

Now you are the body  
of Christ and each one  
of you is a necessary  
part of it.

*1st Corinthians 12:27*

## STAFF

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*Pastor*

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*Director of Music Ministries*

Mr. Bill Webb  
*Organist*

Mrs. Sylvia Hulbert  
*Handbell Director*

### **Our Missionaries:**

Rev. & Mrs. Monty Taylor  
*Budapest, Hungary*

Jim Hynds & Family  
*Campus Crusade for Christ*

## Sunday Schedule

Join us for

Reach! Service @ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.

Worship @ 11:00 a.m.

Nurseries & Children's Church

## *Bethel to Take*

### *Natural Church Development Survey in May*

*Natural Church Development* (NCD) was adopted by the SC Annual Conference in 2006 as a tool to help United Methodist churches in South Carolina to grow and be more vital in the communities they serve. Tested in over 40,000 churches on six continents, NCD is an organic process that helps churches to release the potential that God has placed in every church. Only God can bring life and growth, but we have to do our part.

Every church has eight important Quality Characteristics that help to identify whether or not a church is healthy and growing. They include: Empowering Leadership, Gift-based Ministry, Passionate Spirituality, Effective Structures, Inspiring Worship Services, Holistic Small Groups, Need-oriented Evangelism, and Loving Relationships.

31 Bethel UMC members took the NCD survey for a third time on January 15, 2012 and we received good news. According to the results of the survey, Bethel UMC was considered an "abnormally healthy" church! Our overall score was 77.43, and this was up from 65.64 in March 2010 and 37.34 in December 2007. Normally, 70% of churches taking the survey fall between 35-65% in overall health. Anything over 65% is considered "abnormally healthy."

Of the eight quality characteristics, we scored highest on Gift-Based Ministry (84), and Needs-oriented Evangelism (84). Our lowest minimum factor was Passionate Spirituality (64); yet, this was a 10 point increase over the March 2010. Other scores included Empowering Leadership (83), Effective Structures (79), Inspiring Worship Services (69), Holistic Small Groups (80), and Loving Relationships (75). Bethel's Natural Church Development Health Team has worked hard over the last two years to set many exciting ministry goals for Bethel (one of the most exciting is our new REACH! Contemporary Worship Service with average attendance over 40 persons!). We have come a long way! Praise God! Still, we can be an even better church Knowing, Loving, Serving...so the world will experience Christ's love!

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Knowing, Loving, Serving . . . .  
so the world will experience Christ's love!

A ***Service of Worship for Holy Thursday*** will be held at Bethel UMC (4600 Daniel Drive, Forest Acres, 29206) on Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 7 pm. St. James UMC and Rehoboth UMC will be our special guests. On this night, Christians commemorate the supper that Jesus shared with his disciples before his Crucifixion, when Jesus washed the disciple's feet, and instituted the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Please invite someone to join you for this very meaningful remembrance of our Lord's "passion" for God's people. Child care (infants and toddlers) will be provided in the Education Building, first floor. Rehoboth UMC will host Good Friday Worship on April 18, 2014 at 7 pm. St. James UMC will host Easter Sunrise Worship and Breakfast at 7 am – rsvp to [todd@bethelmethodistcolumbia.com](mailto:todd@bethelmethodistcolumbia.com) by April 14 for breakfast.

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Forty members of Bethel UMC will be taking the NCD Survey again on Sunday, May 4, 2014 immediately following the 11 am Traditional Worship Service in the Pool Activities Building to help identify the quality characteristics which need nurture and attention so that we can continue to improve in our church's overall spiritual health.

Please be in prayer for our church and our efforts using the NCD program. Thank you in advance for your help! I am very thankful to be able to serve Bethel UMC as your pastor. I give thanks and praise to God for all God has done, and for all the wonderful things God has planned for our great church!

