



Bethel United Methodist Church

THE MESSENGER

Knowing, Loving, Serving...so the world will experience Christ's love!

January 2020

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I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise. —Isaiah 43:15-21

Looking for a Fresh Start in 2020?



The Bible says that God's mercies are new every morning. Wow!! We have the potential for a fresh start every day! How would you like a new beginning? Or how about breaking a pattern or cycle that continues to wreak havoc in your life? Fresh starts don't begin with a change of circumstances – a new job, new location, or new relationship – or even a new year... they begin with a change of heart.

We learn on TV how to make over homes, wardrobes, bodies and even faces. Seems we all want a "New Me" at some level. A tuck here, a pinch there, a little less, a little more.

Something within us insists "I can do better," "I can do more," "I can be a different me." We try to reinvent ourselves physically, mentally and spiritually.

But trying harder to be better, do more, or live differently doesn't always create the Fresh Start we hope is possible. Is there really a spiritual plan that can help each of us discover or rediscover a Fresh Start?

This January we begin a journey with God that's uncluttered from the cycle of "try harder" and the guilt of failure. God offers us each a Fresh Start. In fact, God offers many of them.

It's a new year, and at Bethel United Methodist Church, I invite you to join us as we talk about how to make the rest of our lives, the very best of our lives.

1/5/20 "Who Am I?"

1/12/20 "Who is God?"

1/26/20 "What God Does!"

Watch for follow up in February newsletter: "How we Live NOW"

Happy New Year,

Rev. Julie Belman

Excellence in Ministry Training

Sunday, January 12, 2020

Washington Street United Methodist Church

Opening Session: 3:00pm Workshops: 3:30-5:00pm

Bethel Staff and Church Leaders, Please Make Plans to Attend.

***You will only be able to attend one workshop.**

“How to Reach New People: Practical Evangelism”

—Rev. Martin Quick, Associate Pastor, Journey UMC

“Taking Care of God’s Money”

—Beth Westbury, Conference Treasurer

“Taking Care of Business: Trustees”

—Kay Crowe, Conference Chancellor

“Congregational Care”

—Rev. Faye Stephens, Minister of Congregational Care, Mt. Horeb UMC

“Resolving Conflict in the Church”

—Rev. Millie Nelson Smith, Congregational Specialist for Columbia and Hartsville and African American Church

“How to Start and Grow an Endowment Ministry”

—Douglas D. Himes, Ph.D. President, Douglas Himes Associates LLC

“Think outside the Box: Creative Worship”

—Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson, D.S.

“A Mission Miscellany: A little of this and a little of that from an Outreach Perspective”

—Rev. Gary D. Phillips, Salem UM

“Advocacy for Justice”

— MORE Justice Leaders, Rev. Connie Barnes, Rev. Smoke Kanipe, Rev. Joel Jones

“Epworth Local Church

Representative: Be the Face and Voice”

—Sherry Mims, Associate Dir. of Church Relations and Assistant to the President; Lisa Livingston Fusco, Senior Director of Development

“Strengthening Youth Ministry”

—Chris Lynch, Congregational Specialist, Rock Hill and Spartanburg and Ministry with Young People

“Strengthening Ministry with Children and Families”

—Rev. Taylor Pafford, Minister of Children, Youth & Families, Washington Street UMC

“Discipleship in the 21st Century Church”

—Rev. Dr. Christopher Greene

Registration deadline is January 6, 2020.

<https://forms.gle/ZDK98PaZYm-3Ke3d29>

Staff-Parish Relations Committee Training Feb. 2, 2020 at 3 pm Mt. Hebron UMC

Christian Life Center, 3050 Leaphart Road, West Columbia.

The **ENTIRE SPRC committee** and ALL Pastors are encouraged to attend.

The following topics will be included. You can also sign up at the training to receive sample personnel policies, discipline forms, performance reviews, safe sanctuary policies, leave forms, job descriptions, etc.

Opening Session – Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson, D.S. – General Duties of SPRC and Rev. Diane Moseley – Local Church Sexual Harassment Policy and Resources

Break-out Groups based on Staff Size (see below)

Chris Carver, Human Resources Director, Mt. Horeb UMC
—“Best Practices for SPRC in the Large Church” (25 + employees)

Rev. Matt Yon, —“Best Practices for SPRC in the Mid-size Church” (6-24 employees)

Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson —“Best Practices for the SPRC in the Small Church” (5 or less employees)

The Youth Ministry of Bethel UMC exist, to bring youth to **KNOW** Christ personally, to share the **LOVE** of Christ with everyone and **SERVE** Christ in our community.

