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# BETHEL NEWS

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

**February 10th**  
8:45 am & 10:55 am Traditional (Sanctuary)  
Minister: Rev. Cam Treece  
10:55 am Contemporary (Vassey Gym)  
Speaker: Chad Deetz

**February 17th**  
8:45 am & 10:55 am Traditional (Sanctuary)  
Minister: Pastor Ben Barnett  
10:55 am Contemporary (Vassey Gym)  
Speaker: Chad Deetz

**February 24th**  
8:45 am & 10:55 am Traditional (Sanctuary)  
Minister: Pastor Ben Barnett  
10:55 am Contemporary (Vassey Gym)  
Minister: Rev. Cam Treece

**March 3rd**  
8:45 am & 10:55 am Traditional (Sanctuary)  
Minister: Pastor Ben Barnett  
10:55 am Contemporary (Vassey Gym)  
Minister: Rev. Cam Treece

Or, follow this link:  
<https://podpoint.com/bethel-united-methodist-church-spartanburg-sc>



## WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Please fill out a reservation card for your family. Only one card is required if you wish to be on the permanent list.

### RESERVATIONS/CANCELLATIONS MUST BE MADE BY NOON ON MONDAY.

A separate Children's Menu will not be listed. However, there will always be Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwiches, chips & juice boxes available. A separate "Help Yourself Salad Bar" will be set up in the kitchen for those requesting a lower-calorie meal. This will include veggies, cheeses, meat, fresh fruit, etc. Of course, a low-sugar dessert will be available for anyone at the dessert table.

**COST OF MEALS:** \$6.00 per adult, \$4.00 for children under the age of 12, OR \$20.00 for a family of four & more. The meal includes one entrée, three side items, dessert, bread & beverage. For visitors, the cost is \$6.00 per adult and \$4.00 for children under the age of 12.

**Menu for February 13th:** Pork Tenderloin, Green Beans, Scalloped Potatoes, Rolls, Salad, Assorted Desserts, Tea & Coffee.

**Menu for February 20th:** "Breakfast at Bethel" Breakfast Casserole, Gravy, Grits, Bacon, Sweet Rolls, Fruit, Juice, Tea & Coffee.

**Menu for February 27th:** Eye of Round w/Gravy, Broccoli Casserole, Red Potatoes, Rolls, Assorted Desserts, Salad, Tea & Coffee.

**Menu for March 6th:** Vegetable Beef Soup, Broccoli Cheddar Soup, Chicken Stew, Toasted Cheese Sandwiches, Crackers & Cornbread, Salad, Assorted Desserts, Tea & Coffee.



"Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly, do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."

Romans 12: 15-18 NRSV

Thank you to Bethel members who purchased box lunches, baked treats, and donated to our mission last Sunday. We are so grateful when our mission fundraisers are a success, as all our profits go back into the community!

Next up is our Valentine Book Brunch. Even if you are not a current reader, (or like me and have not finished your book), please join us. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 11 AM for some book reviews and you can learn more about the UMW Reading Program. RSVP to Maureen King.

Our Unit is excited to take on our 2019 International Mission Project, Heifer International. We will start collecting this month at our circle meetings and let you know our results in June.

Pizza and Movie Night: Tuesday, February 26. Join us at Pi-Squared for dinner at 5:30 and a movie following. Invite a friend and RSVP to your circle leader.

Circle 1 News

Circle 1 meets in members' homes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of months October, December, February, April and August at 6:30 PM. We enjoy having a meal together and like having outside speakers with a mission for our programs such as Carol Moeller from Carol's Closet in Boiling Springs as well as one of our members, Tracy Smith, shared her experience in helping with the Homeless Period Project with our circle providing supplies for the packing party held last fall. We also enjoy collecting for the UMW projects such as the backpacks and supplies for school children last July and the pillows/pillowcases for Sidewalk Hope in December. Circle 1 oversees making and securing frozen casseroles for the Frozen Feast/Bake sale that is held annually in November.

**UMW FYI:** New spring fundraiser coming in April "Easter Sides" ~ watch for details in the March newsletter and on social media.

