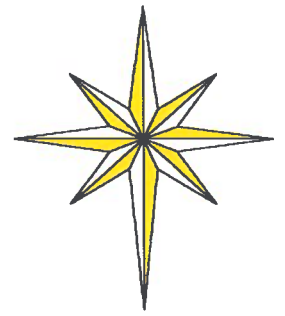


# Bethlehem Star October 2021



## October Events and Meetings

- Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 10 AM Hands at Work
- Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 11 AM United Methodist Women  
7 PM Men in Christ
- Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 10 AM Pastor Appreciation Sunday
- Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM GALS
- Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 5 PM Community Meal
- Oct 14<sup>h</sup> 6:30 PM Church Council
- Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 10 AM Hands at Work
- Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 7 PM Men in Christ
- Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 5 PM Trustees
- Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 6 PM United Methodist Men

**Youth** meet on Sunday at 4 PM. Students 6th grade - 12th grade are invited. Contact Eddie Hendershot at (828) 381-9001 for information.

**K5 Blast** meet on Sunday at 4 PM. Students in Kindergarten - 5th grade are invited. Contact Autumn Canipe at (828) 514-6974 for information.

**\*\*Watch the K5 Blast Facebook page for any changes in schedule. Turn on Notifications so you will get all updates and messages.**

## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

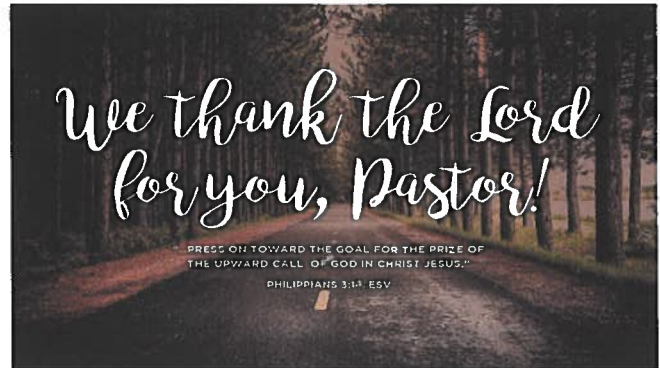


Early detection saves lives.

For more information, go to  
[www.nationalbreastcancer.org](http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org)

If your contact information or church affiliation has changed, please notify the church office.

## October is Pastor Appreciation Month!



The second Sunday in October, October 10th, we will be recognizing Pastor Dennis. If you wish to give a special gift, envelopes are available in the Narthex. We will collect these the whole month of October in the offering plates. The entire month of October is Pastor Appreciation Month so let's make Pastor Dennis and LaRue know how much we love and appreciate them during this month and all year long.

*"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."* Jeremiah 3:15

### *Our Pastor*

*You lead our congregation by opening Gods' Word and then you live your life reflecting all we've heard.*

*You care for others deeply and lift them up in prayer, and when we face misfortune, we know that you'll be there.*

*We really love you, Pastor, for everything you do.*

*And we thank God for giving us a Pastor like you.*

*By: Anne Peterson*

**Our Attendance for September 2021**

10 AM Worship Services  
(includes Facebook LIVE views)

August 29th	94
September 5th	65
September 12th	76
September 19th	52
September 26th	73
Year to date average	87



# October

8th	Cody & Katie Plemmons
10th	Austin & Abby Setzer
14th	Matt & Kristen Sims
15th	Chris & Reggie Miller Dayne & Terri Miller
25th	Carl & Angela Dean



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<b>October</b>	
1st	Terry Miller Isaiah Hendershot
2nd	Jeff Hipps
3rd	Brian Shook, Sr
5th	Sonya Harwell Anna Williams
6th	Jan Colson Donna Buchanan Brittany Moretz
7th	Charles Murray
8th	Jeannie Sullins
9th	Brenda Sigmon
13th	Tara Riffle
15th	Ben Loftin Susan Hollar Ashley Sample Scott Sigmon Stella Grace Sigmon
17th	Mac Robbins
18th	McKenzie Marshall Easter
	Clark Sigmon
19th	Reese Yount
21st	Martha Barringer Kathy Sigmon
22nd	Logan Parlier
24th	Pamela Miller
25th	Michael Deal
29th	Jovie Connor
30th	Paul Setzer Brandon Lindler Julia Herman Braylen Ziare Tate

# Mission Opportunities

The **BLESSING BOXES** are an on-going mission for our church. Please donate canned vegetables, canned meats, and other non-perishable food items. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Toiletries and laundry items are also needed. Please donate to our community to help those in need.

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**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.

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**Good News Shoes for Honduras!** We are collecting *new* and *slightly used* shoes to be sent to Honduras. The shoes we send will be placed in the Good News Store in Choluteca, Honduras. 100% of profits generated by the Good News Store serves the poor and helps finance and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in Honduras and beyond. We are also collecting *new* and *slightly used* summer clothing. There are collection containers in the old kitchen.

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The **Backpack Program** is up and running again. This is a program of the Corner Table. There are 34 schools participating and approximately 1300 children are enrolled. All food is purchased in bulk, at cost, from local distributors with donated funds. All bags are packed and delivered by volunteers. Bethlehem, along with St. Mark's and Mr. Calvary sponsor the program at Claremont Elementary School. Please consider donating to help feed our children. A donation of \$150 will sponsor a child for a year with 280 meals and snacks. All donations are appreciated.

If you would like to volunteer to help pack the bags at the warehouse on Tate Blvd., please call Sherrie Miller at 828-256-9259. Each month's date will be posted when announced.

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The **Youth** will be working on Operation Christmas Child and Project Agape Shoeboxes. Contact Eddie Hendershot for information.

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The **United Methodist Women** are collecting money for the **Pregnancy Care Center**. Please take a baby bottle and fill with change, cash or check (payable to the Pregnancy Center). Baskets with bottles are

in the Narthex and the old kitchen. Collection time has been extended and bottles are due back **October 10th**.

The **UMW** is also collecting all occasion greeting cards for St. Jude's Ranch for Children where they will be recycled into new cards and sold. New cards (with or without envelopes) and the front of used cards are accepted. A container for the cards is in the kitchen. If you have questions, please contact Sherrie @ 828-256-9259. *Cards from other charities, Hallmark, Disney and American Greetings can not be accepted due to copyrights.* Thanks for you support.

## Tithes

The online giving application Bethlehem utilizes has changed. GIVEPLUS+ has been sunset and replaced by VANCO FAITH. The mobile app is available at the Apple App Store and Google Play. To use with a desktop, laptop, iPad, etc. go to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YYSG/home>.

If you already use GIVEPLUS+, your account, profile and any recurring transactions you have in place will integrate into the new system and continue unless you update the existing account information. Printed instructions are available in the church Narthex and the Fellowship Hall.

\*Remember when giving to a special fund or in honor or memory, please note this with your gift. You have the ability to include this notation if you use VANCO FAITH. If you prefer, offerings can be mailed directly to the church at PO Box 233, Claremont, NC 28610.





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**Worship Services:**

10 AM Worship - Sanctuary

10 AM [Facebook LIVE](#)

[Bethlehem UMC-Claremont, NC](#)

[FM 90.1 in your car](#)