

# BETHEL NEWS

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



## WORSHIP SERVICES



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8:45 am Contemporary (Vassey Gym)  
8:45 am & 10:55 am Traditional (Sanctuary)  
Speaker: Doug & Lauren Hendrick

### August 11th

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

### August 18th

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

### August 25th

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Or, follow this link:

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



**SYMPATHY** of the Ministers and Congregation is extended to the family Melissa Fleming for the loss of her mother, Jean Stewart.



Please **PRAY** for the following:

Evelyn Amoros	Dan England	Martha Storey
Toni Holder	Joy Frazee	Libby Rush
Eric Robertson	Cathy Hanks	Ray Simcox
Myles Whitlock, Jr.	David Holder	Jim Shearer
Suzanne Manuel	Jake Sawyer	Carole Clardy
Wally Robertson	Nancy Robertson	Delane Johnson
Connie Long	Ken Towery	Averee Duclos



A few years ago, about this time of year, Laura and I had just returned from a vacation to visit family in Colorado. While there, I had a chance to do some fishing, and on one fishing trip I had a “miracle” of sorts take place.

I was fishing on a beautiful mountain lake at the time and had purchased an expensive new lure to use for the occasion. I could hardly wait to try it out and catch a big lake trout! However, on my first cast into the lake, it snagged on something and broke my line. I was upset that I lost the lure so quickly, without catching a single fish. But I was determined, so I tied on an old, cheap lure and kept fishing. Several casts later, my lure got snagged again, but this time, I was able to reel in the rather large tree limb it was snagged on. When I pulled to limb on shore to free my lure—lo and behold!--on the end of the snag was the new lure I had lost, shining in the sun so bright and pretty! I could hardly believe my eyes! The odds of such a thing happening astounds me until this day, and I was so thankful to God for the serendipity of recovering my lure.

Reflecting later on this remarkable incident, I thought to myself about the story of Jesus telling Simon Peter to cast a fishing line into the lake and look into the mouth of the first fish he caught. There he would find a coin he could use to pay the Temple Tax required of all Jewish citizens of Israel. (See Matthew 17:24-27).

What my incident and the story in Matthew’s Gospel have in common is this: God’s knowledge of our needs and His provision for meeting them is truly amazing! Think about it. If he could provide for his disciples in such a remarkable way, then don’t you think he can provide for you, “O ye of little faith”? And, if God’s eye is truly on the sparrow (or the fish or lost lure in the lake), then God’s eye is surely on, and watches over, you and me!

As God’s people, that’s the kind of God we serve! He knows the number of hairs on our head and is acquainted with all our ways! Be encouraged by these thoughts and look for and enjoy the little miracles of life that come your way! In my mind, they are not *coincidences*, but “God-incidences” . . . and when they happen, just imagine God winking at you and saying, “I’m right here, as close to us as our next breath!”

Blessings on you,

Pastor B



### Children's July Schedule

- ◆ **Wed., Aug. 7th:** Art Day at Bethel, Africa Classroom  
Time: 10 am - 1 pm  
Cost: FREE! (bring a bag lunch)

We'll make some fun crafts, including a food craft for our dessert!

- ◆ **Wed., Aug. 14th:** Gattitown, Spartanburg  
Time: 12 - 3:30 pm

Cost: \$7.50/child - includes pizza/pasta buffet, drink,  
\$5 game card and 100 tickets. If your child would like a salad  
with lunch, it's \$1 extra.



### Youth's July Schedule

- ◆ **Thurs., Aug. 1st:** Summer Fun Day
  - ◆ **Fri., Aug. 2nd:** 7:30 pm  
Movie Under the Stars
- ◆ **Sun., Aug. 4th:** 6 pm Sunday Night Live
- ◆ **Tues., Aug. 6th:** Summer Fun Day
- ◆ **Wed., Aug. 7th:** 11:30 am Chad Chat  
& 7 pm Wed. Night Youth
- ◆ **Thurs., Aug. 8th & Fri., Aug. 9th:** 10 am  
Serve at the Church
- ◆ **Sun., Aug. 11th:** 6 pm Sunday Night Live
- ◆ **Tues., Aug. 13th:** 11:30 am Movie Matinee Day
  - ◆ **Wed., Aug. 14th:** 11:30 am Chad Chat  
& 7 pm Wed. Night Youth
  - ◆ **Fri., Aug. 16th:** Summer Fun Day
  - ◆ **Sun. Aug. 18th:** 6 pm Sunday Night Live



If you desire to place flowers during 2019, please contact Catherine Clardy at 864-585-4801. The following dates that are still available are September 8th & 15th, November 17th, & 24th, and December 8th. Once again, many thanks.

