August 17, 2014 11:00 A.M

The Color is Red, symbolizing the Holy Spirit who descended upon the Disciples in tongues of fire fifty days after Jesus' resurrection. Red also symbolizes the fire of the Spirit that warms our hearts, and gives us fiery zeal, dedication and devotion to God.

Today is Promotion Sunday at Bethel UMC, and we give thanks and praise to God for our Sunday School classes, which promote Christian Spiritual Growth for all ages in our church.

Chiming of Trinity—At this time please quietly take your seats

**Welcome and Announcements** 

**Prelude** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Perronet

\*Choral Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn #328 "Surely the Presence of the Lord" Wolfe

#### \*Special Prayer in Celebration of our Sunday School Classes

Eternal God, you have entrusted us with the message of your power, grace, justice and love. Provide for us your guidance, that we may be teachers and learners together. Believing that you are in our midst, we set apart those who would serve in our Sunday School classes. May they serve you in nurturing the spiritual growth of all who come seeking to know You. Bless each participant, that we may all become greater channels of your grace. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

#### \*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Anthem "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" Temple Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you. O Master grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love, with all my soul. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness only light, and where there's sadness ever joy. O Master grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love, with all my soul. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

Let it be that we do not give and serve by rote, O God. Open our eyes in stead to see the world as you see it. Touch our hearts in such a way that we might respond in gratitude that we are *able* to give. We do so in joy! Amen.

#### Welcome!

We are especially glad to have all visitors and guests worshipping with us today. Your presence with us is a blessing! Please be sure to let us know who you are by registering your attendance on the yellow card located in the pew rack and placing it in the offering plate. Visitors, be sure to pick up our informational pamphlet (pew rack), and check out our website, <a href="https://www.bethelmethodistcolumbia.com">www.bethelmethodistcolumbia.com</a> for more great information about Bethel. If you would like to talk with the Pastor about church membership, please contact Rev. Todd Davis at <a href="todd@bethelmethodistcolumbia.com">todd@bethelmethodistcolumbia.com</a> or 787-3058.

<u>Blessing of the Backpacks during both worship services today</u>. All children and youth are invited to receive a special blessing for the upcoming school year.

New Sunday School class for 3s, 4s & 5s. Beginning next Sunday, August 24th, Sunday School will be offered for our 3-5 year olds in the room #E-109. If you are interested in serving in a rotation to help our "littles" learn about the love of Jesus, please contact Michelle in the church office.

<u>"The Story—Teen Edition"</u> will be offered during the Sunday School hour for grades 4th and up beginning August 24th. This is a study of the Bible from cover to cover - written as a story. The adult version of this curriculum is currently being studied by our Christian Voyagers class. If you are interested, let Michelle know ASAP so that we can place a book order.

Youth Carowinds Trip! This Saturday (8/23). Meet at 2:30 in the front parking lot. We will return by midnight. Cooler available for food. Bring any spending money you want in the park. Haven't signed up? Contact Michelle 843-368-2817or Lucy @ 760-6268 ASAP!

<u>Serving at Transitions.</u> Bethel will serve lunch on August 28th, September 25th and October 23rd from 11:30 am to 12:45 pm. Contact Arnette Jordan @ 788-0287 or 730-8026 if you can help.

<u>UMW Salad Supper</u> on September 11th @ 6:30 pm in the PAB. Speaker is Ms. Diane Moseley, Director of Killingsworth Women's Shelter. Cost of dinner is \$4. Checks made payable to Janis Lawther. RSVP by Sept. 7th.

<u>Christian Education & Family Ministries Committee meetings</u> have been moved to the Second Sunday of every other month from 5-6pm in the Christian Voyagers classroom. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14th. If you are a member of this committee, please update your calendars!

<u>United Methodist Men will host their first breakfast</u> of the 2014-15 year on Sunday, September 14th @ 8:00 am in the Pool Activities Building. Special guest speaker will be Sheriff Leon Lott.

