



Bethel Messenger

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June 2014 Edition

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

1st Corinthians 12:27

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Rev. & Mrs. Monty Taylor|
Budapest, Hungary

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Campus Crusade for Christ

Sunday Schedule

Join us for

Reach! Contemporary 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Nursery

Children's Church 11:30 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP IN JUNE

What is stewardship? For many, the first thing that comes to mind is how we handle our finances, with an emphasis on our tithes and offerings to God's work. And as important as that aspect of stewardship is, it represents only part of our contribution to the church. A more complete definition is this: Stewardship is faithfully using what God gives us (opportunities, interests, skills, employment, family, talents, spiritual gifts, land, money, etc.) *for His glory*. In a nutshell, stewardship should be viewed as a *way of life*.

With this in mind, the Bethel family will experience a *focus on stewardship* in June that will provide us an opportunity to evaluate our current commitments to the church's mission and to prayerfully consider any changes in those commitments that God may be leading us to make.

Most of you are familiar with the *Gifts and Talents Survey* that we have completed in past years to provide those leading the various ministries in the church a way to determine those members interested in joining them in their endeavors. This year, prior to completing the Gifts and Talents Survey, members will be asked to complete a *Spiritual Gifts Inventory Survey*. This survey is a tool that helps in the prayerful identification of God-given gifts, talents, and interests. More often than not, the Spiritual Gifts Inventory provides insight of God's leading to areas of work in his church and beyond that individuals had not previously considered.

In preparation for these upcoming events, you are encouraged to mark your calendars and be in prayer for the success of this effort. On June 15th and 22nd, Todd will be preaching sermons that emphasize stewardship and support the surveys that we will be participating in:

June 15th – Spiritual Gifts – the Spiritual Gift Inventory Survey will be provided to those attending service, as well as, made available on the church website. The Gifts and Talents Survey will be mentioned and available on the website for individuals to prayerfully consider prior to the June 22nd service.

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KNOWING, LOVING, SERVING

. . . so the world will experience Christ's love!

Bethel welcomes "New Relationship" with St. James

In the fall of 2013, Bethel's Church Council was challenged to carefully consider its new Mission Statement — "Knowing, Loving, Serving...so the world will experience Christ's love."

As we talked about what God is calling Bethel to be as a church, we considered the following proposal from the Bishop and Cabinet: a new relationship between Bethel and St. James, where each church will remain a station church, but Rev. Davis will pastor both churches. The idea is for Bethel and St. James to use this opportunity to come alongside one another for support and joint ministry. The Columbia District's new

motto is: Together, we can do more! Bethel and St. James are already part of a cluster of UMC churches in the district.

Bethel's Church Council agreed by consensus to move forward in this new relationship, which will begin on Sunday, June 29, 2014. Rev. Davis will continue to serve Bethel full-time and St. James up to 15 hours per week. This past spring, we had the joy of hosting St. James UMC for worship on Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday. St. James hosted Bethel for Easter Sunrise worship and Breakfast. We look forward to many more opportunities for joint worship and ministry!

Sunday Morning Schedule beginning Sunday, June 29, 2014

9:00-9:40 am – REACH! Contemporary worship at Bethel UMC

10:00-10:45 am – Traditional Worship at St. James UMC

11:00am-12:00 pm – Traditional Worship at Bethel UMC

God calls us to be "the church" in many ways and we celebrate this new opportunity to be in ministry with St. James UMC! Please continue to pray for God blessings on both our churches as we seek to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Bethel friends, we need a new roof!

God is so good! We have been blessed with so much, a beautiful church...gorgeous stained glass windows, and wonderful, faithful, and generous servants of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We have all been blessed through your generous use of the gifts God has given to you. And now, I am asking you to invest a little more, above and beyond what you have been giving. As you can see, Bethel needs a new roof. We want to invest in something that will last through time, much like our present roof has done. Amazingly, our current roof is fifty plus years old. It has served us well, however, we need and want to protect what is ours...our beautiful Bethel. Please pray about this and please give what you can...Bethel is growing (average attendance in worship is 170!) and Bethel is God's house. We want it to continue to be God's house even after we are gone.

Yes, God is good, and so are you my Bethel family. Please pray, dig deep and let's see what we can do to bless Bethel...God's house!

I love you all and know you love Bethel as much as I do. Thank you and please give generously. Remember our mission: Knowing, Loving, Serving...so the world will Experience Christ's love.

May God continue to bless you!