May God bless you,

**Pastor Todd**



**BUMS** enjoying a trip to the Lexington County Museum and Historical Restoration in Lexington, SC. Picture includes *Dan and Sarita Toma, Ron and Lucy Gordon, Lucinda Miller, Nancy Johnson, Julian Jones, Elizabeth Davis, Betty Moore, Cheryl Johnson, Jill King, Sandra Wayson, Barbara Harper, Judy Nicholson, Margaret Hinze, Velma Neeley, Kate and Fred Brown, Bonnie and Walter Speas.*



**Bums**

**April Outing**

**Lunch @ 12:00 noon**

**McCutchen House (USC Campus)**

**followed by tour of**

**Woodrow Wilson Home**

**Thursday, April 24th**

**Lunch ~ \$10; Tour ~ \$6**

**Reservation forms available on office hallway desk or call Walt Speas @ 736-3068**

*Deadline to RSVP 4/21*







# Youth Spotlight

# FAMILY ministry

At Bethel, we seek to honor God by providing opportunities for all ages to fulfill our Mission Statement of *Knowing, Loving, Serving...* so the World will experience Christ's love! We hope you will join us.

Congratulations to Josh Bowman and the AC Flora High School JROTC Falcon Battalion for receiving the Superintendent's Trophy after a year long competition in academic excellence, patriotism and service. Josh leads the Battalion as Company Commander.

Youth, please let us know what is going on in your life ... we want to pray for you and support you as you pursue your many gifts and talents!



March 16th—Family Day at HiWire followed by lunch at WhichWich.

Thank you to everyone who contributed time, money, food, gift cards and prayers for the Youth Spring Lock In!



March 17th—Youth Outing to Frankie's Fun Park for mini golf & lazer tag!

### Been Flocked?!

Flamingos are on the loose in Forest Acres! Join in the fun as our Youth raise funds and awareness for CF.

Contact Lisa @ [worththewait@aol.com](mailto:worththewait@aol.com) for more info on how you can join in.



We love you Miss Becky!



Becky Lucas has graciously served as Bethel UMC's Volunteer Children's Coordinator for over 3 years! It is with much appreciation (and more than a few tears!) that the Children's Ministry team offers Becky our prayers and support as she takes some time off. Please join us in thanksgiving for the time, energy and love that Becky has given to all of the children at BUMC. She has brought spark and spunk to teaching our littles about Jesus and His great love for them! Becky will continue to teach at Bethel's preschool and be active in other activities at Bethel.

We love you, Miss Becky!

*"Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men."*

Colossians 3:23

## Easter Adventure

Sunday, April 13th

Bethel United Methodist Church

1:00—3:30pm

Interactive family stations to help us experience the true meaning of Easter! followed by:

### Bethel's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for lunch from 12:00-1:00 in the Pool Activities Building

- ◇ \$3.00 Hot Dog Lunch
- ◇ sponsored by our Tweens
- ◇ (hot dog, chips & bottled water)



Spring Youth Calendar was emailed to Youth last week. Copies available in the Youth Zone or from the church office. Email [michellekeiffer5@gmail.com](mailto:michellekeiffer5@gmail.com) to be added to Youth distribution lists.

## Serving the Congregation

April/May 2014

### Ushers

- April 6 Tom Elliott, Jim Wilson, Ron Jordan,  
Furman Porter  
April 13 Chuck Ward, Linda & William Stewart,  
Sally Hafner  
April 20 Tom Elliott, Jim Wilson, Ron Jordan  
Furman Porter  
April 27 Kate & Fred Brown, Ken Wood, Coy White  
May 4 Dave Barnes, John Scullion, Mike Hellams,  
Sid George

### **Bethel Joyfully Celebrates 50th Anniversary Of Present Day Sanctuary**

On Palm Sunday, 1964, Bethel United Methodist Church celebrated her inaugural service in the present day sanctuary. On this Palm Sunday, 2014, we thank God for 50 years of communion in this house, and send up our prayers for 50 more years. Shout Alleluia!

The architectural drawings done by our own member, John Califf, are on display in the Narthex for your viewing pleasure, along with the church bulletin from that memorable day. You will see that a few things changed from the original plans, much as our own lives often change from our original plans! We hope you enjoy the display.

