BETHEL
United Methodist Church

# October 2021

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Dear Bethel Church Family,

Over the last few weeks, our sermons have focused on the Good News, the Gospel. Let's face it, all of us could use a little more good news these days. With all that is going on in our world, the good news is often overshadowed and drowned out. Rest assured it is still very much present around us. We are still seeing signs of vitality and growth even amid all that hangs over us. With our new schedule, there seems to be a renewed sense of energy and excitement on Sunday mornings. Wednesday night suppers have started back and those present seem to be enjoying a sense of the familiar. We know that some of you are still being cautious regarding attending in person. We understand and encourage everyone to make the best decision for themselves regarding their personal health and safety.

Personally, I want to express my appreciation for all the many ways in which you have continued to support the ongoing work and ministry at Bethel UMC. We would not be able to do all that we do without your support through your prayers, your presence, and especially your gifts. As we head into the fall, our hope is that as the number of COVID cases in our community decline, we will continue to grow in amazing ways. God is at work and your faithfulness is the proof. Thanks for all you have done, all that you are doing, and all that you will do in the future.

Starting later this month, we will have a worship series that helps to remind us of what it means to be a member of Bethel. Each week, we will be focusing on one of the five membership vows in our United Methodist tradition: Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness. We will culminate our series on November 7th with our Commitment Sunday in which you will be asked to look ahead toward 2022 and how you might best fulfill your membership vows. On that day we will celebrate communion and remember the saints of Bethel who have moved on to the Kingdom Eternal this past year. It will be a wonderful day of celebration in the life of our church. We hope you will be able to join us.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Brad

**Meet our new Staff Member!**

The Youth Ministry at Bethel welcomes Adam Rollins on staff as Youth Ministry Associate. Adam will be assisting Chad with leading, teaching and contact with the student ministry at Bethel. Adam has a Master of Arts in Teaching from the University of South Carolina and is currently going back to school at USC Upstate for a Bachelors in Nursing. He is very excited to be part of the staff family at Bethel and to work with our amazing students here. Make sure you say hello to Adam as you see him in action.

| Week | Sunday Date | In-Person | Gifts to Budget | Other Gifts |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 35 | August 29 | Worship: 138<br>Children: 5 | $6,700 | $500 |
| 36 | September 5 | Worship: 114<br>Children: 0 | $19,057 | $557 |
| 37 | September 12 | Worship: 189<br>Children: 5 | $14,332 | $975 |
| 38 | September 19 | Worship: 180<br>Children: 5 | $12,598 | $1,248 |
| 39 | September 26 | Worship: 162<br>Children: 9 | $6,477 | $1,468 |

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| ***2021 Annual Budget:*** | ***$1,118,266*** |
| *Goal per week:* | *$21,505* |
| *Year-to-date Budget Goal:* | *$838,700* |
| ***Year-to-Date Gifts Received:*** | ***$662,709*** |
| ***Remaining 2021 Goal:*** | ***$455,557*** |

## In Christian Sympathy

*...from the ministers and congregation to the family and friends who recently passed:*

Jim Stovall, brother of Beth Byrne

## Memorials & Honorariums

**In Memory of Steve Cannon**
*Special Education Department:*
Scott & Melissa Fleming
Eric & Marion Robertson
SC Wind & Hail Underwriting Assoc.
Dianne Trisler
The Turner Agency
Pamela Coggins
Douglas & Harriet Fritz
Mike Hughey & Family
Dwight & Nancy Lambert
Connie Culver Long
Doug Mueller
Jim & Kathy Payne
Jerry & Mary Grace Reitzel
Maxine Reynolds
Shelley Winkler
Sophia Trakas
J.M. Turner
Richard Cureton
Andy & Jane Burns