**Upcoming:**

**February 5:** Board Meeting @ noon

**February 12:** Legislative Advocacy Day, Columbia, SC 9-2

**February 13:** Valentine Book Brunch, 11 AM Fellowship Hall

**March 1:** Deadline for SCC United Methodist Women's Presidential Scholarship

Only by grace,  
Jan Fleming



## WELCOME OUR VISITORS



Please **PRAY** for the following:



SYMPATHY of the Ministers and Congregation is extended to Mary Jo Crites & family for the loss of her husband, Jack W. Crites; Mark McMahan & family for the loss of his father, Bobby Gene McMahan; Art Hartzog, Sr. & family for the loss of his sister, Betsy Hartzog Croft.



Many thanks to those who provided sanctuary flowers during 2018. The flowers beautify the altar and add to our worship services. They continue to provide cheer & encouragement to our sick members & those who can no longer attend church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. If you desire to place flowers during the 2019, please contact Catherine Clardy at 864-585-4801. The dates are filling up. Thank you.

Altar Guild



When February comes along, my mind usually turns to the approaching holiday of Valentine's Day and making sure I'm "ready". (You men will know what I mean, and you women will hope your man sees this as a reminder.) However, this February, I find my thoughts are focused on something else—the special called General Conference that meets February 23-26 in St. Lewis, MO.

It is there that our United Methodist Church will be deciding what kind of church she will be, going forward. Will she be a Church that adopts the "One Church Plan", which would remove existing language in the *Book of Discipline* on sexuality and marriage and let every annual conference and local church choose their own paths? Or, will she be a Church that once again affirms our current language in *The Book of Discipline* on these matters and gives those who cannot abide by it a gracious exit out? Or, will the delegates choose a course of action different from either of these plans? Your guess is as good as mine.

In the meantime, while our UMC is having this "lovers quarrel", we must wait patiently, but not passively, to see what "comes out in the wash". We must be actively praying that a plan will pass that best promotes the faithful witness of the Church and the furtherance of the Gospel. We must also be actively engaging in "holy conferencing", as Wesley put it, sharing our thoughts and views with one another in a spirit of charity and mutual respect. And finally, we must be actively voicing our concerns to those delegates of our Annual Conference who will be helping to make these decisions on behalf of the rest of us. If we will do these things, then we will have done all we can do for now. The outcome is ultimately in God's hands, and we must trust that God will lead and guide us into an uncertain, but hopeful future.

But let me assure you—whatever the outcome—one thing is for certain: "The Church is of God and will be preserved until the end of time . . ." (*The Book of Discipline*, date uncertain) for the preaching the Gospel, the conduct of worship, the administration of the sacraments and the transformation of the world.

In other words, the Church in some way, shape or form will go forward, and "the gates of hell will not prevail against it"! And let me remind you—there is nothing in any of the *Way Forward* plans that forbids or prevents Bethel UMC from continuing to faithfully perform the above-mentioned tasks as we seek to fulfill the *Great Commission* of Jesus Christ.

So . . . Keep your hearts and minds in the love of God! That's where I'll be keeping mine!  
And . . . Happy Valentine's Day!

Pastor B

PS—You will find in this newsletter a list of the SC lay and clergy delegates, along with their email addresses, in case you should want to let them know you are praying for them and/or you wish to share your thoughts on how you hope they will represent you when they cast their votes.

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**HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS**

**TRUSTEE FUND**

In memory of: Jack Crites  
By: UMW Circle 4

In memory of: Randy Barnett  
By: Bobby Petoskey

In memory of: Randy Barnett  
By: David & Toni Holder

In memory of: Betsy Croft  
By: Nita Parker

**OPERATING FUND**

In memory of: Randy Barnett  
By: David & Toni Holder

In honor of: Nita Parker

Rev. Ben Barnett  
Rev. Cam Treece  
Catherine Clardy  
Colette Duncan

By: David & Toni Holder

**MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

In honor of: Toni H. Holder  
By: Nita Parker

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

In honor of: Jana Mathis  
By: David & Toni Holder

OUR PRESENCE	01/13/19	01/20/19	01/27/19	02/3/19
Church School	118	93	126	57
Spirit Song	40	20	43	70
8:45 am Worship	41	54	60	50
10:55 am Worship	172	160	121	174
Youth Trip	N/A	31	N/A	N/A
Nursery & Preschool	20	20	20	20
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>314</b>

