

• Bethlehem Elementary Scholars & Citizens of the Month - September •



KINDERGARTEN SCHOLARS

The Bethlehem Elementary Kindergarten Scholars of the Month for September included: Maggie Freeman, Gabe Matney, Truitt Townsend, and Ethan Rainey.



KINDERGARTEN CITIZENS

The Bethlehem Elementary Kindergarten Citizens of the Month for September included: Mia Ortiz, Lakelyn Weldon, Cali Mullens, and Sophia Osland.



FIRST GRADE SCHOLARS

The Bethlehem Elementary First Grade Scholars of the Month for September included: Amelia Houser, Camden Penell, Shelby Hussain, and Ross Little.



FIRST GRADE CITIZENS

The First Grade Citizens of the Month for September at Bethlehem Elementary School included: Briceson Teague, Caylin Wyatt, Blaze Bowman, and Emery Gilmore.



SECOND GRADE SCHOLARS

The Bethlehem Elementary Second Grade Scholars for September included: Elana Bowman, Brody Butler, Sammy Bedzinski, and Cooper Moody.



SECOND GRADE CITIZENS

The Second Grade Citizens of the Month at Bethlehem Elementary included: Addidon Hedrick, Aliya Kue, Abby Haas, Landon Greene, and Bella Stamey.



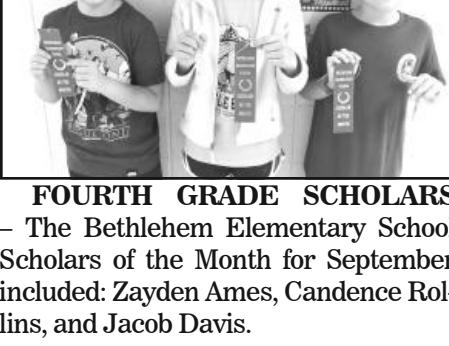
THIRD GRADE SCHOLARS

The Bethlehem Elementary School Third Grade Scholars for September included: Ayah Hearne, Shayleah Kohn, Landon Ferrese, Malachi Bennett, and Brayden Kirby.



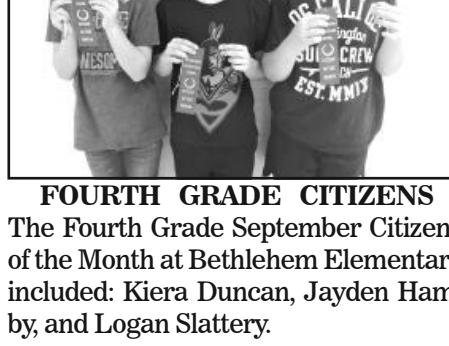
THIRD GRADE CITIZENS

The September Citizens of the Month at Bethlehem Elementary included: Makhayla Cook, Abi Icard, Sophie Morris, and Reese Sturgill.



FOURTH GRADE SCHOLARS

The Bethlehem Elementary School Scholars of the Month for September included: Zayden Ames, Candence Rollins, and Jacob Davis.



FOURTH GRADE CITIZENS

The Fourth Grade September Citizens of the Month at Bethlehem Elementary included: Kiera Duncan, Jayden Hamby, and Logan Slattery.



FIFTH GRADE SCHOLARS

The Bethlehem Elementary School Fifth Grade Scholars for September included: Madison Brashear, Heidi Fox, and Garrison Millsaps.



FIFTH GRADE CITIZENS

The Bethlehem Elementary School Fifth Grade Citizens of the Month included: Jadelynn Letterman, Savannah Skluzacek, and Claire Santillian.



ECUMENICAL PASTORS — Pictured above, from left to right: Pastor Kim Crecelius—Unity Lutheran Evangelical, Pastor Mike Stone—Mt. Pisgah Lutheran, Pastor Kim E. Moss—Mt. Pisgah AME Hickory, Vicar Sam Mailleue—Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church, participated in an ecumenical service at Mt. Pisgah on Sunday, November 19, 2017.

Mt. Pisgah gives thanks in ecumenical service

Submitted by

Susan Lydick Greene

Thanksgiving and Family are words that seem to go hand in hand this time of year. At Mt. Pisgah, the word 'Family' is defined much broader than Merriam-Webster Dictionary's most simplistic definition, "A group of people who are related to each other." At Mt. Pisgah, 'Family' more closely resembles another Merriam-Webster definition, "A group of people united by certain convictions or a common affiliation." So, at Mt. Pisgah, a family they are.

Sunday night, November 19, the church family of Mt. Pisgah celebrated Thanksgiving with a meal and worship service, as it does annually. But, this year, the concept of family became even a little bit broader and things were very different. Invited to attend were two other church families—the church family from Unity Evangelical Lutheran and the church family from Mt. Pisgah AME in Hickory. Pastor Mike, of Mt. Pisgah—Bethlehem, explains, "Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church was so very blessed during their annual Sunday evening before Thanksgiving dinner and worship, to share food, fellowship, and worship with Unity Lutheran and Mt. Pisgah AME Churches. It was an amazing time of great joy to share together. Pastor Kim E. Moss, from Mt. Pisgah AME, reminded us in her homily that we do all have so very much to be grateful for. My Thanksgiving was made by this marvelous shared experience." Mt. Pisgah's

Vicar, Sam Mailleue added, "Last night's service was a perfect example of the power of Christ inasmuch as three different groups of people were joined together as one in celebration of our unifying God!"

