

*Happy New Year!*



## ***THE BETHEL INFORMER***

***January 2023***

***Pastor Larry Thompson***

Dr. Gary Kindley once shared this story...After forty-four years of blindness from a dynamite explosion, his father received his sight through a cornea transplant.

We were lighting candles at the conclusion of the outdoor gathering, symbolizing all the parties involved in organ donation. When a woman representing donor families came forward, she discovered that her candle would not light due to the windy conditions of the day. A man representing the Lion's Club, who sponsored the eye bank, made the same discovery. The executive representing the eye bank also failed to get her candle lit. Finally, I came forward representing recipient families. With all four of us gathered around, we could sufficiently block the breeze and succeeded in lighting all four candles. Working together, we changed the conditions to achieve success.

When we work with God, we set into motion conditions that can transform the seemingly changeless and desperate struggles of life into meaningful and significant opportunities of grace. God calls us to change our ways; work with Him and in harmony with one another, and we will see the transforming power and nature of God to redeem, create, and sustain us daily. Let's not make a resolution, let's make a commitment.

***Pastor Larry***

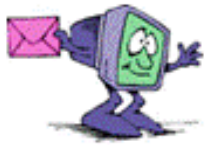
**Please keep these persons and their circumstances in your prayers:**

Evelyn Coggins, Cody Cordell, Martha Doby, Judy Harrington,  
Elsie Joiner, Lois Leonard and Butch Safrit



**Nursing Homes/Retirement Centers:**

Ellen Cobb, Martha Surratt, Dora Walton and Mary Warren



**If you need to contact Pastor Larry Thompson,  
his number is: Mobile: 336-283-1132**

**Email: [LThompson@wnccumc.net](mailto:LThompson@wnccumc.net)**



**Memorials and Honorariums  
Given to Bethel United Methodist Church**

**In Memory of Zeb Hanner**

By  
Ronald and Layne Rickard Noles

**In Memory of Jim Graham**

By  
Kurt and Wanda Grayson  
Jit Salisbury

**In Honor of Shirley Tobin**

By  
Living Bible Class

**In Memory of Sarah Mayhew**

By  
Billy and Sarah Bowling  
Living Bible Class  
Mark and Sheila Myers  
Roger and Susann Mayhew  
Kurt and Wanda Grayson  
Ricky and Cindy Simpson  
Dianne Fore  
John and Carolyn Lester  
Don and Dolores Elkins  
Steve and Debbie Ferguson  
Clyde and Sarah Bailey  
Jit Salisbury



# Important Announcement!

## ***Bethel United Methodist Church Members,***

### **\* On Thursday, January 5th at 7pm.**

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Sam Moore will be holding a Church Conference to give information on why the church needs to consider staying as a United Methodist Church.

### **\* On Tuesday, January 10th at 7pm.**

Rev. Moore will be returning to hold a Charge Conference for ***Bethel Church Members Only*** to be able to Vote on Disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church.

***These two dates are very important dates for the life of Bethel United Methodist Church. I hope that ALL Bethel Church Members will make plans to attend both of these very important meetings, so when we meet on Tuesday, January 10th at 7 pm. you will be ready to vote how the Lord leads you to vote.***

If anyone has any questions about what Disaffiliation means for Bethel United Methodist Church, please let Donna Smith or Wade Loftin know so we can get your questions answered before Tuesday, January 10th at 7 pm.

Please be much in prayer for both of these important meetings.

Blessings,

***Wade Loftin***

Lay Leader/SPR Chairperson

336-687-6029

## ***Fundraiser Luncheon***

Sunday, January 22, 2023

11:30 — 1:00 p.m.

Immediately following  
the worship service.

Meatloaf and Fixings,  
Roll,  
Dessert and Drink

### **Cost:**

Adults — \$10.00

Children —  
6 & under \$3.00  
7-10 years \$6.00



## **MISSIONS / OPPORTUNITIES**

The UMW is collecting for the  
Cooperative Community Ministry.