*Operating Fund:*
Dewey & Amy Armstrong
Don & Susan Hendrix
Rick & Mary Scruggs

*Trustee Fund:*
Richard & Nancy Hope

**In Memory of Laura Deal**
*Special Education Department:*
Dianne Trisler
Connie Culver Long
Sophia Trakas

**In Memory of Jim Stovall**
*Operating Fund:* Teresa Patterson

**In Memory of Nancy Robertson**
*Operating Fund:*
Jane Shuler
Maxine Reynolds

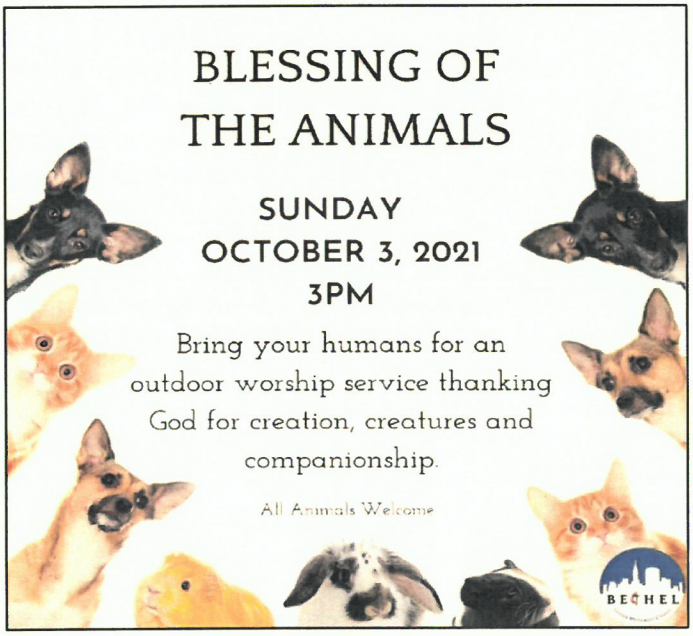
**In Memory of Wally & Nancy Robertson**
*Operating Fund:* Don & Susan Hendrix

**In Memory of Gail Allen & In Honor of Charles Allen**
*Trustee Fund:* Pamela King

## Prayer Requests

Mike White
Curtis Anderson
Beth Brewer
Cathy Hanks
David Holder
Glenda Bivens

***Please contact the church office or one of our pastors to let us know of any updates or new prayer requests.***



United Methodist Women

*"He who supplies seed to the Sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness."* 2 Corinthians 9:10 NRSV

Thank you, Bethel members and friends for supporting our first fall fundraiser. We were so excited to get back to work and be able to continue our mission work. Maureen and I would like to give special thanks to Lisa, Jake, Debbie Locke, Peggy Taylor and Sheila Worley for pitching in to make the morning go smoother. Many thanks to our Circle members who always do a great job on our delicious baked goodies!

Our next fundraiser will be our **Vendor Party on Saturday, November 6th.** This year we will have about half the vendors but lots of frozen feast dishes and baked items for your freezer and the holidays. While you are shopping, save room for lunch. We will be selling the boxed lunches at the Vendor Party.

**Circle Missions and Pledges**

Thank you, members, for your contributions to our global mission this year, UMCOR, and for supporting the crisis in Haiti. As you keep up with what your Circle missions are, remember to check out the new location of our UMW bulletin board closer to the church office. I have listed our Mission Giving as a national institution and South Carolina is #4 in our Southeastern jurisdiction! Without your pledge, missions are not possible. Now is the time to give, invite more women into our creative and supportive community, share our mission work and continue to give voice to the marginalized women, children and youth who need our help every day, everywhere.

**UMW Reminder:** Get your Circle updates emailed to Jan by Nov. 1. Frozen Feast materials will be distributed this week.
**UMW FYI:** Still accepting Vendors, please contact Jan.
**UPCOMING:**

Oct. 5: Circle 7, 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Oct. 12: Circle 1 meets at 6:30 pm
Oct. 13: Circle 4, 10 am in the library
Oct. 14: Circle 8, 11:30 am in the Conference Room
Oct. 24: UMW Sunday at both services
Nov. 6: Vendor Party – Frozen Feast/ Bake Sale, 9 am – 2 pm
Dec. 6: UMW Holiday Dinner, 5:30 pm

Happy Fall,
Maureen and Jan

# SOCK DRIVE

SUNDAY OCTOBER 3 through SUNDAY OCTOBER 31

**Third Thursday Group will be collecting socks throughout the month of October for adults and children at Miracle Hill as their October Mission Project.**
**You can place your socks in Gathering Baskets located throughout Bethel UMC--**

Outside of the Gym
Children's Ministry Wing
Outside of the Parlor
By the elevator on ground floor

## Wednesday Night Supper
## October Menu

**October 6** – Hamburger steaks, baked potatoes, salad, rolls, dessert, tea and water
**October 13** – Pork barbeque w/buns, baked beans, slaw, seasoned potatoes, salad, dessert, tea and water
**October 20** – Build it yourself tacos, dessert, tea and water
**October 27** – Chicken stew, vegetable beef soup, broccoli cheddar soup, toasted cheese sandwiches, salad, dessert, tea and water

**Family of 4 or more - $25**
**Adults - $7 Children under 12 - $5**
***Please go online to make your reservation***

THE BLOOD CONNECTION

# Blood Drive

**Bethel United Methodist - Spartanburg**

10/10/2021 | 08:00 AM–11:00 AM

**To make an appointment, search for sponsor code 9CCP**

Scan to make an appointment!

All donors will receive a $20 eGift Card and a Clemson/Carolina t-shirt!

