



BETHEL NEWS

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Making Disciples in the heart of the city.... And beyond!

WORSHIP SERVICES

June 2nd

8:45 am Contemporary (Vassey Gym)

Minister: Rev. Cam Treece

8:45 am & 10:55 am Traditional (Sanctuary)

Minister: Pastor Ben Barnett

June 9th

8:45 am Contemporary (Vassey Gym)

Minister: Pastor Ben Barnett

8:45 am & 10:55 am Traditional (Sanctuary)

Minister: Rev. Cam Treece

June 16th

8:45 am Contemporary (Vassey Gym)

Minister: Rev. Cam Treece

8:45 am & 10:55 am Traditional (Sanctuary)

Minister: Pastor Ben Barnett

June 23rd

8:45 am Contemporary (Vassey Gym)

Minister: Rev. Cam Treece

8:45 am & 10:55 am Traditional (Sanctuary)

Minister: Pastor Ben Barnett

June 30th

8:45 am Contemporary (Vassey Gym)

Speaker: Chad Deetz


8:45 am & 10:55 am Traditional (Sanctuary)

Minister: Rev. Cam Treece

Or, follow this link:

<https://podpoint.com/bethel-united-methodist-church-spartanburg-sc>

Worship



SYMPATHY of the Ministers and Congregation is extended to Debbie Edwards and family for the loss of her mother, Louise Wentz; Beth Brewer & family for the loss of her brother - in - law, Eddie Rice; Beth Brewer & family for Loss of her aunt, Grace Fults; Jan Fleming & family for the loss of her aunt, Nancy B. Powell; Pete Geraci & family for the loss of his wife, Leslee Geraci; family of Iris (Gibby) Abercrombie.

IN MEMORIAM

Iris (Gibby) Abercrombie



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“Summertime, summertime, sum-sum-summertime!”

Yes, summertime is right around the corner and for some that means a slower pace of life. That is a welcomed change for me, the church staff and many lay persons who make ministry possible here at Bethel—and beyond.

Following a meaningful Lent and a glorious Easter Sunday with almost 600 in attendance at our three services, we have had had a very full May. We have had several celebrated and important worship services, including our *Confirmation Service*, *Children’s Sunday* and *Graduate Recognition Sunday*, all of which were uplifting and left us all feeling closer to God and to one another. Our *Spirit Song* worship service, under Chad’s leadership, is also seeing strong attendance in recent weeks, along with renewed passion and increased participation in the praise band.

In addition to Sundays, our Wednesday Supper Program has provided us with opportunities to grow in our discipleship. Tasty meals and warm “table fellowship” have been paired with “Prayer & Praise” led by *yours truly*, a stimulating Bible Study on the book of Job led by Pastor Cam, and a variety of other small group experiences for all age groups. Oh! Did I mention the blast we had at the “Cake Auction” on May 8th that raised over \$3,000 for our Youth Ministry . . . or the last Wednesday before the summer hiatus, where we shared a delightful evening with our *Sidewalk Hope* family, eating, laughing, and listening to music of the *Saggy Bottom Boys*.

And have you heard about our small group ministry, which may be more behind the scenes, but is equally important to making disciples? It recently concluded its Spring semester with over 95 people participating in 8 different studies of God’s Word, helping to transform the lives of the participants! Thanks to all you small group leaders out there!!!

All this *making of disciples* (and much more) has been going on right here at Bethel. And even though the summer may bring a slower, easier pace (except for our Youth Ministry), we will continue to nurture a growing, vital congregation of faithful disciples. And while you may be traveling and away from church some during the summer, please remember that Bethel needs your continued financial support to keep things moving forward with gusto.

I pray you have a blessed summer—for safety as you travel and for good times with family and friends. And finally . . . thanks for being a great congregation that makes ministry a joy and a pleasure!

Pastor B



When Sidewalk Hope approached BUMC nine months ago with a request for six rooms to house a discipleship school for 40 inner-city children, we had no idea the impact it would have on their lives and ours. Never had we experienced such a spirit of hospitality. You've loved us, fed us, made hats and scarves and snack bags for us, and just made us feel like family. After

sharing Wednesday night supper with you last week, over of the students said, "This was one of the greatest days I have ever had. The food was so good and all the ice cream you could ever want!" It felt so good! We can never thank you enough for being such a beautiful reflection of Jesus. We asked for 6 rooms and you have us a home.

Chip Walter
Executive Director of Sidewalk Hope



Hochschule-Age Bible Study: We had a very interesting organizational meeting and are now ready to launch our summer College-age Bible study. First gathering will be **Sunday, June 9th at 6:30 pm** at Nicholas and Zachary Byrne's house. Each week we will take on a different "hot button" topic and take a deep dive into the

Scriptures to see how the Bible informs and impacts our understanding of that particular subject. Our first topic will be on abortion. Other topics over the summer will include Immigration, Sexuality and the Methodist Divide, Stress/Anxiety, God and Career along with several others. Bring your Bible and a willingness to grow!! For more information contact Cam Treece at ctreece.bethel@gmail.com.