*The items for January are  
canned juices and fruit*



## **Mid-Piedmont Conference all-conference**

**FOOTBALL**

**Congratulations to  
Chris Doby!**

*Coach of the Year! (Ledford)*



## ***Jit and Imogene's Egg Roll Fundraiser Project***

Vegetable Egg Rolls  
Meat and Vegetable Egg Rolls  
\$10.00 a dozen

*Please contact Imogene  
to place your order.  
(Home) 336-475-2846 or  
(Cell) 336-847-5228*





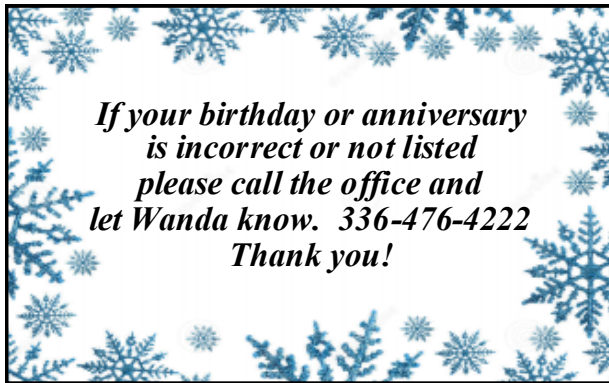
## Calendar of Up-Coming Events

<b>1</b>	9:15 a.m.	<b><i>Happy New Year!</i></b> Sunday School in the Family Life Center with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	On-Line Sunday School Lesson with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service ( <i>Sanctuary</i> )
<b>3</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Larry
	1:00 p.m.	United Methodist Women
<b>4</b>	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Larry
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
<b>5</b>	7:00 p.m.	Church Conference with Rev. Sam Moore
<b>8</b>	7:30 p.m.	United Methodist Men
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School in the Family Life Center with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	On-Line Sunday School Lesson with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service ( <i>Sanctuary</i> )
<b>10</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Larry
	6:00 p.m.	Bethel's Disaffiliation Group Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Members Vote on Disaffiliation with Rev. Sam Moore
<b>11</b>	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Larry
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
<b>15</b>	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School in the Family Life Center with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	On-Line Sunday School Lesson with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service ( <i>Sanctuary</i> )
<b>17</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Larry
<b>18</b>	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
<b>19</b>	6:30 p.m.	SPPRC Meeting
<b>22</b>	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School in the Family Life Center with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	On-Line Sunday School Lesson with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service ( <i>Sanctuary</i> )
<b>24</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Larry
<b>25</b>	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
<b>29</b>	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School in the Family Life Center with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	On-Line Sunday School Lesson with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service ( <i>Sanctuary</i> )
	5:00 p.m.	5th Sunday Singing at Central Wesleyan Church

# Happy Anniversary!

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 Alan and Sharon Beck
- 26 Harold and Shelby Walker
- 28 Vince and Sarah Brown



The webpage has a link  
to our  
YouTube channel.

Check it out! *Bethel's Webpage*  
<http://www.bethelthomasville.com>



# Happy Birthday!

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Tracy Mayhew
- 3 Samantha Boaz
- 5 Adam Oakley
- 5 Jack Tobin
- 5 Charles Wood
- 8 Jeff Burns
- 8 Robert Safrit
- 8 Dianne Fore
- 10 Sarah Fritts
- 13 Cindy Simpson
- 14 Sierra Brown
- 14 George Fore
- 14 Peggy Safrit
- 17 Loretta Baker
- 17 Patty Bowling Woods
- 18 Tim Starbuck
- 21 Benjamin Smith
- 22 Eric Johnson
- 22 Walker Grayson Surratt
- 23 Chris Lewis
- 30 Suzanne Finch
- 30 Sarah Beck
- 31 Caleb Starbuck



## Have a Joyful New Year!

## Monthly



## On-Going Schedule



## Weekly

**1st Tuesday in January**  
**United Methodist Women**  
1:00 p.m. @ Family Life Center

**2nd Sunday in January**  
**United Methodist Men**  
7:30 a.m. @ Family Life Center

### Sunday

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School in the FLC  
with Donna Smith
- 10:00 a.m. On-Line Sunday School Lesson  
with Donna Smith
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)



### Tuesday

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study—Pastor Larry

### Wednesday

- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study—Pastor Larry
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice



*If you need to contact the church secretary,  
her hours are as follows:*

*Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday & Thursday*  
4:00 — 6:00 p.m.




*Church: 336-476-4222*  
*Cell Phone: 336-689-1701*

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing**  
**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:00 p.m.**



**Central Wesleyan Church**  
**Thomasville, NC 27360**

Please come and worship God  
with our area churches.



**United Methodist  
Women**  
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

**Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**1:00 p.m.**

**All women are invited to come and be a  
part of this wonderful missions group.**

**UNITED METHODIST  
MEN**

**United Methodist Men**

Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 a.m.  
at the Family Life Center.

**All men are invited to attend!**