Over 300 people gathered together to share a meal and offer up thanksgivings to God during worship. The service included a puppet show explaining the story of Jesus and the ten lepers (otherwise known as "Jesus tames the ten leopards," as a confused puppet opined), with scripture readings by the Vicar and Pastor Kate Crecelius from Unity Lutheran and the homily was given by Pastor Kim E. Moss of Mt. Pisgah AME. The service closed with a recitation of the Lord's Prayer while everyone in the Sanctuary stood, joining hands. Many attendees commented that the mood was especially moving and beautiful.

Pastor Kim expressed her thoughts on the service, saying, "In this season of Thanksgiving, Mt. Pisgah AME is grateful for our continuous agape relationship with Mt. Pisgah Lutheran. The sharing in fellowship, food, fun, and worship was a blessing. To quote many of my members...that was awesome!" We Give Thanks!" Pastor Kate echoed, with a similar sentiment, "It's both a lot of fun and very meaningful to worship with the wider Church. I'm very grateful to my partners in faith for last night's service and使之成为可能."

This writer thinks the Mt. Pisgah family just got a whole lot bigger...

The public is invited to join the community of Mt.

Pisgah Lutheran Church, located in front of the Lowes Foods shopping center on Route 127 in Bethlehem. For directions and further information, please call the church at 828-495-8251 or visit our website at www.mtpisgahelca.org or find us on Facebook at Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church ELCA.

Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church in Bethlehem will be sponsoring the following activities and the community is invited to come and join in:

- Saturday, December 16 -- Church-wide Christmas Caroling 5:00 p.m. Will return to the church for a Cookie Exchange and Hot Chocolate. Anyone in the community is invited to come and go.
- Sunday, December 17 Community Children's Christmas Party 3:00-5:00 p.m. Have your picture made with Santa! Come join in for an afternoon with Christmas crafts, games, and refreshments. This event is an outreach/ministry of Mt. Bethel to ALL the children of the community.

- Friday, December 22 -- Mt. Bethel Child Development Center Christmas Program, with Christmas Play at 4:00 p.m., refreshments at 4:30 p.m., and Open House from 5:00-6:00 p.m. The community is invited to come and share in this event.
- Sunday, December 24 -- Come and worship as the Mt. Bethel Adult Choir, UMYF and God's Kids Club presents "Hope Has

Friendship Lutheran sets Christmas services

The congregation of Friendship Lutheran Church is planning special events for Advent and Christmas this year, according to Pastor Carol Yeager. Services include:

- Sunday, Dec. 17, 6 p.m. Blue Christmas Service.

For some people the loss of loved ones, shattered dreams, unemployment, etc. make this time of year difficult. Others simply seek a moment to reflect on the meaning of Emmanuel, God among us, amid the hustle and bustle of the commercialized holiday. This service seeks to offer comfort and a reminder of Christ's presence with us always.

- Sunday, Dec. 24, 5 & 9 p.m., Christmas Eve Services.

Friendship offers 2 Christmas Eve Services. The 4 p.m. service is especially suited for those with young children and families. The 9 p.m. service is a traditional candlelight Christmas Eve service. Everyone is welcome at either service.

Contact the church office with any questions, phone 828-632-4482.

Mt. Bethel plans Christmas, New Year events, blood drive

Hands" at 10 a.m.

- Sunday, December 31 -- New Year's Eve Watch. 11:00 p.m. Come and join us as we count down to the New Year.

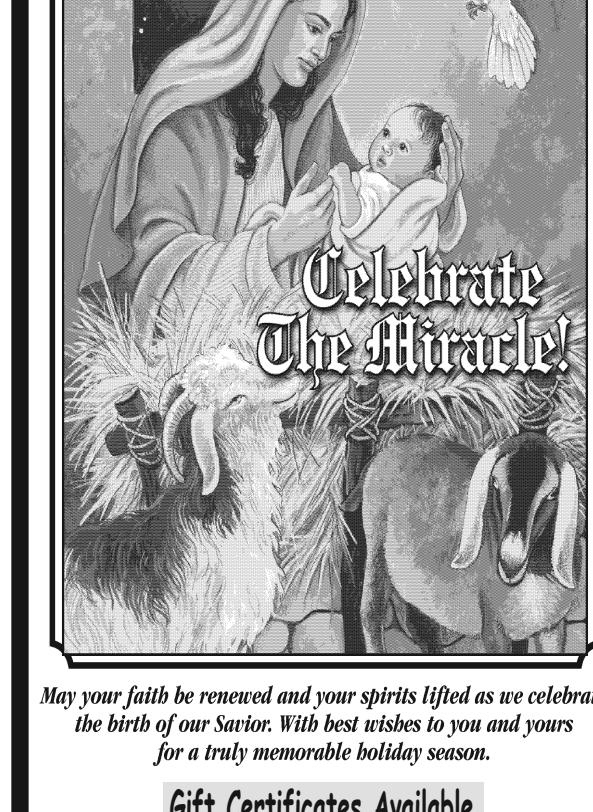
- Monday, January 15

- American Red Cross Bloodmobile, sponsored by UMM, 3:00-7:30 p.m. See www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: mtbethel to schedule your appointment. Visit 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.

A total of 103 pints were given in the four blood drives that Mt. Bethel's UMM sponsored in 2017.

The public is invited everyone to come out and join in any of these events. Mt. Bethel's worship schedule is 8:30 a.m. Coffee Social, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, and 10:00 a.m. Worship. Any upcoming events can be found on the Mt. Bethel website at www.mtbethelumc.org.

Mt. Bethel is located on Hwy. 127, ½ mile north of from Lowe's Foods grocery in Bethlehem.



May your faith be renewed and your spirits lifted as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. With best wishes to you and yours for a truly memorable holiday season.

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