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July 2026

Hey Bethel,

We are excited to take a group of students and adults on our annual Bethel Mission Trip. Our trip is scheduled for July 12-18 and will take place in Windsor, North Carolina. We will be working with an organization called Carolina Rebuilding Ministry.

Carolina Rebuilding Ministry(CRM) started in 2011 with groups from the North Carolina area converging on rural areas of northeast North Carolina to do repairs and upgrades to houses for people who are unable to maintain their homes. In 2024, CRM, through some generous donations, was able to buy a school building and convert it into an area to host teams overnight. Our team will be staying with them in this building and continuing their mission, to do repairs and upgrades to people's houses who need it most. While there, our team will be doing home repairs like framing, drywall, plumbing, siding, flooring, painting, wheelchair ramp installation, and more. It is exciting for us to be able to go and spend this week doing work and growing closer together with God and our neighbors.

We need your help! You can support us while we are on this Mission Trip. On Sunday, July 12 we will be giving out wristbands to support our mission team during both services. These wristbands will have the name of someone attending the mission trip this summer. When you put the wristband on you agree to pray daily for the person you have on your wristband. It's a simple way to remember to be in prayer for the group and specifically for an individual participant. Wash your hands and touch the wristband, remember to pray; go to bed and feel the wristband, remember to pray; wake up and see it, remember to pray; you get the picture. It's a fun way to support our mission team through prayer while we are gone. If you miss the service on July 12, we will have extra wristbands available in the office.

Once we return, join us on Sunday, July 19 as we share our mission report during both services. Students and adults from the mission team will lead worship and share testimonies of their time on the Mission Trip. You will want to be there to share in this special time.

We appreciate your support - both through prayers and your gifts. Your giving continues to support awesome ministries like our youth ministry, missions, and so much more. We thank you and we will see you on July 12 and 19, if not before.

Blessings,
Chad Deetz

	Sunday Date	In-Person	Gifts to Budget	Other Gifts
21	May 24	Worship:148 Children:11	$7,350	$330
22	May 31	Worship: 102 Children:	$4,626	$59
23	June 7	Worship: 141 Children: 9	$11,001	$7,112
24	June 14	Worship: 174 Children:	$12,293	$881
25	June 21	Worship:144 Children:	$6,072	$58

2026 Annual Budget:	***$741,248***
Goal per week:	*$14,255*
Year-to-date Budget Goal:	*$356,369*
Year-to-date Gifts Received:	***$250,305***
Remaining 2024 Goal:	***$490,943***

Memorial and Honorariums

In Memory of Charles Hudson

Operating Fund:
Tindall Corporation
Norman Pulliam
Keith and Tina Moore
Nancy Carlisle
Carol Charles
Bruce and Janis Green
Ted and Rita Petoskey

Trustee Fund:
Jane A. Ovenden

Prayer REQUESTS

Tim Durham	Jack Lewis
Scott Fleming	Myra Morrison
Matt Gilley	Marie O'Dell
Martha Greenlee	Rita Petoskey
Cathy Hanks	Beverly Rakestraw
David Holder	Linda Seifert
Toni Holder	Ann Towery
The Labanick family	Shelley Winkler
	Lee Helen Youmans

On Sunday July 5, Bethel Connects invites everyone participating in Writing Our Future to join us for donuts in the fellowship hall during the Sunday School hour. We would love to have a chat about your experience so far in the Thresholds guide!

Brad's Zoom Bible Study will start meeting again on August 11th. Stay tuned for more details.

July and August Youth Schedule

Sunday Night Youth will meet July 5 & 26 from 5 pm – 6 pm
Wednesday Night Youth will meet July 22 & 29 from 5:30 – 7:30

July 1 Chad Chat 12 pm – 3 pm Youth Mission Training 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm We will learn how to use different tools to prepare for the Mission Trip. Wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty.	**July 7** Movie Matinee 11 am – 4 pm We will grab lunch and watch a movie with Children's Ministry. Cost: $10 plus money for lunch	**July 8** Hang Day 12 pm – 5:30 pm Bring your lunch and join us for games, sports, and hanging out. Youth Mission Training 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
July 12 - 18 Youth Mission Trip Windsor, NC **July 19** Mission Report Sunday	**July 23** The Great Escape 3 pm – 6 pm We will head to a local escape room and then get dinner. Cost: $40	**July 28** The Big E 11 am – 5 pm $35, lunch included
July 31 Youth Lock-In Hang out and play games all night! There will be food and fun! 8 pm – 8 am Cost: $10	**August 2** Pool Party 3 pm – 7 pm Join us at Ellie's pool. Food will be provided.	**August 4** A "Marvel"ous Dinner Date 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm We will get dinner and watch *Spiderman Brand New Day*. Cost: $10 plus money for dinner

Children's Ministry July Schedule

Tiny B.U.M.S. will meet July 8, 15, 22, and 29

July 7
Movie Matinee with the Youth
11 am - 4 pm
$10. Lunch included

July 14
Chuck E. Cheese
6 pm - 8 pm, meet at the restaurant

July 21
Science Day
11 am - 1:30 pm, Bring your lunch!

July 28
The Big E
11 am - 5 pm, $35

Blessing of the BACKPACKS

August 9th
9:00 Contemporary Worship
11:00 Traditional Worship

Executive Pastor
Rev. Brad Gray
Director of Youth
Chad Deetz
Coordinator of Children's Ministry
Jennifer Bartless
Director of Music
Dale Fischer
Organist
Lane Hill
Church Secretary
Shannon Evans
Financial Secretary
Donna Hopkins
Church Hostess
Lisa Durham
Building Superintendent
Bob Werner
Custodians
Jacob Sawyer
Carlos Cobo (every other Sunday)
Child Enrichment Program
Chella Hamrick, Center Director

Office Hours
Mon – Thurs: 9:00 am – 4 pm
Fri: 9:00 am – 12 pm

July Birthdays

1	Dori Helms
1	Mia Miles
2	Holly Hartell
3	Cory Rodgers
7	Shelley Winkler
7	Sheila Worley
7	Mark McMahan
9	Susan Hendrix
10	Marilyn Culverhouse
13	Libbi Smith
13	Missy Powell
14	Nate Helms
14	Judy Parham
16	Darby Dill
18	Judy Martin
20	Al Williams
20	Connie Long
21	Mary Grace Reitzel
21	Robbie Cooper
23	Bryan Hoffmann
23	Ella Nichols
23	Judy Collins
23	Brad Gray
27	Ann Blumer
28	Marie O'Dell
29	Olivia Summer

Sundays

Worship Services

Contemporary Worship
9:00 am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School
10:00 am

Traditional Worship
11:00 am, Sanctuary

Sunday Night Youth
5 pm – 6 pm

Please check bethelmethodist.org for more information.

Wednesdays

Tiny B.U.M.S. – 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Youth Group – 5:30 – 7:30 pm

The church office will be closed on July 3rd in observance of Independence Day.
We will also be closed the week of July 20th – 24th.

Dates to Remember

July 3
Church office closed

July 12 - 18
Youth Mission Trip

July 19
Youth Mission Report
Both worship services

July 20 - 24
Church office closed

July 26
Combined worship service
10 am, Sanctuary

July 29
Last summer Wednesday night

August 6
First Day of School

August 9
Blessing of the Backpacks
Both worship services