## United Methodist Women

### Unit Luncheon

April 10th at noon

Pool Activities Building

Delicious Lunch, Fellowship & Program



Cost is \$4.00 payable at the door  
or make your check payable to Lina Ott Circle  
and place in the offering plate on Sunday  
with reservation slip

Deadline to RSVP is April 7th  
to Margaret Marshall (782-0704)

(if paying at the door we need to know you are coming)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Total Paid \_\_\_\_\_

## Serving the Congregation

April/May 2014

### Greeters

- April 6 Barbara Harper, Elizabeth Davis,  
Betty McCune  
April 13 Anne & Coy White, Anna Cope  
April 17 Connie Fowke, Lisa Wood,  
Ken Wood  
April 20 Mike Hellams, Kimberly Hoover,  
Ken May  
April 27 Frances May, Cora Jiles,  
Kimberly Wilson  
May 4 Linda & William Stewart,  
Marion Wilson

### Children's Moment

- April 6 Communion—No Moment  
April 13 Marian Scullion  
April 20 Cara Davis  
April 27 Todd Davis  
May 4 Becky Lucas

### Children's Church (Lead)

- April 6 Communion—No C/Church  
April 13, Martie Walker  
20, 27 & May 4

### Children's Church (Helper)

- April 6 Communion—No C/Church  
April 13, Louise Smith  
20, 27 & May 4

### Acolyte/Crucifer

- April 6 Mary Sydney George/Ashton  
Keiffer  
April 13 Brian Burger  
April 17 Josh Bowman  
April 20 Josh Bowman  
April 27 Abbie Bowman  
May 4 Christopher Walker

### Offering Counters

- April 6 John Scullion, Janis Lawther  
April 13 Ken May, Chuck Ward  
April 20 Brenda Shealy, Mike Hellams  
April 27 Al Carter, Arnette Jordan  
May 4 Lisa Wood, Kimberly Wilson

### Sanctuary Preparation

- April Kimberly Wilson, Stoney Stone  
May Debbie Carter, Linda Stewart



**SHARE YOUR PASSION  
A THOUSAND JOURNEYS WITH A BOOK**

*Part of the Million Book Effort*

This year's Annual Conference is focusing on the illiteracy that is facing our state. The theme of this year's conference is **"Opening Corridors of Faith, Hope, and Love: A More Excellent Way!"** The goal is to attack poverty by equipping students for a better education by collecting ONE MILLION books to put in the hands of children who may have never owned their own book.

Our goal for Bethel is to collect 1,000 new age-appropriate books for pre-school and elementary school children, to contribute to this state-wide effort, that will be distributed to school districts, literacy, and children's programs across the state.

Collection sites will be in the following locations until May 25<sup>th</sup>.

- Narthex
- 1<sup>st</sup> floor Education Building – preschool
- 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Education Building – library
- Contemporary Worship service

If you need more information or have any questions, please contact Martie Walker at (803) 212-8256 or Diane Roddey at (803) 360-4713.

**Friday Night  
at the Movies**



The Evangelism Team is looking for a volunteer to spearhead "Friday Night Movies" outside in Bethel's fellowship hall. We need someone who is able to set up and pack away equipment, pick appropriate family movies, and stay for the duration of each movie to make sure things run smoothly. For more information please contact Mable Canty @ 787-8381 or 237-7971 or email her at mablecanty@bellsouth.net.

