



Bethel United Methodist Church

# The Messenger

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

March 2020

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*While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Matthew 26:26-28*



So many of the important moments in life occur around a table.

I encourage you to think back on your life, and of the significant experiences you've had at a table. Perhaps you can remember being fed by your mother at the table as a toddler.

Perhaps you remember feeding your father when he was unable to do so for himself. Maybe it is joyful moments that drift to the surface of your memory of a table, moments of exciting news shared and new life plans dreamed up. Maybe it's what's *on* the table that you remember: Spaghetti Fridays with your family, an Aunt's vegetable soup, or maybe you've been blessed to enjoy one of Nola Armstrong's apple pies.

And maybe, like this preacher lady, you think of a communion table; that place where familiarity meets a stirring you can't quite explain, in the sacramental beauty of ritual. That table is the core of our identity as followers of Jesus Christ.

This Lent, I invite you on a journey through the tables of the New Testament. We will experience an orderly table interrupted by a woman with costly perfume, deciding now is the time to anoint Jesus with love

(and not after dessert). We will see how those wily Pharisees tried to trick Jesus at a table, and how he left them all agape with his own test of faithfulness. We will hear Jesus' ancient, and yet, timely, words about how the kingdom feast God calls us to won't keep until morning, but requires an immediate response. We will experience the grace and discomfort of that homecoming table the prodigal was welcomed back to, and we will explore clean and unclean eating practices with Peter in the early church of Acts. We will witness the fury of Jesus overturning a table of greed in the temple, and we will gather throughout Holy Week to remember what the table of remembrance in the Lord's Supper is really all about.

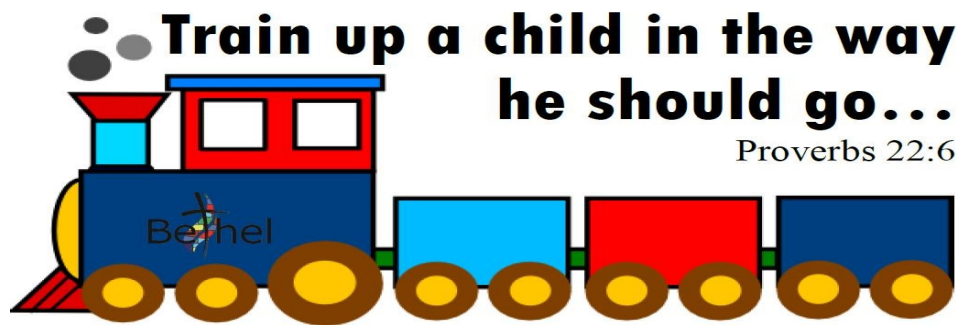
And finally, when our journey is complete, and we find our stomachs and souls hungry for the bread of heaven, we will walk alongside those bewildered disciples who recognized our risen Lord when they gathered at a table and broke bread together.

Pull up a chair this Lent, friends. There is plenty of room at the table.

Grace and Peace to you,

Pastor Julie

# Preschool News



Love is what it was all about! We sent and received notes from teachers, parents and children telling each other how special they are. The children in the four-year-old class really enjoyed collecting, stamping and delivering the mail daily. This activity was to encourage kindness to one another.

Of course, we had fun sending Valentines and having our parties. This is always fun for all involved. Each class made their own Valentine box or bag.

We also learned how to “LOVE” our teeth. We had representatives from Drs. Ellis, Green and Jenkins Pediatric Dentistry come talk with us about foods that are healthy for our teeth and how to brush our teeth. They even taught us a song to sing while we brush our teeth. At the conclusion, each child was given a “goody bag” with toothbrush and toothpaste.



Our four-year-old class also celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school! Each child was asked to wear something with 100 things, they sorted 100 things for snacks and they counted to 100 by tens! What a fun day!

We have already begun collecting items for our silent auction and spaghetti supper March 19. If you have anything you would like to donate, or know of someone who would donate, please bring a description or the item to the Preschool office. We are still trying to raise enough funds to install a new fence as well as add more sand to the playground. At this time, we are afraid that the current fencing will not withstand us taking it down to add more sand.

