



Bethel United Methodist Church

The Messenger

KNOWING, LOVING, SERVING...SO THE WORLD WILL EXPERIENCE CHRIST'S LOVE

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"Behold, I am about to do a new thing. Look, it springs forth!" Isaiah 43:18-19

As I was entering a local coffee shop this morning (okay, it was Starbucks!), a guy was coming out wearing jeans and a sweater. It was already 85 degrees! I must have given him a strange look, because he blurted out, "It was cold yesterday!"

A lot of us dress for the weather from the day before. Much of the time we plan for and worry about things that have already happened. It is often easier to look at the past than to try to figure out what the future is going to be. We know what happened yesterday. What's going to happen today is anyone's guess. We don't all live *in* the past, but we certainly live *by* the past. Of course we do. It's easier to see where we've been than to try to figure out where we need to go.

However, God lives by the future.

I love the passage in Isaiah 43, where God expresses a gentle frustration at our proclivity to see only the things that have already happened. If we need the message to be more explicit, in the preceding verse, God tells us, "*Forget the former things. Do not dwell on the past!*"

We miss the point if we read the Bible as only stories about the past. Don't read the Bible solely to figure out what is past. Read the Bible to figure out today and tomorrow. The Bible shows how God guides our present and our future.

Psalm 96 says, "*Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, Bless God's name; tell of God's salvation from day to day. Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is the Lord.*"

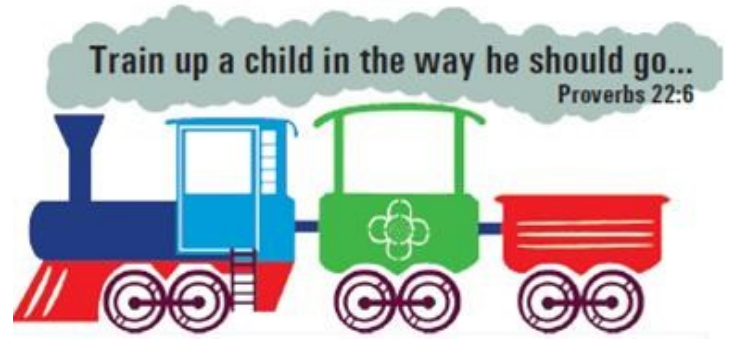
July 1st has become known in many UMC circles as "Methodist New Years," as it is often the day when clergy begin serving in new appointments. I am thankful to be starting a new year with you here at Bethel! Travis, James, Ray, and Marlow join with me in saying our family is excited to live into God's future here, as we love, worship and serve alongside of all of you this second year together. I have confidence that God is with us: bringing Hope, Love, Joy and Peace to all people. I know our time together will be fruitful and blessed.

I hope that we remember to sing a new song all the days of our lifetime: to embody as witnesses the glory of God in all that we say, do and think.

Grace & Peace,

Rev. Julie Belman

Preschool News



Preschool Summer Camp is in full swing! We have 20 children registered and they are having a blast! The theme for the first two weeks were "Under the Sea" and these past two weeks have had a "Into the Jungle" theme! Our next theme will be "Bugs and Insects" and our final two weeks will be "Hawaiian Luau". We have our Water Day on Wednesdays. The children really enjoy playing in the sprinkler, in the water tables, and with bubbles and sidewalk chalk. We are continuing to have weekly Chapel on Tuesdays with Pastor Julie and Jason. Those are always special days

Please everyone stay cool with these HOT days!

Blessings,
Carol Burger



Welcome to our new Minister of Congregational Care Rev. Reggie Rowell



Reggie is a 1974 graduate of Wofford College. He attended Yale University Divinity School, where he earned the Master of Divinity degree in 1977 and the Master of Sacred

Theology degree in 1980. He has been ordained an Elder in 1979 and served churches in the Spartanburg, Hartsville, Marion, Anderson, Charleston, and Columbia districts in South Carolina as well as churches in Connecticut, New Jersey and West Virginia. Reggie also worked as a staff chaplain at MUSC in Charleston from 2007-2016.

Reggie is married to Denice Reynolds Rowell. They are both graduates of North Charleston High School and both grew up in North Charleston UMC. Denice retired as a Region Director from AT&T and is enjoying her hobbies, traveling, and spoiling the grandkids. They currently live in Columbia.

Reggie and Denice, have two daughters and two grandchildren — Summer Tompkins and her son Riley who live in Columbia and Rachel Madden and her daughter Scarlett who live in Hanahan.

They have two rescue dogs: a chocolate lab named Mokie and a dachshund terrier mix named Jewel.

PRAY Daily for Bethel friends & family!

Margaret & David Hinze, GA; Nancy Johnson, The Blake; Mary Kirby, Waterford; Claude Murphy, Forest Pines; Betty Onley, Carman Pool, Rice Estates; Harold Nally; Harry & Sarah Parker, Irene Boyd; Connie Fowke, NHC; Herman Berry, Gloria Pruett, Fran Love, home; Kay Fraiser, Clara Hunsucker, Anne & Bill Hynds, Mary Walker, Lee Wilson, Larry Cope, John Mathis.