**BETHEL'S  
ANNUAL GARAGE SALE**

**April 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**Stuff, Stuff and More Stuff**

**We want your stuff . . . .  
Articles of clothing and large  
appliances are not accepted,  
however, we do want  
pocketbooks, hats, shoes & belts**

**Dates to Drop-off:**

**Sun, Mar 30—2-4 pm**

**M-W, Mar 31 thru Apr 2—9 am-3 pm**

**Sneak Preview for Church Members**

**Wed, Apr 2—5-6:30 pm**

**SALE**

**Fri & Sat, Apr 4 & 5—8 am-1 pm**

**Contact Cara @ [hdavis96@sc.rr.com](mailto:hdavis96@sc.rr.com) or  
661-9734 to see how you can help!**

**Bring a Friend to  
Breakfast and Worship**

*On Palm Sunday, April 13th* the Evangelism Ministry Team is encouraging all Bethel members to invite a friend, family member, or co-worker to church. Our goal is for every member to reach out to persons who do not have a church home and invite them to join us for breakfast @ 8:00 in the Pool Bldg. (\$3/person—RSVP to 727-9514 or email walbonvii@sc.rr.com by Apr. 6th) and then to worship and Sunday School. The "Children's Easter Adventure" is also that afternoon so all are welcome to enjoy a hotdog and stay for the egg hunt as well. **Each One, Bring One!!**





## April Birthdays

04-03 Kelly Farmer	04-20 Ronald Gordon
04-04 Paulette Price	04-21 Nettie Allen
04-09 Barbara Harper	04-21 Bev Chandler
04-10 Ann Garnto	04-21 Mike Hellams
04-11 Brian Welch	04-21 Jordan Davis
04-11 Rachel Sims	04-24 Eleanor Etheridge
04-13 Frankie Grimm	04-25 Joe Ballentine
04-13 Margaret Marshall	04-29 Irene Boyd
04-13 Elizabeth Davis	04-29 Sue Grant
04-14 Lester Furr III	04-29 Sue McCall
04-15 Alan Farmer	

## April Anniversaries

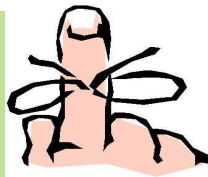
04-01 Harvey and Jo Dowdey  
04-01 Troy and Kristy Pharis  
04-10 Joshua and Karen Furr  
04-17 Philip and Sarah Meek  
04-19 CB and Kaye Edwards  
04-23 Ken and Carol Burger  
04-24 Roy and Mable Canty  
04-29 Coy and Anne White  
04-30 Brett and Katie Bostic

### For our loved ones. . . .

In memory of **Lillian Collins** by Marsha Morgan.  
In memory of **Charles Blackmon** by Gwen Barnes and Gwendolyn Geidel.

## *Upcoming Events You Don't Want to Miss!!*

*April 4-5—Annual Garage Sale*  
*April 13—Community Breakfast (8 am) and Worship (9 & 11 am) - Hot dog lunch at noon and Children's Easter Adventure at 1 pm (Six interactive stations for families to experience the Easter story followed by the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.*  
*April 15—Family Night Supper with Capital City Band (6 pm)*  
*April 17—Holy Thursday Worship (7 pm at Bethel UMC)*  
*April 18—Good Friday Worship (7 pm at Rehoboth UMC)*  
*April 20—Easter Sunrise Worship and Breakfast (7 am at St. James UMC)*  
*April 20—Easter Sunday Worship 9 & 11 am*  
*April 26—UMM Spring BBQ*  
*May 10—Mother/Daughter Tea*  
*May 15—Youth/Graduate Celebration Sunday*  
*June 22—"Stewardship in June" Luncheon*  
*July 13-17—Vacation Bible School*



## News from the Kitchen

Spring is finally here and we need to do some spring cleaning in the kitchen. We have a large, blue plastic container labeled "dishes left" in the pantry across from the ice maker containing dishes that have been left in the kitchen after church events or funerals. If you think you have lost a serving dish or a nice sandwich or cookie plate it may be in that container. Carol has a key to the kitchen so anytime you would like to check please do so. The garage sale is coming up soon and what is not claimed will be put out for sale.

Question: Do you know how to put out a fire in the kitchen if one would occur while you are working there? Anyone that does any cooking in the church kitchen should have a working knowledge of how to put out a fire on the stove or elsewhere in the kitchen.

