



# Bethel Messenger

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August 2014 Edition

***“ 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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## **Our Missionaries**

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

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*Campus Crusade for Christ*

## **Sunday Schedule**

Join us for

Reach! Contemporary 9:00 am

Sunday School 9:45 am

Worship 11:00 am

Nursery 9-12 am

Children's Church 11:30 am

## **Bethel UMC wins Conference Award!!!**

Bethel UMC is the recipient of the Bishop's Five Star Award for Excellence in Evangelism Ministry for 2013! This is an incredible accomplishment that should be celebrated by all members of our great church. This year's award was presented to Bethel Lay Leader, Debbie Carter, Lay Member to Annual Conference, Al Carter, and Rev. Todd Davis at this year's Annual Conference in Florence, SC (June 1-4, 2014).

### **Criteria to win award:**

- **Enhancement of Christian Education Programs.** The pastor led a new Bible Study in Fall 2013 - Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God. This best-selling, 13 week study written by Henry Blackaby, Richard Blackaby and Claude King guides learners to experience the kind of relationship with God through which they come to know and do His will. Through examination of biblical and contemporary illustrations, participants will understand and apply seven realities of experiencing God. Through the study, Churches are helped to better function as the body of Christ, especially as members begin to understand how to experience God as a church. The study had 43 participants.
- **Implement a “new work” that impacts growth.** In 2013, Bethel's Children's Ministry team introduced KONGA (Kids Only No Grown Ups Allowed!) KONGA is a quarterly program that gives kiddos potty trained through 5th grade a themed and supervised evening full of fun, food, faith & fellowship—and gives parents a chance to reconnect without a hefty sitter's bill! \*KONGA nights are supervised according to Bethel UMC's Safe Sanctuary policy which can be viewed at [www.bethelmethodistcolumbia.com](http://www.bethelmethodistcolumbia.com). Our first KONGA night (April) hosted 12 kids for a night of games, snacks and fun. October's KONGA – Costumes & Karaoke – hosted 32 kids ( and 21 adults), including several friends of our members, students from BUMC's preschool and kids from the local neighborhood. The night included pizza, a creepy crawly maze, a tour of the church's cemetery (led by John Wesley a.k.a. Pastor Todd), a costume contest and devotion.

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**KNOWING, LOVING, SERVING**  
**. . . so the world will experience Christ's love!**

**KUDOS**  
**Way to GO!**

## **Congratulations are in order . . .** **please take a moment to give these folks a** **pat on the back or warm handshake!**

**Congratulations to Bill Webb, Bethel's Organist** – Bill Webb is the Activity/Music Assistant at Still Hopes Retirement Facility. Bill recently received board certification through the National Association of Activity Professionals. Bill's education, years of experience in the field of activity programming, study and testing were the criteria for his receiving this designation. We celebrate with Bill in this accomplishment which speaks highly to his skill and professionalism.

**Congratulations to Bethel member, Beth Welch!** – In June, Beth received her A-License from the U. S. Parachute Association. To receive an A-License, you are required to do a series of jumps with 2 instructors, then 1 instructor and eventually solo. With this license, Beth can go to any drop zone in the world and jump. If you ever want to try a tandem jump, let Beth know and she can explain exactly what happens. Beth says, "It's a fantastically awesome experience like nothing I had ever done before. If you've ever looked at a bird flying in the sky and wondered what it would be like, this will be your chance to find out."

**Congratulations to Bethel member, Joshua "Josh" Charles Bowman.** Josh is the recipient of this year's Todd Lutz Scholarship. He graduated from AC Flora High School this past May. He was recently confirmed a full member of Bethel UMC. As a youth at Bethel Josh faithfully served in worship as Acolyte, Crucifer and Flag Bearer. He regularly participated in Youth Sunday School and MYF Activities. Josh also served as the Youth Representative to Bethel's Church Council for 2014 coming to all meetings! Josh will be attending the Citadel this fall and we will miss seeing him on a regular basis, but he has promised that he will be in church when he is home. On behalf of the Bethel UMC Family Josh was presented with his award on Sunday, July 27th during the traditional worship service.

