

# Bethlehem Messenger

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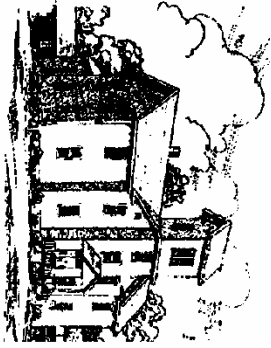
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## October 2018



Bethlehem United Methodist Church  
321 Redland Road  
Advance, North Carolina 27006



### **VISION STATEMENT:**

Bethlehem UMC is excited and joyful about being alive in Christ!

### **CORE VALUES:**

Share the Love of Christ  
Live and Relate with Integrity  
Strive to Glorify God  
Act in Faith and Love  
Encourage Spiritual Growth

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

We are here to ignite the light of Christ! We exist to be and make disciples so that we will transform our community and world for Christ.

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## **FROM THE PASTOR**

At age 55, J.C. Penney was tempted to think his life was over. His health was terrible and he was 7 million dollars in debt. He could have said, "That's it. I quit. I give up."

However, he refused to focus on his circumstances. The possibilities were his focus. And when he was 90, he had regained all he had lost and headed up a financial empire. We've all shopped there.

We may feel like giving up and walking away from life. But giving up is easy. Anyone can give up. It takes the courage that comes from faith to press on when it seems that every avenue has been blocked and every opportunity removed.

Sometimes the path to hope and victory runs straight through the valley of adversity ... a difficult time of heartache. The key to overcoming is found in this biblical admonition: "Be still and know that I am God."

He is the One who knows us by name and has plans to use our lives for the blessing of others to His glory. So when we feel overwhelmed, let's remember: "Be still and know that I am God."

Be blessed, Chuck

## **BETHLEHEM ANGELS PRESCHOOL**



We have had a fantastic start to our Preschool year. Since the first day of school, we have welcomed several new preschoolers and their families. The children are doing a great job settling into new routines, making new friends, and bonding with their teachers.

We are so happy to be able to provide special learning opportunities for our children each week. Twice a month Ms. Kathy from Musicare visits to have music classes where the children sing fun songs, learn about basic elements of music, and play various instruments. Ms. Shannon visits from the Davie County Library on alternating weeks bringing books, puppets, and her bag of "goodies" to help our Preschoolers develop a love of books and reading. We also have Chapel each week to read Bible stories, sing Bible songs, and help our children have a greater understanding of God's love for us. We are truly blessed to be able to provide our children with a well-rounded preschool experience!

Our Fall Children's Consignment Sale was held on Friday and Saturday, September 21-22 in the Family Life Center. It was a great event, giving many families an outlet for selling no-longer needed items, helping families find good deals on needed items, and also allowing the Preschool an opportunity to help our community with donations to local agencies. Thank you to all who helped with this fundraiser!

## **MEMORIALS**

<b>In Memory Of:</b>	<b>Given by:</b>	<b>Fund:</b>
Garry Potts	Larry & Sue Riddle	Good Neighbor Fund
	Perry & Debbie Crutchfield	Good Neighbor Fund
	Gail & Maria Page	Good Neighbor Fund
	Mike & Elizabeth Flynn	Good Neighbor Fund
	Walt & Karen Myers	Good Neighbor Fund
	Joe & Lois Steelman	Book Bags of Hope
	Stepping Out in Faith Class	Good Neighbor Fund
Maxine Dowell	Derek & Pam Harpe	Good Neighbor Fund
Maxine Dowell in honor of her birthday on September 4	Nita Bullard	Primary Ministry Fund
Sue Lynch	Gail & Maria Page	Good Neighbor Fund
	Walt & Karen Myers	Good Neighbor Fund
	Stepping Out in Faith Class	Good Neighbor Fund
Calvin Ijames	Derek & Pam Harpe	Good Neighbor Fund
Dorothy Simons	Derek & Pam Harpe	Good Neighbor Fund
Evan Gough	Mike & Elizabeth Flynn	Good Neighbor Fund
	Derek & Pam Harpe	Good Neighbor Fund
Kathy Rivers	Nita Bullard	Cemetery Fund
	Derek & Pam Harpe	Good Neighbor Fund
Pat Reavis	Derek & Pam Harpe	Good Neighbor Fund
Barbara McMillan	Derek & Pam Harpe	Good Neighbor Fund