REVOLUTION

JAN 24-26 2020

Be a part of an incredible week-end of worship, missions, fellowship, and more at Revolution 2020. Coming to the Township Auditorium in Columbia on January 24-26. Cost is \$40 — See Jason for more info



JANUARY DATES

5	Lunch Outing
12	Youth 4:30-6:00
19	Youth 4:30-6:00
24-26	Revolution

UP COMING EVENTS



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Tues Feb 25 6-7:30 pm



Souper Bowl of Caring
Sun Feb 2
(Lunch Outing after Worship)



Lake Murray Camp
July 18-25
Cost: \$150
Deadline to Register: February 2

Contact Jason Barrs if you have any questions about any upcoming events
803-318-6061
bjasonbarrs@gmail.com



BETHEL is hosting Family Promise January 5-12

PLEASE...WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Please prayerfully consider volunteering to be an evening or overnight host during this holiday host week as we provide care and comfort to families experiencing homelessness. Contact Martie Walker 212-8256 if you would like to learn more about the joys of volunteering to host our Family Promise guests during their stay at Bethel.

Bethel's Preschool BIG December!



December was short, but jam packed! We began the month with our Pancakes with Santa. So much fun and joy, and we were able to raise about \$400.00!

We finished the month with our Christmas Program. What precious children we are blessed to be with each day! It is a privilege to be a part of these children's lives.

Preschool will resume on January 6.

Happy New Year!

JOIN

Bethel's United Methodist Seniors,

BUMS

as they tour Harvest Hope and eat at Doc's BBQ.



Will be going to Harvest Hope on Shop Road on Wednesday, January 15th, then to Doc's BBQ on Shop Road afterwards for lunch. The tour is at 11:00 am, so we will leave the back parking lot by 10:30 am. All that are interested please notify Brenda Harper at lembrenda@yahoo.com or 603-5932, or Cheryl Johnson at dojosc@aol.com or 738-2611 by January 13th, the latest January 14th.

UMW Circles We Need Your Help Again!

Church Women United will meet for Brunch and Bible Study on Feb 7 at Bethel in the PAB. Last year it was wonderful and the Bible Study was a great way to begin a NEW year! Please let Bonnie Speas know what refreshment you can bring and please come to the Bible Study.

Warm up the car, van, or bus, and take a day trip to...

The Palmetto Senior Show LLC

Thursday, January 16, 2020 • 9 AM - 2 PM

Goodman Building at the SC State Fairgrounds • Columbia, SC

Free Admission - Parking is \$5 per Vehicle

100 Exhibitors • Entertainment • Food • Information for Seniors

Visit our website: www.PalmettoSeniorShow.com

Entertainers may be seen at various time slots during the show.

The 2020 entertainment and guest speaker lineup includes:



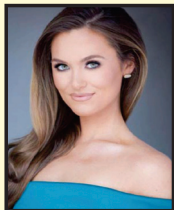
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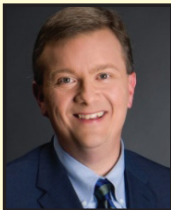
Duck Dynasty's
Alan Robertson



Mama's Home Cookin'



Morgan Nichols
Miss South Carolina



Tim Miller
WIS-TV Columbia



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For More Information or to reserve a booth, call Steve Rabon at 803-794-8373 or 803-238-6220.

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MINISTRY.



Visiting Buddies Ministry



Help. Hope. Healing.

"Therefore, encourage one another and build up each other."

—1 Thessalonians 5:11

If you are interested in being trained to be a Stephen Minister for Bethel please call Kate Brown (803-629-2096) or Mary Ann Weir (803-316-3239)

A huge THANK YOU to all who contributed to Bethel's Visiting Buddy Christmas project. On Monday, December 16, 2019 twenty-eight bags, "filled by loving hands and generous donations" were delivered to local church members unable to be active attendees. Cards were mailed to our out of town "shut-ins."

Your support makes the "Bethel Spirit" shine. We are so grateful to you. Carolyn Bowers and Lucy Gordon Co-Chair

Advent and Christmas at Bethel



January 2020 Calendar of Events

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Office closed

Thursday, January 2

10:30 No UMW Executive Board

Sunday, January 5

Family Promise Host Week

9:00 Reach Service (PAB)

9:45 Sunday School (EB)

11:00 Traditional Worship (S)

12:00 Youth Lunch Outing

4:15 Handbells (CR)

Monday, January 6

Family Promise Host

9:00 Preschool (EB)

10:00 Staff Meeting (CR)

1:30 BUMS Meeting (CR)

Tuesday, January 7

Family Promise Host

9:00 Preschool (EB)

11:30 Transitions

6:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Wednesday, January 8

Family Promise Host

9:00 Preschool (EB)

9:30 Preschool Chapel (S)

1:30 Prayer for Bethel (S)

6:00 Reach Band Practice (PAB)

Thursday, January 9

Family Promise Host

9:00 Preschool

7:00 Bible Study (CR)

Friday, January 10

Family Promise Host

9:00 Preschool

Saturday, January 11

Family Promise Host

8:30 UMM Breakfast (PAB)

Sunday, January 12

Family Promise Host ends

9:00 Reach Service (PAB)

9:45 Sunday School (EB)

11:00 Traditional Worship (S)

**3:00 District Leadership Training
at Washington Street UMC**

4:15 Handbells (CR)

