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MEET Rev. Julie Songer Belman

Rev. Julie Songer Belman delights in her new appointment to Bethel UMC in Columbia! For the past four years Julie has pastored at First UMC Winnsboro. She previously served as Minister of Evangelism and Outreach at Shandon UMC in Columbia.

Julie grew up in Irmo, South Carolina and is an honor graduate of Winthrop University in Rock Hill. After college she moved to New York City to pursue a career on Broadway. Julie was active in volunteer ministry at a United Methodist Church in New York. After two years of leadership in her Manhattan church's social justice ministries, Julie felt the call to ordained ministry. She graduated with a Master of Divinity degree from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta and is an Ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church.



Julie is certified in "Women and Theology" and has a special interest in women's spiritual growth. She worked with the World Methodist Evangelism Institute and traveled with the Institute to Chile and Paraguay, South America. Julie is passionate about connecting the Gospel story to the everyday lives of extraordinary disciples. She feels most joyful when serving others and sharing God's love with all.

Julie enjoys performing in community theatre and spending time with her family. Her husband Travis is an avid tennis player and an executive with AT&T. They have three children: James (3) and twins Ray & Marlow (1).

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50 Ways to Welcome your New Pastor

From the Lewis Center for Church Leadership

Prepared by Robert Crossman

Prepare to welcome your new pastor

1. Open your hearts and decide that you are going to love your new pastor.
2. Begin praying daily for the new pastor and family, even as you continue to pray for your departing pastor and family.
3. Invite church members individually to send cards of welcome and encouragement to the incoming pastor.
4. Know that welcoming your new pastor in genuine and effective ways lays the ground work for a healthy and vital relationship and the development of stable, long-term ministries together.
5. Plan for the transition. Occasionally important welcoming gestures are missed with everyone thinking someone else is handling these details.
6. Appoint a specific liaison person to whom the pastor can go for help and information during the transition.

Say goodbye to your current pastor in a healthy way

7. Show love, regard, and even grief, for your departing pastor. This is one of the best things you can do for the new pastor.
8. Acknowledge the change in public ways. Especially in the case of a much-beloved pastor, this allows the congregation better to let go and receive the new pastor.
9. Provide the congregation the opportunity to say thank you and goodbye to the outgoing pastor, even if things have not always gone well.
10. Find appropriate occasions — in worship and at other times — to thank the outgoing pastor.
11. Express appreciation in ways that are consistent with what you have done in the past.

12. Consider giving the pastor the last two weeks off. This helps the pastor enter the new situation rested and gives an emotional buffer between one pastor's last Sunday and another pastor's first Sunday.

13. Plan goodbye celebrations prior to the beginning of the two weeks off.

14. Provide information to the local media about the outgoing pastor's accomplishments and future plans.

15. Do not invite the former pastor to return for weddings, funerals, or baptisms. This allows your former pastor to engage fully with his or her new congregation, and it establishes your new pastor as everyone's pastor from the beginning.

Make things move-in ready

16. Make sure the parsonage and pastor's office are clean and ready. Offer to provide help or a cleaning service if needed.

17. Determine if the parsonage is in need of repairs or painting. Consult the outgoing and incoming pastors about timing so as not to disrupt the lives of either party. Do not ask a new pastor to move into a parsonage "under construction."

18. Consult the new pastor on any paint, design, or furnishings issues.

19. Offer to have someone cut the parsonage grass.

20. Make sure the new pastor and church officials are clear on how moving expenses are paid and all matters related to compensation, benefits, and reimbursement policies.

Welcome your pastor on moving day

21. Stock the parsonage refrigerator and pantry with some staples.

22. Make sure there are kid-friendly foods and snacks in the refrigerator if children are arriving.

23. Have a small group on hand to greet the new pastor and family when they arrive and to help as needed.

24. Offer child care if there is an infant or toddler in the household.
25. Invite children in the household to do things with others of their same age.
26. Welcome any youth in the household by having church youth group members stop by and offer to show them around.

