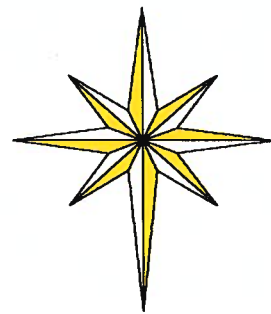


Bethlehem Star October 2022



October Events and Meetings

- Oct 3rd 10am Hands at Work
- Oct 4th 11am United Women of Faith
7pm Men in Christ
- Oct 9th Pastor Appreciation Sunday
- Oct 10th 6:30pm GALS
- Oct 13th 6:30pm Church Council
- Oct 17th 10am Hands at Work
- Oct 18th 7pm Men in Christ
- Oct 20th 10:45am Corner Table
- Oct 24th 6pm United Methodist Men @ Boxcar
- Oct 30th **Consecration Sunday**



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 class.

Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

The month recognizes the contributions and services of Pastors who are on call 24/7/365. Pastors and clergy serve their congregation and community in many ways. They nurture our spiritual well-being, provide counsel, help us through good times and bad times, mourn with us and celebrate with us. Pastor Appreciation Sunday, celebrated annually on the second Sunday in October, is a good time to thank Pastors and clergy for the work they do year-round. Let's show Pastor Dennis how much we love, respect and appreciate him for everything he does for our church and community. Here are ideas for how to say "thank you":

Send a Thank You card or handwritten note

Prepare a Thank You basket

Offer to do outside chores or volunteer

Say nice things

Pray for your Pastor

Give a gift card to his favorite restaurant

Have children make thank you cards & or gifts

Send an appreciation text

Take a group photo in front of the church and frame it for him

<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/holidays/what-is-pastor-appreciation-day-and-clergy-appreciation-month.html>

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/pastor-appreciation-sunday-ways-to-say-thank-you>

Sympathy

Sympathy to family & friends of Allan Hanes.

Sympathy to family & friends of Robert Anderson.

Sympathy to family & friends of Brenda Teague.

Sympathy to family & friends of Patsy Taylor.

Sympathy to family & friends of Steve Brewer.

Sympathy to family & friends of Tootsie Chapman.

Sympathy to the Jerry Lowman family.

Attendance for September 2022

(includes Facebook LIVE views)

	9:39	11:00
August 28	75	36
September 4	90	22
September 11	65	30
September 18	76	29
Average	77	29



Anniversaries

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



NATIVITY UPDATE

We are happy to report the following pieces of our new Nativity have arrived and are in our storage rental: The Holy Family, the Hovering Angel, the Wooden Stable, the Shepherd Boy and one Sheep. The Donkey and the Ram have been ordered.

Anyone interested in helping purchase additional pieces is asked to donate to the Christmas Decorations Fund/Nativity. Please see Melanie Sigmon or Donna Sims for any questions.



October

1 st	Terry Miller Isaiah Hendershot	
2 nd	Jeff Hipps	
3 rd	Brian Shook Sr	
5 th	Sonya Harwell Anna Williams	
6 th	Jan Colson Donna Buchanan Brittany Riddle	
7 th	Charles Murray	
8 th	Jeannie Sullins	
9 th	Brenda Sigmon	
13 th	Tara Riffle	
15 th	Ben Loftin Susan Hollar Ashley Sample Scott Sigmon Stella Grace Sigmon	
17 th	Mac Robbins	
18 th	McKenzie Marshall Easter Clark Sigmon	
19 th	Reese Yount	
21 st	Martha Barringer Kathy Sigmon	
22 nd	Logan Parlier	
24 th	Pamela Miller	
25 th	Michael Deal	
29 th	Jovie Elizabeth Connor	
30 th	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 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 days to pack are December 13th and March 14th, 2023. In September, the group packed 300 bags! That is awesome! 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 October 20th. Please let Avajeon Meadows know by October 16th if you want to help. Phone/text: 828-234-6519.

The Youth will be collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child this year. Eddie will have boxes and instructions available for you to pack and return by November 20th. This year's goal is 200 shoeboxes.

ECCCM needs: Hygiene items in recognition of National Hygiene Month, recycled grocery bags, gallon & quart size zipper style bags, egg cartons, food, winter coats & clothing for men, women & children and volunteers.

ECCCM's Hunger Walk is October 16th at 3pm in downtown Newton. Registration starts at 2pm with awards at 2:45pm. This walk benefits The Corner Table. You can help by getting a team together to participate in the walk, raise money, donate and/or cheer the walkers as they go by. For more information, call 828-465-1702 or email at ecccm.org.

Thank you so much for helping us raise \$686.40 for the Pregnancy Care Center of Hickory!

United Women of Faith



Consecration: the action of making or declaring something sacred

Consecration Sunday will be October 30, 2022. Rev. Paul Christy, Senior Pastor at First UMC in Hickory, will be our guest leader and speaker this year. In the coming weeks, you will be hearing more about Consecration Sunday and how to grow your spiritual relationship with God through giving for the missions and ministries of the church. The enclosed letter has more details on Consecration Sunday and what is going to happen in the weeks leading up to Consecration Sunday. We will have both services (9:39 & 11) and there will be a catered lunch after the 11am service. Members of this year's organizing team are Jearld Leonhardt, Melanie Sigmon, Autumn Canipe, Ron Sims, Dayne Miller, Ryan Link, Eddie Hendershot, Patricia Hoke and Pastor Dennis. Please pray for the team, Rev. Christy and our church during this month.

Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Luke 12:34

What is God calling me to do?



October 1, 2022

Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Governing Board Chairperson,

Chris Miller

Chair, Church Council

Bethlehem United Methodist Church