

# The Epistle



September 2019

## Mt. Bethel UMC Newsletter

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### Service Times:

#### Sunday

Coffee Social 8:30am  
Sunday School 9:00am  
Worship Service 10:00am  
UMYF 5:00pm  
Choir Practice 6:00pm

2nd Sunday (except holidays)  
God's Kids Club 11:30AM

#### Wednesday

Adult Bible Study 6:30pm

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

*They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. (Acts 16:6-10 NRSV)*

You may have seen the incredible play on the news or the internet – a three-point winning shot of 90 feet. The basket was made by a young man playing for his high school team in Texas. There was only 0.6 seconds left on the overtime game clock when he rebounded a missed free throw. He just spun around throwing the ball the entire length of the court and the ball went through the net for the winning score.

Did the young man even have a thought that he would actually make the three-point winning basket? He did have some qualifications as he was the high school football quarterback. In a fraction of a second he responded to the challenge of the moment trying to do the impossible. The impossible became the possible only because he tried to do it.

The apostle Paul was used to doing what others would never attempt. He tried to take the gospel everywhere that was possible. He was prevented from taking the gospel into Bithynia. Then the apostle saw a vision of a man pleading with him to "*Come over to Macedonia and help us.*" Paul's response was immediately to begin trying to go to Macedonia.

When does the impossible become possible? Only when someone tries to do the impossible. "Impossible" seems to be a word that sets up barriers, which are not always real. Someone once said, "*All thing are possible until they are proved impossible. And even the impossible may only be so, as of now. I have learned to use the word impossible with the greatest caution.*"

So, what is impossible for you? Is it impossible for you to witness to someone? Is it impossible for you to take an office in the church for the next year? Is it impossible for you to teach a Sunday School class? Is it impossible for you to attend church because of a family member? Is it impossible for you to write notes of encouragement? Is it impossible for you to pray for those in need? Is it impossible for you to read God's Word daily? Is it impossible for you to stop drinking or smoking? Is it impossible for you to stop using illegal substances? Is it impossible for you to stop looking at pornography? Is it impossible for you to live like you know you ought to live? Is it impossible for you to invite someone to church? Is it impossible for you to \_\_\_\_\_ (You can fill in the blank)?

It may be that it is only impossible because you refuse to try. Everything that you refuse to do, or try, or begin is impossible for you. That young man would never have won the game if he had not tried the impossible. So, what about you?

September is here and activities at the church are picking up again. On Tuesday, September 3 the Nominations Committee will meet to finalize our slate of officers for next year, on Wednesday September 4 we will kick-off CROP Walk with the team captains meeting, and on Sunday September 8 we will celebrate Homecoming. Wednesday, September 11 will be the first night of our fall Bible Study. Sunday, September 22 the Church Council will meet to approve Charge Conference material, and on Monday, September 23 the UMM will sponsor a Blood Drive (**please note time change 1:00-5:30pm**). Then on Sunday afternoon, September 29, leaders of the church are to attend a District Dialogue about "Seeing All The People." You can mark your calendars now; our Charge Conference will be Wednesday October 2 at 7:00 pm.

I and the staff of your church ask for your prayers as we head into the very busy time. Do not forget to pray for all those on our prayer list; prayer works and miracles do happen.

In Christ Love,

Pastor Dale



**JOY TRIP TO FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
CONOVER, NORTH CAROLINA  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019  
DOUG RITCH, COMEDIAN  
MEAL BY THE UMM  
COST OF TRIP \$ 15.00  
MEET AT CHURCH AT 5:00 PM**



**PACK 275  
NEWS**

**Cub Scouts will be starting up again around the end of September. We will be meeting on Monday nights. We are looking forward to another fun year of hiking, camping, canoeing, and developing young leaders!**

**GOD'S KIDS CLUB**

WOW! Vacation Bible School (VBS) was a blast! I don't know about the younger kids, but this old kid had a great time. We had twenty of God's Kids in attendance - some from Christian Community Fellowship Church, some from Shiloh Lutheran Church, some from Mt. Bethel UMC, and some from the community.