Continue the welcome during the entry period

27. Take food over for the first few days. Many churches continue the practice of having a “pounding” for the new pastor when persons bring food items.
28. Provide a map with directions to local dry cleaners, grocery store, drug store, veterinarian, etc., and information on local options for internet and cable television providers.
29. Give gift certificates to several of your favorite restaurants in the community.
30. Give the pastor and family a welcome reception on the first Sunday.
31. Plan a worship celebration of the new appointment.
32. Invite the new pastor to any social events held by Sunday School classes or other groups in the early months.
33. Make sure the pastor’s spouse and children, if applicable, are invited to Sunday School and other appropriate small groups.
34. Continue to remember your new pastor and family in your daily prayers.

Help the new pastor become familiar with the congregation

35. Introduce yourself to the pastor repeatedly! You have one name to learn; your pastor has many names to learn.
36. Wear name tags. Even if name tags are not a tradition, the congregation can wear them for a few weeks to help the pastor learn names.
37. Provide a current pictorial directory of all the church members, if available.
38. Provide an up-to-date list of all church committees and officers.
39. Provide the new pastor with a tour of where things are kept inside the church and perhaps a floor plan of the facilities.

40. Orient the new pastor to information systems and the way records are kept.
41. Make sure the pastor has a list of home bound or nursing home members, a list of those struggling with long term illness, and a list of those still in grief over recent deaths in the family. Better yet, take the pastor for an introduction to each of these households.
42. Have an appropriate person offer to go with the pastor for introductions and support if there are particularly urgent pastoral situations (a member near death or the family of a member who has just died).
43. Have a lay official offer to take the pastor to meet church members in their businesses or other work settings, if they are easily accessible.
44. Offer to help arrange small group sessions to meet and talk with the congregation.
45. Create a “church yellow pages” (a list of people in the church who have specific skills that a newcomer may find beneficial.... auto mechanic, doctor, dentist, dry cleaners, book store, office supply, etc.).

Help the new pastor connect to the community

46. Provide local media with information about the new pastor.
47. Provide a list of hospitals, nursing homes, and community service agencies.
48. Introduce your new pastor to other clergy in the community. Provide information on any ecumenical activities or associations.
49. Introduce the new pastor to public and community leaders.
50. Ask church members in civic clubs to take the new pastor to one of their meetings.

Dr. Robert Crossman, Minister of New Church Starts and Congregational Development for the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church, is the primary author of this document. The Lewis Center staff and others provided suggestions and editorial assistance.

Ephesians 6:23-24 “Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.”



A BIG THANKS to the Youth and members of the Sylvia Hulsy Circle, for making Youth/Graduate Sunday a great success.

We are so proud and blessed!!

JUNE

- 3 Lunch Outing**
- 10-14 Vacation Bible School**
- 17 Father's Day (No Youth)**
- 18 Missions Monday**
@ Harvest Hope Food Bank
- 24 Canoeing & Cook-out**
- 27 Lunch & Devo @ Five Guys**

JULY

- 1 Sundae Funday**
- 15 Swim Night**
- 18 Dave & Buster's Trip**
- 21-28 Lake Murray Salk**

SUMMER ADVENTURES

Mission Monday—June 18

Once a month this summer, we will be doing service projects during the day. We will start Monday, June 18th from 10:00-12:00, at Harvest Hope Food Bank. We will be packing food boxes and getting a tour to see first hand how they minister to our community. We will go out for lunch after we are finished.

Wednesday's Lunch & Devo—June 27

We will meet a few times this summer for lunch and a short devo on Wednesdays. This will be a time to get together and have a short study and prayer time.

Canoeing & Cook-out—June 24

Mark your calendars for a day of canoeing down the river and then a cook-out afterwards. We will leave the back parking lot at 2:00. Pick-up time will depend on the water flow. Please sign-up with Jason by Sunday, June 17th.

PRAY Daily for Bethel, Bethel friends & family!

Herman Berry at home; Caroline Funderburk; Stoney Stone; Myra Jackson; Leo Foster, Cindy Hynds; Betty Onley; Velma Neely at Home; Nancy Johnson at The Blake; Margaret Hines and family; Frances Yon at Presbyterian Home; Carmen Pool at Lowman Home and the family of Caroline Funderburk. Please continue to keep these people in your hearts during your daily prayer time.

Please pray for Bethel, Matt and his family as they move the in of June. Let them know how much you love and appreciate them! Pray for Julie Songer Belman and her family as they prepare to come to Bethel. Open your hearts and minds! Pray for love, forgiveness, understanding and acceptance. Teach us to be Your Faithful disciples and transform us in every way with Your Spirit.