## **HONORARIUMS**

<b>In Honor Of:</b>	<b>Given by:</b>	<b>Fund:</b>
James & Pauline Howard	Chuck & Jamey Johnson	Cemetery Fund
Barbara Allen	Joe & Lois Steelman	Book Bags of Hope

## MISSIONS

### Book Bags of Hope

This school year Bethlehem is partnering with Smith Grove UMC on the Book Bags of Hope project for Pinebrook Elementary & North Davie Middle Schools. This project donates a bag of food every Friday to a child for the weekend. These children would normally have very little, or no food to eat on the weekend. There are about **75+** bags given out each Friday. All foods are individually wrapped, single servings, and require minimal cooking.

Help us by donating food to this worthy cause. Some food items are alternated throughout the year, but the items on this list are collected all year long. Purchase items on the list below, and donate items in the boxes provided around the church (Missions Room, FLC, CAC).

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| *Oatmeal                                                             | *Chex Mix                                    |
| *Grits                                                               | *Chef Boyardee Variety 7.5 oz. microwavable  |
| *Nutri-Grain bars                                                    | *Raisins                                     |
| *Pudding cups                                                        | *Del Monte Fruit Cups                        |
| *Cheez-It snack packs                                                | *Campbell's Chicken Noodle or Tomato soup    |
| *Pop Tarts                                                           | *Rice Crispy Squares – 1.3 oz. (larger size) |
| *Cheese Nabs or Wheat and cheese (No peanut butter due to allergies) |                                              |

Contact Christin Howard (336-978-9326) or Virginia Burnette (336-409-8721) for more information, or if you would like to help pack the bags! If you'd like to donate money, designate your check to Book Bags of Hope.

**Don't forget this is a yearlong commitment – we need your help!**

**COAT AND SWEATER DRIVE...** Now until December. We will be collecting used coats, jackets, sweaters, and sweatshirts in GOOD, CLEAN condition. Please leave these in the Mission Room beside the sanctuary, and they will be donated to Storehouse for Jesus.

## UNITED METHODIST MEN

**PINE NEEDLES...** Only \$5 per bale. Contact a member of UMM or call the church office for pick-up or delivery

**BREAKFAST:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Join us on Sunday, October 14 at 7:30 am in the Family Life Center. Hope to see you there!

## BETHLEHEM ANGELS PRESCHOOL (continued)

Our **Mrs. Pumpkins Bake Sale** will be underway soon! Order forms will be in the vestibule or the lobby of the Family Life Center starting October 10. Please turn in all order forms and money (*checks made payable to Bethlehem Angels Preschool*) to the Preschool or church office by **Sunday, October 28**. Orders will be delivered Monday, November 5.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Judy Tucker, Frances Smith, Patsy Hanes, LeGrand Dunn, Ima Jean Smith, Dennis Peterman, Billie Collins, Nonie Peterman, Rhonda Darby Kirk (daughter of David & Judy Darby), Casey Jones (friend of Derek & Pam Harpe), Judy McDaniel (friend of Joe & Lois Steelman), Paisley Speas (friend of Brittany Tugwell), Heather Egger (daughter of Steve & Judy McDowell), Rick Evans, Helen Hill, Jimmy Pardue (nephew of Joe & Lois Steelman), Shane & Hailey Dudley (son-in-law & daughter of Barry & Susan Bowman), Connie Graham (sister of David Powell), Christine Miller, Robert Cornelius, Roy Sofley, Judy Bailey (friend of Barry & Susan Bowman), Parker Bailey (friend of Barry & Susan Bowman), Theresa Huddleston, Charles Baker (father of Chuck Baker)

**Sympathy extended to: Barbara D. Smith and family** in the passing of her nephew, Gray Hayes, on Sunday, August 26 from a motorcycle accident

## WORSHIP

**COFFEE TIME...** Join us in the Family Life Center at 9:30 am on Sundays for coffee and a danish while we fellowship prior to the Sunday school hour

