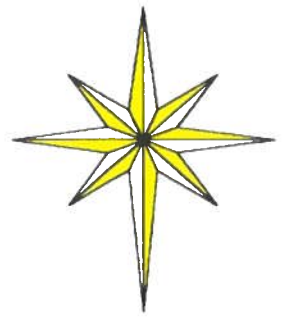


# Bethlehem Star March 2023



## March Events and Meetings

- Mar 2 6:30pm AA meeting
- Mar 6 10am Hands at Work
- Mar 7 11am United Women in Faith
- Mar 8 5pm Community Meal  
(Help with traffic control is needed @ 4)
- Mar 9 6:30pm Church Council  
AA meeting
- Mar 13 6:30pm GALS
- Mar 14 10am Backpack Warehouse
- Mar 16 10:45am Corner Table  
6:30pm AA meeting
- Mar 20 10am Hands at Work
- Mar 23 6:30pm AA meeting
- Mar 26 5pm Trustees
- Mar 27 6pm United Methodist Men @ Boxcar
- Mar 29 6pm Meeting with David Christy,  
WNCC District Superintendent

### **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. **We will not meet on Sunday March 19th.**

**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. **No class on Sunday March 19th.**

## *Congratulations*

Elaine Miller and the Concordia Crusaders Basketball team won the Lutheran Schools BB Tournament in January.

Khloe Riddle was named Student of the Month for January at St. Stephens High School.

Gracie Setzer made the softball team at River Bend Middle School.

Isaiah Hendershot has been performing in "Charlotte's Web" with The Green Room Community Theatre at Newton Performing Arts Center with *rave* reviews.

## *Sympathy*

Sympathy to the Jerry Blankenship family of Taylorsville. (Lorean Little's brother-in-law)

Sympathy to the Cliff Mason family on his passing.

Sympathy to the Jim Templeton family.

Sympathy to the family of Rev. Elbert Goble of Taylorsville. (Uncle of Patricia Hoke)

Sympathy to the Jason Crooks family.

Sympathies to the Floy Starnes family. (Sandra Colson's mother)

Thoughts and prayers to the countries of Turkey and Syria devastated by the earthquake.

## *Thankful*

The first AA meeting on February 2nd welcomed 9 people. Please continue to pray for Bob and Kristen.

Angie & Rick Sigmon along with Sue Camasta celebrated their one year anniversary with BUMC in February.

Kennie Benfield's niece is doing well after kidney transplant surgery.

Revival at Asbury University in Wilmore, KY went on for sixteen (16) days with estimates of up to 70,000 people attending the almost 400 hours of praise and worship.

## Attendance for February 2023

(includes Facebook LIVE views)

	9:39	11:00
January 29	71	24
February 5	91	37
February 12	68	36
February 19	73	34
Average	76	33



### ANNIVERSARIES

Mar 19	Lemmie & Jenny Smith
Mar 25	Dale & Judy Setzer

### 2023 Communion Stewards

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
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

# MARCH

## BIRTHDAYS

### March

1	Wyatt Plemmons
3	Samantha Stewart
4	Oliver Willard
6	Keegan Dixon
11	Danya Beatty
12	Kaitlyn Bumgarner
14	Libby Connor
16	Janie Morrison
17	Greg Miller
19	Kelsey Sigmon
20	Mary Sue Miller
21	Dina Murphy
22	Leighton Harwell
23	Darlene Clark
	Hannah Clark
24	Kelby Auldredge
	Telecia Hefner
25	Willie Roseman
26	Alex Miller
29	Beckie Miller
31	Khloe Riddle



Sunday

March 12



# 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 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 March 16<sup>th</sup>. Please let Avajeon Meadows know by March 12<sup>th</sup> 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's 5th Annual March Madness Challenge will tip off on March 1st, so we are less than one week out from the big day! We need your help to make this year's event a great success. Gather your family, friends, co-workers, club members, church members, etc. and join us in this fun tradition of seeing which team scores the greatest number of points (in terms of donations) during this year's ECCCM March Madness Challenge! For more information, contact Allen Sherrill @ [a.sherrill@ecccm.org](mailto:a.sherrill@ecccm.org) or call 828-465-1702 ext. 116.



Dear Friends,

I send a big thank you to each of you for the loaded Valentine candies, they disappeared rapidly.

So much love,  
Kathleen Sigmon

Mark your calendars now for March 29 at 6:30pm. WNCC-UMC District Superintendent David Christy will be here to share information about the UMC disaffiliations. We have not started the process at all, nor is that the intent. Some church members have expressed interest in having more information and we are going to get the information directly from DS Christy. NOW will be serving a simple dinner.

Rising Hope Farms will be offering volunteer training this month. Volunteering is a great way to get community service hours for school, serve our special needs community, and learn about and have fun with horses. Volunteering at Rising Hope Farms includes learning how to become a side walker for a child with special needs and help him/her accomplish great things through therapeutic horsemanship. No prior horse knowledge or experience is required. For information see the flyer posted, call Sandy Sherrill at 828-302-7240, email to [sandybs310@yahoo.com](mailto:sandybs310@yahoo.com) or visit [www.risinghopefarms.com](http://www.risinghopefarms.com). Training dates are March 11 or March 18 from 10am-12pm.



## LENT

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, began our season of Lent. Lent runs 40 days, not counting Sundays, through the Saturday before Easter. The 40 days represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. Today, Christians focus on a relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others. *What will you give up for Lent? It's not too late to start.*



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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