**GIFTS**

2019 BUDGET	1,187,930	1,187,930	1,187,930	1,187,930
Amt. Needed Each Wk	22,845	22,845	22,845	22,845
Amt. Received This Wk	15,111	10,206	27,122	22,845
Amt. Needed To Date	45,690	68,534	91,379	114,224
Amt. Received To Date	40,797	51,003	78,125	100,970
Special Gifts	224	181	1,652	450
"Souper Bowl" Collection	N/A	N/A	N/A	371.45

**BETHEL CALENDAR**

**Sunday, February 10**  
8:45 & 10:55 am Traditional Service - Sanctuary  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:55 am Contemporary Service - Vassey Gym  
3:00 pm PPRC Training  
6:00 pm BUMS D Groups/Youth

**Tuesday, February 12**  
10:30 am Bible Study With Cam/Builders Class  
4:00 pm Ministerial Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, February 13**  
10:00 am Circle #4/Library  
5:15 pm Children's Choir  
5:30 pm Family Night Supper/FH  
6:15 pm Youth Choir  
6:30 pm Bible Study with Cam/Conf. Rm  
6:30 pm Scripture Study & Prayer time/FH  
7:00 pm Youth Wednesday Night  
7:15 pm Adult Choir

**Sunday, February 17**  
8:45 & 10:55 am Traditional Service - Sanctuary  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:55 am Contemporary Service - Vassey Gym  
3:00 pm District Job Function Workshop  
6:00 pm BUMS d Groups/Youth

**Tuesday, February 19**  
10:30 am Bible Study With Cam/Builders Class  
11:30 am Staff Meeting/Prayer Time  
12:00 pm District Retired Ministers & Spouses Lunch/FH  
4:00 pm Ministerial Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, February 20**  
5:15 pm Children's Choir  
5:30 pm Family Night Supper/FH  
6:15 pm Youth Choir  
6:30 pm Bible Study with Cam/Conf. Rm  
6:30 pm Scripture Study & Prayer time/FH  
7:00 pm Youth Wednesday Night  
7:15 pm Adult Choir

**Sunday, February 24**  
8:45 & 10:55 am Traditional Service - Sanctuary  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:55 am Contemporary Service - Vassey Gym  
6:00 pm Sunday Night Live/Youth

**Tuesday, February 26th**  
10:30 am Bible Study With Cam/Builders Class  
4:00 pm Ministerial Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, February 27**  
5:15 pm Children's Choir  
5:30 pm Family Night Supper/FH  
6:15 pm Youth Choir  
6:30 pm Bible Study with Cam/Conf. Rm  
6:30 pm Scripture Study & Prayer time/FH  
7:00 pm Youth Wednesday Night  
7:15 pm Adult Choir

**Sunday, March 3**  
8:45 & 10:55 am Traditional Service - Sanctuary  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:55 am Contemporary Service - Vassey Gym  
6:00 pm Sunday Night Live/Youth

**Monday, March 4**  
6:30 pm Board Meeting

**Tuesday, March 5**  
10:30 am Bible Study With Cam/Builders Class  
11:30 am Staff Meeting/Prayer Time  
4:00 pm Ministerial Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, March 6**  
5:15 pm Children's Choir  
5:30 pm Family Night Supper/FH  
6:15 pm Youth Choir  
6:30 pm Bible Study with Cam/Conf. Rm  
6:30 pm Scripture Study & Prayer time/FH  
7:00 pm Youth Wednesday Night  
7:15 pm Adult Choir

Congratulations to Douglas Henrick & Lauren Brooks on their marriage on January 19, 2019 in California.

Congratulations to Mamie (Padgett) & Ryan McGaha on the birth of a daughter, Eliza Catherine, born January 17th in Spartanburg. Cathy Padgett is the proud grandmother.

There is a Finance Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.  
  
Thanks,  
Colette

**PLEASE** take the time to make a donation at the Blood Connection bloodmobile on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. We had to miss our December visit due to the snow (remember that??) so we really need to have a great turnout in February! Mark your calendars now, and "save up!!" (as Tod Alexander used to say...LOL)

**UMW Valentine Book Brunch**  
You are invited to join the UMW for the Valentine Book Brunch on Wednesday, February 13th at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Maureen King by Feb 10th. Everyone is welcome!