<u>Preparations are being made for our new sanctuary roof.</u> Please don't forget to bless our church by giving an extra donation to cover the costs that will be incurred over the next couple of months.

**<u>Building Security.</u>** If the Sanctuary doors are locked, please exit using the door near the church office as it will automatically lock behind you. Thanks for your cooperation in keeping our building secure.

Handbell Choir begins rehearsals on Sunday, September 7th @ 4:15 in the CR. New UMW Circle begins meeting October 5th (and every first Sunday of the month) from 12:30-1:30 in the Pool Activities Building. Lunch provided for first meeting. Contact Debbie Carter @ 315-8014 if you are interested in participating.

<u>In Need of Prayer?</u> Simply use the Prayer Request Card found in your pew. You may place it in a Prayer Request Box (located in the narthex and office hallway) or fold and place in the offering plate. Or, you may call **Iva Dell Griffin at 782-5032.** 

Serving the Congregation Today

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Church Nursery w/Verta: Debbie Farmer Greeters: Carol & Ken Burger, Nell Porter Acolyte: Wilhelm Elliott

Children's Moment: Michelle Keiffer

Head Usher: Tom Elliott

Ushers: Ken Wood, Larry Cope, Coy White, Ken May Offering Counters: John Scullion, Mike Hellams Sanctuary Preparers: Sandra Wayson, Sarita Toma

## Presence August 10th Church School 55; Reach! 41; Traditional 107 May God bless you for your support of Bethel's ministries!

Budget	391,390.50	Income (YTD)	218,895.60
Needed Weekly	7,526.74	Expenses (YTD)	211,313.21
Received (8/10)	4,404.59	Difference	7,582.39
Needed to Date	233,328.94		
Received to Date	218,895.60		
Difference	-14,433.34		

#### Special Prayers for those in Hospitals/Rehab

Lynn Turbeville—Baptist 798

<u>Upper Room Prayer Line</u>—Carol, MA; Diana, KY; Nelson, OH; Julie, ND; Katie, MN; Kay, KY(2); Ava, NY; Sue, MI; Dick, CA (2); Deborah, CA; Carol, MA (2); Chaka, CA (2); Carola, MA; Joyce, NC; Rose, IL; Max, IN; Susan, NM; Lynn, CA



### Dear God,

Thank you for the many blessings you have given us—
including the gift of children.
We ask for Your protection and
guidance for those who will
soon fill the halls of this school.
Please be with each Student,

Parent, Teacher, Coach, Administrator, Nurse, Counselor, Janitor, Lunchroom Worker and Volunteer that enters this building. May they be filled with the peace and love that comes only from You.

Our Rock and Redeemer—Hear Our Prayer!

Amen

**Offertory** "Aria" Handel

Please help the Ushers by passing the offering plate down each pew so all worshippers have an opportunity to present their gifts to God. You may also place attendance registration cards in the plate at this time.

#### \*Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

#### \*Doxology #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### **Children's Moment**

Michelle Keiffer

#### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

\*Hymn #454 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" Open My Eyes

Scripture Genesis 45:1-15

**Sermon** "Joseph's Humblebrag" Rev. Davis

\*Closing Hymn #77 "How Great Thou Art" How Great Thou Art

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Chiming of Trinity

\*Postlude "We Are Called to Be God's People" Austrian Hymn

\*All who are able are invited to stand.

#### **Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

Those who would like to become a member of the Bethel UMC family, by profession of faith or transfer of church membership, are invited to speak with the minister at your convenience.



# The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Frank and Sally Hafner in celebration of their 48th wedding anniversary.

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary please contact Rebecca Bennett 261-3331 or the Church Office.

Cost of a standard arrangement is \$54.

<u>Hearing Assistance Devices</u> are available in the Narthex. If you should need help finding or operating a device an Usher will be happy to assist you.

