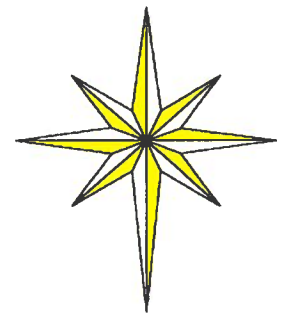


Bethlehem Star May 2023



May Events and Meetings

- May 1 10am Hands at Work
- May 2 11am United Women in Faith
- May 4 **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**
6:30pm AA meeting
- May 5 11am Port-a-Pit Chicken fundraiser
- May 8 6:30pm GALS
- May 10 5pm Community Meal
(Help with traffic control is needed @ 4)
- May 11 6:30pm Church Council
AA meeting
- May 14 **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**
- May 15 10am Hands at Work
- May 18 10:45am Corner Table
6:30pm AA meeting
- May 21 **GRADUATION SUNDAY**
- May 22 6pm United Methodist Men @ Boxcar
- May 25 6:30pm AA Meeting
- May 28 5pm Trustees
- May 29 **MEMORIAL DAY**

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.

www.facebook.com/groups/183080758729790

Children's Church is held during the 11am Sunday Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall classroom.

Congratulations...

to Randall Sullins for 2nd place in the NC Super Senior Four Ball Championship.

to Montana Canipe and the BHHS Band for earning Superior at MPA.

to Crystal Sellers, daughter of Jearld & Carolyn Leonhardt, upon graduating Divinity School.

to Isaiah Hendershot for his performances of "In the Woods" at the Newton Performing Arts Center.

to Pastor Dennis & LaRue's grandson Jordan on his marriage on April 6th in Miami, FL.

to Dawson Reed Efrid and Rhett Phillip Chapman who were baptized on April 16th.

Sympathy

Sympathy to the family and friends of Robert Caldwell.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Nalda Abernathy.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Mac Robbins who passed away on March 29th.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Keith Sigmon.

Sympathy to the Long/Whisnant family in the passing of Pastor Dennis' great Aunt.

Sympathy and prayers for the Nashville school shooting families and tornado victims in MS, AK and KY.

Sympathy to the Gilden family.

Sympathy to the Raymond Gentry family and friends.

Thankful

The GALS Community Meal on April 5th served 300+ meals and almost 100 bags of groceries.

Attendance for April 2023

(includes Facebook LIVE views)

April 2	46	111
April 9 Easter	151	
April 16	33	103
April 23	38	86
Average	39	113



ANNIVERSARIES

3 rd	Jason & Kristy Hedrick
4 th	Charles & Brandalyn Connor
6 th	Ricky & Autumn Canipe
18 th	Mark & Alisa Carpenter
22 nd	Ryan & Mara Yount
23 rd	Brian & Wendy Yount
26 th	Dennis & Sandra Lindler
27 th	PJ & Holly Chapman
29 th	Terry & Debbie Caldwell

2023 Communion Stewards

May 7	9:39	Chris & Donna Reese
	11:00	Randall & Jeannie Sullins
June 4	9:39	Richard & Winter Setzer
	11:00	Autumn & Montana Canipe
July 2	9:39	Rick & Angie Sigmon
	11:00	Dayne & Terri Miller
		Keri & Isaiah Hendershot
	11:00	Steven & Carolyn Kale

Alternates: Britany & Khloe Riddle
Jason & Kristy Hedrick

Please let Sheila Miller know if you can not serve on your scheduled date. 828-234-1855



Birthdays

4 th	Rhett Phillip Chapman
5 th	John Harwell
6 th	Darrell Roseman
7 th	Violet Molllyann Audredge
8 th	Alisa Carpenter
12 th	Briana Moser
13 th	Aaron Sigmon
	Regina Cole
	Kent Sigmon
	Eddie Yount
14 th	Celesta Winn
17 th	Debby Mullins
18 th	Michelle Sigmon Chase
19 th	Caleb Beatty
20 th	Carol Hipps
21 st	Reggie Miller
	Ryan Matthew Sigmon
24 th	Tim Miller
25 th	Miranda Sigmon Braley
27 th	Laura Hipps Hsiao
29 th	Ripken Yount

The United Methodist Church Financial Records Handbook recommends quarterly contribution statements be sent to donors as well as an annual statement. Statements have been mailed for the first quarter of 2023 (January-March 2023).

