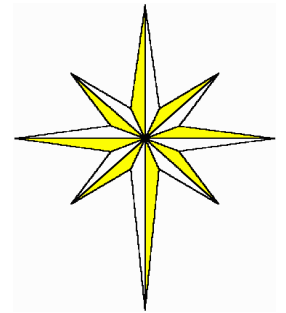


Bethlehem Star January 2023



January Events and Meetings

- Jan 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023
- Jan 2 10am Hands at Work
- Jan 3 11am United Women in Faith
- Jan 9 6:30pm GALS
- Jan 11 5pm Community Meal
- Jan 12 6:30pm Church Council
- Jan 16 10am Hands at Work
- Jan 19 10:45am Corner Table
- Jan 22 5pm Trustees
- Jan 23 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

Congratulations to Shelia Bell and Archie Reynolds! Sheila and Archie were married on November 20, 2022.

Sympathy

Sympathy to the family and friends Tammy Byrd.

Sympathy to the Gardner/Andreasson family.

Sympathy to Ricky Canipe and family on the passing of his grandmother.

Sympathy to the Benjamin Sigmon family.

Thankful

The GALS served over 400 meals in November, over 325 meals and 100 bags of groceries in December during the Community Meals.

The CDC is continuing to grow.

Gifts were purchased and delivered to Cardinal Kids through Carolina Caring.

Gifts were purchased for students at Bunker Hill High and Catawba Rosenwald Schools.

Our beautiful new Nativity scene was setup, lighted and dedicated. The children presented their Christmas program.

Our sanctuary was filled with the beautiful colors of poinsettias given in honor and memory of loved ones and to the Glory of God. Trees were decorated with lights, Chrismons and angels.

We observed the Sundays of Advent with special services to celebrate the Hope, Joy, Peace and Love that the Christ Child brings. We had a Love Feast recalling the meals Jesus shared with his disciples.

We lit the Christ candle and celebrated Jesus birth on a Sunday.

This is just a sampling of what we accomplished the last couple months. As we close out 2022, let us be thankful for all of God's blessings and pray for him to guide us in 2023 to be the hands and feet of God.

Attendance for December 2022

(includes Facebook LIVE views)

	9:39	11:00
December 4	77	35
December 11	92	52
December 18	90	36
December 25		78
Average	86	50



There are no January anniversaries

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



January

1	Lee Miller
2	Carolyn Leonhardt
5	Brian Beatty Jeana Link Tanner Link
11	Eddie Hendershot Harper Hsiao Roger Shook Perrie Turbeville
13	Ron Sims
21	Dennis Marshall
22	Doug Carter Wright Williams IV
23	Beverly Miller Macie Hefner
24	Drew Hefner
27	Lorean Little
28	Glenn Ray Miller
29	Sherrie Miller Randy Bowen
30	Dennis Lindler
31	Mara Yount

Update

Do you need to update??? If your contact info (mailing address, phone #, email) has changed, please send the correct information to the office at

bethlehemchurch@bellsouth.net. If your birthday or anniversary has not been showing on the monthly lists, please send that info in as well. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email (and are not already on the list), or if you know someone who would like to receive the newsletter, please let the office know.

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 January 19th. Please let Avajeon Meadows know by January 15th if you want to help. Phone/text: 828-234-6519.

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. Currently there are 51 so they need many more to reach their goal. 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.

Thank you!

To the GALS for providing the Christmas bags and the Kids for decorating them for our shut-ins and seniors.

To the United Methodist Men for the treat bags on Christmas morning.

A message from Rev. Charles Young, Chair of Eastern Catawba Missional Network:

All the angel gifts and cards came in on time and we even had more than enough cards for the staff so we were able to have a drawing at the luncheon and award 8 staff members a little something extra.

The food provided by April and her helpers was delicious and the desserts were plentiful and delicious as well.

Thanks to Rev. Michael Rich from Rehobeth UMC and Rev. Heetae Kim from Catawba UMC who were there to bless the food for the group and for Tami Lewis from Catawba UMC, and Chantae James from Brown's Chapel who helped get everything set up.

Brenda Knight received plenty of hoodies to provide to the students without coats, and gym shorts to those who were in need of these as well.

I hope we can all rest in the peace of knowing this Christmas we were there for those who in many ways fall through the cracks and are left behind in the holiday celebrations.

Prayers you had a wonderful Christmas with your loved ones and are strapped in and ready for a brand New Year!

Thank you.....

To all those involved in the angel tree ministry, and to all who so graciously donated gifts to our "in need students", a huge Thank You from all of us. The students were elated to receive their beautifully wrapped gifts. Seeing their smiles & happiness melted all of our hearts.

Thank you again for taking the church beyond your four walls & graciously opening up your hearts.

Surely Jesus said it best in Matt. 25:40..."in as much as you have done it unto the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me."

God bless each of you & on behalf of these families a big Thank You!

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas.
Merry Christmas!

Student Services, Bunker Hill HS

Kathy Hedrick
Chase

Gigi
Holly

Brooke
Anita

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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