We look forward to seeing everyone March 19 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Doors will open at 5 for you to browse the auction.

*-Carol Burger*



## **Bethel Preschool Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction!**

Thursday, March 19, 2020

5:30-7:00pm

Adults: \$7.00 and children 2 and up \$3.00

Doors will open at 5:00 for you to browse the auction items.

If you are unable to attend the supper but would like to bid on an auction item, you may stop by Thursday morning and place a bid.

*Please continue to keep the families of Eleanor Etheridge and Nancy Johnson in your prayers.*

### Memorial Garden Plots Are Available

Our Memorial Garden (phase II) plots are available for purchase. You can choose from a single plot to a multi-family area. The total cost per plot is \$1,000.00. The cost includes the vault, urn and granite marker. Please contact Chuck Ward at 803-315-7904.

### **NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE**

When using the kitchen in the Pool Activity Building, please complete the NEW Close-up/Check-off list, which is hanging on the center post in the kitchen area. After checking off each item completed, please sign (2 signatures), date the form and leave it on the counter beside the post. Hang the clipboard back on the hanger.

We need this form completed to ensure all appliances and lights (including restrooms) are turned off, heating/air controls are back to the proper settings, all doors are locked and the building is left in a clean and safe condition.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Your Kitchen Committee

### ***Flowers for Bethel's Altar***

We currently have the following dates available:

April 5 and 26

May 10 and 17

If you're interested in providing flowers for any of those Sundays, please contact the church office. The cost of an arrangement is \$43.20.

### **PRAY Daily for Bethel friends & family!**

Margaret and David Hinze, GA; Irene Boyd, NC; Betty Shuler, Harry and Sarah Parker, Still Hopes; Claud Murphy, Forest Pines; Mary Kirby, Waterford; Connie Fowke, NHC; Carmen Pool and Betty Onley, Rice Estates; Gloria Pruett, Larry Cope, Sarah Meek, Rosa Moon, Margie Jackson, David Walker and Charles Veach, home; Kathy Varn, Sugarland, TX, family of Eleanor Etheridge; Anna Cope, Encompass; and Verta Ingbretsen, Richland; and the family of Nancy Johnson.

***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.***

**American Musical and Dramatic Academy—**

Isabelle Wood

**Clemson University—**Mary Sydney George,

Turner Prewitt

**Coastal Carolina—**Christopher Walker

**Johns Hopkins—**Abbie Bowman

**Lander University—**McKenzie Furr

**Midlands Tech—**Dana Garnto

**USC Columbia—**Andrew & Dylan Garnto,

Wilhelm Elliott

**USC Sumter—**Alan Farmer

**Basic Training—**Russell Isaacs Jr.

## Drive-Thru Drama at Rehoboth United Methodist Church

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." Matthew 16:15

Be a part of sharing the **Undeniable** love of Jesus Christ. On Friday, April 3rd and Saturday, April 4th our church is participating in the Drive Thru Drama at Rehoboth United Methodist Church. We will share with our community the week leading up to our Savior's ultimate sacrifice and glorious resurrection. Actors will be need for **BOTH** sitting and standing scenes and dressed in period costumes provided by Rehoboth UMC. Sign-up sheets are located in the PAB and in the Narthex. For additional questions contact Karen Furr at 240-4642.

The Bethel United Methodist Seniors a/k/a the BUMS are going to the Town Theatre to see **Mary Poppins** on Sunday, March 22nd for the 3 pm performance.



The Capital City Big Band, including our own Tom Landrum, will be playing at Bethel on March 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The all-volunteer CCBB is comprised of 20 small business owners and a wide variety of professionals. They are passionate about perpetuating the sound of the Big Band Era.

# It's back!!!

After a 3-year hiatus, Bethel will be hosting its largest fundraiser on **April 24-25, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Pool Activities Building.**



## **IN ORDER TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL GARAGE SALE, WE NEED YOUR STUFF!!!**

We're NOW accepting donations of jewelry, as well as supplies for the sale (Ziploc bags: snack, sandwich and quart sizes), GOOD masking tape-1" size (not from Dollar store); clear, zippered comforter bags; and black Sharpies.

