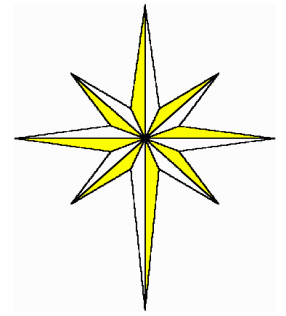


Bethlehem Star February 2023



February Events and Meetings

- Feb 2 6:30pm AA
- Feb 6 10am Hands at Work
- Feb 7 11am United Women in Faith
- Feb 8 5pm Community Meal—Tacos
Help with traffic control is needed
- Feb 9 6:30pm AA
Council
- Feb 12 12pm SOUPer Bowl Lunch
- Feb 13 6:30pm GALS
- Feb 16 10:45am Corner Table
6:30pm AA
- Feb 20 10am Hands at Work
- Feb 22 5pm Ash Wednesday
- Feb 23 6:30pm AA
- Feb 26 5pm Trustees
- Feb 27 6pm United Methodist Men @ Boxcar

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.

Congratulations

Jonathan & Maria Sigmon are expecting a baby! Thrilled grandparents are Angie & Ricky Sigmon, Aunt Jeana Link.

Sympathy

Sympathy to Brittany & Khloe Riddle on the passing of Brittany's father.

Sympathy to the Stan Miller and family on the passing of Debbie Miller on January 4th.

Sympathy to Carolyn Leonhardt and family on the passing of her brother, Lt. Col. Nick Scronce on January 11th.

Thankful

The GALS served over 300 meals in January.

The new building passed inspection and a Certificate of Occupancy was issued. The van can now be parked inside.

News

Celesta Winn has moved to Trinity Village. She is adjusting well so far and enjoys being close to friends. She welcomes visits, cards and phone calls. Her new address and phone number:

1265 21st Street NE, #101
Hickory, NC 28601
828-404-3191

Bethlehem is proud to provide Alcoholics Anonymous space for weekly meetings beginning February 2nd at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bob Cavendish and Kristin Adam will be leading the meetings. The BIG Book Study Group uses Alcoholics Anonymous (known as the BIG Book) to help with recovery from alcoholism. This book was first published in 1939 to show others how the first 100 people of A.A. got sober. It has been translated into over 70 languages and is considered A.A.'s basic text.

<https://www.aa.org/the-big-book>

Please pray for Bob and Kristin as they begin this much needed service to our community.

Attendance for January 2023

(includes Facebook LIVE views)

	9:39	11:00
January 1	73	35
January 8	68	34
January 15	95	32
January 22	69	19
Average	76	30



Feb 7 Dennis & LaRue Marshall
Feb 9 Charles & Nancy Murray

2023 Communion Stewards

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



February

1	Sandra Colson
2	Ryan Link
5	Steven Kale
7	Brian Yount Richard Setzer
9	Rachel Willard Karsyn Auldredge
10	Judy Setzer
12	Jason Hedrick
15	Jean Loftin
16	Don Colson Tim Hoke
18	Maddie Roseman
24	Shirley Harwell
26	Brianna Clark
27	Ruth Rust
28	Shirley Shook

The 2023 lists of the Lay Leadership, Church Council and Administrative Committees is now available. Copies are located in the Narthex of the Church and the hall table in the Fellowship Hall.

An updated church directory is also in progress. If your address, phone, email or other contact information has changed, please send the correct info to the church's email address: bethlehemchurch@bellsouth.net

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. The need is greater than ever. Please give what you are able to help those in our community.

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 day to pack will be 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 February 16th. Please let Avajeon Meadows know by February 12th if you want to help. Phone/text: 828-234-6519

The Corner Table

Feeding Needs of Catawba County

COMMUNITY KITCHEN • BACKPACK PROGRAM • FROZEN MEALS

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. ECCCM has set a goal of 150 monthly donors. If you would like to become a monthly donor or give as you can, please go to <https://ecccm.org/donate/> to Support the Mission of ECCCM.



A poster for the 'Soup Bowl' event. At the top, there is a red bowl with steam rising from it. The word 'Soup' is written in a large, cursive font, and 'BOWL' is in a large, bold, green font. Below this, the date and time '2.12.23 12 PM' are listed, followed by the location 'BUMC FELLOWSHIP HALL'. A quote says '"Pot Luck" soup, sandwiches, and dessert'. A green box contains the text 'PLEASE BRING 5 CANNED GOODS PER PERSON'. At the bottom, there are illustrations of canned goods and a football. The background features a green field with yard lines and a large orange football on the right side.

Sign-up sheet for soups, sandwiches & desserts is on the board in Fellowship Hall. Canned goods will be placed in our Blessing Boxes.



St. Mark's Lutheran Church is offering the GriefShare Grief Recovery Seminar and support group beginning January 26, 2023. GriefShare is a video seminar series that features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on grief and recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective. The videos are combined with support group discussion of the materials presented during the video. There is a \$20 registration fee and we do have scholarships available. Check out the brochures available or call Pastor Heather Langan at 828-459-2161.

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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