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- **Have at least a 1% increase in new membership by Profession of Faith or Rededication.** This year Bethel received into membership 2 persons by these methods – a 1.04% increase in total membership.
- **Emphasize Youth Ministry.** In 2013, the Youth Ministry team met with our Youth to determine what programs they would like to see implemented. We found that our girls had a desire to have a Girls-Only Bible Study. The girls were involved in choosing the curriculum, setting meeting times and planning extra-curricular activities. This new study has brought a cohesiveness to our girls that has spread throughout our Youth. They have a renewed commitment to the church – and to each other. Listening to their desires and giving them a voice in what they are studying has increased their trust in the adult leadership and increased their openness to experiencing Christ in new ways.
- **Pay 100% of Conference Apportionments.** Bethel paid 100% or \$42,818.00 in 2013!

***Bethel UMC, you are a church that witnesses  
to the power of God at work in the lives of those  
who love Him. Keep up the great work!!!***

### **For our loved ones . . .**

In memory of **Harvey Nelson Dowdey** by Ken & Frances May, Ron & Arnette Jordan, Kaye & Tom Landrum, Samuel McNutt, Joan & William Lee Daniels, Charles Veach, Florrie Dowdey.

In memory of **Delbert J. Goforth, Sr.** by Ron & Arnette Jordan.

In memory of **Robert Eugene Wayson** by Betty Moore.

**The cremated remains of  
Delbert J. Goforth, Sr. were  
interred in the Memorial  
Garden on July 25th.**

## ***New roofs for both Bethel's sanctuary and parsonage are in the works!***

After much deliberation the Board of Trustees has selected Heritage Roofing of Lexington to do the work. Heritage has previously completed new roofs on both our educational and administrative buildings. The new contract will be finalized at the August 5<sup>th</sup> Trustees' meeting and work will begin shortly thereafter. We negotiated with Heritage and got very good prices on both roofs. The parsonage roof will be done for half of the \$9800.00 full-price quote and the church roof will be just over \$125,000.00. Price for the new church roof includes removal and disposal of current asbestos shingles.

We have the money for the parsonage roof in our current roof fund and our Finance Committee has worked long and hard on financing the church roof. With money on hand we will have to borrow only approximately \$75,000.00 to complete the project. Of course, when money is borrowed it has to be paid back. We hope that each giving unit in the church will prayerfully consider giving generously to the cause. If each unit gave an extra \$20.00 per month we could retire the loan in only about three years. Won't you please consider this in your stewardship plan? Thank you!

On behalf of Bethel's Trustees,  
*Ken Wood, Chair*



## **News from the Kitchen**

Five days at Bethel's VBS was a most exciting time for the children and the parents. The attendance was beyond expectations. We thank Michelle Keiffer and all her helpers.

The Kitchen Committee appreciates all the different groups who prepared the meals and took care of the kitchen after each evening of use. Please check the kitchen to see if you left bowls, pans, plates or anything you brought from home.

Our herb garden is ready for you to enjoy the fresh herbs. Take a pinch or two of the plants and enjoy.

Remember to know, love, serve so the world will experience Christ's love.

*The Kitchen Committee*

## **Dedication of Sanctuary Sound System**

Join us as we celebrate and dedicate ***Bethel's New Sanctuary Sound System*** on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. We will begin our celebration in the Sanctuary at 3 pm with music by Bethel's Organist, Bill Webb, music by Bethel's Adult Choir, some hymn singing, and some praise and thanks to God for this wonderful new gift! An Ice Cream Social will follow in the Pool Activities Building so plan to stay for some great fellowship!

## **BUMS Back in Swing**

BUMC Seniors are beginning their planning for the 2014-15 year. If you have ideas you would like incorporated into the schedule please contact Walt Speas @ 736- 3068 or email walbonvii@sc.rr.com

## **Adult Choir Dates/Party**

Please see important Choir rehearsal dates below and don't forget the Fall Party!

August 13—Rehearsal  
August 27—Rehearsal  
Sept. 3—Resume Regular Weekly Rehearsals  
Sept. 6—Fall Party 5:30 pm @ the Home of the Scullions

## **Sanctuary Flowers**

If you would like to make a flower dedication the following dates are available: September 7, 21, 28, October 19 & 26, November 2, 23, 30. December 7 & 14. The cost is \$54 and you may call the church office or Rebecca Bennett @ 261-3331 reserve a date.





**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 Bethel UMC's 2014 Todd Lutz Scholarship Recipient, Joshua Bowman. Josh was presented with his scholarship during worship on July 27th. He will be attending The Citadel.*

## Summer's Not Over Yet!

Monday, August 11th  
 Sesquicentennial Park Outing  
 Entering 6th grades—College Bound  
 Meet at the church @ 5:30pm with  
 your picnic dinner & \$2.00\*  
 We will return to church at 9:20pm  
 Parents are invited to join us!  
 Canoeing, Paddle Boating, Volleyball,  
 Hiking & More!