\*There will be a box at the church office for these donations.

## **DATES FOR OTHER DONATIONS** (Please bring these items to the PAB.):

Sunday, April 19th, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Monday, April 20th, and Tuesday, April 21st - 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

On the dates above, we will receive your donations of everything, including but not limited to books, purses, wallets, totes, scarves, men's ties, belts, shoes, hats, caps, and other household items. (Please label sizes of all linens.)

We will NOT be accepting clothing, baby car seats, large appliances, large electronics, computers, school textbooks or encyclopedias.

## **SNEAK PREVIEW:**

On Thursday, April 23rd, 5:00-6:30 p.m., there will be a sneak preview for church members to view and purchase items!

## **GARAGE SALE:**

Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SUCCESS OF BETHEL'S LARGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!** Our goal is for the first \$1500 of the proceeds will go toward the Todd Lutz Scholarship Fund, and the remaining proceeds will go to our apportionments. We really need your help to meet this goal.

If you have any questions, please contact Dianna Elliott (787-0576 / tejrsc@aol.com) or Janis Lawther (730-3393 / lawthergal@aol.com).



### LUNCH & LEARN (Children & Youth Ministries)

Join the Children and Youth Ministry Teams on March 8 after the 11:00 worship service for a free lunch. During this "Lunch and Learn" you will hear from children and youth Sunday school teachers and volunteers who will share their experiences spreading the love of Jesus with our children and youth. Please let Jenny Curran or Martie Walker know if you plan to join us.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

- During the month of March, we are collecting individually wrapped candy (NO CHOCOLATE) and bags of eggs for our Eggstravaganza. If you would like to help contribute to this, drop off your donations in the baskets located throughout the church. Your help is greatly appreciated! Let's make this a great event for our community!!

### EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

APRIL 11

11:00-1:00

- Join us for games, inflatables, food and don't miss the egg hunt!!



#### PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

April 5

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

April 9 Rehoboth UMC 6:30 pm

#### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

April 10 Bethel UMC 6:30 pm



#### SUNDAY APRIL 12

9:45 am: The children will be decorating the Floral Cross during Sunday School and we will have a light breakfast. Everyone is asked to bring living flowers to help decorate.

11:00 am: Join us for worship as we sing and proclaim



# KNOW ♦ LOVE ♦ SERVE

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.



We have a love/hate relationship with routines. They can seem to provide order and peace of mind, but they can also become deep ruts from which we must fight to free ourselves. So what do we do? During the month of March we will be examining the importance of being both mindful and intentional about how we live our lives and shape our spirituality.

- Week 1:** Planning Ahead
- Week 2:** Prayer
- Week 3:** Preparation
- Week 4:** Sabbath

### LOCK-IN

Join us for an ALL NIGHTER time of fun. We will busy all night with games, food and a few outings. Cost will be \$20, this will help with food and planned outings. Details will be coming soon!!

### HANDS & FEET PROJECT (10-12)

We will working on a few projects around the church. Bring some gloves and wear older clothes.

### 5TH SUNDAY OUTING

All you need to bring is an open mind and money for food. This will be a destination unknown!!

### MARCH DATES

- 8 Youth (4:30-6)**
- 15 Youth (4:30-6)**
- 21 Hands & Feet Project**
- 22 Youth (4:30-6)**
- 27-28 Lock-In**
- 29 5th Sunday Outing**



### LAKE MURRAY CAMP

July 18-25

Cost: \$150

Deadline to Register: April 26

**Contact Jason Barrs for any additional information**  
**bjasonbarrs@gmail.com**  
**803-318-6061**



### **SPRING RETREAT**

Cost: \$160.00

**May 1-3**

Deposit \$50: April 5

**Asbury Hills**

\*\*contact Jason if you are

**Cleveland, SC**

interested in a payment plan



## LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES

# SOUL RESET

By Junius B. Dotson



### ASH WEDNESDAY

- March 4 Rev. James Friday, Dir. of Congregational Development
- March 11 Rev. James Grubbs, Shandon UMC
- March 18 Rev. Connie Barnes, Rehoboth UMC
- March 25 Rev. Julie Belman, Bethel UMC
- April 1 Rev. Fadetra Boyd, College Place Church
- April 8 Rev. Leatha Brown, Windsor UMC