Debbie Carter, Lay Servant

June 22nd – *Stepping Outside Your Comfort Zone* – demonstrating God's strength through each of us regardless of our capabilities. The Time and Talents Survey will be provided to the church and collected during the service. A luncheon will follow service to celebrate the church's commitment to serving the Lord.

Following the June 22nd service, the surveys will be compiled and provided to the Lay Leadership Committee who will contact the individuals in August 2014 for service in 2015. Those church members who did not complete the survey will be sent a Time and Talents Survey by mail.

We ask your prayerful support of this work.

Your Stewardship Committee

Natural Church Development Survey Results!

The Results Are In! Thanks to each Bethel member who took part in the Natural Church Development Survey on May 4, 2014. **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. Bethel UMC took the NCD survey for a fourth time on May 4 and we have Great News!! As of today, Bethel UMC continues to be considered an “abnormally healthy” church! Bethel’s overall score moved from 77.43 to 79.0. It was 77.43 in January 2012, 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 (see chart in June Messenger) that highlight a church’s health, we scored

highest on Needs-Oriented Evangelism (89). Our lowest minimum factor was Passionate Spirituality (68, a 4 point increase over our last survey in January 2012). Other scores included Gift-Based Ministry (86), Effective Structures (84), Empowering Leadership (81), Holistic Small Groups (77), Inspiring Worship Services (74), and Loving Relationships (72). When Bethel took its first survey in Dec. 2007, Passionate Spirituality was also Bethel’s lowest minimal factor at (27, now at 68 – a 41 point improvement), so we have come along way! Praise God! Still, work remains to be done.

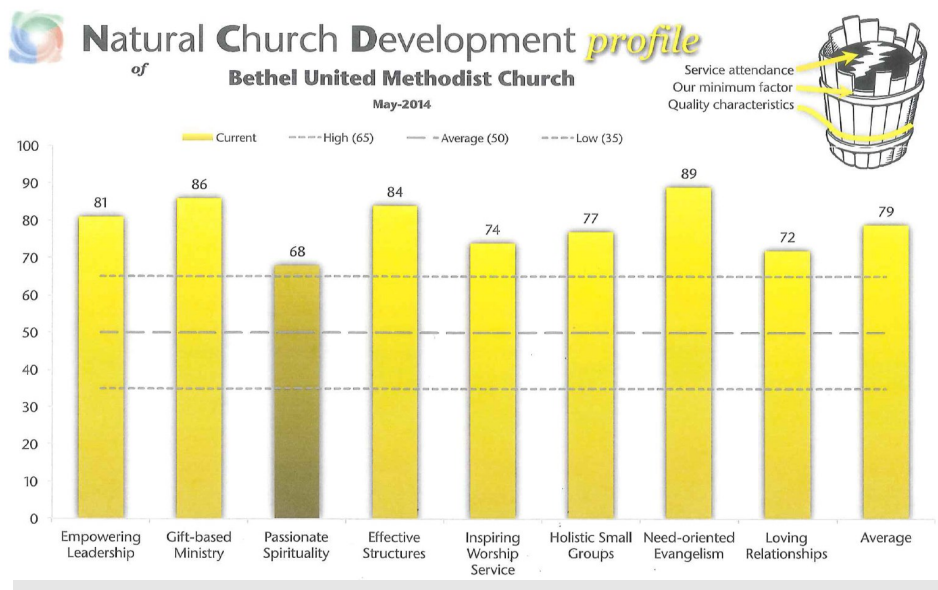
Our current NCD Health Team is made up of Todd Davis, Brenda Harper, Kimberly Wilson, Bonnie Lutz, Debbie Carter, Mike Hellams, Sally Hafner, Michelle Keiffer, Lisa Wood, Walt Speas, Janel Bell, and Nancy Maxfield. If you are interested in becoming part

of Bethel’s NCD Health Team, please contact Rev. Davis (787-3058 or todd@bethelmethodistcolumbia.com).

Bethel’s NCD Health Team will begin meeting regularly in August 2014 as we study the results of the survey more carefully and continue our work of developing our Strategic Plan for Bethel UMC to become a more effective and vital congregation, making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Kingdom of God.

This team needs the support and prayers of the entire church as we seek to grow even healthier in the years to come. Again, thank you very much for your commitment to the Natural Church Development Process. I believe God is going to do many more great things in and through our church!

God’s blessings, Rev. Todd Davis



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.

FAMILY ministry



In the Student Spotlight section ...

Congratulations to all of our students as they finish up the 2013-14 school year! Best of luck to our graduating Seniors, Josh Bowman, McKenzie Furr, Laura Hungville and Jennie Joe Wiltshire. Our prayers go with you as you begin your new adventures!