\*don't let cost keep you from coming!  
 Contact Lucy or Michelle



Great turnout for the Youth Swim Party at the home of John and Ann Mathis on Sunday, June 29th. Everyone had a blast! Thanks to the Mathis'!

Pictured right: Liturgical dance group, Twinkle Toes, practicing under the leadership of Abbie Bowman. The group performed in worship on July 13th.



Pictured above: Preschool Summer Camp kids had lots of fun!



## VACATION BIBLE



Bethel members and visitors had an amazing week experiencing Christ's Love July 13-17th as Rivet & Sandy Paper guided us through the **Workshop of Wonders** where we learned to *Imagine, Build, Grow, Create and Walk with God!*

Over 125 people were on campus each of the five nights of VBS. More than 70 kids and 45 adults came together for a week full of faith and fun. If you didn't see a copy of the student produced **VBS Newsflash** an electronic copy filled with articles and pictures from our students is available from the church office.

Thank you to the many people who helped to make VBS possible!

*"You are the God who works wonders!" Psalm 77:14*

## Blessing of the Backpacks



Sunday, August 17th

Pastor Todd will offer a special blessing for everyone heading 'Back to School' during Reach and Traditional worship services.

Doughnuts & Praise Music (provided by our REACH! Contemporary Worship Team) will be held in the PAB during the Sunday School hour for all entering Kindergarten—12th grades. \*Sunday School teachers of these classes are encouraged to attend.

We will move 'up' to our new classes the following Sunday, August 24th.

## Serving at Transitions

Bethel has reserved several dates to serve lunch at Transitions, a nonprofit homeless recovery center in downtown Columbia located at 2025 Main Street, the corner of Main and Calhoun Streets. The serving dates are August 28, September 25 and October 23. Volunteers should plan to arrive at 11:30 a.m. and serve from 12-12:30. There are dress requirements. They ask that we wear comfortable shoes (no sandals or flip flops please). Shorts, skirts and sleeveless shirts are not allowed. Please wear a baseball cap. Otherwise, a hairnet will be required and provided. If you would like to serve or have further questions, please call Arnette Jordan at 788-0287 or 730-8026. There will be sign-up sheets in the Sanctuary foyer as well.

## Million Book Effort Great Success!

Bethel collected over 725 books for the Book Effort. These books will help transform the lives of children in our state by equipping them with the tools they need on life's journey.

Thank you for your generosity!

Pictured right: 10 youth and several adults at the UMC Conference Center on their mission to help sort and pack books for distribution



## Family Promise of the Midlands JULY Update

We have exciting news about Family Promise of the Midlands!

- **All 13 Host Churches Are On Board**

We now have a full complement of congregations to host. Board committees are busy doing the work necessary to launch FPM this fall. The Holy Spirit is at work, and the pieces are all falling into place.

- **Crowdsourcing Campaign to Launch in Mid-August**

Our crowdsourcing campaign goal is \$50,000. This 3-month campaign will begin mid-August. Each of you can be a key player in this campaign by spreading the word about Family Promise at every opportunity, and educating yourself and others by visiting the website [www.familypromisemidlands.org](http://www.familypromisemidlands.org). The website will be updated by mid August. Bethel also has a trifold with pictures and information in the narthex.

- **Director Search Underway**

We are a month into our search for our local FP Executive Director. The person who fills this position will be vital to the success of FPM. If you know someone who might be interested in this position, please have him or her go to the FPM website for job a description.

- **Day Center Renovations to Begin in Mid-August**

The architect and contractor have done their work and as soon as the job is awarded and permits obtained, renovations will begin. Our FPM Day Center is located at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, 2501 Heyward Street (near Hand Middle School).

- **Day Center Grand Opening Event on November 9**

Mark your calendars and plan to join us! We will give thanks and celebrate reaching our fundraising goal, completing our day center, and having a new FPM director on board.

