Cans need to have pop-tops for easy opening. Items due by Dec. 5th.



The **GALS** are sponsoring **Free Laundry Day** on Saturday, December 4th from 9am - 12pm. It will be held at Newton Coin Laundry. Donations are appreciated. Over \$400 was spent last time and everyone is always so thankful when BUMC comes. Contact Terri Miller if you can help.



Our Attendance for November 2021

10 AM Worship Services
(includes Facebook LIVE views)

October 31st	74
November 7th	81
November 14th	93
November 21st	97
Year to date average	86



DECEMBER

- 4th Jerry & Penny Peeler
- 16th Bradley & Summer Wilson
- 31st Danny & Kendra Hedrick

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Danny Hedrick and Everett Setzer delivered Thanksgiving food boxes to Claremont, Oxford and Lyle Creek Elementary Schools on November 19th.

The Community Meal on November 17th served 350 people. 100 Thanksgiving meal bags were also distributed.

38 shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child were boxed and sent.

Approximately 130 pairs of shoes and 150 lbs of clothing were shipped to Honduras.

Evan Miller's "Making a Difference" project to stock the Blessing Boxes has raised \$488.

Coats, gloves, hats & scarves have been collected for kids.

Greeting cards have been collected for St. Jude's Ranch for Children.

\$446.16 was raised for the Pregnancy Care Center with the Baby Bottle fundraiser.

Several men from the church helped cut and remove trees from Don Colson's yard and repair the roof of the well house.

WATCH WHAT WE DO NEXT!!



DECEMBER

1st	Michelle Roseman
2nd	Steve Hefner
4th	Everett Setzer
5th	David Hollar
7th	Dale Setzer
	Donavan Pogue
10th	Duane Mullins
12th	Nick Bumgarner
	Janice Hendershot
14th	Terri Miller
15th	Brandalyn Conner
16th	Scott Hendershot
21st	Patricia Hoke
22nd	Julia Snyder
27th	LaRue Marshall
29th	Brian Harwell
30th	Kim Bowen
	Brady Link

The United Methodist Women will have a Christmas Lunch on Tuesday, December 7th at 11:30am at Palermo's in Conover. Please let Alice Williams know by Saturday, December 4th if you plan to attend.

Christmas Bags for our shut-ins and seniors are in the kitchen. Please bring cards and treats by Sunday, December 12th.

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 are also accepted. Please donate to help those in need during this Christmas season.

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 are enrolled. All donations are appreciated. Volunteers are needed to pack food bags for Claremont School on Tuesday, December 14th at 10am at the Back Pack Warehouse on Tate Blvd. If you can help, please call Sherrie Miller at 828-256-9259.

The **UMW** 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.* Thanks for your support.

Dear Bethlehem UMC,
Greetings! Thank you for your generous gift of \$446.16 in the baby bottle fundraiser. Your support is a blessing as we share God's love, helping those who enter our door. Again, thank you for your kindness – we appreciate you!
God's blessings,
Renee Bentley, PCC

In thanks and appreciation to the LORD through Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Claremont, I would like to contribute a gift in memory of my parents J. Bruce Setzer and Louise P. Setzer, in honor of my brother Dale Bruce Setzer and his wife Judy Clay Setzer, and in thanks to Dayne and Terri Miller for their thoughtfulness during my widowhood and old age.
Carolyn Setzer Sigmon



Thank You

In the last week, we have seen Christ-like men working at our home. Those from our church were Doug Carter, Steve Hefner, Steve Kale, Jearld Leonhardt, Dennis Lindler, James Loftin and Jerry Lowman. In addition to these men, there were men from Bethel and St. John's Lutheran churches that cut down five 45 year old oak trees, cut up and hauled off the trees. Charles and Nancy Murray provided lunch for all. And then, Lemmie Smith, Pastor Dennis and LaRue repaired and replaced the roof on our well house building. To all these people, we want to thank you for your love and support. Definitely, there are angels among us.

Don and Sandra Colson

Don and Sandra have made a donation to the General Fund in honor of all those that helped.



The **Praise Band** is looking for a drummer and a keyboardist. If you or someone you know is interested, please call Eddie at 828-381-9001. We are well on the way to raising the funds needed for the Fellowship Hall Sound Upgrade. Plans for painting are being made. We are looking forward to starting the 9:39 service back as soon as possible.

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VANCO FAITH mobile app is available at the App Store and Google Play. To use with a desktop, laptop, iPad, etc. go to

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YYSG/home>.

*When giving to a special fund or in honor or memory, please note this with your gift. If you prefer, offerings can be mailed directly to the church at PO Box 233, Claremont, NC 28610.