**Happy Easter, The Kitchen Committee**

## Upcoming Study!

**Journey 101: Knowing, Loving, Serving God** is a three-part basic faith course that helps to answer essential questions as it guides participants on the journey of growing as a Christian. The goal? Becoming a deeply committed follower of Jesus Christ. The three studies are grounded in 15 core traits of a deeply committed Christian--traits that paint a picture of what it looks like to follow Jesus Christ with increasing passion and dedication. This DVD-based discussion series will be facilitated by Sally Hafner beginning Sunday, April 27th on the 2nd floor of the Education Building the last room on the right (the previous Jr. High room) All are welcome!

### Bethel is Serving Transition Center

At least 6 pairs of hands will be needed on April 8th and 9th to serve lunch arriving at 11:30 and finishing at 12:30. Please contact Arnette Jordan (788-0287 or 730-8026) if you can help.

# April Calendar of Upcoming Events

## Happy Easter!



### **April 1**

#### **Garage Sale (Drop-off 9-3)**

8:30 Bethel Preschool

6:00 Bears

### **April 2**

#### **Garage Sale (Drop-off 9-3; Preview 5-6:30)**

8:30 Bethel Preschool

9:00 Staff Meeting

2:00 Pray for Bethel

6:00 Worship Committee

6:15 Wolves

7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal

### **April 3**

#### **Garage Sale**

8:30 Bethel Preschool

5:30 Tigers

6:00 Health & Welfare

### **April 4**

#### **Garage Sale (8:00 am—1:00 pm)**

8:30 Bethel Preschool

### **April 5**

#### **Garage Sale (8:00 am—1:00 pm)**

8:00 Upper Room Prayer

### **April 6**

9:00 Reach! Contemporary Worship

9:00 Nursery

9:45 Sunday School

9:45 Acolyte Training

9:45 Reach! Band Practice

11:00 Worship w/Holy Communion

11:00 New Members Join Church

4:15 Handbell Rehearsal

6:00 Youth Group

### **April 7**

8:30 Bethel Preschool

1:30 BUMS

6:00 Evangelism Team

6:00 Outreach Team

6:00 Webelos

7:00 Boy Scouts

### **April 8**

8:30 Bethel Preschool

10:00 Patchwork Players

11:00 BUMC to Serve Lunch @ Transitions

1:15 Yoga

6:00 Bears

7:00 Sylvia Hulsey Circle

### **April 9**

8:30 Bethel Preschool

11:00 BUMC to Serve Lunch @ Transitions

2:00 Pray for Bethel

6:15 Wolves

7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal

### **April 10**

8:30 Bethel Preschool

11:00 UMW Board Meeting

12:00 UMW Unit Meeting & Lunch

12:30 Education & Family Ministries

5:30 Tigers

### **April 11**

8:30 Bethel Preschool

### **April 12**

No Programming

### **April 13**

#### **Palm Sunday**

#### **Easter Eggstravaganza**

8:00 UMM Breakfast

9:00 Reach! Contemporary Worship

9:00 Nursery

9:45 Sunday School

9:45 Reach! Band Practice

11:00 Worship

11:30 Children's Church

12:00 Easter Adventure

4:15 Handbell Rehearsal

6:00 Revelation Bible Study

### **April 14**

#### **Holy Week**

#### **Preschool Closed for Spring Break**

3:00 Lina Ott Circle

6:00 Trustees Meeting

6:00 Webelos

7:00 Boy Scouts

### **April 15**

#### **Holy Week**

#### **Tax Day**

#### **Preschool Closed for Spring Break**

10:30 Belle Dent Circle

6:00 Family Fellowship Supper

w/ Capital City Band

6:00 Bears

### **April 16**

#### **Holy Week**

#### **Preschool Closed for Spring Break**

2:00 Pray for Bethel

6:15 Wolves

7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal

### **April 17**

#### **Holy Week**

#### **Maundy Thursday**

#### **Preschool Closed for Spring Break**

2:45 Kitchen Committee

5:30 Tigers

7:00 Holy Thursday Worship @ Bethel