**Executive Pastor**
Rev. Brad Gray
**Pastor of Discipleship & Belonging**
Rev. Megan Gray
**Director of Youth**
Chad Deetz
Adam Rollins, Assistant
**Director of Children's Ministry**
Jana Mathis
Jennifer Bartless, Assistant
**Director of Music**
Dale Fischer
**Organist**
Dr. Kristine Lee
**Business Manager**
Colette Duncan
**Church Secretary**
Shannon Evans
**Church Hostess**
Lisa Donald
**Building Superintendent**
Bob Werner
**Custodians**
Jacob Sawyer
Carlos Cabo (every other Sunday)
**Child Enrichment Program**
Chella Hamrick, Center Director

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Spartanburg, SC 29306-3489

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**Spartanburg, SC**

★ **Office Hours:** Mon-Thu 8:30-4 p.m. + Fri 8:30-2 p.m. ★

## Sundays

*Worship Services*

**Sunday School**
8:45 am

**Spirit Song**
9:30 am, Gym

**Traditional Worship**
10:00 am, Sanctuary

***Youth Group:*** 6 p.m.
for studies & activities
Fellowship Hall

**Please check bethelmethodist.org or facebook.com/BethelUMCSpartanburg/ for any schedule changes due to COVID-19**

## Wednesdays

Game Time, Fellowship Hall - 4:00 pm
Wednesday Night Supper - 5:30 pm
Children's Choir - 5:30 pm
Youth Choir - 6:15 pm
God Squad - 6:30 pm
Adult Choir - 7:00 pm
Youth Group - 7:00 pm

**Small Groups for Adults**
**Please go to our website for more information and to sign up**

***Anxious by Scarlet Hiltibidal***
Facilitator: Sue Ward, Discovery Classroom

***Wisdom Rather than Answers: Making sense of the Bible***
Facilitator: Megan Gray, Builders Classroom

**Other Weekday Studies**
***Eshet Chayil: The Women of Valor in our Biblical Stories***
Facilitator: Megan Gray
Fellowship Hall, Tuesdays at 10:15 am

***12 Minor Prophets*** - *Tuesdays*
Facilitator: Brad Gray, Virtual at 6:30 pm

***Parables*** – *Tuesdays*
Facilitator: Joe Locke, Conference Room at 6:30 pm

***Once a Month Book Club*** – *for ladies*
Facilitator: Kathy Butler

## Dates to Remember

**Blessing of the Animals**
October 3rd
3:00 pm

**Finance Committee Meeting**
October 4th

**Blood Drive**
October 10th
8:00 am – 11:00 am

**Youth Retreat**
October 15th – 17th

**UMW Sunday**
October 24th

**Charge Conference**
October 24th
11:00 am

**Trunk or Treat**
October 30th
4:00 pm

**Veterans Lunch**
November 2nd
12:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

# October BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | Jessica Kulas |
| 1 | Preston Grimm |
| 1 | Andrew Dyson |
| 3 | Tom Emory |
| 3 | Paula Williams |
| 3 | Sherrie Grant |
| 3 | Janet Smith |
| 3 | James Horton |
| 4 | Janis Green |
| 4 | Jordan Green |
| 4 | Somphone Kingsada |
| 4 | Douglas Henrick |
| 4 | Lynne Koch |
| 4 | Owen Gilley |
| 6 | John Faulkner |
| 6 | Greg Mack |
| 6 | Mary Downs |
| 6 | Wendy Bernard |
| 7 | Kathy Payne |
| 7 | Allen Wilson |
| 7 | Rowan Langford |
| 7 | Tyler Brown |
| 7 | Kathy Painter |
| 8 | Cindy Bailey |
| 8 | Peden Mahaffey |
| 9 | Catherine Hanks |
| 9 | Barbara Terrell |
| 9 | Linda Tunstall |
| 9 | Harriet Brady |
| 10 | Buddy Bush |
| 10 | Sam Mathis |
| 10 | Gladys Rivera |
| 10 | Eric English |
| 10 | Karen Cox |
| 10 | Julie Huckabee |
| 11 | Kellsie Edwards |
| 12 | Eric Robertson |
| 12 | Erin Ward |
| 12 | Louise Ready |
| 13 | Judith Conard |
| 13 | Wade Thompson |
| 13 | Jada Stancil |
| 13 | Sandra Boyle |
| 13 | Jordan Boyle |
| 13 | Haley Dill |
| 14 | Andy Burns |
| 14 | Patrick Moran |
| 14 | Theresa Tate |
| 14 | Lillie Hancock |
| 15 | James Padgett |
| 15 | Vivian O'Dell |
| 15 | Sharon Mack |
| 16 | Gene Foust |
| 16 | Sue Ward |
| 16 | Maxwell Hiltgen |
| 17 | Madison Morrow |
| 17 | Nancy Smith |
| 17 | Brittany Walker |
| 17 | Kendyl Mason |
| 20 | Michael Bragg |
| 20 | Jack Peterson |
| 20 | Andrew Smith |
| 20 | Addie Sanders |
| 21 | Mac Turner |
| 21 | Nicole Mueller |
| 22 | Carol Barnette |
| 22 | Cathy Elliott |
| 23 | Blair Mathis |
| 23 | Robert Duclos |
| 24 | Shawn Cook |
| 25 | Dianne Trisler |
| 25 | Patti Moran |
| 25 | Sarah Adams |
| 25 | Aidan Berryman |
| 25 | Matthew Gilley |
| 26 | Sissy Bush |
| 26 | Linda Handell |
| 26 | Raul Ceballos |
| 26 | Drew Martin |
| 27 | Thurman Anderson |
| 28 | Bob Handell |
| 28 | Dick Herd |
| 28 | Sara Overturf |
| 28 | Nita Parker |
| 28 | Dana Turner |
| 29 | Lisa Benfield |
| 29 | Liz Jilling |
| 30 | Latsavay Kingsada |
| 30 | Collin Melba |
| 30 | Barbara Ryan |
| 30 | Renee Foster |
| 30 | Blaine Gray |
| 31 | Stacey Beeler |
| 31 | Casey Miller |
| 31 | George Barkman |
| 31 | Ansli Stanford |
| 31 | Drew Connolly |

