

WALKING FOR A CAUSE — The Bethlehem-Alexander CROP Hunger Walk was held October 22, 2017, and over 100 people participated. Some \$9,686 was raised for local and world hunger relief.

Oct. 23 Bethlehem-Alexander CROP Hunger Walk a success

Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church in the Bethlehem Community hosted the Sixth Annual Bethlehem-Alexander CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 22, 2017. A large group of individuals from area churches, civic organizations and businesses gathered under clear skies and hot temperatures for the annual event to raise money for local and global hunger relief.

After a brief opening ceremony, the horn sounded to begin the walk. A long line of walkers and runners proceeded down Hwy. 127 in Bethlehem for a 5K route into nearby neighborhoods. A few who were unable to walk the distance remained at the church to rock outdoors, also raising money for hunger relief.

When the count was completed, Mt. Bethel had

119 walkers, runners, rockers and support workers participating. This year's CROP Hunger Walk resulted in \$9,686 being raised for local and world hunger.

The CROP Hunger Walk is an outreach ministry of Church World Services

which sponsors over 2,000 CROP Walks throughout the United States each year. It is community-based and raises funds for local and world hunger through sponsoring walkers on the day of the walk.

Mt. Bethel members acknowledge the following individuals and organization who helped to sponsor this year's event: Richard Williams, Chiropractic, Danny T. Dyson (Clerk of Court), Josh's Auto & Towing Service, Powell Septic Tank Service, Millersville Baptist Church, Bowman Tire & Auto Inc., Taylorsville Savings Bank, Antioch Baptist Church, Minyard Plumbing, Inc., Bethlehem Lion's Club, Bethlehem Pharmacy, Blondeeze Restaurant, PJ's Seafood & Steak, Steve Brown LLC, Evans Drug, Forgiven Ministry, Hancock & Moore, Richey's Automotive, Lohrman Welding Inc., Sheriff Chris Bowman, Huntington House, Inc., Shiloh Lutheran Church, Russell Well Drilling Inc., Bethlehem Baptist Church, Cruise-In Tire & Automotive,

Prime Cuts Salon & Spa LLC, East Taylorsville Baptist Church, Benjamin W. Hines (Register of Deeds), Alexander County Farm Bureau Insurance, Fellowship Advent Christian Church.

Many thanks goes to the Alexander County Sheriff's officers and the County EMS for their professional work to keep all the walkers safe.

Organizers said it was great to see so many churches, groups and individuals come together for such a worthy cause.

Alex. Landfill holiday closing planned Nov. 23

The Alexander County Landfill will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23, 2017, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Landfill and

Convenience Centers will

return to a normal sched-

ule Friday, Nov. 24, 2017,

according to Josh Mitchell, Alexander County Public Works/Facilities Director.

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Let's Talk About It book discussion resumes at Bethlehem Br. Library

"Explorations of Faith

in Literature" is the theme

for the next "Let's Talk

About It" book discussion

series being hosted by the

Alexander County Library,

Bethlehem Branch. The

series will be held at the

Bethlehem Branch located

at 45 Rink Dam Road.

The dates are January

9, 23, February 6, 20, and

March 6. All sessions are

7:00 -8:30 p.m., are led by

college/university scholars

provided by the North

Carolina Humanities

Council.

Specific titles for dis-

cussion are "Peace

Like a River" by Lief

Enger, "The Chosen" by

Chaim Potok, "Traveling

Mercies" by Anne Lamont,

"Ceremony" by Leslie

Marmon Silko and "A

Prayer for Owen Meany"

by John Irving.

Mt. Bethel UMC

plans holiday events

The church will be sponsoring the following activities and

we invite everyone in the community to come and join us.

- Wednesday, Nov. 22 -- Community Thanksgiving Worship Service, 7:00 p.m., hosted by Fellowship Advent Christian Church with Rev. Billy Honeycutt, Pastor at Promised Land Ministries as guest speaker.

- Sunday, Dec. 3 -- Hanging of the Green Service at 10:00 a.m. in 1st Sunday of Advent Worship.

- Saturday, Dec. 16 -- Church-wide Christmas Caroling 5:00 p.m. Congregation will return to the church for Hot Chocolate and a Cookie Exchange. Anyone in the community is invited to come and join us!

- Sunday, Dec. 17 -- Church Wide Breakfast 8:00-9:30 a.m., sponsored by the UMW.

Sunday, December 17 Children's Community Christmas Party 3:00-5:00PM. Come join us for an afternoon with Santa, Christmas Crafts, Games and Refreshments. This event is an outreach/ministry of Mt. Bethel to ALL the children of our community.

- Friday, Dec. 22 -- Mt. Bethel's Child Development Center Christmas Play 4:00 p.m. Come see the little ones as they play the parts of Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus.

Everyone is invited to come out and join in any of the above events. The church worship schedule is 8:30 a.m.

Coffee Social, 9:00AM Sunday School, and 10:00AM Worship.

Upcoming events for all ages can be found online at www.

mtbethelumc.org.

Mt. Bethel is located on Hwy. 127, 1/2 mile north of Lowe's

Foods grocery in Bethlehem.

Area senior holiday gift program kicks off to make spirits bright

While many seniors enjoy being able to live independently, the holidays can be a difficult time for those who are unable to spend them with friends or loved ones. In fact, isolated seniors are at greater risk for loneliness, anxiety and depression.

This is why the local Home Instead Senior Care® office serving Iredell and Alexander counties is inviting the community to come together to bring some comfort and holiday cheer to area seniors through its Be a Santa to a Senior® program.

Providing gifts and companionship at a time when seniors may need it most, the program is made possible through the generous support of local businesses, nonprofit organizations, retailers, numerous volunteers and members of the community. The local Home Instead Senior Care office has partnered with groups including South River Baptist Church in Statesville, Signal Hill Mall, and Trinity Episcopal Church in Mooresville to help with gift collection and distribution.

This is the Home Instead team's thirteenth year supporting the Be a Santa to a Senior Program, and they expect to bring holiday cheer to over 1,000 local seniors this year.

Holiday shoppers are invited to support Be a Santa to a Senior by visiting a participating location where Be a Santa to a Senior trees will be on display from November 1 to December 8. Those trees will be decorated with paper ornaments featuring seniors' first names and their desired gifts. Holiday shoppers can choose an ornament, buy the requested gift and return it to the store with the ornament attached. There's no need to worry about wrapping — community volunteers and program partners will wrap and deliver the gifts to local seniors in time for the holidays.

"We're excited to get started and see the tree ornaments turn into meaningful gifts and interactions that can make a real impact on seniors' quality of life this holiday season," said Gibson.

"We know there are a variety of gift initiatives out there, and are so grateful to have our partners and community come together to support this important cause that will bring some much-needed holiday spirit to many of our senior neighbors."

Be a Santa to a Senior trees can be found at the following locations:

- Walmart, 901 NC-16, Taylorsville.

- Walmart, 1116 Crossroads Drive, Statesville.

- Barium Springs Family YMCA, 122 Grannis Lane, Statesville.

- Walmart, 169 Norman Station Boulevard, Mooresville.

- Ahlara International, 155 Joe V. Knox Avenue, Mooresville.

- Mooresville Chamber of Commerce, 149 E Iredell Avenue, Mooresville.

- Cannon Pharmacy, 521 E Plaza Drive, Mooresville.

- Walmart, 261 Cooper Creek Dr., Mocksville.

For more information about the program, or if you or your local community organization is interested in helping wrap and distribute gifts, visit Bea SantatoaSenior.com or call 704-799-0655.

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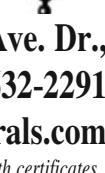
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