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Dear Bethel Church Family,

As the weather has begun to cool off, we hope that you are looking forward to our fall season. Last month, we began our new Sunday morning schedule. We have seen great results over the last few weeks. A large part of this success is due to our faithful disciples who give of themselves in sacrificial ways through their time and their talent. Our Special Education Sunday school class has resumed with a solid core of participants. If you attend 11am traditional worship, you have noticed several of our members who are serving as acolytes and crucifer, along with some willing young people. We are thankful for those who have agreed to make sure our acolytes and crucifer are dressed properly and informed of their roles in worship. We have seen more people attending Sunday school classes than in the previous 2 years. Some classes stayed strong through the pandemic, others have re-started very strong, and we have also added two classes to all that we offer at Bethel. We have a great group of servants who have stepped up to serve as preschool teachers so that our youngest disciples are cared for in an amazing way. Again, all these classes are only possible because people offer themselves to lead. We look forward to even more opportunities for the disciples of Bethel to serve in worship and Sunday school in the weeks and months ahead.

Our weekly programming continues to be a strength at Bethel with classes being offered and discipleship groups forming for all ages. If you have ever wanted to be a part of a small group to help you in your walk with Christ, please do not hesitate to reach out to us and we will get you plugged in. Whether it is through serving at places like the Spartanburg Soup Kitchen, helping around the church on Sunday morning or throughout the week, or diving deeper into your faith with Bible study or book studies, we have many opportunities for you to be involved.

Over the coming weeks and months, you will be hearing from our Stewardship Team about our Better Together campaign. This group will be working hard in the days ahead to share with you the wonderful ways in which your financial resources benefit the ongoing Kingdom work that we are sharing here at Bethel. We are so grateful for their willingness to say 'Yes!' to this important part of our life together. We truly believe that all of us are better and capable of so much more when we combine our efforts and work toward the transformation of the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for all that you have done, are doing, and will do in the future as we live into all that God has called us to do and to be.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Brad

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

Richard Strawhorn, member
Ignacio Rivera, member
Jon Burwell, member

Prayer Requests

Martha Barnett
Ott Sizemore
Cathy Hanks
Rita Petoskey
Charlie Martin
Art Hartzog
Eric Robertson
Rick Gray
Jerry Reitzel
Ron Clay
David Holder
Nancy White
Don O'Dell
Carolyn O'Dell
Arthur Cummings
Mary Cummings
Jake Sawyer
Dale Fischer
HJ Fleming

Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Richard Strawhorn
Trustee Fund:
Art & Jean Hartzog
Montez Langford
Nita Parker
Charlie & Beth Martin
AHS Class of 1955
Helen Bethea & Bill Clark
The Bordeaux Neighborhood
Tim & Janice Calvert
Ladson & Thelma Cubbage
Jim & Becky Griffith
Connie Culver Long
Carolyn Martin
Linda Mauzy
Frank & Wilma Reeves Phillips
Marion Robertson
Matthew & Kara Shealy
David G. White
GCRA
Joe & Debbie Locke

Operating Fund:
Carol L. Charles
Phil & Layne Stone
Bill & Pam Blackstone
Robert & Susan Bogan
Chuck & Taunya Faulkner
Richard & Jeanne Burgess
David & Jennifer Cash

Epworth Children's Home: Hattie Haulbrook

In Memory of Jon Burwell
Music Ministry:
Olga & Jim Munn
Andy & Karen Cannon
Don & Maureen King
Marion Robertson
Elizabeth Young
Joe & Debbie Locke
John & Sally Martin

In Memory of Ignacio Rivera
Trustee Fund:
Don & Maureen King
Charlie & Beth Martin
Nita Parker

Operating Fund:
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Phil & Layne Stone
Connie Culver Long

In Memory of Richard White
Operating Fund: Connie Culver Long

In Memory of Velma Humphries
Trustee Fund: Tim & Janice Calvert

In Memory of Curtis Anderson
Youth Missions: Alex & Toni Daves

In Honor of Charlie & Beth Martin
Trustee Fund: Richard & Nancy Hope

In Honor of Mark & Dale Fischer
Music Ministry: Adam & Nancy Blumer

In Honor of Jake Sawyer
Operating Fund: Art & Jean Hartzog

In Honor of John, Samantha, Mia & Nora Miles
Operating Fund: Anne Barnett

If you are interested in purchasing altar flowers, we have several weeks available. On Mondays, our Altar Guild takes them to members of our congregation who have been sick, shut-in or may need encouragement. These flowers are a blessing to many.

October 16th & 23rd
November 20th
December 4th, 11th & 18th

United Women in Faith

"For everything, there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3: 1 NRSV

Fall has finally arrived, or at least the calendar says it's official. All our Circles have started meeting again, we are continuing our monthly mission work and our fundraiser work is in high gear. Last week, Maureen and I were able to deliver our mission monies and catch up with their directors. Angels Charge, Faith Homes for Women and Hope Remains Ranch were the recipients of our mission work. At our holiday dinner meeting, you will have the opportunity to hear our guest speaker from Faith Homes and learn more about their program. Our last mission donation will be in November. We will be donating a gift basket for Auction for a Cause at the Bethlehem Center; this will wrap up the 2022 mission giving.