Youth Sunday Our Youth did an amazing job leading us in a beautiful and meaningful worship service on Sunday, May 18th. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and lead this service.



YOUTH will continue to meet throughout the summer! 6-7:30 on Sundays in the Youth Zone. We will not meet on June 15th and July 6th. We will help with VBS the week of July 13-17th from 5:30-8 each night. Watch for emails & check the bulletin for other fun events this summer.



VBS - Start Saving for VBS! More items to come, but we *know* we need the following:

- ✦ Empty 12 ounce water bottles (with the lids)
- ✦ Empty thread spools
- ✦ Cardboard boxes (all sizes)
- ✦ Nuts, bolts, screws (all sizes)

Donations can be dropped off to Michelle in the church office or call if you need us to pick up!

Vacation Bible School July 13-17

FREE Dinner! 5:30 - 6 PM Classes & Activities for ALL ages 6 - 8 PM

EXPERIENCE the WONDERS of God

Grab a hammer, find a paintbrush, and put on your creative thinking cap! At Cokesbury's Workshop of Wonders (WOW) VBS, kids will imagine and build with God!

At WOW VBS, discover how the ordinary becomes extraordinary with God. Use your heart, mind, and imagination to participate in the creative life of God, the one who works wonders.

Bethel Makes Great Strides in the walk for CYSTIC FIBROSIS



Presentation of flags

On May 25th, in observance of Memorial Day, the flags were carried in by Fred and Kate Brown. They are veterans and both served in the U. S. Air Force. This is the first time a husband and wife team have done this at Bethel and the first time for a lady to be involved. Well done!



On Saturday, May 17th, several members of Bethel UMC supported the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's Great Strides walk. We were part of a team that raised over \$16k!!!! Thank you to everyone who supported us as we put our Faith into Action!

FAMILY PROMISE IS COMING TO BETHEL

We have made so much progress in the past year towards our goal of bringing Family Promise of the Midlands to Columbia. While we do not have an official "start" date yet, we are getting very close to our goals. The Bethel Outreach Team has been busy preparing to host these homeless families, and we have made great progress. We have begun collecting items that we will need, but we would like your help. Below is a list of items that we do not have yet, but that we feel will be helpful in making our guests comfortable during their stay. If you can help with any of these please bring them to one of the following collection areas: Education building by the elevators, Christian Voyagers classroom, or on Sundays, the Cry Room. The items will be moved weekly from Cry Room to the Family Promise closet by Outreach Team members. If you have any questions you may contact Sally Hafner 261-0612 or Bonnie Speas 727-8515. Thanks!

We need the following items to open Family Promise at Bethel: 10 single size bedspreads, 5 single blankets, 16 hand towels & washcloths, 4 lamps, 6 flashlights, 6 drying racks (medium size), 6 nightstands, 1 Pack N Play, 6 throw rugs and 6 laundry baskets.

June Servants, Birthdays and Anniversaries!

Birthdays

- 5 Louise Ramsey
6 Diane Roddey
8 Brittany Clark
Mary Sydney George
Chereen Lichtenwalner
10 Joyce Appleman
Claudia Cargile
13 Andrew Garnto
Dana Garnto
Dylan Garnto
14 Eugene Appleman
17 Tom Price
17 Jo Dowdey
19 Hank Davis
Noah Wood
22 Janel Bell
23 Anne Hynds
David Wood
27 Claude Murphy
28 Kaye Edwards
Lucy Gordon
Millie Lemond
29 Louise Smith

Anniversaries

- 1 Horace and Margie Jackson
4 Fred and Kate Brown
6 David and Marian Starr
10 Davis and Gina Clark
17 Bill and Janis Lawther
18 Jeff and Lynn Estes
19 Bill and Ann Hynds
21 Debbie Farmer
26 Sid and Cappie George
28 Michael and Brenda McCarthy

Iris bulbs have been planted in Phase II of the garden. Some of them will be bronze and some will be yellow. The Memorial Garden Committee thanks Suzette Wilson for her donation.