4:30 Youth

Monday, January 13

9:00 Preschool

Tuesday, January 14

9:00 Preschool (EB)

6:00 Finance Meeting (NJC)

6:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Wednesday, January 15

9:00 Preschool (EB)

9:30 Preschool Chapel

1:30 Prayer for Bethel (S)

11:00 BUMs to Harvest Hope

6:00 Reach Band Practice (PAB)

Thursday, January 16

9:00 Preschool (EB)

9:00 Senior Show (fairground)

2:30 Kitchen Committee (PAB)

7:00 Bible Study (NJ)

Friday, January 17

Student Holiday, Preschool closed

Sunday, January 19

9:00 Reach Service (PAB)

9:45 Sunday School (EB)

11:00 Traditional Worship (S)

4:15 Handbells (CR)

4:30 Youth

6:00 Lois McNair Group (offsite)

Monday, January 20

Martin Luther King B'day

Office closed/no preschool

6:00 Church Council (PAB)

Tuesday, January 21

9:00 Preschool (EB)

6:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Wednesday, January 22

9:00 Preschool (EB)

9:30 Preschool Chapel

1:30 Prayer for Bethel (S)

6:00 Reach Band Practice (PAB)

Thursday, January 23

9:00 Preschool (EB)

7:00 Bible Study (NJ)

Friday, January 24

Revolution Youth (Township)

Saturday, January 25

Revolution Youth (Township)

Sunday, January 26

Revolution Youth (Township)

9:00 Reach Service (PAB)

9:45 Sunday School (EB)

11:00 Traditional Worship (S)

4:15 Handbells (CR)

6:00 Lois McNair Group (offsite)

Monday, January 27

9:00 Preschool

Tuesday, January 28

9:00 Preschool (EB)

6:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Wednesday, January 29

9:00 Preschool (EB)

9:30 Preschool Chapel

1:30 Prayer for Bethel (S)

6:00 Reach Band Practice (PAB)

Thursday, January 30

9:00 Preschool (EB)

7:00 Bible Study (NJ)

Friday, January 31

9:00 Preschool (EB)

A Prayer for the New Year

*Heavenly Father, I thank You
for the year that has passed
and the many
blessings you have
showered on me.*

*I beg your forgiveness for
my past failings and sins.
I pray in this New Year You
will lead me down the right
paths so that Your light will
shine through me.*

*I earnestly pray for the gift
of the Holy Spirit, and I call
upon the name of Christ
Jesus for His guidance.*

Amen.

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 7 Dale Eaddy Marion Wilson
8 Ken Burger
10 Sheryl Jones
14 Caroline Barrs
15 Debbie Farmer
Mary Ann Weir
17 Patricia Coleman
18 Gail Lucas
Betty Onley
19 Cappy George
Cheryl Martino
20 Al Carter
24 Paul White
27 Bonnie Lutz
30 Anna Cope

Anniversaries

- 3 Travis and Julie Belman
22 Harry & Sarah Parker
24 David & Margaret Hinze

Special Prayers for Bethel Friends and Family

Margaret & David Hinze, GA; Irene Boyd, NC; Nancy Johnson, Wildewood Downs; Mary Kirby, Waterford; Claude Murphy, Forest Pines; Betty Onley, Carman Pool, Rice Estates; Harry & Sarah Parker, Still Hopes; Connie Fowke, NHC and Charles Veach; Bobby & Gloria Pruett, Fran Love, Sibyl Staples, Kay Fraiser, Larry Cope, Kathy Varn.

Serving our Congregation in January

Greeters

- January 5 Ann and John Mathis, Iva Dell Griffith
January 12 Lucy and Ron Gordon, Kimberly Wilson
January 19 Lucinda Miller, Ken Wood, Mike Hellams
January 26 Frances and Ken May, Nell Porter

Ushers

- January 5 Tom Elliott, Furman Porter, Lee Wilson, Bill Lucas
January 12 Chuck Ward, Dan Toma, Mike Hellams, David Barnes
January 19 Janel Bell, Brenda Shealy, Bonnie Speas, Arnette Jordan
January 26 Debbie Carter, Sid George, Frank Hafner, Sally Hafner

Sound System Operator

- January 5 Jack Bonniville
January 12 Jack Bonniville
January 19 Jack Bonniville
January 26 Jack Bonniville

Acolyte/Crucifer

- January 5 Emily Rose Walker/Hannah Curran
January 12 Cameron Wood
January 19 Sterling Davis
January 26 Skyy Morgan

Children's Moment

- January 5 No Children's Moment
January 12 Janel Bell
January 19 Louise Davis
January 26 Kate Brown

Offering Counters

- January 5 Frank Hafner and Janis Lawther
January 12 Dianna Elliott and Marcie Marshall
January 19 Kimberly Wilson and Arnette Jordon
January 26 Mike Hellams and Brenda Shealy

Sanctuary Preparation

Sandra Wayson and Kimberly Wilson

Sanctuary Lock up

Ken Wood and Dianna Elliott

Communion Servers