

The Bethlehem ORCHARD
MAY 2017

Bethlehem UMC
5300 Nesbit Road
Waxhaw, NC 28173
Return Service Requested



CONTACT INFORMATION

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Church Office Hours

Mon. – Thur. 9 am – 4 pm

Friday 9 am – 1 pm

Electronic Giving

Simply log onto our church website at:

bethlehemchurchonline.org

Or text to give @ 704-870-2111

Prayer Group:

Meets on Mondays at 10:00 am.

You may now go to our church website
(www.bethlehemchurchonline.org) and place
a prayer request.

Come join us!

TEAM PRAYER:

*Keep oil in your lamp
so your
light shines bright.*

*Your church needs you
to be the light!*



**Prayers &
Praises**

Wishing everyone a Happy Mother's Day!

**MAY CALENDAR –
WEEKLY EVENTS**

SUNDAYS:

8:30 am Contemporary Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship

MONDAYS:

10:00 am Prayer team
6:45 pm Chancel Choir
6:30 pm Scouts

WEDNESDAY:

6:30 pm Scouts
7:00 pm Praise Team

Graduates!

**Bethlehem is blessed to have at least 9
graduates this year between High School
and College. Be sure to be here as we
honor them on June 5th!**



Congratulations to our Graduates:

High School - Caroline Blackmon, Carter Blackmon, Austin Gilliard, Mattie Harkins, Ben Pike, Brittney Plyler. **College** - Kellie Belk, Molly Couick and Courtney Leighton from college!

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Welcome to Lynn Poteate Our new Children's Minister!

Lynn and Husband Bill live in the Waxhaw area; they have 5 children, and are excited to be apart of Bethlehem. Lynn has 20 years of experience in education and Christian development. She has many new and exciting programs planned for our children. Below are the flyers for a couple of those programs. She will start a children's church on May 28th, register now for Summer Camp on Wednesdays, and VBS will be August 4th & 5th. Get involved and be apart of the life of a child - our future!



Lynn will need lots of volunteers and already has sign up sheets in her office!

Confirmation Class

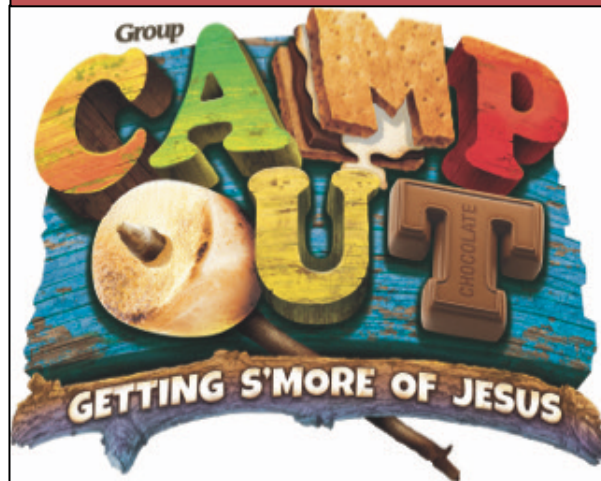


Confirmation Class 2017

Confirmation Class – With Prospect UMC has just wrapped up! Join us on June 11th as we welcome our newest members into our church family!

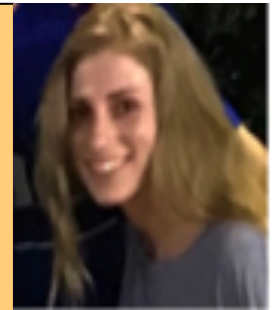
VBS

Aug. 4 & 5
9 am - noon



DUKE STUDENT:

Katie Wachoub will be joining us for the summer starting the end of May! She will need a place to stay! Please be in prayer about opening your home to her and let Renee know if you have any questions...



**KATIE
WACHOUB**

*Be a Blessing
and you'll
receive a
blessing!*

WOW BETHLEHEM!

Thank you for your gracious contribution of 246 dozen cookies given to the Walkup family to take to the Kairos Prison Ministry at the end of March! Below is a picture of all the cookies from the teams as they were unloaded and ready to be taken into the facility!



Our nursery is available during both worship services and Sunday School. Suzette Yow is our nursery caregiver. BUMC proudly follows the Safe Sanctuary Guidelines!

From the Desk of the Pastor:

If someone asks you why you are Methodist, what would be your answer? Here is the answer we can give as we studied through our ongoing Bible Study, A Disciple's Path:

I am a Methodist because of their understanding of God's grace that is with us throughout our spiritual lives. I follow Christ in the Methodist tradition because of the Wesleyan balance in these areas:

Between God's providence and human freedom - As Methodist, we believe God reigns over all and intends for everyone to receive the saving love and redeeming grace in Jesus Christ. We believe that God loves us enough to give us the freedom to reject that love, yet continues to work to draw us closer and closer into relationship with the holy. Between heart and head - While Methodists affirm the importance of what happens in our heads, the center point of our spiritual tradition is on what happens in the heart. We have confidence that if we get our hearts right, our heads will follow. The heart of the matter for a Methodist is the matter of the heart.

Of personal piety with social action - Methodists are completely convinced that the love we feel in our hearts must become the love we express with our hands and feet. Between present and future salvation - For Methodist, Salvation is an ongoing process by which the grace of God is constantly at work in us to shape our lives into the likeness of

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Christ.

Because of the method of spiritual practices that is embedded in our history - I'm a Methodist because we really believe that being a Christian is all about learning to love God and love others and it provides me with a method to do that through the means of grace found in our spiritual devotional practices.

Blessings.