Please continue to keep these people in your hearts. Also, please continue to pray for Bethel, her leaders and her ministry.



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

Clemson University—Mary Sydney George

Johns Hopkins—Abbie Bowman

Lander University—McKenzie Furr

Midlands Tech—Dana Garnto

USC Columbia—Andrew Garnto, & Dylan Garnto

USC Sumter—Alan Farmer

Basic Training—Russell Isaacs Jr.

SUMMER MONDAYS
@ BETHEL METHODIST
9:30-10:30 AM

June 17	July 29
June 24	August 5
July 1	August 12
July 8	August 19
July 15	August 26

COLATOWN HOLY YOGA

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING – SUN. JULY 28 3:00-5:00

Everyone that is a volunteer with children or youth will be required to attend a Safe Sanctuary Training. We will have a time to review and refresh ourselves on our current policy. This is a way to ensure we have a continued safe environment for ALL children and youth at Bethel and most importantly for our visitors. We will also have another alternate date in August if you are unable to attend.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Jason Barrs (bjasonbarrs@gmail.com)

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Did you know that Pastor Julie has a special account used to help community members in need?

This account is not funded by the budget but by special gifts that come in through your generous donations, left at the communal rail or designated giving.

During the week, many folks stop by the church looking for help. When we can, we direct them to community agencies like The Cooperative Ministries, Family Promise, or the Rehoboth Food Pantry. Other times, we are able to provide the assistance they need.



So far in 2019 Bethel has provided:

- Emergency Shelter for a family traveling
- Weekly Bus passes for those needing transportation assistance
- Bus Tickets to visit sick family members
- Utility Bill Assistance
- Laundry Assistance
- Grocery Gift Cards
- Prayer, a cup of cold water, and Counseling (all free!)

Please speak with Pastor Julie if you would like to contribute to helping our neighbors in need!

The BUMS Will Start Back Soon!

We will meet on August 5th to discuss our upcoming year! Come one, come all—the more the merrier! Bring your ideas and be ready to discuss. We look forward to seeing you!



Carolyn Moore
Mosaic UMC
Evans, Georgia



Kevin Watson
Candler Sch of Theology
Atlanta, Georgia



Antony Frederick
Midtown Fellowship
Columbia, SC



Talbot Davis
Good Shepherd UMC
Charlotte, NC



Jody Flowers
Chapin UMC
Chapin, SC

ONE day CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING

Chapin UMC (25 miles northwest of Columbia, SC) is hosting a one-day leadership conference on **Thursday, November 7, 2019**, and we would love for you to be a part of an amazing day! You (along with others from your church who attend) will be encouraged and empowered to passionately live out our calling: to make disciples of Jesus Christ who transform our world!

ONEday is for everyone – both clergy and laity – who wants to grow and see their church grow in love and kingdom effectiveness.

We will worship together in the presence of Almighty God, hear from four amazing keynote speakers, and have multiple breakout sessions which will address vital ministry areas. Our prayer is that you will be inspired and refreshed by great teaching that is practical, and “doable” regardless of the size of the church you are a part of.

The cost for the entire day is just **\$19.00**, and that includes your materials, lunch and snacks. There will also be an **“early bird” discount** (for those who register between **May 14** and **June 29**), and with every 4 registrations from the same church, 1 additional registration will be **free**.

**To sign-up or for more questions contact Jason Barrs
(bjasonbarrs@gmail.com)**



Recommended Items:

- school supplies – chalkboards with chalk, pencils, scissors
- toys – soccer ball with pump, dolls
- make-your-own crafts – add your personal touch
- non-liquid hygiene items – bar soap, toothbrush
- clothing accessories – tops, shoes, socks, hair bows, gloves, scarves
- non-chocolate candy – caramels, taffy, gummy bears
- a personal note from your family – if you include your name and address it's possible that the child could write you back!

Items NOT Recommended:

- used or damaged items
- war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures
- chocolate or food – due to customs regulations
- out-of-date candy
- liquids or lotions – these can spill and get all over the other items
- medications or vitamins
- breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers



Summer Reading Recommendations from Pastor Julie

As a child I was always so excited when my school's summer reading list was published! If you're anything like me, you may be searching for a good book to take to the beach, Lake Murray, or simply sit with in comfortable chair at home. Here are some of the books I'm reading this summer. I'd love to discuss them with you if you decide to read them as well!

***Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor**

Follow Episcopal Priest Barbara on her journey to understand darkness, which takes her spelunking in unlit caves, learning to eat and cross the street as a blind person, discovering how "dark emotions" are prevented from seeing light, and rereading scripture to see all the times God shows up at night. With her characteristic charm and wisdom, Taylor is our guide through a spirituality of the nighttime, teaching us how to find God even in darkness, and giving us a way to let darkness teach us what we need to know.

***Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate**

Based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals, in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country, Lisa Wingate's riveting, wrenching, and ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong.

***The Residence* by Kate Andersen Bower**

Full of stories and details that are dramatic, humorous, and heartwarming, *The Residence* reveals daily life in the White House as it is really lived through the voices of the maids, butlers, cooks, florists, doormen, engineers, and others who tend to the needs of the President and First Family.