For Your Convenience... A Nursery for Infants thru 3 yr. olds is available in Rm. #108 of the Education Bldg. If children are joining you in worship "Fun Bags" and children's bulletins are located in the Narthex. A "Cry Room" with toys/rocking chairs/changing table and full view/sound of worship is also located just off the Narthex.

#### **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. We will not publish a newsletter for the month of July but regular deadlines will apply for the August issue.

#### Calendar Scheduling

Please contact the Church Secretary as soon as possible to get your upcoming events on the calendar. Rooms are scheduled on a first-come basis.

#### **Upcoming Events at Bethel**

Sunday, August 17, 2014 Sunday School Promotion Sunday Blessing of the Backpacks

REACH! Service w/Blessing of the Backpacks (PAB) 9-9:40 AM
Nursery-Infants-3's (EB-108) 9-12 Noor
K-12th (& teachers)—Donuts & Praise
Music (PAB) 9:45-10:45 AM
Sunday School (EB) 9:45-10:45 AM
Worship w/Blessing of the Backpacks
(SAN) 11-12 Noon
Committee on Lay Leadership (CR) 2-5 P

Youth Group (Zone) 6-7:30 PM

Monday, August 18, 2014 Preschool closed (thru Aug. 22) Boy Scouts (Hut) 7-8 PM

**Tuesday, August 19, 2014** Preschool closed (thru Aug. 22) Yoga (PAB) 1:15-2:15 PM

Wednesday, August 20, 2014 Preschool closed (thru Aug. 22) Pray for Bethel (CR) 2-3 PM

Thursday, August 21, 2014 Preschool closed (thru Aug. 22) Yoga (PAB) 1:15-2:15 PM

Friday, August 22, 2014
Preschool Closed (thru August 22)

Saturday, August 23, 2014 No Programming Sunday, August 24, 2014

REACH! Service (PAB) 9-9:40 AM Nursery-Infants-3's (EB-108) 9-12 Noon Music (PAB) 9:45-10:45 AM Sunday School (EB) 9:45-10:45 AM Worship (SAN) 11-12 Noon Children's Church (EB-101) 11:30-12:00 Holroyd Class Luncheon (PAB) 12-1 PM Committee on Lay Leadership (CR) 2-5 P Youth Group (Zone) 6-7:30 PM

Monday, August 25, 2014

Preschool "Meet Your Teacher" (EB) 9:30-11 AM

Boy Scouts (Hut) 7-8 PM

Tuesday, August 26, 2014 Preschool (EB) 9-12 Noon

Yoga (PAB) 1:15-2:15 PM Pastor Parish Committee (CR) 6-7 PM

Wednesday, August 27, 2014

Preschool (EB) 9-12 Noon Pray for Bethel (CR) 2-3 PM Stewardship Committee (CVC) 6-7 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:30-8:30 P

Thursday, August 28, 2014

Preschool (EB) 9-12 Noon Bethel Serving Transitions (Offsite) 11:30-1 PM Yoga (PAB) 1:15-2:15 PM History Committee (CR) 6-7 PM

Friday, August 29, 2014 Preschool (EB) 9-12 Noon

Saturday, August 30, 2014

No Programming

CR—Conference Room
PS—Pastor's Study
PAB—Pool Activities Building

EB—Education Building
CVC—Christian Voyager's Class
SAN—Sanctuary

#### Memory Verse for week of August 17th Ephesians 4:2

"Be completely humble and gentle, be patient, bearing with one another in love."



## KNOWING, LOVING, SERVING

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

Sunday, August 17, 2014
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Promotion Sunday

In Ministry with the Congregation

**Reverend Todd Davis, Pastor** 

Michelle Keiffer, Director of Christian Education and Family Ministries

Marian Scullion, Director of Music Ministries
Bill Webb, Organist

Sylvia Hulbert, Director of Handbell Choir Carol Barnett, Administrative Assistant

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