# November
## BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | Margaret Smith |
| 1 | Shea Dent |
| 1 | Dave Pickren |
| 1 | Alex Whitt |
| 2 | Karen Brown |
| 3 | Cindy Snead |
| 3 | Chase Thompson |
| 3 | Dillon Whitaker |
| 3 | Tony Al-Khalil |
| 3 | Darin Worley |
| 4 | Kathy Whitten |
| 4 | Montez Langford |
| 5 | Adam Blumer |
| 5 | Michael Jilling |
| 5 | Gentry Zell |
| 6 | Ben Dawsey |
| 6 | Joe Locke |
| 6 | Alton Foster |
| 6 | Leslie Sellers |
| 6 | Debbie Nowlin |
| 6 | Morgan Queen |
| 6 | Lindsay Bartholomew |
| 7 | Dan Smith |
| 7 | Sarah Gray |
| 8 | Peggy Carlisle |
| 8 | Brad Wynn |
| 8 | James Siarris |
| 8 | Nicholas Siarris |
| 9 | Scott Fleming |
| 9 | Carol Brunson |
| 10 | Elizabeth Shook |
| 10 | Colby Edwards |
| 10 | Kim Bostwick |
| 11 | Emily Gibbs |
| 11 | Blake Peterson |
| 11 | Robbin Phillips |
| 11 | Megan Cook |
| 12 | Ladson Cubbage |
| 12 | Pete Gbortoe |
| 12 | Buddy Jones |
| 12 | Mary Scruggs |
| 13 | Chad Jackson |
| 13 | John McCarthy |
| 13 | Ann McIntyre |
| 13 | Robert Taylor |
| 13 | Robin Hahn |
| 13 | Mayte Sandrin |
| 14 | Melissa Fleming |
| 14 | Doug Whitaker |
| 14 | Austin Bobo |
| 14 | Jim Bowen |
| 15 | Jane Burns |
| 15 | Natalie Pruitt |
| 15 | Matthew Armstrong |
| 16 | Alex Smith |
| 16 | Christie Johnson |
| 16 | Hailey Powell |
| 16 | Wendy Taylor |
| 17 | Christy Nichols |
| 18 | Jon Bailey |
| 18 | Michael Rivera |
| 18 | Gordon Wells |
| 18 | Tori Sain |
| 19 | Kristen Winter |
| 19 | Tom Edwards |
| 20 | Catherine Pogue |
| 20 | Rylan Shurburtt |
| 21 | Peggy Parrott |
| 22 | Jared Dyson |
| 22 | Haley Foster |
| 23 | Bob Parrott |
| 23 | Laura McDaniel |
| 24 | Matthew Thomas |
| 25 | Eddie Baldwin |
| 27 | Joan Creech |
| 27 | Beth Keefauver |
| 27 | David Smith |
| 27 | Angel Splawn |
| 27 | Jeff Lux |
| 27 | Rolan Snider |
| 27 | Sherri Jacob |
| 28 | Ruth Tuggle |
| 28 | Dianne Burson |
| 28 | Elizabeth Caddell |
| 29 | Jim Griffith |
| 29 | Patrick Welch |
| 29 | Sheri Stott |
| 29 | Brayden Shealy |
| 29 | Jennifer Gilley |
| 30 | Jay Knight |
| 30 | John Siarris |
| 30 | Ramsey Dilday |
| 30 | Alexander Haulbrook |