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Shannon Evans  
**Church Hostess**  
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**Building Superintendent**  
Bob Werner  
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Jacob Sawyer  
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**Child Enrichment Program**  
Chella Hamrick, Center Director



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[facebook.com/BethelUMCSpartanburg/](https://facebook.com/BethelUMCSpartanburg/)  
Child Enrichment Program: 864-585-8356

★Office Hours: Mon-Thu 8:30 am - 4 p.m. + Fri 8:30 am - 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](http://bethelmethodist.org) or [facebook.com/BethelUMCSpartanburg/](https://facebook.com/BethelUMCSpartanburg/) for any schedule changes due to COVID-19**

**Wednesdays**  
*No Wednesday night activities Thanksgiving week*  
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

*Study on Ephesians (through November 17th)*  
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

**Dates to Remember**

**Veterans Lunch**  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
12:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

**UMW Vendor Party/Frozen Feast**  
November 6<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am, Fellowship Hall

**Bethel Trip to Nashville**  
November 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

**UMW Board Meeting**  
November 15<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm, Library

**Family Thanksgiving Feast Children's Ministry**  
November 21<sup>st</sup>  
11:00 am, Fellowship Hall

**Thanksgiving Holiday**  
November 24 -26  
Office Closed

**Special Education Christmas Party**  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Three years ago, I was days away from running my first (and only so far) marathon. I was accepted into the New York City Marathon, not because of any talent or skill, but luck. All of the sudden my dream of running a marathon was a whole lot more real than it had ever been. But, in that instance, a dream wasn't enough. In order to make the dream of successfully completing the New York City Marathon a reality, I had to set goals and be committed to following through with those goals along the way.

Goal setting is an important part of making our dreams come true. And while everyone's dreams are different, as Christians I would hope that we all dream of the kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. We pray for it every time we pray the Lord's prayers. But will we ever get there if we aren't working toward it?

Here is what I know, the only way for earth to become more like heaven is for each of us to commit to the way of discipleship. When we focus on our own journey toward holiness with the help of God, we can make a difference in the world. In order for that to happen, we have to set goals.

This week, your household should receive a Commitment Card in the mail. I want you to see that card as a chance to set goals for your spiritual life. What is your dream for your life as a disciple of Jesus Christ? How can you make that dream a reality?

You are used to filling out a yearly pledge card in your household but I want to recommend that EVERYONE in your household fill out the commitment section of the card. There will be special cards available for children and extra cards for other family members in worship on November 7<sup>th</sup>. You can also find an online version at [bethelmethodist.org](http://bethelmethodist.org).

I believe strongly that these commitments are something that you should pray about. Listen for God's answer. Seek additional spiritual counsel if you need extra wisdom or insight. I earnestly want you to ask, "God, where and how do you want me to grow as a disciple in 2022?" Discuss this question as a family. Be intentional with your goals.

Achieving your goals can be hard work. It will take discipline to follow through. But there will be joy along the way. I'm looking forward to cheering you on as your dream becomes a reality!

Peace,  
Pastor Megan

**Commitment Sunday is November 7<sup>th</sup>.** Please bring your commitment card to either worship service. The left side of the card focuses on your plans to give to the Operating Budget, while the right leads you through reminders of additional ways to commit as disciples of Christ together. Please keep both sides attached and fold for privacy as you present it during the service.

Week	Sunday Date	In-Person	Gifts to Budget	Other Gifts	2021 Annual Budget:	\$1,118,266
40	October 3	Worship: 138 Children: 5	\$81,949	\$140,329	Goal per week:	\$21,505
41	October 10	Worship: 158 Children: 5	\$11,836	\$2,895	Year-to-date Budget Goal:	\$924,720
42	October 17	Worship: 166 Children: 7	\$14,947	\$345	Year-to-Date Gifts Received:	\$784,728
43	October 24	Worship: 173 Children: 13	\$13,287	\$2,590	Remaining 2021 Goal:	\$333,538

## Memorials & Honorariums

### In Memory of Steve Cannon

Special Education Department:  
Adam & Nancy Blumer  
Robert Strait  
Kent Smith

### In Memory of Nancy Robertson

Operating Fund: Andy & Jane Burns

### In Memory of Wally & Nancy Robertson

Trustee Fund: Kent Smith

### In Memory of Ray Simcox

Trustee Fund: By his children, Gary, Cindy and Karen



Mike White  
Curtis Anderson  
Beth Brewer  
Cathy Hanks  
David Holder  
Glenda Bivens  
Art Hartzog  
Joe Greenlee

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



## WORSHIP/ALTAR GUILD

We appreciate those who have placed flowers on our altar this past year. They have been beautiful and add so much to our worship on Sundays. On Mondays, our faithful Altar Guild takes them to members of our congregation who have been sick, shut-in or may need encouragement. So, these flowers are a blessing to many. **Beginning January 2022, we will have ONE size of flower arrangement on our altar. It will be the larger size and the price will be \$55.**

We would like to say thank you to Kathy Butler for making cloths for our Communion tables to be used for special remembrance on All Saints Day. Also, a very special thank you to Rita Petoskey for making beautiful new bows for our Christmas wreaths.