Keep our young adults in your thoughts and prayers as they are away at school. We wish them much success.

Clemson University—Brian Burger, Mary Sydney George

Lander University—McKenzie Furr

USC—Jennie Joe Wiltshire; Andrew Garnto; Dillon Garnto

USC Sumter—Alan Farmer

Johns Hopkins—Abbie Bowman

The Citadel—Josh Bowman

Auburn University Vet School—Kelly Farmer

Midlands Tech—Dana Garnto

Bethel Preschool News



Preschool ended on May 17 with our Spring Performance. If you didn't attend, you missed some precious children!

Our four year olds celebrated their Mom's on May 3rd. This is a special morning for Mother and child.



The children acted out the book "Mother, Mother, I Want Another" Afterwards everyone enjoyed sandwiches, fruit and dessert.

On May 15, the parents gave the staff a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast! We enjoyed bagels, juice, coffee muffins and fruit along with flowers and other special gifts. This started our morning off on the right foot. It was very much appreciated!

Our Summer Camp begins on Tuesday June 5 and will run through July 26 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. There are still a few spots available if interested.

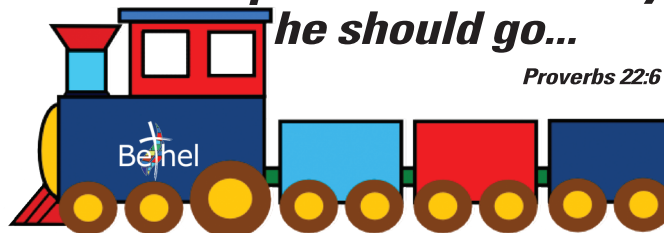


Please don't forget about Chipotle Night Fundraiser for the new Playground. **JUNE 6 FROM 4 TO 8 PM; 4840 Forest Drive!!!** Chipotle will donate 50% of what you buy! But we have to let them know when ordering/paying that it is for Bethel's Preschool. Hope to see everybody there.

Have a wonderful Summer!

Train up a child in the way he should go...

Proverbs 22:6



June 2018 Calendar of Events

Friday, June 1

8:30 Preschool (EB)

Saturday, June 2

8:00 UMM Prayer line (CR)

Sunday, June 3

(Annual Conference begins)

9:00 Reach! Service (PAB)
9:45 Bible Study (EB)
11:00 Worship (S)
4:30 Youth (Zone)
6:30 Lois McNair Group (John and Anne Mathis)

Monday, June 4

Annual Conference cont.

Tuesday, June 5

Annual Conference cont.

9:00 Preschool Summer Fun (EB)
7:00 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Wednesday, June 6

Annual Conference ends

9:00 Preschool Summer Fun (EB)
2:30 Pray for Bethel (CR)
6:00 Reach Band Rehearsal (PAB)

4-8 Chipotle Fund Raiser
(Need to mention
Bethel UMC
Preschool)



Thursday, June 7

9:00 Preschool Summer Fun (EB)

Sunday, June 10

9:00 Reach! Service (PAB)
9:45 SS/Bible Study (EB)
11:00 Worship (S)
5:30 Vacation Bible School begins (PAB)

Monday, June 11

5:30 Vacation Bible School (PAB)

Tuesday, June 12

9:00 Preschool Summer Fun (EB)
5:30 Vacation Bible School (PAB)

Wednesday, June 13

9:00 Preschool Summer Fun (EB)
2:30 Pray for Bethel (CR)
5:30 Vacation Bible School (PAB)

Thursday, June 14

9:30 Preschool Summer Fun (EB)
5:30 Vacation Bible School
Potluck Dinner

Sunday, June 17

Father's Day

9:00 Reach! Service (PAB)
9:45 SS/Bible Study (EB)
11:00 Worship (S)
12:00 Reception for Matt and family (PAB)

Monday, June 18

10:00 Youth Mission Monday at Harvest Hope Food Bank

Tuesday, June 19

9:00 Preschool Summer Fun (EB)
7:00 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Wednesday, June 20

9:00 Preschool Summer Fun (EB)
2:30 Pray for Bethel (CR)
6:00 Reach Band Practice (PAB)