Altar Guild



**July 7th**

The Hogue Family	James Horton	John Cannon
Kimberlee Cannon	John Long	The Jordan Family
Philip & Luanne Holton	Natalie Pruitt	Andrew Temples
Georgia Perrin	Leslie Webber	

**July 14th**

David Phillips	Tracy Burke	John Long
Noelle Sublett	Tara Roberts	Taylor Ann Fleming

**July 21st**

Noelle Subblett	Jeremy Hardy	Andrew Temples
Amanda Faile	Brittany Davis	Mike & Kim Davis
The Ivey Family	The Hogue Family	Case & Kaitlyn

# Small Groups

## Small Groups

Small Group sign-ups for this Fall are now available on-line. Sign-up sheets will be available Sunday Aug 4<sup>th</sup>. Groups include:

- Que lest? Bible / Word Study – Joe L - starts Aug 11th at 6:00 am
- The Daniel Prayer - Kathy B – starts Sept 4th at 9:00 am
- The Armor of God – Sue W – starts Sept 4th at 6:30 pm
- The Book of Job - Cam T – starts Sep 4th on Tues at 10:30 & Weds at 6:30 pm
- It's Not Supposed to be This Way - Laura B – starts Sept 8th at 4:00 pm
- The Journey, Walking the Road to Bethlehem - Joe L – starts Oct 10th at 6:30 pm

\*\*\* 2 other groups will be coming soon

Additional information and sign-up for fall groups can be found on the Bethel website ([www.bethelmethodist.org](http://www.bethelmethodist.org)), under Ministries & Programs, Small Groups. The facilitator will be in touch with you a few weeks before the group begins.

If you are interested in a group above, but would prefer a different day, please let us know. If enough are interested in that study, we will try to make arrangements. If you would like to help facilitate a study, please contact Joe or Cam.



Dear Friends,

Thank you!

The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be - Thank you! And through your financial support you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships in the U.S. and in more than 60 countries in which UMCOR and partnering agencies engage in direct ministry to person in need.

My we continue to reveal the love of God for men, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.

Grace and Peace,

Thomas G. Kemper, General Secretary

Roland Fernades, COO and General Treasurer

UMCOR—Where Most Needed  
Gift Amount \$3,126,00



## ATTENTION ALTAR GUILD

Our Annual Candle Trimming and Information Session is scheduled for **Monday, September 30th at 10:00 am in Room 313 (Outreach Class)** Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Glenn at 864-978-6509.

## 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](mailto:jannerbf@aol.com) for details. Thank you!

## STITCH ONE PRAY ONE



Starts back on Wednesday, September 4th  
At 6:00 pm after the Wednesday night  
Supper in the Builders Classroom.  
They will be making blankets to help out  
Chip Walters & Sidewalk Hope Ministry.  
Please plan to join us!



## BETHEL'S COMFORT AND JOY BLANKET MINISTRY

Our first workday is scheduled on Thursday, August 15th. We will meet at Kathy Butler's house anytime between 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. Bring your own lunch & play to stay as long as you can we work on our projects. We are making blankets for Rosswood Assisted living in Pauline. Being a seamstress is not required. All you need is a giving heart & wanting to be a part of an outreach ministry. Please consider joining us in bringing comfort and joy to our congregation and community.



## UMW has a New Circle!

Circle 2 will hold their meetings in September, November, January, March, May, and July, the second Tuesday of the month. This Circle meet in members' homes from 6-8 PM. Along with the obligations of a Circle, this group will start off with a book discussion "This I Know" by the Reverend Doctor Jim Dant. The first meeting will be held September 17<sup>th</sup> at the home of Sheila Worley. If you have any questions: contact Peggy Taylor or Sheila Worley.



# **BETHEL CALENDAR**

## **August 4th**

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

## **August 6th**

Summer Fun/Youth

## **August 7th**

10:00 am Art Day at Bethel/Children's Ministry  
11:30 AM Chad Chat/Youth  
7:00 PM Youth Wednesday Night

## **August 8th**

10:00 am Serve at the Church/Youth

## **August 9th**

10:00 am Serve at the Church/Youth

## **August 11th**

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

## **August 13th**

11:30 AM Movie Matinee Day/Youth

## **August 14th**

10:00 am Circle #4/Library  
11:30 AM Chad Chat/Youth  
7:00 PM Mission Training/Youth

## **August 18th**

### **Blessings of the Backpacks**

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

## **August 20th**

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

## **August 21st**

7:00 pm Youth Wednesday Night

## **August 22**

6:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting

## **August 25th**

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

## **August 26th**

6:30 pm Board Meeting  
7:00 pm Finance Meeting

## **August 27th**

11:30 am Staff Meeting/Prayer Time  
4:00 pm Ministerial Staff meeting

## **August 28th**

7:00 PM Youth Wednesday Night



## 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.



### The **Blood** Connection BLOOD DRIVE

**Bethel United  
Methodist Church  
Sunday, August 11th  
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

\*\*\*TBC Donor Card or photo ID required.