**Our patience, prayers, and hard work are paying off, and Family Promise of the Midlands will soon be making a difference in the lives of homeless families in our community.**

**Belated Happy Birthday to those who celebrated in**

**July**

- 07/01 Frances Cox, Casey Stewart
- 07/03 Ann Cargile
- 07/05 Ashlee Price
- 07/06 Parker Willoughby
- 07/07 Hannah Curran, Jim Wilson, Savannah Pharis-Krueger
- 07/08 Bryson Clark, Vicki Hill
- 07/11 Kate Brown, Janis Lawther, Christopher Walker
- 07/17 Clifford Pearce
- 07/18 Katie Bostic, Cate Giametta
- 07/19 Arnette Jordan
- 07/25 CB Edwards
- 07/27 Charles Veach
- 07/28 Bryson Clark, Sarah Walker
- 07/29 David Hinze, Declan Kelly, Theodore Pharis
- 07/30 Michael Burnett
- 07/31 Cathy Hungiville

**August**

- 08/04 Harry Parker
- 08/06 Clayton Cotner, Xander Crosby, Nancy Johnson
- 08/08 Becky Lucas
- 08/14 Meredith Estes
- 08/15 John Mathis
- 08/17 Sarah Weir
- 08/19 Velma Neeley, Cameron Estes
- 08/20 Kevin Collins, Iva Dell Griffin
- 08/21 Sarah Meek, Isabelle Wood
- 08/22 McKenzie Furr, Nancy Maxfield, Charmelle Staples
- 08/23 Lillian Haller
- 08/24 Tom Elliott, Karen Stewart
- 08/26 William Lucas
- 08/28 GiGi Collins, Larry Cope
- 08/29 Addison Clark, Lucy Kelly
- 08/30 Bruce Cotner, Hayden Gamarra
- 08/31 John Scullion

**Serving the Congregation in August**

**Greeters**

- August 3 Janis Lawther, Jean Smith, Paulette Price
- 10 Diane Porter, Gina Clark, Bonnie Speas
- 17 Carol & Ken Burger, Nell Porter
- 24 Barbara Harper, Elizabeth Davis, Diane Roddey
- 31 Anne & Coy White, Anna Cope

**Acolyte/Crucifer**

- August 3 Mary Sydney George/ Christopher Walker
- 10 Abbie Bowman
- 17 Wilhelm Elliott
- 24 Christopher Walker
- 31 Ashton Keiffer

**Ushers**

- August 3 Tom Elliott, Jim Wilson, Ron Jordan, Furman Porter
- 10 Chuck Ward, Linda & William Stewart, Sally Hafner
- 17 Ken Wood, Larry Cope, Coy White, Ken May
- 24 Sarita & Dan Toma, Dianna & Tom Elliott
- 31 Arnette & Ron Jordan, Debbie & Al Carter

**Children's Moment**

- August 3 Communion (No moment)
- 10 Janel Bell
- 17 Blessing of the Backpacks (No moment)
- 24 Cara Davis
- 31 Becky Lucas

**Children's Church (Lead/Helper)**

- August 3 Communion (No children's church)
- 10 Martie Walker, Louise Smith
- 17 Blessing of the Backpacks (No children's church)
- 24 Martie Walker, Louise Smith
- 31 Martie Walker, Louise Smith

**Offering Counters**

- August 3 Kimberly Hoover, Coy White
- 10 Dianna Elliott, Cappy George
- 17 John Scullion, Janis Lawther
- 24 Walt Speas, Kimberly Wilson
- 31 Frank Hafner, Debbie Carter

**Sanctuary Preparation**

- August Sandra Wayson, Sarita Toma

**July and August Anniversaries**

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 07/02 David & Janel Bell      | 08/13 Tom & Paulette Price   |
| 07/03 Joe & Brittany Giametta | 08/15 John & Marian Scullion |
| 07/03 Tom & Joanna Giudice    | 08/20 Frank & Sally Hafner   |
| 07/06 Ronald & Lucy Gordon    | 08/21 David & Lisa Wood      |
| 08/04 Jack & Sarah Bonnaville | 08/21 Tom & Sarah Walker     |
| 08/08 Kevin & GiGi Collins    |                              |