Thursday, June 21

9:00 Preschool Summer Fun (EB)

Sunday, June 24

9:00 Reach! Service (PAB)
9:45 SS/Bible Study (EB)
11:00 Worship (S)
12:00 Holroyd SS Luncheon (PAB)
2:00 Youth Canoeing & Cookout (back parking lot)

Tuesday, June 26

9:00 Preschool Summer Fun (EB)

Wednesday, June 27

9:00 Preschool Summer Fun (EB)
12:00 Youth Lunch & Devo @ Five Guys
2:30 Pray for Bethel (CR)
6:00 Reach Band Practice (PAB)

Thursday, June 28

9:00 Preschool Summer Fun (EB)

CR	Conference Room
EB	Education Building
NLC	New Life Class
NJC	New Journey Class
PAB	Pool Activities Building
S	Sanctuary

Bible School is coming soon and we need you!!!



Sunday, June 10 to Thursday, June 14

5:30 to 8:00

Come join in the fun!

PLEASE READ! You are all invited to a VBS prop construction party this Saturday starting at 10:00 in the PAB. This year's theme is Shipwrecked... Rescued by Jesus! We have a lot of palm trees and island decor to prepare so that we can transform our space into an island oasis!! Call Martie Walker @ 212-8256 if you have any questions.

There will be an orientation session Wednesday, June 6 @ 6:30 in the Sanctuary for anyone interested in being a vacation bible school volunteer during the week of June 10-14 from 5:30 - 8:00. Contact Martie Walker @212-8256 if you have any questions.

JUNE Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

6	Diane Roddey
7	Jason Barr
8	Mary Sydney George
10	Joyce Appleman
11	Claudia Cargile
13	Andrew, Dana & Dillan Garnto
14	Eugene Appleman
17	Tom Price Jo Dowdy
19	Noah Wood
20	Allison Barr
22	Janel Bell
23	Anne Hynds David Wood
28	Millie Lemond Lucy Gordon Kaye Edwards
29	Louise Smithe

Anniversaries

1	Horace & Margie Jackson
19	Bill & Anne Hynds
26	Sid & Cappy George

Our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service & Witness

Our Presence

Church Attendance For May

5/6	Worship: 125	SS: 55
5/13	Worship: 145	SS: 51
5/20	Worship: 150	SS: 56
5/27	Worship: 119	SS: 54

Our Gifts

2018 Church Budget \$367,280.00

Received YTD (5/31)

Expenses YTD (5/31)

Difference

Church Mortgage Balance:

\$131,781.53

Payment (5/31): \$16,308.94

Serving the Congregation in June

Greeters

June 3	Mike Hellams, Marian Wilson, Kimberly Wilson
June 10	Frances and Ken May, Brenda Shealy
June 17	Suzette and Lee Wilson, Janel Bell
June 24	Charles Byrn, Kimberly Wilson, Dianne Roaddey

Ushers

June 3	Tom Elliott, Jr., Jim Wilson, Furman Porter, Ron Jordan
June 10	Arnette Jordan, Janel Bell, Kimberly Wilson, Diane Roddey
June 17	Bill Lucas, Sid George, Larry Cope, John Mathis
June 24	Frank Hafner, Sally Hafner, Dan Toma, Bonnie Speas

Sound System Operator

June 3	Joe Weir
June 10	David Walker
June 17	David Walker
June 24	Joe Weir

Acolyte/Crucifer

June 3	Hannah Curran/Jordan Davis
June 10	Will Barrs
June 17	Skyy Morgan
June 24	Christopher Walker

Children's Moment/Scripture

June 3	Louise Davis/John 13:1-17 (v. 14-17)
June 10	Mike Hellams/Eph. 2:1-10; 1Cor 2:27
June 17	Debbie Carter/1 Kings 17:17-24
June 24	Jason Barrs/Phil 4:4-8

Offering Counters

June 3	Frank Hafner and Sara Derrick
June 10	Debbie Carter and Mary Ott
June 17	Dianna Elliott and Charles Byrn
June 24	Mike Hellams and Brenda Shealy

Communion Servers

Janel Bell, Debbie Carter, Kimberly Wilson

Sanctuary Preparation

Pat and Ken Woods

Sanctuary Lockup

John Mathis and Charles Byrn