**Harbor Hall at Windsor UMC**

**9500 Windsor Lake Blvd., Columbia, SC 29223**

**803-778-1858    [windsorumc@bellsouth.net](mailto:windsorumc@bellsouth.net)**

Join us for soup and sandwiches at 11:15 am or  
following the worship service.

Worship service begins at 12:00 noon.

# March 2020 Calendar of Events

## Sunday, March 1

09:00 Reach (PAB)  
09:45 Sunday School (EB)  
10:00 Reach Committee mtg. (PAB)  
11:00 Scout Sunday (S)  
03:00 Children's Sunday School meeting (CR)

## Monday, March 2

09:30 Holy Yoga (S)  
10:00 Staff meeting (CR)  
01:30 BUMS meeting (NJ)  
06:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

## Tuesday, March 3

02:00 Good News Club  
06:00 Preschool Board mtg. (CR)

## Wednesday, March 4

09:30 Preschool Chapel (S)  
12:00 Lenten book study (Windsor UMC)  
02:00 Prayer for Bethel (S)  
06:00 Evangelism Team mtg. (CR)  
06:00 Reach Band Rehearsal (PAB)

## Thursday, March 5

08:00 UMW Unit Meeting / UMW Executive Meeting (PAB)  
07:00 *The Helper* book study (CR)

## Sunday, March 8

09:00 Handbell Rehearsal (S)  
09:00 Reach (PAB)  
09:45 Sunday School (EB)  
11:00 Traditional Worship  
12:00 Lunch and Learn re Children and Youth Ministries (PAB)  
04:15 Handbell Rehearsal (S)

## Monday, March 9

09:30 Holy Yoga (S)  
02:00 Lina Ott Circle (CR)  
06:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

## Tuesday, March 10

10:30 Belle Dent Circle (NJ)  
02:00 Good News Club  
07:00 Sylvia Halsey Circle (PAB)

## Wednesday, March 11

09:30 Preschool Chapel (S)  
12:00 Lenten book study (Windsor UMC)  
02:30 Prayer for Bethel (S)  
06:00 Reach Band Rehearsal (PAB)

## Thursday, March 12

07:00 *The Helper* book study (CR)

## Saturday, March 14

08:30 UMM Breakfast (PAB)  
02:00 Funeral for Nancy Johnson (S) with reception to follow (PAB)

## Sunday, March 15

09:00 Reach (PAB)  
09:45 Sunday School (EB)  
11:00 Traditional Worship  
04:15 Handbell Rehearsal (S)  
06:00 Lois McNair Group (offsite)

## Monday, March 16

09:30 Holy Yoga (S)  
06:00 Church Council mtg. (PAB)  
07:00 Capital City Big Band Concert (S)

## Tuesday, March 17

02:00 Good News Club  
06:00 Finance Committee mtg. (NJ)  
06:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

## Wednesday, March 18

09:30 Preschool Chapel (S)  
12:00 Lenten book study (Windsor UMC)  
02:30 Prayer for Bethel (S)  
06:00 Reach Band Rehearsal (PAB)  
06:00 Staff Parish Relations Committee mtg. (NJ)

## Thursday, March 19

02:30 Kitchen Committee mtg.  
05:00 Silent Auction (5:00 p.m.) and Spaghetti Supper (05:30 p.m.) (PAB)  
07:00 *The Helper* book study (CR)

## Friday, March 20

**Student Holiday—Preschool Closed**

## Saturday, March 21

09:30 Wilson Neighborhood Group (CR)

## Sunday, March 22

09:00 Handbell Rehearsal (S)  
09:00 Reach (PAB)  
09:45 Sunday School (EB)  
11:00 Traditional Worship  
12:00 Holroyd SS class luncheon (PAB)  
04:15 Handbell Rehearsal (S)