Thursday night was started out with a meal provided by Shiloh Lutheran Church, and then we all went into the sanctuary for opening remarks and music with Rev. Neal Bowman. The kids were introduced to our robot, "EP-6" and experienced a rocket ride "To Mars and Beyond," the title of our VBS to "Explore Where God's Power Can Take You." VBS Key Bible verse was from Ephesians 3:20, "Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or image by His power at work within us." We also started to learn the song "Open the Eyes of My Heart."

After our sanctuary time, the adults retreated to their classroom with their teacher, Rev. David Huffman, and the kids went to the fellowship hall to explore the story of Daniel in the lion's den and learn the American Sign Language (ASL) for the Power Verse that went along with the story, "Go Beyond with Faith." Then half of the kids went outside for some fun time and the other half stayed inside to start our first project of reverse tie-dyeing a t-shirt with Clorox. Then we switched, outside kids came inside and inside kids went outside.

We ended our first night of VBS with the story of Queen Ester and learning the ASL for the Power Verse for that story, "Go Beyond with Boldness." Each kid was given a "Take Home Page," where they had attached the Power Verses, to share with their family.

Friday night began with a meal provided by Community Christian Fellowship Church, and then the adults went to their class and the kids went to the sanctuary for music with Pastor Neil. We began to learn the ASL to the song "Open the Eyes of My Heart." Then we went to the fellowship hall where we explored the story of the Good Samaritan and learned the ASL Power Verse for the story, "Go Beyond with Kindness." Our projects were next; half of the kids dropped painted a sun catcher and half painted glitter on their t-shirts. As a kid finished a project they went to do the next project. When the kids finished both projects, they went outside to play.

Friday night was completed with the story of Jesus healing the 10 lepers and learning the ASL for the Power Verse for that story, "Go Beyond with Thankfulness." Everyone got their "Take Home Page" to share with their families.

Our last night of VBS began with a meal provided by Mt. Bethel UMC and afterwards the adults went to their class and the kids went to the sanctuary for music with Pastor Neil where we sang and did motions with some fun songs and sang "Open the Eyes of My Heart" with the ASL. After that, off to the fellowship hall for the story of Jesus comforting friends on the way to Emmaus and learning the ASL for the Power Verse, "God Beyond with Hope." Then we made SLIME. We all got slimy!! After the slime, we went outside to blast of rockets and play. Everyone went home at closing with their t-shirts, sun catchers, slime, and "Take Home Page."

The Mission Project with a Purpose was collecting items for male and female hygiene kits such as toothbrush and toothpaste, comb, deodorant, body wipes, & add sanitary pads for the female kits. The kits were assembled and given out to the homeless in the Hickory area by the United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) on Sunday, August 4th when they feed the homeless.

Candy and I would like to thank Anita Bostian, Kathy Reece, and Megan Spainhour for their help with VBS. We could not have done it without you!!

Our next God's Kids gathering will be September 22nd right after worship service in the parlor and end around 12:45. Hope to see all of God's Kids that day and be sure to invite your friends. Nancy Johnson, Children's Coordinator

**Coming Soon!**

**8TH ANNUAL BETHLEHEM,  
ALEXANDER COUNTY**



**OCTOBER 20, 2:30PM**  
(Registration begins at 2PM)

**KICK-OFF & TEAM CAPTAIN ORIENTATION  
MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPT 4 6:00PM**

**APPALACHIAN  
DISTRICT DIALOGUE**

**SUNDAY, SEPT 29**  
**BROAD STREET UMC**  
**STATESVILLE, NC**  
**2:30-5:00PM**

From the Book:  
*"Developing an Intentional Discipleship  
System: A Guide for Congregations"*

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT**



Will resume on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30pm. Hope that you plan on joining us in the study and fellowship! Our study will be based on the book used for the District Dialogues-

*"Developing an Intentional Discipleship  
System: A Guide for Congregations"*

**MT. BETHEL UMC  
CHARGE CONFERENCE**

**WEDNESDAY, OCT 2 7:00PM**

**PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS**

Tuesday, 9/3 7:00pm Nominating Committee Meeting

Monday, 9/9 7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting  
(to set 2020 Budget)

Sunday, 9/22 7:00pm Administrative Council Meeting  
(to approve Charge Conference Business)

**BETHLEHEM DAY  
@ MT BETHEL UMC  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2019**

**MISSION AND  
OUTREACH PROJECT**



Mt Bethel plans to use the festival atmosphere of the annual Bethlehem Day to reach out to our community. The plan is to make available a rest station with diaper changing & baby feeding areas and have cold water for anyone who needs or wants it.