We appreciate Kathy and Rita sharing their talents to bless all of us in our worship experience.

Linda Mauzy  
Altar Guild

Maureen King  
Worship



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

### NOVEMBER 3

CHICKEN TENDERS, MAC & CHEESE, GREEN BEANS, SALAD, ROLLS, DESSERT, TEA, WATER AND COFFEE

### NOVEMBER 10

BREAKFAST CASSEROLE, GRAVY, BACON, GRITS, MIXED FRUIT, BISCUITS, JUICE, TEA, WATER AND COFFEE

### NOVEMBER 17

HAM, PINTOS, CABBAGE, POTATO SALAD, SALAD, DESSERT, TEA, WATER AND COFFEE

### FAMILY OF 4 OR MORE - \$25

ADULTS - \$7 CHILDREN UNDER 12 - \$5

PLEASE GO ONLINE TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION



United  
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Women

"Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul." Psalm 143:8 NRSV

Fall is finally here, my favorite season, especially in the morning. The air just has a different smell and feels like God's creation is at its best with all the beautiful colors wherever you go. We have many reasons to celebrate this fall. Maureen and I are so grateful to our Bethel UMW members for starting a new year with pledge commitments and mission giving. We collected \$1700 for UMCOR to aid in relief for Haiti and donated a \$275 gift card tree for the Bethlehem Center Auction for A Cause.

Vendor Party-Frozen Feast Sale on Saturday, November 6 from 9 am -2 pm. We will have a boxed lunch for sale and lots of delicious baked goods will be available to take home or save in your freezer along with our sides to ease up your holiday cooking! These are some of our vendors who are participating: Mary Kay, Heirloom Birdhouses, Pampered Chef, 4 Beth Jewelry, Comfort and Joy, Pray One-Stitch One, Color Street, Southern Belle Designs, DK Creations, and Mamie's Monograms.

Holiday Dinner Meeting, December 6 at 5:30 pm. Our guests will be the Director of Hope Remains Ranch and staff. We will collect a mission item to bring to the dinner so watch your leader's email for more information.

**UMW FYI:** Our unit was awarded the Diamond, Five Star, and Mission certificates for the year 2020-21, with Mission being the most important. Thank you, leaders and members, for your efforts and time to reach some high goals during a difficult year.

### Upcoming:

November 6: Vendor Party-Frozen Feast/Bake Sale  
November 8: Circle 8 meets at 11:30 am  
November 15: Board Meeting at 6 pm

November 16: Circle 2 meets at 6 pm  
December 6: UMW Holiday Dinner at 5:30 pm

Blessings,  
Jan and Maureen



CHILDREN'S  
MINISTRY

**ORNAMENTS FOR ANGELS:** Our Children's Ministry Angel Tree Fundraiser will have a table with homemade ornaments for sale for \$1 each on November 10<sup>th</sup> during Wednesday Night Supper and after both services on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Come visit to see their creative work and make a donation.

**FAMILY THANKSGIVING FEAST:** All youth and children's ministry families are invited to a luncheon at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Bring a dish and let's celebrate Thanksgiving as a family!



The Salvation Army Angel Tree will be set up November 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have 50 Angel Tags with the name of a child or family in need. Gifts are due back by December 5<sup>th</sup>.



While Bethel did not meet our goal at the recent blood drive, I want to thank the following folks who selflessly gave to save lives:

Gerald Pitts  
Doug Mueller  
Don Tate

Becky Griffith  
Ann McIntyre  
Megan Cooper

Sarah Deetz  
Jean Holmberg  
Sally Moore

Please consider becoming a donor. Some of our regular donors are no longer able to give due to health issues and others have moved out of the area. Each donation can save up to 3 lives so you can really make a difference! You can choose your appointment time to donate and there is always a gift involved. Please talk with Sally Moore if you have any questions or want more information. **Our next blood drive is December 12<sup>th</sup>.** - Sally Moore

## Frozen Feast and Bake Sale

Saturday November 6th  
9am-2pm  
Sunday November 7th  
9:30am-11:15am  
Wednesday November 10th  
5:30pm-7:30pm

Bethel UMC Fellowship Hall  
245 S. Church St.  
Spartanburg  
All proceeds go to UMW Missions

Menu Items:  
Casseroles: Broccoli, Corn, Sweet Potato  
Chicken, Baked Ziti  
Macaroni-n-Cheese  
Quiche  
Soup

Assorted Baked Goods



PURCHASE \_\_\_ number of Poinsettias  
x \$15.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please make payment SEPARATELY from  
contributions to UMCOR and any other tithes and  
offerings.

CONTRIBUTE to UMCOR:  
(any amount) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
May be combined in your check  
with tithes or other offerings.

I would like to do this in honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
and/or in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by (your name as you would like it to appear in print) \_\_\_\_\_

Please include your payment and/or UMCOR contribution with this form no later than Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary by Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. You may take yours home on December 24<sup>th</sup> if you attend one of the Christmas Eve services.