DON'T FORGET OUR BLOOD DRIVE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH, FROM 8:00 UNTIL 11:15. YOU CAN COMPLETE THE PAPERWORK ONLINE THE MORNING OF... BEFORE YOU COME TO CHURCH...AND SAVE TIME! APPOINTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE, AS WELL. DONATE AND SAVE THREE LIVES!!



CHRISTMAS IN ACTION – JUNE 15TH

The Missions Committee will work on a Christmas in Action project to make flooring repairs to a home in Woodruff on June 15th. Wee plan to work from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM on that day. Other days may be required as work progress determines. If you would like to help, please contact Don Worley at 864-597-3270 or email at dworley@matrixei.com.



Congratulations to Christopher & Kelly Freshman on the birth of a daughter, Hadley James Freshman, born on April 10, 2019. Phil & Layne Stone are the proud grandparents.



If you desire to place flowers during the 2019, please contact Catherine Clardy at 864-585-4801. The following dates that are still available are June 9th, July 28th, August 25th, September 8th & 15th, October 27th, November 3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th, and December 8th. Once again, many thanks.

Altar Guild



05/05/19

Triston Freeman	Francis & Linda Stephenson	Carol Jones
Quinn Marino	Jimmy & Jane Dillard	Eddie Bartless
Rebecca Marino	Rick Cutler	Gayle Cutler
Coleson Marino	Hollis Scruggs	Emily Jarvis
Bradie Jarvis	Glenda Scruggs	Freddia Bartless
Jimmy Pitts	Jerry Partiridge	Darrell McNeill

05/12/19

Tracy Burke	Gerald Y. Pitts	Jymmie Pitts
Leslie Young	Donna Pittman	Eddie Bartless
Coleson Marino	Rebecca Marino	Quinn Manino
Fran Solesbee	Carson Solesbee	Bettina Solesbee
Parker Solesbee	Bailey Solesbee	Steve Coggins
Debbie Shealy	Carol Jones	Susan Sexton
Ralph Sexton	Jimmy & Ginny Doolittle	Patti Cook

05/19/19

Merle Whitt	Brandon Moss, Sr.	Hogue Family
Mollie McCraw	Kenneth Bowen	Lois Ann Bowen
Steve Coggins	Sonya Crouch	

05/26/19

Tracy Burke	Bob Anthony	Nancy Anthony
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Please **PRAY** for the following:

Evelyn Amoros	Dan England	Martha Storey
Toni Holder	Joy Frazee	Libby Rush
Betsy Funderburk	Bob Boyle	Rita Daniels
Cathy Hanks	David Holder	Jim Shearer
Suzanne Manuel	Jake Sawyer	Beth Martin
Carole Clardy	Shut-Ins	Our church



Calling All Men to gather for a Work Day at the Parsonage on June 1st.

We will be:

- Installing a “Dry Creek” to shed runoff and reduce erosion.
- Removing dead plants, moving others, and planting new ones.
- Spreading pine straw.

Please bring the following:

- Shovels
- Rakes
- Wheelbarrows
- Work Gloves

Work begins at 8:30am and should be completed by 1:00pm. Address is 672 Mosswood Lane. Contact Mike White (706-4830) or Terry Trnavsky (316-4250) with questions. Please contact Mike White to Sign-up so we can get a head count.

Blessings,

Terry Trnavsky & Mike White



Out of Paper Checks? Vacationing this Summer?

Keep up with your tithing contributions to Bethel via the web. Go to bethelmethodist.org and click on “[Online Giving](#),” where you can set up one-time or scheduled donations. The secure site allows the pay options of bank draft or credit and debit cards.

Another way to give electronically to Bethel, is through your own bank’s online billing. When you set us up as a payee, your bank will mail us a check on the date(s) you specify. We count each electronic gift with the following Sunday’s offering.

Thank you for giving!



BETHEL CALENDAR

June 2nd

- 8:45 AM Contemporary Service-Vassey Gym
- 8:45 AM Traditional Service-Sanctuary
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:55 AM Traditional Service-Sanctuary

June 4th

- 8:00 AM Hiking with Cam/Youth
- 4:00 PM Ministerial Staff Meeting

June 5th

- 11:30 AM Chad Chats/Youth
- 6:30 PM Adult Sanctuary Choir
- 7:00 PM Mission Training/Youth

June 7th

- 8:00 PM Schools Out Lock-In/Youth

June 9th

- 8:45 AM Contemporary Service-Vassey Gym
- 8:45 AM Traditional Service-Sanctuary
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:55 AM Traditional Service-Sanctuary

June 10th

- 6:00 PM SonQuest Rainforest VBS

June 11th

- 11:30 AM Staff Meeting/Prayer Time
- 4:00PM Ministerial Staff Meeting
- 6:00 PM SonQuest Rainforest VBS

June 12th

- 10:00 AM Circle #4/Library
- 11:30 AM Chad Chats/Youth
- 6:00 PM SonQuest Rainforest VBS

June 13th

- 10:00 AM Serve at the Church/Youth

June 14th

- 10:00 AM Serve at the Church/Youth

June 16th

- 8:45 AM Contemporary Service-Vassey Gym
- 8:45 AM Traditional Service-Sanctuary
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:55 AM Traditional Service-Sanctuary

June 17th-21st

Youth Beach Retreat

June 18th

12:00 PM District Retired Ministers & Spouses Lunch/FH

BETHEL CALENDAR CONT.