BLESSING  
OF THE  
BACKPACKS

**Sunday, August 26**  
**In All Three**  
**Services**





# HONORIUM AND MEMORIALS

## SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPT.

In memory of:

Betsy Funderburk

By:

Joyce & Buddy Belk

## 2019 REPORT OF OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS

<b>OUR PRESENCE</b>	<b>06/30/19</b>	<b>07/07/19</b>	<b>07/14/19</b>	<b>07/21/19</b>
Church School	145	140	106	145
Spirit Song	62	54	39	90
8:45 am Worship	53	51	35	24
10:55 am Worship	139	186	135	157
Nursery & Preschool	16	19	36	22
Mission Team	N/A	N/A	38	N/A
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>289</b>

### **GIFTS**

<b>2019 BUDGET</b>	<b>1,187,930</b>	<b>1,187,930</b>	<b>1,187,930</b>	<b>1,187,930</b>
Amt. Needed Each Wk	<b>22,845</b>	<b>22,845</b>	<b>22,845</b>	<b>22,845</b>
Amt. Received Each Wk	18,715	14,363	15,762	42,628
Amt. Needed To Date	593,965	616,810	639,655	662,499
Amt. Received To Date	484,804	499,167	514,929	557,557
Special Gifts This Wk	510	242	115	645
Sunday School	77	67	75	49



## “UMW Vendor Party”

(United Methodist Women)

**When:** Saturday, November 2, 2019

**Time:** 9:00AM – 2:00 PM

**Where:** Bethel United Methodist Church (Fellowship Hall)  
245 S. Church Street, Spartanburg

**Donation:** All proceeds will go to our Bethel UMW Missions, auctioned item, door prize, etc.

Blues and then Some, Casey Miller Designs, Classy Glass etc.,  
DK Creations, 4Elizabeth, Hazel’s Soapery, Mary Kay,  
Pampered Chef, Pray One- Stitch One, Rodan and Field’s,  
Sarah’s String Art, Susan’s Fabric Arts (Holiday Quilts and Wall  
Hangings) Steele Works, TasselChics, Young Living, and



Lunch provided by the United Methodist Men. Our  
Bake Sale and Frozen Feast Items will be on hand.

Start your holiday shopping early!



**“Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.” Mark 14:9 NRSV**

Another Mission u has come and gone, but not without another great bible study “Practicing Resurrection” The gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship. Along with the above verse, we also concentrated on Mark 5:25-34 hearing the story of the audacity of the woman reaching out to touch Jesus’ garment or the boldness of the Syrophoenician woman Mark 7:24-30 as examples of discipleship, and Jesus insisting that this woman who anointed him was vital to the good news.

**Mission u report from Maureen King~**

I had the amazing experience of attending Mission u for the very first time last week. Mission U is the SC Conference of United Methodist Women held at SMC. This year’s theme was UMW Radical Disciples Then and Now.” I, along with Karen Cannon (also a first timer) Jan Fleming, and over 170 other women from across our state, had three days of worship, fellowship, and intense studies. My study was “What About Our Money-A Faith Response.” Jan and Karen’s study were “Women United for Change-150 Years in Mission.” We all attended the Bible study together – “Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark.” I came away with a renewed respect for our United Methodist Women -past and present-our history, and our purpose today-to be radical disciples of Jesus Christ.

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**Thank you** for all the school supplies and backpacks that were donated for our ongoing mission, Sidewalk Hope. The last day to drop off any supplies is Friday, August 2.

**New Fall Mission Fundraiser!** On Sunday, September 29 at noon, join us in the fellowship hall for a hot lunch and delicious desserts. Sign-up sheets with details will be in your Sunday School classes mid-September.

**UMW FYI:** From the beginning United Methodist women’s predecessor organizations:

1. focused on the needs of women, children, and youth; 2. came out of the missionary tradition; 3. always raised their own funds; 4. approached mission in a holistic way, integrating spirituality, study, leadership development, and advocacy; and 5. despite resistance at times, United Methodist Women now has the authority to organize groups in the local church and is the official women’s organization of the United Methodist Church.

Still celebrating 150 years,

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

*Donna Sawyer*

Secretary

*Catherine Clardy*

Financial Secretary

*Colette Duncan*

Hostess

*Lisa Donald*

Hostess Assistant

*Forest Sanders*

Building Superintendent

*Bob Werner*

Custodians

*Jacob Sawyer*

*Carlos Cobo*