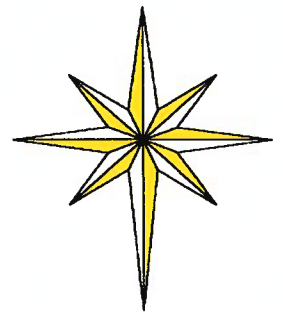


Bethlehem Star December 2022



December Events and Meetings

- Dec 1 Cardinal Kids Angel gifts due
- Dec 2 Poinsettia orders due
- Dec 3 3pm Claremont Christmas Parade
- Dec 5 10am Hands at Work
- Dec 6 11am United Women of Faith Christmas
Lunch @ Sweet Taters
- Dec 8 6:30pm Church Council
- Dec 10 5pm Soup & Sandwiches, Nativity
Dedication, Children's Christmas Play
- Dec 11 Angel Tree gifts due
- Dec 12 6:30pm GALS
- Dec 13 10am Backpack Warehouse
- Dec 14 5pm Community Meal
- Dec 15 10:45am Corner Table
- Dec 19 10am Hands at Work
- Dec 24 6pm Christmas Eve service
- Dec 25 **Merry Christmas**

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. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/183080758729790>

Children's Church is held during the 11am Sunday Worship Service. Children are welcome to meet with Dianne Hefner in the Fellowship Hall classroom.

Welcome!

Congratulations to Austin and Abby Setzer on the birth of their daughter Hazel Lee on November 10th. Proud Grandparents are Dayne & Terri Miller and Great-grandfather Terry Miller.

Congratulations to Pastor Dennis & LaRue Marshall! They became Great-grandparents on November 23rd. Granddaughter Mattie (Princess) gave birth to Khellani Elyse (PJ-Princess Jr).

Welcome to our newest members, Jason & Kristy Hedrick. They made their profession of faith and were baptized on November 6th. We are so happy to have you join our church family.

Sympathy

Sympathy to the families, friends, football team and the entire UVA family on the deaths of Lavel Davis Jr, D'Sean Perry and Devin Chandler.

Sympathy to the families, friends and University of Idaho family on the deaths of Kaylee Goncalves, Madison Mogen, Xana Kernodle and Ethan Chapin.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Terry Sipe.

Sympathy to the Michael Wright family.

Sympathy to the Steve Pruitt family. (Shirley Shook's nephew)



Saturday, December 10th beginning at 5pm, the GALS will serve soup and sandwiches for dinner. Following dinner, there will be a dedication of the new Nativity scene (outside on the lawn-weather permitting). Then please join us for the Children's Christmas play.

Attendance for November 2022

(includes Facebook LIVE views)

	9:39	11:00
October 30	77	49
November 6	61	25
November 13	81	26
November 20	80	23
November 27	68	40
Average	73	33



Anniversaries

- 16th Bradley & Summer Wilson
- 31st Danny & Kendra Hedrick

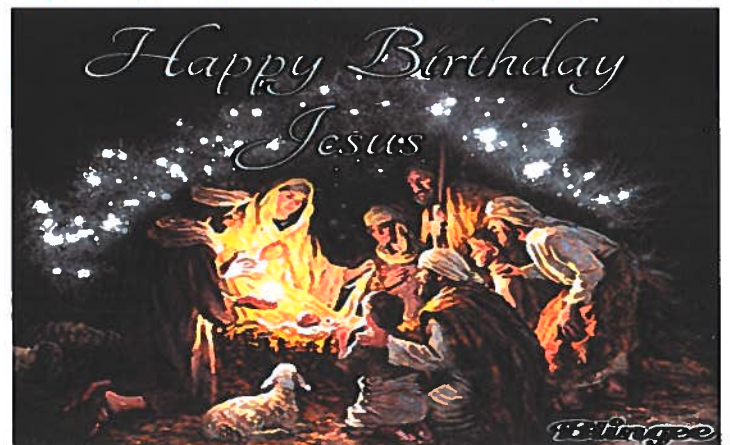
2023 Communion Stewards

January 1	9:39	Dayne & Terri Miller
		Keri & Isaiah Hendershot
	11:00	Rick & Angie Sigmon
February 5	9:39	Danny & Kendra Hedrick
		Malinda Harmon & Donna Buchanan
	11:00	Ron & Donna Sims
March 5	9:39	Jearld & Carolyn Leonhardt
		David & Susan Hollar
	11:00	Steven & Carolyn Kale
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

Alternates: Brittany & Khloe Riddle, Jason & Kristy Hedrick. Please let Sheila Miller know if you can not serve on your scheduled date. 828-234-1855

December

- 1st Michelle Roseman
- 2nd Steve Hefner
- 4th Everett Setzer
- 5th David Hollar
- 7th Dale Setzer
- Donavan Pogue
- 10th Kristy Hedrick
- 12th Nick Bumgarner
- Janice Hendershot
- 14th Terri Miller
- 15th Brandalyn Connor
- 16th Scott Hendershot
- 21st Patricia Hoke
- 22nd Julie Snyder
- 25th JESUS
- 27th LaRue Marshall
- 29th Brian Harwell
- 30th Kim Bowen
- Brady Link



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:** Our next scheduled days to pack are December 13, 2022 and March 14, 2023. Please let Sheila Miller know if you can help. Phone/text: 828-234-1855.

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 December 15th. Please let Avajeon Meadows know by December 11th if you want to help. Phone/text: 828-234-6519.

Youth collected and delivered 115 shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse **Operation Christmas Child**. Thanks to all who filled a box(es) to make a child happy.

ECCCM needs: Canned fruits, soup, vegetables, meat; cereal, peanut butter, mayonnaise, oatmeal, pasta & sauce. Always needed are recycled grocery bags, gallon & quart size zipper style bags, 12 ct. egg cartons, winter coats & clothing for men, women & children, large shopping bags, bubble wrap and volunteers.

We have a new angel tree this year to beautifully decorate with all kinds of angel ornaments. You may give an angel in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please fill out the Angel Tree form so we can recognize your special angel.



The K5 Kids and the Youth are having another competition to see who can collect the most nonperishable food items for the entire month of December to fill our two Blessing Boxes. Please bring your food items and place on either side of the glass hallway in the FLC. You may also donate money which will be used to purchase food for the Blessing Boxes. Please mark your donation for K5/Youth food drive.

The **GALS** will have Christmas treat bags for our shut-ins. Please drop a treat or card in the bags. The ladies and gents always appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Bethlehem is participating in the Eastern Catawba Missional Network of UMC churches. The ECMN has adopted and sponsors the Catawba Rosenwald Education Center located in Catawba. Special events are held during the school year to celebrate and show appreciation for staff and students.

There will be a catered staff Christmas luncheon on December 20, treat bags prepared for students, gift cards for staff & students, and this year six (6) special needs families have been adopted by churches in the network to provide items on their wish lists.

Other events include a back to school supply drive and graduation party. As events are planned, details will be listed in the newsletter and Refrigerator Pages. Bethlehem is new to Eastern Catawba Missional Network so we will learn more about the mission as we go.



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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