# August Calendar of Events



## **August 1**

**Preschool Closed thru 8/22**

## **August 2**

8:00 Upper Room Prayer

## **August 3**

9:00 Reach! Service w/Holy Communion

9:00 Nursery

9:45 Sunday School

9:45 Reach! Band Practice

11:00 Worship w/Holy Communion

6:00 Youth Group

## **August 4**

**Preschool Closed thru 8/22**

1:30 BUMS

6:00 Evangelism

7:00 Boy Scouts

## **August 5**

**Preschool Closed thru 8/22**

1:15 Yoga

6:00 Twinkle Toes

6:00 Trustees

## **August 6**

**Preschool Closed thru 8/22**

10:00 Staff Meeting

1:15 Yoga

2:00 Pray for Bethel

7:00 Youth Group

## **August 7**

**Preschool Closed thru 8/22**

10:45 UMW Exec Board

1:15 Yoga

6:00 Health & Welfare

## **August 8**

**Preschool Closed thru 8/22**

## **August 9**

No Programming

## **August 10**

9:00 Reach! Service

9:00 Nursery

9:45 Sunday School

9:45 Reach! Band Practice

11:00 Worship

11:30 Children's Church

2:00 Committee on Lay Leadership

6:00 Youth Group

## **August 11**

**Preschool Closed thru 8/22**

5:30 Youth Last Bash of Summer @ Sesquicentennial Park

7:00 Boy Scouts

## **August 12**

**Preschool Closed thru 8/22**

1:15 Yoga

7:00 Sylvia Hulsey Circle

## **August 13**

**Preschool Closed thru 8/22**

2:00 Pray for Bethel

7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal

## **August 14**

**Preschool Closed thru 8/22**

12:30 Education & Family Ministries Committee

1:15 Yoga

## **August 15**

**Preschool Closed thru 8/22**

## **August 16**

No Programming

## **August 17**

**Sunday School Promotion Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks**

9:00 Reach! Service w/ Blessing of the Backpacks

9:00 Nursery

9:45 Sunday School

9:45 Donuts for k-Sr. His

9:45 Reach! Band Practice

11:00 Worship w/Blessing of the Backpacks

2:00 Committee on Lay Leadership

6:00 Youth Group

## **August 18**

**Preschool Closed thru 8/22**

7:00 Boy Scouts

## **August 19**

**Preschool Closed thru 8/22**

1:15 Yoga

## **August 20**

**Preschool Closed thru 8/22**

2:00 Pray for Bethel

## **August 21**

**Preschool Closed thru 8/22**

1:15 Yoga

## **August 22**

**Preschool Closed thru 8/22**

## **August 23**

No Programming

## **August 24**

9:00 Reach! Service

9:00 Nursery

9:45 Sunday School

9:45 Reach! Band Practice

11:00 Worship

11:30 Children's Church

12:00 Holroyd Class Luncheon

2:00 Committee on Lay Leadership

6:00 Youth Group

## **August 25**

9:30 Preschool Meet Your Teacher

7:00 Boy Scouts

## **August 26**

**Preschool Fall Term Begins**

9:00 Preschool

1:15 Yoga

6:00 Pastor Parish Committee

## **August 27**

9:00 Preschool

2:00 Pray for Bethel

6:00 Stewardship Committee

7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal

## **August 28**

9:00 Preschool

11:30 Bethel Serving @ Transitions

1:15 Yoga

6:00 History Committee

## **August 29**

9:00 Preschool

## **August 30**

No Programming

## **August 31**

9:00 Reach! Service

9:00 Nursery

9:45 Sunday School

9:45 Reach! Band Practice

11:00 Worship

11:30 Children's Church

12:00 Holroyd Class Luncheon

2:00 Committee on Lay Leadership

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### Upper Room Prayer Line

Diane, KY; Georgia, OH; Mary, MI; Cheryl, TX; Carol, MA; Helen, Iowa; Frances, AR; Mary, CA; Adriana, GA; Stephe, LA; Beverly, IL; Amrid, FL; Marylou, NB; Helen, OH

### 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	Philip Meek
Margie Dent	Sarah & Tom
Clyde Hasty	Walker
Betty Hulsey	Dot Miller
Lillian Haller	C. Lem Harper, Sr.
Irene Boyd	Marjorie Steadman

### 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.

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 Independent and Assisted Living Communities

**George Chaconas** — Forest Pines, Columbia, SC

**Beverly Chandler** — Wildewood Downs, Columbia, SC

**Betty Harper** — Sandpiper Rehab & Nursing Facility, Mt. Pleasant, SC

**Harry & Sarah Parker** — Still Hopes, West Columbia, SC

**Betty Shuler** — Morningside, Lexington, SC

**Lawrence & Virginia Loveless** — Presbyterian Home, Lexington, SC

**Helen McDermott** — The Waterford, Columbia, SC

**Gladys Blackmon** — Rock Hill, SC

**Vickie Hill** — The Waterford, Columbia, SC

**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, SC

**Joyce Varn** — Forest Pines, Columbia, SC

**Eva Mae Nobel** — New York State