## Monday, March 23

09:30 Holy Yoga (S)

## Tuesday, March 24

02:00 Good News Club  
06:00 Family Night Supper (PAB)  
06:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

## Wednesday, March 25

09:30 Preschool Chapel  
12:00 Lenten book study (Windsor UMC)  
02:30 Prayer for Bethel (S)  
06:00 Reach Band Rehearsal (PAB)

## Thursday, March 26

07:00 *The Helper* book study (CR)

## Sunday, March 29

09:00 5th Sunday breakfast (PAB)  
10:00 5th Sunday/Blended Service (S)  
04:15 Handbell Rehearsal (CR)

## Monday, March 30

09:30 Holy Yoga (S)

## Tuesday, March 31

06:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)



# Serving the Congregation in March

## Attendance For February

02/02 Worship: 89 SS: 55

02/09 Worship: 109 SS: 66

02/16 Worship: 102 SS: 61

02/23 Worship: 95 SS: 53

## Total Offering for February:

**\$26,174.87**

## March Birthdays

- 01 Dave Barnes
- 03 Verta Ingbretsen
- 05 Allison Price  
Emily Rose Walker
- 06 Diane Porter  
Bob Pruett
- 08 Reggie Rowell
- 11 Bill Hynds
- 20 Iva Dell Griffin  
Brian Burger
- 21 Ron Gordon  
Jennie Joe Wiltshire
- 22 Lee Wilson
- 23 Barbara Harper
- 25 Peggy Grant
- 26 Wesley Cope
- 28 Rebecca Bennett

## March Anniversaries

- 16 Ken & Pat Woods
- 19 Dan & Sarita Toma
- 21 Ron & Arnette Jordan
- 22 Larry & Anna Cope
- 31 Gary & Leslie Hewett

## Greeters

- 03/01/20 Janis Lawther, Sara Derrick and Sandra Wayson
- 03/08/20 Eugene Appleman, Beth Welch and Bonnie Speas
- 03/15/20 Dan Toma, Sarita Toma and Sharon Bonnville
- 03/22/20 Sally Hafner, Frank Hafner and Janel Bell
- 03/29/20 John Mathis, Anne Mathis and Tom Elliott

## Ushers

- 03/01/20 Tom Elliott, Furman Porter, Bill Lucas, Lee Wilson
- 03/08/20 Chuck Ward, Sue Ward, Tom Elliott, Dianna Elliott
- 03/15/20 John Mathis, Anne Mathis, Brenda Shealy, Dan Toma
- 03/22/20 Ken Wood, Charles Byrn, Sid George, Frank Hafner
- 03/29/20 Kimberly Wilson, Janel Bell, Diane Roddey, Sally Hafner

## Sound System Operator

- 03/01/20 Jack Bonnville
- 03/08/20 Jack Bonnville
- 03/15/20 Jack Bonnville
- 03/22/20 Jack Bonnville
- 03/29/20 Jack Bonnville

## Acolyte/Crucifer

- 03/01/20 Emily Rose Walker and Hannah Curran
- 03/08/20 Cameron Wood
- 03/15/20 Skyy Morgan
- 03/22/20 Will Barrs
- 03/29/20 Sterling Davis

## Children's Moment

- 03/01/20 None for Communion Sunday
- 03/08/20 Janel Bell
- 03/15/20 Louise Davis
- 03/22/20 Marian Scullion
- 03/29/20 Denise Rowell

## Offering Counters

- 03/01/20 Dianna Elliott and Sue Ward
- 03/08/20 Kimberly Wilson and Debbie Carter
- 03/15/20 Mike Hellams and Brenda Shealy
- 03/22/20 Cathy Crumpler and Bill Lucas
- 03/29/20 Frank Hafner and Janis Lawther

**Sanctuary Preparers:** Cheryl Johnson and Janis Lawther

**Sanctuary and Ed. Bldg. Lock-Up:** Charles Byrn and Mike Ward

**Communion Servers for March 1st:** Boy Scouts