June 23rd

8:45 AM Contemporary Service-Vassey Gym
8:45 AM Traditional Service-Sanctuary
9:45 AM Sunday School
10:55 AM Traditional Service-Sanctuary
6:00 PM Sunday Night Live/Youth

June 25th

4:00 PM Ministerial Staff Meeting

June 26th

7:00 PM Mission Training/Youth

June 30th

8:45 AM Contemporary Service-Vassey Gym
8:45 AM Traditional Service-Sanctuary
9:45 AM Sunday School
10:55 AM Traditional Service-Sanctuary
12:00 PM Special Ed Picnic/FH

Bethel Tours



Join us on our next adventure to Monticello, Williamsburg, Richmond & Yorktown from October 28th - 31st. If you are interested, please e-mail Jan Fleming at jannerbf@aol.com for details.



If you would like to have your Newsletter e-mailed instead of getting it by mail, please e-mail Catherine Clardy at cclardy.bethel@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine at 864-585-4801. Thank you!

HONORIUM AND MEMORIALS

TRUSTEE FUND

In memory of:	Fanny Barnett
By:	Her Children
In honor of:	Cam Treece
By:	Jim & Olga Munn

ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of:	Virginia Robertson
By:	Mike & Cynthia Woodrum

OPERATING FUND

In memory of:	Virginia Robertson
	Benjamin Dawsey, Sr.
By:	David & Toni Holder
In memory of:	Linette Tillotson
By:	Wilson Tillotson, Jr.

2019 REPORT OF OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS

OUR PRESENCE	05/05/19	05/12/19	05/19/19	05/26/19
Church School	115	167	142	142
Spirit Song	53	72	55	84
10:55 am Worship	247	236	199	118
Nursery & Preschool	20	20	23	12
TOTAL WORSHIP	320	308	277	214

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 Each Wk	21,188	15,598	21,275	14,692
Amt. Needed To Date	411,207	434,051	456,896	479,741
Amt. Received To Date	346,239	361,837	383,112	397,804
Special Gifts This Wk	430	721	77	541
Sunday School	64	68	52	50

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“A READING PEOPLE WILL ALWAYS BE A KNOWING PEOPLE.”

- John Wesley

We have had an exciting spring at Bethel. Our Easter Sides Sale was a success, primarily due to the abundance of delicious pound cakes baked for us to sell, thank you Circle 7.

Our UMW International Mission Project 2019: Heifer International is a charity organization working to end hunger and poverty around the world by providing livestock and training to struggling communities. In January we began collecting monies at each Circle meeting, and by May 1 we were at \$1,000. We purchased the “Milk Menagerie” that includes four milk producing animals: two goats, a water buffalo and a quality breed heifer. This program provides an abundance of milk to improve nutrition and income, enriches crops with fertilizer, producing better yields, and sustains farming by providing livestock to work the land. Families receive training on the animal’s care, and their program improves the lives of families for generations by passing on the gift. Animal donations can provide families a hand up, increasing access to medicine, education, food and a sustainable livelihood.

Our mission monies this spring went to the following agencies: Angels Charge Ministry, Bethlehem Center, hope - Family Strengthening Program, Miracle Hill Women & Children, and Sidewalk Hope. We are excited to take on a new mission project in September, the Women and Children’s Library at Miracle Hill! You will hear more about this new mission at your circle meetings in the fall.

Come Together, Be Together was held at Trinity UMC last Saturday. We were inspired by our keynote speaker, Reverend Cathy Mitchell, to continue to be bold, strong, and courageous. She thanked us for our ongoing mission work; no contingencies with our commitment, as we faithfully continue to go and make an impact in the lives of women, children, and youth around the world.

Just a reminder to the youth and adults with mission trips coming up. The United Methodist Women has scholarship monies and mission monies if you would like to apply to attend mission at Spartanburg Methodist College this summer, or you are planning to go on an adult or youth mission trip. Contact Jan Fleming if you are interested at jannerbf@aol.com

UMW FYI: What would John Wesley do? Read! Love books? We have some great selections you will not want to miss. See our UMW Reading Program books in the library or contact Maureen King for more information and some recommended reads.

UPCOMING:

June: Planning Meeting, TBA

July 18-20: Mission U, SMC

Only by grace,

Jan Fleming

BETHEL'S STAFF

Senior Pastor

Ben Barnett

Associate Minister

Cameron Treece

Director of Youth

Chad Deetz

Director of Children's Ministry

Jana C. Mathis

Jennifer Bartless—Assistant

Director of Music

Dale G. Fischer

Organist

Dr. Kristine Lee

Director of Child Enrichment

Chella Hamrick

Director of After School Enrichment Program

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Catherine Clardy

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