**Things that we need:**

A shade tent (with sides for privacy)  
Changing tables (diapers, wipes, etc.)  
Rocking Chairs  
Coolers full of bottled water  
Church & CDC Brochures  
Volunteers-To set up, staff the area, and take down afterward  
Small items from the church and candy to give out

*Thanks for your cooperation in  
helping give Mt Bethel UMC some  
representation in the community!*



## UMM'S FALL



Saturday, October 5

4:00– Until (Serving from trailer @ 11:30am)

**BBQ or Chicken Plate \$9.00**

**Half BBQ/Half Chicken Plate \$9.00**

**WHOLE CHICKEN OR CUP OF BBQ \$9**

**CUP OF SLAW \$4**

**CUP OF BEANS \$5**

**Eat in or take out.**

Plates include choice of meat with slaw, beans, pickle and roll. Please support our UMM!

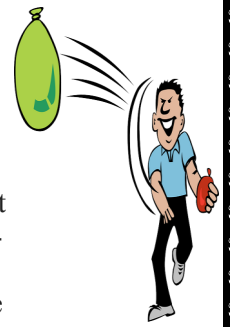


## MT. BETHEL UMC

### HOMECOMING

**SUNDAY, SEPT 8**

**10:00AM**



We hope to do things a little different this year. How many of you remember some of our past homecomings and their traditions? This is what we would like to bring back-some of the past traditions.

Pastor Dale will bring the message and then we will dismiss to enjoy

**“Dinner on the Grounds”** (out front under the trees) and a big tub of lemonade. After the covered dish meal we will play some games like we did back then including a Three Legged Race, Relay Races, Water Balloons, Corn Hole, Simon Says and others as long as people want to play. Prizes will be given to the winners. There may be an old fashion Hymn Sing (outside **without** music). If you will bring a change of clothes and prepare to enjoy a day of good food, a glass of lemonade and games. In case of rain we will eat and play some games indoors. Come and enjoy some of

## UMYF NEWS

School is back in session for everyone! Leah and Nick are settled into Early College and already hard at work. Everyone else went back Monday, August 26th. With every new school year comes new worries for our students. We spent some time in devotion discussing those worries and how we can use God's word to help us transform our fears and worries into strength through the Grace and Love of our Lord Jesus. We wrote down our worries and then burned them to signify God removing those worries from our hearts and replacing them with his Grace.

Matthew 11:28-30 *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*

In September we will be discussing “fire” and what it symbolizes in the Bible. Did you know that the word fire is used 510 times in the KJV of the Bible? Is your heart on fire for Jesus? We will be focused on fanning our flames over the next month!

2 Timothy 1:6-7 *“For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline.”*

9/1/19: No UMYF, Labor Day Weekend

9/8/19: Homecoming; regular meeting 6:30-7:30

9/15/19: We will pack lunches for the homeless and deliver after service, lunch and devotion

**9/21/19: Bethlehem Day. Come out and support the UMYF and the UMM in our joint booth. Plan to have lunch with us!**

9/22/19: Regular meeting 6:30-7:30

9/29/19: Regular meeting 6:30-7:30

May the Lord bless you and keep you, Candy



## **SAVE THE DATE — UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR ...**

### **OCTOBER**

Tuesday, Oct 1 **S/PPRC Meeting** 7:00PM (Clergy Assessments)  
 Saturday, Oct 5 **UMM Fall BBQ** beginning at 11:30 from the UMM trailer, serving plates from the FH 4:00PM until....  
 Sunday, Oct 6—13 Pastor's Vacation **UMM Choir Practice** 5:00PM  
**Bethlehem Community Sing @ Shiloh Lutheran** 6:00PM  
 Monday, Oct 7 **JOY Meeting** 10:30AM Tuesday, Oct 8 **Worship Committee Meeting** 7:00PM  
 Thursday, Oct 10 **Childcare Ministry Meeting** 6:30PM ??  
 Sunday, Oct 13 **UMM Sunday** **GKC Program and Lunch** 11:30AM  
 Tuesday, Oct 15 **VOW Committee Meeting** 7:00PM  
 Sunday, Oct 20 **CROP Hunger Walk** 2:30PM (Registration at 2PM)