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 **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 Corner Table

Feeding Needs of Catawba County

COMMUNITY KITCHEN • BACKPACK PROGRAM • FROZEN MEALS

The date for this month is May 18th. Please let Avajeon Meadows know by Sunday, May 14th if you can help. Phone/text: 828-234-6519



JOIN US FOR A
PORT-A-PIT
Fundraiser
SPONSORED BY BUMC METHODIST MEN

BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST
3214 CATAWBA ST. CLAREMONT

5.5.2023 \$12/PLATE 11AM-4PM

1/2 CHICKEN, BAKED BEANS, COLESLAW, ROLL, DESSERT
ONLY PRE-ORDER TIX: CALL 828.381.2603
OR SEE A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH

Proceeds go to the Miracle of Bethlehem Campaign & UMM

BAPTISMS

Dawson Reed Efrid was baptized on April 16th. He is the son of Kyle & Ashton Efrid. Grandparents are Stuart Efrid, Randy & Kim Bowen and Scott & Shannon Sigmon.

Rhett Phillip Chapman was baptized on April 16th. He is the son of PJ & Holly Chapman, little brother to Lainey. Grandparents are Kim & Randy Bowen, Stuart Efrid, Kim & Larry Phillips and Phillip Chapman.

Dawson and Rhett are first cousins! We welcome our two newest baptized members to BUMC.

WANTED: New members to join the *Chancel Choir*. We would meet on Wednesday evening for practice. Come join in for a fellowship of music to add to the service on Sunday Morning. If interested please message Darlene or call at 704-691-4119.

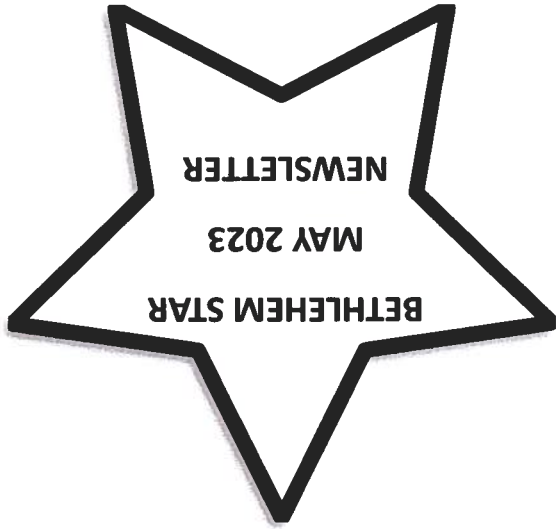
Anyone interested in playing *Handbells*? It is not necessary to read music to play but that would be a plus. I have a method that enables you to play. I need adults and teens for the group. The time for practice will be arranged later. If interested please message Darlene or call at 704-691-4119.

The CDC needs help to cover classrooms during lunch. We need someone for 2 hours each day. Please contact Sabrenia at 828-827-2022 if you would be willing to work.

MIRACLE OF BETHLEHEM

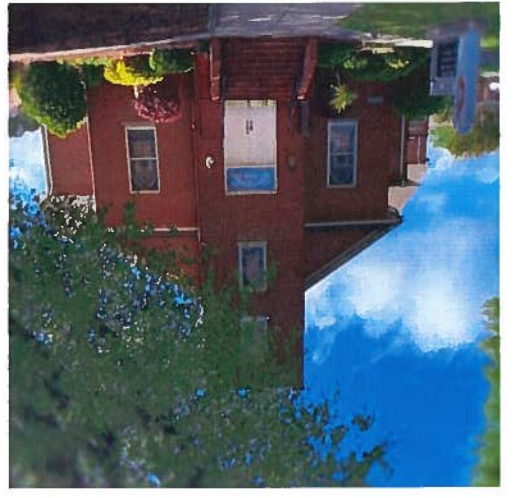
Our Miracle of Bethlehem Campaign has kicked off to a great start. We have heard testimony of two miracles from Dayne & Terri Miller and Autumn Canipe so far and more are coming in the next few weeks. We had the informational meeting on April 23rd with a good turnout. Miracle Sunday is June 4th. Let us all pray for our miracle.





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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