### **April 18**

#### **Holy Week**

#### **Good Friday Holiday—Office Closed**

#### **Preschool Closed for Spring Break**

7:00 Good Friday Worship

@ Rehoboth UMC

### **April 19**

9:00 Neighborhood Group—K. Wilson

### **April 20**

#### **Easter Sunday**

7:00 St. James Sunrise Worship & B'fast

9:00 Reach! Contemporary Worship

9:00 Nursery

9:45 Sunday School

9:45 Reach! Band Practice

11:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion

4:15 Handbell Rehearsal

### **April 21**

8:30 Bethel Preschool

6:00 Webelos

7:00 Boy Scouts

### **April 22**

8:30 Bethel Preschool

1:15 Yoga

6:00 Bears

### **April 23**

8:30 Bethel Preschool

1:00 UMM Set-up for BBQ

2:00 Pray for Bethel

6:15 Wolves

7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal

### **April 24**

8:30 Bethel Preschool

11:30 BUMS Outing

1:15 Yoga

6:30 Cub Scout Pack Meeting

### **April 25**

8:30 Bethel Preschool

### **April 26**

UMM BBQ

### **April 27**

9:00 Reach! Contemporary Worship

9:00 Handbell Rehearsal

9:00 Nursery

9:45 Sunday School

9:45 Inquirers Class

9:45 Reach! Band Practice

11:00 Worship/Handbells Play

11:30 Children's Church

12:00 Holroyd Class Lunch

4:15 Handbell Rehearsal

6:00 Youth Group

7:00 Neighborhood Group (Lois McNair

@ home of John & Ann Mathis)

7:00 Neighborhood Group (Bill Hulbert

@ PAB)

### **April 28**

8:30 Bethel Preschool

6:00 Webelos

7:00 Boy Scouts

### **April 29**

8:30 Bethel Preschool

1:15 Yoga

6:00 Bears

### **April 30**

8:30 Bethel Preschool

2:00 Pray for Bethel

6:15 Wolves

7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal

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### **Prayer Concerns**

As a family of faith we are called to be in prayer for one another. Contact the church office or Iva Dell Griffin @ 782.5032 to be added to the Prayer Chain.

### **Homebound Members**

Fran Love	Irene Boyd
Margie Dent	Philip Meek
Clyde Hasty	Sarah & Tom Walker
Betty Hulsey	Dot Miller
Harvey & Jo Dowdey	C. Lem Harper, Sr.
Lillian Haller	

### **Church Office Hours**

Monday 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesday - Friday 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

### **Publication Submission Deadlines**

The deadline for the *Bulletin* is 9:00 am on the preceding **WEDNESDAY**.

The deadline for *The Messenger* is 9:00 am on the **25th** of each month.

### **Vacation Schedules**

**Carol Barnett** will be away from the office the week of April 14-17. **Debbie Carter** will provide coverage.

For addresses or contact information (not listed in the church directory) for these individuals please call or email the church office at [office@bethelmethodistcolumbia.com](mailto:office@bethelmethodistcolumbia.com)

### **Members in Assisted Living Communities**

George Chaconas—Forest Pines, Columbia  
Beverly Chandler—Wildewood Downs, Columbia  
Betty Harper—The Summit, Daniel Island, SC  
Delbert Goforth—Land O' Lakes, FL  
Harry & Sarah Parker—Still Hopes, Columbia  
Betty Shuler—Morningside, Lexington  
Lawrence & Virginia Loveless—Presbyterian Home, Lexington  
Gladys Blackmon—Rock Hill, SC  
Helen McDermott—The Waterford, Columbia  
Margaret Campbell—Arden, NC  
Elizabeth Christopher—Methodist Home, Orangeburg, SC  
Lois McNair—Beaufort, SC  
Alma (Toddy) Atwater & Bob Hester—Frankie's @ Seaside, Mt. Pleasant, SC  
Nettie Allen—Nashville, TN  
Carmen & Dick Pool—Forest Pines, Columbia  
Joyce Varn—Forest Pines, Columbia  
Eva Mae Nobel—New York State