### **NOVEMBER**

Saturday, Nov 2 **UMW Chicken & Dumplings Supper** 4:00-8:00PM  
 Sunday, Nov 3 **Daylight Saving Time Ends/All Saints Day Observance**  
 Monday, Nov 4 **JOY Meeting** 10:30AM **GKC Program and Lunch** 11:30AM  
 Sunday, Nov 10 **Veterans Day Recognition Service** 10:00AM Worship  
 Tuesday, Nov 12 **Worship Committee Meeting** 7:00PM  
 Sunday, Nov 17 **Thanksgiving Sunday**  
 Tuesday, Nov 19 **VOW Committee Meeting** 7:00PM  
 Sunday, Nov 24 **Christ the King Sunday** **Adm Council Meeting** 4:30PM (Jan-Jun Calendar Planning)  
 Tuesday, Wednesday Nov 26-27 **Church office open**  
 Tuesday, Nov 26 **CDC Thanksgiving Banquet** 12PM  
 Wednesday, Nov 27 **CDC Closed**  
**Community Thanksgiving Service** @ Promised Land Ministries-Speaker Rev Neil Bowman  
 Thursday, Nov 28 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**  
 Friday, Nov 29 **Church office closed**

## **PRAYER LIST**

**Ill Health**—Steve & Carolyn Bolick, Sarah Moretz, Wes Starnes, Richard Speagle, Don Strout, George Clark, Lori Lewis, Dave Bergeron, Larry Bolick, Celena Ingalls, Brandy Henderson, Lindsey Looper, Remi Ross, Bob & Charlotte Rorie, Dr Greg Harric, Allene Starnes, Abby Cox  
**Home Members**—Emily Armstrong, Mae Teague, Helen Sigmon, Susan Sigmon, Hazel Hubbard (Trinity Elms Rm #701)  
**Cancer**—Gail Sprouse, Tracy & Jimmy Lambert, Doug Stone, Sheila Dewey, Ray Maltba, Sarah Corne, Jim Sipe, Jean Craybill, Amber Dagenhart, Talmage Bowman, Pat Stafford, Paula Jolly, Shirley Lail, Kevin Arnold, Anita Canada, Larry Anderson, Joe Teague, Mark Bolick  
**General Concern**—Becky, Lexie & Jackson Ward, Savana Sigmon (brain aneurysm), Karimah & Khalia Burton, Dan McCray, Amy Piacente  
**Military**—Amber Keenan, Jacob Bowman  
**Surgery & Recovery**—Lori Anne Bowen, Michael McKinney, Colt Bass, Buddy Bryant, Cornelius Covington, Beulah Bolick (eye surgery), Neil Bowman, Sara Cox  
**Deaths**—Families of Barbara Beauchamp (Cindy Strout's sister), Don Benfield, Rev Harold Bales, Jerry Kohnle



**PRAYER**  
*changes things*

UMM's



### **& Sunday are on the horizon...**

The UMM's Fellowship last met on Sunday morning, August 11<sup>th</sup> and on Sunday morning, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Several friends in Christ who were upon some hard times were assisted both prayerfully and financially.

It was noted that our Fall BBQ Pork and Chicken fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, so mark that date on your calendars. All help will be appreciated. It was also noted that our UMM Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be gathering several times throughout September to practice for some special music for UMM's Sunday. New officers slated for the 2020 calendar were nominated and approved with additional details next month. All males regardless of age are invited to join us! At this point in time due to Homecoming activities during September the UMM's Fellowship will not gather unless there is a need for a called meeting during September.