***Half Truths* by Adam Hamilton**

They are simple phrases. They sound Christian — like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. United Methodist Minister Adam Hamilton searches for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés to the message and ministry of Jesus. The clichés include:

- Everything happens for a reason.
- God helps those who help themselves.
- God won't give you more than you can handle.
- God said it, I believe it, that settles it.
- Love the sinner, hate the sin.

July 2019 Calendar of Events

Tuesday, July 2

- 9:30 Preschool Chapel (S)
- 11:30 Transitions
- 6:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Wednesday, July 3

Office Closed

- 1:30 Prayer for Bethel (S)
- 6:00 Reach Band Rehearsal (PB)

Thursday, July 4

Office Closed—Independence Day

Sunday, July 7

- 9:00 Reach Service (PB)
- 9:45 Sunday School (EB)
- 11:00 Traditional Service (S)

Monday, July 8

- 9:30 Holy Yoga (S)

Tuesday, July 9

- 9:30 Preschool Chapel (S)
- 6:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Tuesday, July 16

- 9:30 Preschool Chapel (S)

Wednesday, July 10

- 1:30 Prayer for Bethel (S)
- 6:00 Reach Band Rehearsal (PB)
- 7:00 By Signs & Wonder Study (NJ)

Sunday, July 14

- 9:00 Reach Service (PB)
- 9:45 Sunday School (EB)
- 11:00 Traditional Service (S)

Monday, July 15

- 9:30 Holy Yoga (S)

Tuesday, July 16

- 9:30 Preschool Chapel (S)
- 6:00 Finance Meeting (NJ)

Wednesday, July 17

- 1:30 Prayer for Bethel (S)
- 6:00 Reach Band Rehearsal (PB)
- 6:00 Evangelism Meeting (CR)

Saturday, July 20

Salkehatchie Week Begins

Sunday, July 21

- 9:00 Reach Service (PB)
- 9:45 Sunday School (EB)
- 11:00 Traditional Service (S)

Monday, July 22

- 9:30 Holy Yoga (S)

Tuesday, July 23

- 9:30 Preschool Chapel (S)
- 6:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Wednesday, July 24

- 1:30 Prayer for Bethel (S)
- 6:00 Reach Band Rehearsal (PB)

Sunday, July 28

- 9:00 Reach Service (PB)
- 9:45 Sunday School (EB)
- 11:00 Traditional Service (S)
- 12:00 Holroyd SS Class Luncheon (PB)
- 3:00 Safe Sanctuary Training (S)

Monday, July 29

- 9:30 Holy Yoga (S)

Tuesday, July 31

- 1:30 Prayer for Bethel (S)
- 6:00 Reach Band Rehearsal (PB)



CR—Conference Room
EB—Education Building
NJ—New Journey
PB—Pool Act. Building
S—Sanctuary

Serving the Congregation in July

July Birthdays

7/1 Frances Cox
7/3 Ann Cargile
7/5 Ashlee Price
7/7 Jim Wilson
7/7 Hannah Curran
7/8 Vicki Hill
7/11 Janis Lawther
7/11 Christopher Walker
7/18 Cate Giametta
7/19 Arnette Jordan
7/25 CB Edwards
7/27 Charles Veach
7/28 Sarah Walker
7/29 David Hinze
7/30 Michael Burnet
7/31 Julie Belman

July Anniversaries

7/3 Joe & Brittany Giametta
7/6 Ronald & Lucy Gordon

Church Attendance For June

6/2 Worship: 116 SS: 56
6/9 Worship: 97 SS: 59
6/16 Worship: 125 SS: 62
6/23 Worship: 116 SS: 60
6/30 Worship: 100

Total Offering for June:

\$26,156.22

Greeters

July 7: Ken & Frances May, Nell Porter
July 14: Janis Lawther, Sara Derrick, Mike Hellams
July 21: Brenda Shealy, Anne & John Mathis
July 28: Paulette Price, Arnette Jordan, Jack Bonnaville

Ushers

July 7: Tom Elliott, Furman Porter, Bill Lucas, John Mathis
July 14: Chuck Ward, David Barnes, Janell Bell, Arnette Jordan
July 21: Brenda Shealy, Sally Hafner, Frank Hafner, Ken May
July 28: Fred Brown, Kate Brown, Charles Byrn, Dan Toma

Sound System Operator

July 7: David Walker
July 14: David Walker
July 21: Jack Bonnaville
July 28: David Walker

Acolyte/Crucifer

July 7: Emily Rose Walker/Foster Barrs
July 14: Jordan Davis
July 21: Skyy Morgan
July 28: Will Barrs

Children's Moment

July 7: No Children's Moment
July 14: Jason Barrs
July 21: Julie Belman
July 28: Louise Davis

Offering Counters

July 7: Mike Hellams & Bill Lucas
July 14: Frank Hafner & Charles Byrn
July 21: Dianna Elliott & Janis Lawther
July 28: Kimberly Wilson & John Mathis

Sanctuary Preparers: Mary Ott & Iva Dell Griffin

Sanctuary Lock Up: Mike Ward & Chuck Ward

Communion Servers: Fred & Kate Brown, Bonnie Speas