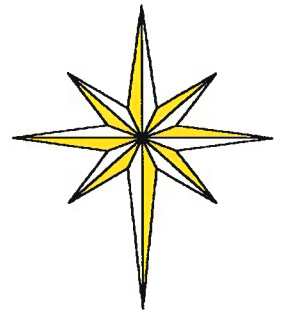


# Bethlehem Star September 2021



## September Events

- Sept 7<sup>th</sup>      11 AM United Methodist Women  
                  7 PM Men in Christ
- Sept 8<sup>th</sup>      5 PM Community Meal
- Sept 9<sup>th</sup>      6:30 PM Church Council
- Sept 13<sup>th</sup>     6:30 PM GALS
- Sept 20<sup>th</sup>     10 AM Hands at Work
- Sept 21<sup>st</sup>     7 PM Men in Christ
- Sept 26<sup>th</sup>     5 PM Trustees
- Sept 27<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.**

*No Open Door class on Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>  
Hands at Work will not meet on September 6<sup>th</sup>.*

*Jesus Tykes and Jesus Kids Sunday morning classes*

## Updated COVID Recommendations as of August 8, 2021 by the WNC Conference UMC and Catawba Valley District UMC

During the Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> worship service, Ron Sims, Lay Member to Conference, gave an update on current recommendations (8/8/2021) from the WNC Conference and Catawba Valley District:

***“Due to the increasing Covid-19 spread verified by the data revealed on the CDC’s Community Transmission Map, the Bishop and Cabinet are strongly recommending the wearing of masks at all indoor ministry activities, including worship. We also recommend that pastors and church leaders consider offering outdoor worship and alternative ministry activities to protect children and other vulnerable persons.”*** [www.cvdistrictumc.org](http://www.cvdistrictumc.org)

The Church Council met on Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> and prayerfully voted to adhere to the Cabinet’s recommendation to protect our congregation. **Please wear coverings of the nose and mouth while in the church building for worship and meetings and social distance from members outside your household. (This applies to those vaccinated and unvaccinated.)** Other precautions include the suspension of Passing the Peace, passing the Offering plates, Jesus Tykes and Jesus Kids Sunday morning classes. Communion will be offered two ways, the traditional method and by the single serving method. As COVID continues to be a very fluid and dangerous issue, other changes may be made. Hopefully these measures will be necessary only for the short term.



I will be on vacation September 17<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>.  
Pastor Dennis will be on vacation Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. The church office will be closed.  
Please have any items for the October newsletter to me by September 15th. I will be working on this before I leave. If you have a need or emergency during this time, contact Eddie Hendershot, 828-381-9001.

Thank you, Patricia Hoke

## Our Attendance for August 2021

10 AM Worship Services  
(includes Facebook LIVE views)

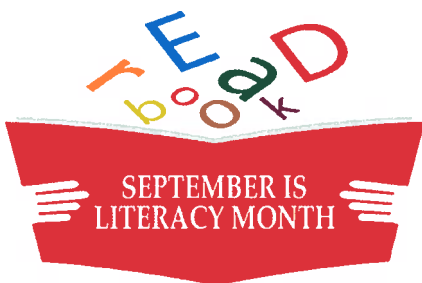
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	99
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	81
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	91
August 15 <sup>th</sup>	73
August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	80

Year to date average: 85



# September

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brian & Sonya Harwell
12 <sup>th</sup>	Jeffrey & Julia Herman
14 <sup>th</sup>	Eddie & Keri Hendershot
16 <sup>th</sup>	Ron & Donna Sims
29 <sup>th</sup>	Scott & Melanie Sigmon



## SEPTEMBER

4 <sup>th</sup>	Greyson Miller Savannah Shook
5 <sup>th</sup>	Alice Williams Kennie Benfield
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sheila Bell
7 <sup>th</sup>	Clark Whiteside, Jr
11 <sup>th</sup>	Melia McClellan Vuncannon Roger Miller
13 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Oakley
14 <sup>th</sup>	Randall Sullins Mila Rose Connor
15 <sup>th</sup>	Leah Shook Timothy Yount Jerry Lowman Brenda Jones
19 <sup>th</sup>	Danny Hedrick
20 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn Canipe Avajeane Meadows Ashton Efrid
21 <sup>st</sup>	Andres Pogue
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Selina Setzer
24 <sup>th</sup>	Jake Loftin
25 <sup>th</sup>	Abby Miller Setzer Kristen Sims
26 <sup>th</sup>	Terry Caldwell Mark Loftin Sandra Lindler
29 <sup>th</sup>	Masen Harwell Jeffrey Herman Carolyn Kale Ann Annas
30 <sup>th</sup>	Nanette Murray Moore

# Mission Opportunities

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). Return the bottles by Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Baskets with bottles are in the Narthex and old kitchen.

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As schools begin to open, the Backpack Program will start for the new year. The Backpack Program 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. Our children thank you!

Volunteers are needed to pack bags at the Backpack warehouse on Tate Blvd. on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 10am. If you have questions or want to help, please call Sherrie Miller, 828-256-9259.

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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 during this difficult time. Thank You!

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LOVE PACKAGES is collecting Christian literature. 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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## Pregnancy Care Center

### PLANTING SHADE TREES FOR LIFE

Fundraising event with Dr. Dennis Swanberg

Author, Pastor, Comedian

Thursday, September 30, 2021

6:30—8 pm

Outdoor venue at Discovery Church

2201 Startown Road, Newton NC

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## Tithes

The online giving app Bethlehem utilizes will change as of September 30, 2021. GIVEPLUS+ will be sunset and replaced by VANCO FAITH. This will be available to use online (desktop, laptop, iPad, etc) or through the mobile app. The new app is available at the Apple App Store and Google Play.



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: If giving to a special fund or in honor or memory, please note this with your gift. 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

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[FM 90.1 in your car](#)