*Kevin Beard | Rodney Bolick*

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 *Todd Bolick*
- 3 *Harley Moretz*
- 7 *Judy Jones*
- 8 *Nathan Bolick*
- 12 *Kenny Starnes*
- 13 *Dewitt Moretz*
- 15 *Erlene Bolick*
- 18 *Jonathan Miller*
- 19 *Chad Watson*
- 20 *Becky Hefner, Rev Dale Bost*
- 21 *David Starnes, Denise Lewis*
- 22 *Frank Sigman, Richard Speagle*
- 23 *Lindsey Kirby*
- 24 *Tracy Sipe*
- 26 *Abby Starnes, Weston Johnson*
- 27 *Donna Reid, Holly Campbell*
- 28 *Kisha Sipe*
- 30 *Sue Kohnle, Howard Bolick, Philip Bolick, Jeff Spainhour*

*Happy Birthday*

**COMING  
SOON**



BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY SING

*Sunday, October 6 6:00PM*

SHILOH LUTHERAN CHURCH

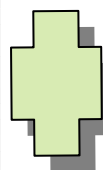
We will be celebrating our faith in music. This event has been a blessing to all attending. An offering will be taken to benefit the Bethlehem Ministerial Association Benevolent Fund in encouraging the needy of our community in Jesus' name.

Thanks for your support!

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 *Mark & Becky Hefner*
- 7 *Jonathan & Karissa Miller*
- 13 *Andy & Amy Shook*
- 25 *Wesley & Sandy Starnes*
- 27 *Chad & Summer Eldreth*

*HAPPY ANNIVERSARY*



## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

*Sponsored by the UMM*

**September 23 1:00-5:30PM**

**(PLEASE NOTE DATE &  
TIME CHANGE)**

[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

Enter sponsor code: mtbethel  
to schedule your appointment

[www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass)

**To speed up your appointment**

(Must be done the day of your appointment).  
Read and answer the questions, print  
the pass or email it to yourself.


**GIVE A PINT—SAVE A LIFE!!!**

## CHURCH NEWS

*Building Fund Balance — \$152,980  
Given to BF Principal Only for the  
month of August was \$3256*

We have had several headstones damaged in the cemetery from the storm several weeks ago. We have not been able to identify all of them so if you have a headstone or know of someone that does please check and let us know if you find any damages. Thanks!

# September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 LORD'S SUPPER	2 LABOR DAY	3 NOMINATING COMM 7:00PM	4 CROP WALK KICK OFF & TEAM CPT ORIENT MTG 6PM	5	6	7
8 HOMECOMING SUNDAY WITH LUNCHEON	9 UMW 6:30PM FINANCE COMM 7PM (2020 BUDGET)	10 JOY OUTING TO FUMC- CONOVER 5PM WORSHIP COMM 7PM	11 1ST NIGHT OF ABS 6:30PM	12	13	14
15 LAITY SERVICE AWARD ANNCMNTS WITH LUNCHEON	16	17 VOW MTG 7:00PM	18 ABS 6:30PM	19	20	21 BETHLEHEM DAY @ MT BETHEL 10:00-4:00PM
22 GKC 11:30AM ADM COUNCIL 7PM (APPROVE CHG CONF BUSINESS)	23  BLOODMOBILE 1:00-5:30PM	24	25 ABS 6:30PM	26	27	28
29 CHRISTIAN ED-TCHR APPREC SUNDAY APP DIST DIALOGUE @ BROAD ST UMC-STSVL 2:30-5PM	30 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM MISSIONAL NETWORK MTG-LIBERTY UMC 6:30	SPECIAL NOTE: TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH: JEFF SPAINHOUR				

# ***Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church***

## ***“Our Mission Statement”***

***“The mission of Mt Bethel United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by proclaiming the good news of God’s grace and by exemplifying Jesus’ command to love God and neighbor. We believe that the heart of Christian ministry is Christ’s ministry of outreaching love. Together, we seek to be the expression of the mind and mission of Christ by living our daily lives in light of our relationship with God.”***

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