



GROUNDBREAKING HELD FOR THRIFT STORE — New Life Thrift Store, a mission outreach organization of Mt. Bethel Methodist Church, located at 9042 NC 127, in the Bethlehem Community, began something new on Monday, May 11. They broke ground for a new building that will be twice the size of the one they are in now. This groundbreaking ceremony has been worked for and prayed over for years so it was a time of celebration. Many of the weekly volunteers from the thrift store attended, along with other special guests. Pictured from left to right are: Church Trustee Chairman, Kevin Beard, Pastor Bradley Caldwell, Taylorsville Savings Bank Branch Manager, Kim Wilcox, Assistant Branch Manager, Jackson Reid, Judy Bowman, Rodney Bolick, Max Watson, Pat Watson, Randy Hall, Cecil Blackburn, Thrift Store Co-Administrator Holly Campbell, Tracy Campbell, Thrift Store Co-Administrator Tammy Beard, Sharon Noyes, David Noyes, Mel Cofer, and Rodney Green from G&M Structures.

★ THRIFT: Building underway

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Holly shared the goal for the completion of the new thrift store building. “We hope to ring in the new year with a grand opening in January 2027. God has opened every door from our humble beginnings of a 500 square foot space, to a 1200 square foot space to now a 2400 foot square brand new building we have designed to fit our needs. We will continue to patiently wait on God’s timing every step of this journey. G & M Structures is our building contractor. Rodney Green and his expert staff have been so great to work with and we are thankful for their skills and guidance in this new beginning for New Life Thrift Store.”

Finally, Holly shared about the reason the build-

ing is needed and it’s not just about space, although that is badly needed. She said, “Simply stated, we need more space! The donation blessings we receive each and every day from our super supportive community partners are so vast, we need more space to accommodate these blessings. There is no better way to recycle your clothing and home goods, than to donate them to a volunteer run mission store. Part of our mission is also to tithe to other nonprofits in Alexander County. We tithe to the schools, Mt. Pisgah Church food pantry, the local Ministerial Benevolent office, Caring Hearts Pregnancy Center, Early Head Start, and the Bethlehem Library, to name a few. We also help burn and

domestic violence victims and respond to the needs of our neighbors in natural disaster situations.” So the space is needed, but much of the money brought in goes right back out into the community. This makes this thrift store unique. Their little thrift store often pays off the lunch account balances for students at Bethlehem Elementary School who cannot pay them off themselves. These volunteers are truly being the hands and feet of Jesus in the Bethlehem Community.

Seeing the new beginning of a new building for the New Life Thrift Store will be an exciting sight in the Bethlehem Community that will ultimately benefit many beyond the walls of what any building can hold.

★ PIZZA

• Contd. From Page 1 excellent restaurant open in Alexander County.

Danny and Darin want the public to know that the Twin Brothers is definitely for everyone, not just for golfers, so they encourage community members to come out and give them a try. They typically have live music on the weekends and their restaurant is available for event bookings.

The restaurant is open Tuesday through Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Sunday from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. The restaurant will soon be reopening on Monday. For more information, visit www.twinbrothers.pizza or call 828-598-0099.

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June 11**

The deadline for advertising and correspondence for the next issue of The Bethlehem Star is Thursday, June 11, before 5 p.m.

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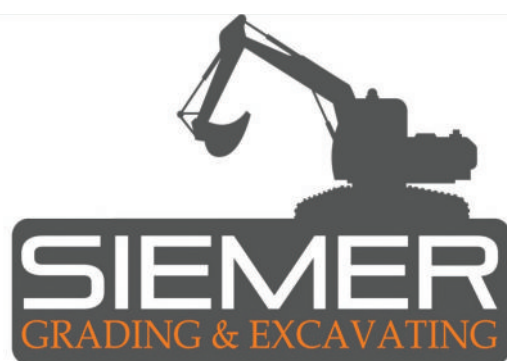


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