<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b>8-26</b>	<b>9-2</b>	<b>9-9</b>	<b>9-16</b>
8:45 Worship	38	39	39	31
Sunday School	59	63	80	61
11:00 Worship	123	91	94	76
Total Worship	<b>161</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>107</b>

## STAFF INFO

Pastor: Dr. Chuck Baker	pastor@bethlehem-umc.org
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Financial Secretary: Peggy Isenhour	peggy.i@bethlehem-umc.org
Finance Office: Jean Harpe & Sandra Sofley	finance@bethlehem-umc.org

## MISCELLANEOUS

**ALL SAINTS DAY** will be celebrated on Sunday, November 4. On this date we will remember Bethlehem members and immediate family members (parents, children, spouse, siblings) who died since November 2017. Send a picture and basic biographical information about your loved one to church office by Sunday, October 21 for power point presentation.

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES...** November articles are due to the church office by **Tuesday, October 16**

**2018 LAITY SERVICE AWARDS:** Congratulations to Tim Hoffman & Jerry Howard

**CHURCHWIDE:** Sunday, October 28 in the Family Life Center 12:15-2 pm  
Cornhole Competition and Chili Cook-off

## MEETINGS

**CHARGE CONFERENCE:** Sunday, October 14 at 6 pm in the Family Life Center

**FINANCE TEAM:** The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 11 at 5 pm in classroom 13

**ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD:** The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 11 at 6 pm in classroom 14

## YOUNG AT HEART

**REMINDER:** All Young at Heart be sure to save these dates: November 14<sup>th</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup> ... more information will follow

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The HOPE circle of UMW will meet at 7 pm on Tuesday, October 2 at the home of Barbara Allen, 122 Lakeside Crossing in Kinderton. Our program will be an introduction to Christianity and World Religions, a bible study by Adam Hamilton. All women are invited to attend!

The Joy Circle will meet Thursday, October 4, at Sharon Moser's house, at 7 pm. Marcia Sexton will be sharing the lesson. All women of the church are welcome.

## MISSIONS MOMENT

Have you picked up your Operation Christmas Child Shoebox?! If not, there is still plenty of time to pick up one (or more!) and fill it with small toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for a special little boy or girl. Filling a shoebox with your children or grandchildren is a fun activity that helps teach them about mission outreach and how to assist those less fortunate than themselves. If you are not able to shop, please let me know, and I will be happy to fill a shoebox for you with your monetary donation.

This is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Operation Christmas Child. Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has distributed over 157,000,000 shoebox gifts to children around the world in more than 100 countries, all in Jesus' name.

The Greatest Journey, the twelve-lesson discipleship program offered to millions of shoebox recipients each year, is raising up a new generation of evangelists. Meliza (age 12) learned every Bible story in the Greatest Journey then asked for fifteen more booklets so that she could teach her cousins in Mexico. "The Greatest Journey equipped her at a young age to share the Gospel with her family," said her teacher.

Remember that the most important thing you can put into your shoebox is a prayer. Ask God to use your gifts and the churches who distribute them to bless boys and girls while sharing the true meaning of Christmas – the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

~ Virginia Burnette, Missions Chair

## Operation Christmas Child Mission Project

It's time to start collecting items for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! Please start praying for this mission project as you begin to gather small gifts for a boy or girl (ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14) that will fit inside a shoebox. Brochures with instructions and suggestions for gifts will be available on Sunday, September 2 for pickup in the Missions Room and Family Life Center. Please note that no toothpaste or candy is allowed in shoeboxes this year due to customs regulations.

Filled shoeboxes need to be returned to Bethlehem by Sunday, October 7. You may bring them back sooner if you wish and place them in the Mission Room. We have chosen October 7, World Communion Sunday, to dedicate our shoeboxes. This special day will emphasize our ties to global missions and our commitment to mission efforts around the world.

Last year, we filled 172 shoeboxes. Wouldn't it be fantastic if we could top that number and fill all 200 shoeboxes this year?! For questions, please call Virginia Burnette (336-409-8721) or Becki VanderKlok (336-306-4632).

