

# The Good News

May 2018

## BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### New Series: Fruity People



Beginning Pentecost Sunday we will embark on a journey through the Fruits of the Spirit. Sometimes people look at Christ-followers and think, they are a bit 'fruity'. Fruity People aren't always a bad thing! Join us as we walk through the Fruits of the Spirit together listening for God's instruction of what ought to be seen in our lives.

### Bethel Craft Night

We would like to invite you to come and join us as we create a home craft with the Fruits of the



Spirit. This would be a great gift idea for someone you want to honor or you could keep it for yourself and enjoy as a new piece in your home. Join us Friday May 18th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP by emailing kami.mears@gmail.com

### Mission Response Center

Join us Monday May 21st as we travel to the Conference Mission Response Center in Mooresville. We will be packaging items to be sent to Armenia through Project Agape. We will leave promptly that morning at 8:00am and return that afternoon. If you are interested in joining us email pastormears@gmail.com

### Sundays

Worship 8:38 am & 11:00 am  
Assembly 9:45 am  
Sunday School 10:00 am

### Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event

**When:** Sunday, May 20 at 2:00 pm. This is Pentecost Sunday! The birth day of the church, where the power of the Holy Spirit was given to the disciples and they were sent on their mission in service to all nations. We would love for the church universal to come together in God's spirit of fellowship and service!

**Where:** Gideon Grove UMC  
2865 Gideon Grove Church Rd, Stokesdale, NC 27357

**What and Why:** Rise Against Hunger



<https://www.riseagainsthunger.org>

Rise Against Hunger's meal packaging program is a volunteer-based initiative that coordinates the assembly-line packaging of highly nutritious dehydrated meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables, and 23 essential vitamins and minerals. The program was created to give dedicated individuals and organizations — from businesses to civic clubs — the opportunity to participate in a hands-on international hunger relief program and to become educated, engaged advocates for the world's hungry.

Since the inception of the meal packaging program in December 2005, these packaged meals have been used primarily to support school feeding programs in developing countries. Hunger is the common thread among the world's most challenging issues. Targeting hunger — specifically by supporting school feeding programs — leverages support to other causes including poverty, disease, education, and the welfare of women and children.

### Mother's Day May 13th

Join us Mother's Day as we celebrate Mothers and the Mothering Spirit here at Bethel UMC.

### Save the dates:

**June 24-28**

**Vacation Bible School**

Contact Terri Johnson if you will help: 643-5887.

**June 7, Aug 2, Sept 13, Oct 25, Dec 13**

**Church-wide**

**"serve & grow" opportunities: Ward Street Mission dinners**

More information to follow.

### Men's Outing Arena Football

May 19th is Star Wars night at the Carolina Cobras' game. All men are invited for a guy's night out at the arena football game where we will cheer for our home team. Tickets are at a discounted price as long as we have 10 or more going. We will be taking on the Mass Pirates that evening at 7:00pm. We will meet at the church at 6pm to carpool to the game. Hope you will join us for a fun outing. RSVP by emailing pastormears@gmail.com.



### Pickup Kickball Tourney

Come one come all to the pickup Kickball Tournament: You are formally invited to a kickball extravaganza here at Bethel field Sunday, May 6th at 5pm. Rev. Alan Mears is the greatest kickball champion east of the Mississippi and invites all ages for the greatest game ever played on Pearman Field (or at least a lot of fun).

### Calling All Graduates

2018 Graduates: We would like to recognize graduates from High School, College, or Grad School here at Bethel UMC. If you or one of your family members might be graduating this year please let us know so that we might recognize them in print and also in Worship on June 3rd.

Spread the news about your events & ministries. Submit articles and calendar items for *Good News!* Deadline is the 20th of each month.

# What's Happening This Month

- YAH's (Young At Heart) Luncheon** ..... **May 1**  
12:00 pm Olympic Restaurant in Kernersville.  
11:15 am at the church to ride the bus.
- United Methodist Men Breakfast & Meeting** ..... **May 6**  
7:15 am, Fellowship Hall.
- Good Samaritan Ministries Board Meeting** ..... **May 8**  
7:00 pm Stokesdale Christian Church.
- Mother's Day** ..... **May 13**
- United Methodist Women Circle #2** ..... **May 14**  
2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall.
- Administrative Council** ..... **May 20**  
7:00 pm Library.
- Pentecost Sunday** ..... **May 20**  
Wear red, orange, yellow or any of your favorite fiery colors!
- Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event** ..... **May 20**  
2:00 pm Gideon Grove UMC.
- GSM Food Pantry & Clothes Closet** ..... **May 26**  
9:00-11:00 am Stokesdale Business Center, 8500 Ellisboro Rd.  
(Not Bethel's day, but volunteers welcome.)



## May Birthdays

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Matthew Willey  | 18 David Simpson    |
| 2 Bryson Norman   | 20 Jesse McGee      |
| 5 Aidan McMulkin  | 21 Paul Beitz       |
| 6 Derek Woods     | 21 Rebecca Williams |
| 8 Kevin Pearman   | 22 Rodney Sorrell   |
| 9 Dana Apple      | 23 Rick Lee         |
| 9 Taylor Holt     | 26 Jordan Johnson   |
| 12 Aaron Black    | 27 Chad Combs       |
| 12 Braylan Mears  | 29 Seth Mabe        |
| 15 Gary Williams  | 30 Bernice Roberts  |
| 17 Rachel Pritsis | 30 Amanda Combs     |



# Sundays

- Worship** ..... **8:38 am & 11:00 am**  
Sanctuary. (Wear "fiery" colors on May 20 for Pentecost!)
- Assembly** ..... **9:45 am**  
Sanctuary.
- Sunday School for all ages** ..... **10:00 am**  
Classrooms and Fellowship Hall.
- Bible Basics** ..... **3:00 pm**  
Library.
- United Methodist Youth Fellowship** ..... **5:00 pm**  
Fellowship Hall.

# Tuesdays

- Morning Bible Study** ..... **10:00 am**  
Library, Bible study.
- Comfort Caps (Evening Stitch)** ..... **7:00 pm**  
Young Adults' classroom. Crocheting & knitting outreach.

# Wednesdays

- Chancel Choir practice** ..... **6:30 pm**  
Sanctuary.
- Evening Bible Study** ..... **7:00 pm**  
Library.

## Wear Red for Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2015

*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. Acts 2.1-4*

Christians celebrate the Day of Pentecost 50 days after Easter Sunday. We celebrate that after Jesus ascended back to heaven 40 days after his Resurrection, his promised gift of the Holy Spirit came down upon the Christian community to comfort, strengthen, empower, and inspire us for the ministry Jesus commissioned us to do in his name.

**When you come to worship on May 20 please try to wear red or any "fiery" colors** you may have—oranges, yellows, burgundies. Wait until you see our entire sanctuary filled as with the flames of Pentecost!

Get into the spirit of Pentecost—or better yet, let the Spirit of Pentecost get into you!



**Rise**  
**AGAINST HUNGER**

food • community • sustainability

formerly **STOP HUNGER NOW**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**MAY 20TH @2PM**  
**GIDEON GROVE UMC**

Change Service Requested

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Stokesdale, NC 27357  
Permit No. 6

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c/o Maurice Woods  
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