Look Who's Serving the Congregation in June

Greeters

- June 1 Mary Ott, Nancy Johnson, Betty Moore
June 8 Arnette and Ron Jordan, Margaret Hinze
June 15 Sarita and Dan Toma, Eugene Appleman
June 22 Sandra Wayson, Lois Richbourg, Debbie Carter
June 29 Frank and Sally Hafner, Verlon Stone

Acolyte/Crucifer

- June 1 Ashton Keiffer/Brian Burger
June 8 Abbie Bowman
June 15 Mary Sydney George
June 22 Christopher walker
June 29 Nicholas Lewis

Ushers

- June 1 Tom Elliott, Jim Wilson, Ron Jordan, Furman Porter
June 8 Chuck Ward, Linda and William Stewart, Amette Jordan
June 15 Tom Elliott, Wilhelm Elliott, Ken Wood, David Wood
June 22 Kate and Fred Brown, Ann and John Mathis
June 29 Coy White, Al Carter, Dave Barnes, Ken May

Children's Moment

- June 1 Communion (No children's moment)
June 8 Marian Scullion
June 15 Marian Scullion
June 22 Cara Davis
June 29 Becky Lucas

Children's Church (Lead/Helper)

- June 1 Communion, no children's church
June 8 Martie Walker, Louise Smith
June 15 no children's church
June 22 Martie Walker, Louise Smith
June 29 Martie Walker, Louise Smith

Offering Counters

- June 1 Frank Hafner, Sid George
June 8 John Scullion, John Mathis
June 15 Dianne Roddey, Ron Jordan
June 22 Charles Veach, Linda Stewart
June 29 Ken Burger, Larry Cope

Sanctuary Preparation

- June Beth Welch, Dale Eaddy

June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Reach! (PAB) 9am Sunday School (EB) 9:45 am Reach! Band practice 9:45 am Worship 11 am Youth (Zone) 6 pm	2 Evangelism (CR) 6 pm Boy Scout Court of Honor (PAB) 7 pm	3 Preschool Summer Camp (EB) 9 am Yoga (PAB) 1:15 pm	4 Preschool Summer Camp (EB) 9 am	5 Preschool Summer Camp (EB) 9 am Yoga (PAB) 1:15 pm	6	7 Upper Room Prayer Line (CR) 8 am
8 WEAR RED!!! Reach! (PAB) 9am Sunday School (EB) 9:45 am Reach! Band practice 9:45 am Worship 11 am Youth (Zone) 6 pm	9 Trustees (CR) 6 pm Boy Scouts (Hut) 7 pm	10 Preschool Summer Camp (EB) 9 am Yoga (PAB) 1:15 pm	11 Preschool Summer Camp (EB) 9 am Staff Meeting (CR) 9 am Pray for Bethel (CR) 2 pm Choir (CR) 7:30 pm	12 Preschool Summer Camp (EB) 9 am Education and Family ministries (CR) 12:30 am Yoga (PAB) 1:15 pm	13 Holroyd Class Social Harper's (5 points) 6 pm	14
15 Reach! (PAB) 9am Sunday School (EB) 9:45 am Reach! Band practice 9:45 am Worship 11 am Youth (Zone) 6 pm	16 Boy Scouts (Hut) 7 pm	17 Preschool Summer Camp (EB) 9 am Yoga (PAB) 1:15 pm	18 Preschool Summer Camp (EB) 9 am Staff Meeting (CR) 9 am Pray for Bethel (CR) 2 pm Choir (CR) 7:30 pm	19 Preschool Summer Camp (EB) 9 am Kitchen Committee (PAB) 2:45 pm Yoga (PAB) 1:15 pm	20	21
22 Reach! (PAB) 9am Sunday School (EB) 9:45 am Reach! Band practice 9:45 am Worship 11 am Youth (Zone) 6 pm	23 Boy Scouts (Hut) 7 pm	24 Preschool Summer Camp (EB) 9 am Yoga (PAB) 1:15 pm	25 Preschool Summer Camp (EB) 9 am Staff Meeting (CR) 9 am Pray for Bethel (CR) 2 pm Choir (CR) 7:30 pm	26 Preschool Summer Camp (EB) 9 am Yoga (PAB) 1:15 pm	27	28
29 Reach! (PAB) 9am Sunday School (EB) 9:45 am Reach! Band practice 9:45 am Worship 11 am Youth (Zone) 6 pm	30 Boy Scouts (Hut) 7 pm					

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**Wear Red
Sunday, June 8th!
Pentecost**

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. Volunteers will provide office 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

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
Margie Dent
Clyde Hasty
Betty Hulsey
Lillian Haller
Irene Boyd

Philip Meek
Sarah & Tom Walker
Dot Miller
C. Lem Harper, Sr.

Members in Independent and Assisted Living Communities

George Chaconas — Forest Pines, Columbia

Beverly Chandler — Wildewood Downs, Columbia

Betty Harper — The Summit, Daniel Island, SC

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

Vickie Hill — 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