## **FINANCIAL INFO**

<b>GIFTS:</b>	<b>8-26</b>	<b>9-2</b>	<b>9-9</b>	<b>9-16</b>
<b>Primary Ministry</b>	\$5,482.00	\$10,664.00	\$6,084.00	\$3,892.00
<b>Cemetery Fund</b>	-	-	225.00	-
<b>Good Neighbor</b>	105.00	100.00	205.00	220.00
<b>Missions Fund</b>	25.00	-	50.00	-
<b>Book Bags of Hope</b>	275.00	-	50.00	-
<b>Children's Fund</b>	-	20.00	-	-

**DONATIONS:** When fundraising events are held at our church, donations that include a meal or a service are NOT tax deductible. In order to receive a tax deduction, a separate check should be made out to the church that does not include the cost of the meal or service. That donation can be mailed to the church or put in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Donations at the site of the fundraising event will not be tax deductible. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Isenhour at peggy.i@bethlehem-umc.org. This is a law mandated by the IRS and if not followed, our church can lose the tax-exempt status.

**CONTRIBUTING STOCKS/BONDS:** BUMC has a brokerage account at Wells Fargo. If you have negotiable instruments that you would like to donate to Bethlehem, have your broker transfer directly to Wells Fargo, using account number 17083592; our DTC number is 0141. If you have any questions, please call Ken Lard (336-407-7718)

## **SPECIAL ADDRESSES**

**Kevin Allen:** Autumn Care Nursing Home, 1007 Howard Street, Room 214, Mocksville, 27028

**Barbara Boger:** Trinity Elms, 3750 Harper Road, Room 603 A, Clemmons, 27012

**Maxine Boger:** The Crest of Clemmons, 6010 Meadowbrook Mall Court, Clemmons, 27012

**Marie Fesperman:** Trinity Elms, 3750 Harper Road, Room 912, Clemmons, 27012

**Marian Funderburk:** 1351 Suzanna Wesley Drive #134, Winston-Salem, 27104

**Shirley Griffin:** Trinity Elms, 3750 Harper Road, Room 504, Clemmons, 27012

**Peggy Frances Smith:** Somerset Court, 1635 East 5th Street, Room 120, Winston-Salem, 27101

**Ruby Smith:** Trinity Elms, 3750 Harper Road, Room 403, Clemmons, 27012

**Dot Sparks:** Somerset, 150 Ken Dwiggin Drive, Room 204, Mocksville, 27028

## **Volunteers for October**

<b>11:00 am Acolyte</b>	<b>11:00 am Slideshow</b>
7 Bella Russell	7 Lance White
14 Richard Nuckolls	14 Karen Willard
21 Jonathan Gunter	21 Jack Newman
28 Lilly Pfaff	28 Walt Myers
<b>Rotational Greeters</b>	<b>Nursery</b>
7 Walt Myers	7 Linda Dorsett
14 Debbie Crutchfield	14 Debbie Vogler
21 Susan Long	21 Pat Newman
28 Virginia Burnette	28 Marcia Sexton
<b>Weekly Greeters</b>	<b>Church Sign</b>
William Clontz & Larry Riddle	Barry Bowman & Lance White
<b>8:45 am Ushers</b>	<b>8:45 am Slideshow</b>
Hal Davis, Don Hanes, Joe Myers	Kyle Laird
<b>11:00 am Ushers</b>	
7 Stephen Isenhour, Nathan Smith, James Howard II	
14 David Powell, Jon Gunter, Ken Lard, Walt Myers	
21 Jack Newman, David Darby, Steve Sexton, Gary Holt	
28 James & Pauline Howard, Carl & Sharon Moser	
<p><b>NEWSLETTER TEAM:</b> Team members Helen Hill, Gail Howard, Jean Harpe, Helen Lanier, Sharon Moser and Ima Jean Smith will assemble the November newsletter on Thursday, October 25 at 9:30 am in the Christian Activity Center. Please feel free to join us!</p>	

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you for the beautiful rose, prayers and well wishes! We really do appreciate our church family.

~Roy & Sandra Sofley

Thanks for the cards in memory of my sweet sister. Many thanks for all the cards, food and prayers during my illness. God is so good. Loved the rose.

~Christine Miller

We appreciate everything that everyone has done to be there for us after the loss of our wife & mother, Kathy Rivers. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you all for the support during this difficult time. Everyone has made an awful time in our life more bearable. We truly appreciate everything.

~Gene Rivers, Jennifer Rivers Seivers & family