Renee

Preschool Spotlight

Preschool graduation is set for 6 pm on May 25th in the sanctuary. We have 29 little graduates. That is also the last day of preschool for the year! Registration for next year is filling up fast – so contact Ashley Blackmon to reserve your spot for next year already!

Preschool Summer Camp

July 10th – 13th

Contact Ashley Blackmon for details!

Ushers for MAY:

Libby Kiser, Leslie Kiser,
Wendy Kiser & Glenn Kiser

Greeters for MAY:

Kathy Starnes & Kim Walkup

UMW NEWS

Thanks to all who worked so hard and contributed items to the yard/bake sale. The amount of \$1,973.00 was given to our land fund!

Thanks to those who contributed to the Mission U project by giving 23 purses to homeless and domestic violence shelters in our area filled with helpful items. The UMW also took 27 Health Care Kits to the district prayer breakfast. These will be distributed to those who lost everything in floods, tornados, hurricanes and etc. How blessed we are to be able to help those in need!

On July 22, there will be a "Walk for Missions" at the Monroe Mall (inside) from 9:00 – 11:00 am. If you can walk or if you would be willing to sponsor someone let me know.

Dianne Moser will be chairing a committee to supply our kitchens family life, fellowship hall, and our brand new arbor with needed items. Let her know if you are willing to serve on this committee!

Our next unit meeting will be Sunday, July 9th at 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Helping Hands Circle will be in charge of the program and refreshments. Hope to see you there!

Barbara Strickland
UMW President

HONORARIUMS

LAND FUND:

Dale Walkup – by – Gale S. Rowell
Mary Alice Wilson – by – Eric, Julia Tori &
Emry Tsitouris
Carolyn Starnes – by – Mary Anne Starnes
Stan & Joyce Pope – by – Mr & Mrs Larry Liles
Ms. Grace Goldy – by – Betty Ann Starnes
Billy & Loretta Ponder – by – “ “ “
Karen Totaro – by – “ “ “
Mary Alice Wilson – by – “ “ “
Billie Thomas – by – “ “ “
Wendy Kiser – by – “ “ “
Marion Cox – by – “ “ “
Carolyn Starnes – by – “ “ “
Bryan & Crystal Gilliard – “ “ “
Chloe Phillips – by – A friend
Renee Easter – by – Eric, Julia Tori & Emry
Tsitouris
Mr. Arlin Mosley – by – Gene & Sue Brantley
Bryan & Crystal Gilliard – by – Gene & Sue B.
Billie Thomas – by Betty Ann Starnes
Chloe Phillips – by – Monroe Chapter O.E.S.
Taylor Starnes – by – Betty Ann Starnes
Emry Tsitouris – by – “ “ “
Charles Smith – by – “ “ “
Ed Moss – by – Charles & Bonnie Smith
Betty Ann Starnes – by – Eric, Julia, Tori &
Emry Tsitouris

Crochet Classes

Would you like to learn? Classes start May 11th @ 6:30 pm – bring size H & J crochet hooks, a skein of Peaches & Cream cotton yarn & a skein of Red Heart yarn. Classes will last approx.. 1 to 1.5 hours...

MEMORIALS

LAND FUND:

Ralph O'Neil Starnes – by – Betty Ann Starnes
Champ Goldy – by – “ “ “
Junior Glenn – by – “ “ “
Billy Ponder, Jr.
Lloyd Brock – by – Barbara Strickland
“ “ – by – Mary Alice Wilson
“ “ – by – Carolyn & Reece Starnes
Billy Ponder Jr – by – Ajean Broome
“ “ – by – Mike & Mary Mosley
Grace Carter – by – Catherine C. Austin
Betsy Carter – by – “ “ “
Billy Ponder, Jr – by – Gene & Sue Brantley
Dwight & Myrtle Starnes – by – Betty Lou
Mosley
Deceased members of the Eli Reece Starnes
Family – by – The Reunion Committee

Backpack Ministry:

The backpack program at Bethlehem can always use the following items - Vienna Sausage, Spaghetios, Mac 'n cheese, Ramen Noodles, beanie weenies, oatmeal, instant grits, pop-tarts, cereal bars, granola bars, Lance crackers & etc. We fill 32 backpacks each week to send home with a child who might otherwise not have food over the weekend. Your donations can be items above, money, or just your prayers. Remember – there's still a month to go!

May is teacher appreciation month! Take a moment to thank a special teacher in your life. Remember your Sunday School teachers too!

Our Special Members

Catherine Austin (DOB: 10/8)
1302 S. Johnson St. Monroe 28112

Edith Broome (DOB:09/09)
918 Fitzgerald St. Rm 23 -Monroe Square
Monroe, NC 28112

Mildred Cox (DOB 12/11)
502 Elm St. Marshville, 28103

Helen Faires (DOB: 9/27)
1118 Crestbrook Dr.
Charlotte, NC 28221

Grace Goldy (DOB 6/25)
2417 – A Grandville Place
Monroe, NC 28110

Doris (Doby) McLean
4115 Rocky River Rd. S.
Monroe, NC 28112

Arlin Mosley (DOB: 4/04)
7002 Potter Rd. S
Waxhaw, NC 28173

Chloe Phillips (DOB:12/30)
Woodridge Assisted Living
2515 Fowler Secrest Rd. Room 334
Monroe, NC 28110 704-219-9545

Audrey Tyson (DOB 05/02)
5806 McWhorter Rd.
Waxhaw, NC 28173 704-843-2432

Frank Tyson, Jr. (DOB 02/06)
8903 Lancaster Hwy.
Waxhaw, NC 28173

Dale Walkup (DOB 03/03)
7332 Potter Rd. S.
Waxhaw, NC 28173 704-843-2526