Mission Needs: Is your Circle looking for a monthly mission? Do you have some fall cleaning projects going on? Are you saving up to do some sewing projects that you know you have no intention of finishing? The Senior group that meets at the Bethlehem Center, "Sew to Sow", is in urgent need of the following: any yarn (can be leftovers from completed projects), fabric, thread, and batting. They donate their items to their After School Highland Child Development Center, Mary H. Wright, Soup Kitchen and local assisted living facilities.

Vendor Party: Saturday, October 29 from 10 am – 3 pm we will have our annual vendor sale, frozen feast, and bake items for sale. This year, we are excited to have activities indoors and out – a dessert food truck, a barbecue lunch and an overlap with Trunk or Treat. We are also going to have a special raffle! The Comfort & Joy Ministry are presenting the United Women in Faith with a lap quilt to be raffled at our Vendor Party. This beautiful quilt was designed by Dorothy Robuck with finishing details by Emily Gibbs. The quilt will be on display in the fellowship hall and on our website. Tickets for a chance to own this special quilt will be $5 each. Tickets will be available starting Sunday, October 2 and the drawing will be Saturday, October 29. You must be present to win. Contact Jan Fleming for more information or to purchase tickets.

Upcoming

10/4: Circle 7, Builders Classroom at 2 pm
10/11: Circle 1 meets at 6 pm
10/12: Circle 4, Library at 10 am
10/13: Circle 8, Conference Room at 11:30 am

Welcome Fall,
Jan & Maureen

October 29th

United Women in Faith
Vendor Party and Frozen Feast Sale
10am-3pm
Shop for local handmade goods
Get a jumpstart on holiday cooking with soups, sides and delicious main dishes
All proceeds will go to Bethel UWF Missions

Trunk or Treat
2-4pm
Dress up the kids
Come trick or treating in the parking lot
Delicious desserts for sale from food truck Sweets on the Run
To sign up for a trunk go to: bethelmethodist.org

Local BBQ vendor will be on site for lunch!

RICE + BEANS MINISTRIES

Change a child's life for the better with the *Go Live Love Gifts* campaign. This campaign is the perfect chance to give the gift of joy and hope to a child.

There are 4 category groups for backpacks: *Younger Girls 4-10, Older Girls 11-13, Younger Boys 4-10, Older Boys 11-13*

Pick up a backpack and instruction sheet in one of the following locations: *Children's wing, outside the gym, outside the parlor or the narthex*
Please bring your filled backpack to the church by October 30th

The Epworth Work Day offering totaled $3,360. Thank you for supporting this vital ministry!

	Sunday Date	In-Person	Gifts to Budget	Other Gifts
35	August 28	Worship:176 Children: 12	$10,090	$210
36	September 4	Worship: 157 Children: n/a	$10,792	$940
37	September 11	Worship: 262 Children: 20	$19,959	$3653
38	September 18	Worship: 246 Children: 15	$9,980	$810
39	September 25	Worship: 215 Children: 13	$11,842	$375

2022 Annual Budget:	***$1,093,673***
Goal per week:	*$21,032*
Year-to-date Budget Goal:	*$820,255*
Year-to-date Gifts Received:	***$637,794***
Remaining 2022 Goal:	***$455,879***

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 Durham
Building Superintendent
Bob Werner
Custodians
Jacob Sawyer
Carlos Cobo (every other Sunday)
Child Enrichment Program
Chella Hamrick, Center Director

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Sundays

Worship Services

Contemporary Worship
9:00 am, Gym

Sunday School
10:00 am

Traditional Worship
11:00 am, Sanctuary

Youth Group:
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
for studies & activities
Fellowship Hall

Please check bethelmethodist.org for more information.

Wednesdays

Game Time – 4:00 pm
Wednesday Night Supper – 5:30 pm
God Squad – 6:30 pm
Youth Group meets at 7 pm for studies and activities

Other Weekday Studies

Tuesday Morning Bible Study
10:15 am
Facilitator: Pastor Megan

Dates to Remember

October 3
Finance meeting
5:00 pm, Zoom

October 4
Building Committee meeting
10:00 am

October 9
Pastor Appreciation Day

October 17
SPRC meeting
7:00 pm, Builders classroom

October 29
UWF Vendor Party/
Frozen Feast
10:00 am, Fellowship Hall

Trunk or Treat
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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	Laura Green
4	Somphone Kingsada
4	Douglas Henrick
4	Connie Wood
4	Lynne Koch
4	Owen Gilley
5	Jill Parris
6	Greg Mack
6	Mary Downs
6	Wendy Bernard
6	John Faulkner
7	Kathy Payne
7	Allen Wilson
7	Rowan Langford
7	Tyler Brown
7	Kathy Painter
8	Cindy Bailey
8	Peden Mahaffey
9	Cathy 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	Mark Simmons
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	Andrew Smith
21	Mac Turner
21	Nicole Mueller
22	Carol Barnette
22	Cathy Elliott
23	Sarah Deetz
23	Robert Duclos
23	Aggie Romansky
24	Shawn Cook
24	Christopher Byrne
25	Dianne Trisler
25	Patti Moran
25	Sarah Adams
25	Elliott Lane
25	Crew Miller
25	Aidan Berryman
25	Matthew Gilley
26	Sissy Bush
26	Linda Handell
26	Raul Ceballos, III
27	Thurman Anderson
28	Bob Handell
28	Sara Overturf
28	Nita Parker
28	Dana Turner
29	Lisa Benfield
29	Liz Jilling
29	Melodi Wall
30	Collin Melba
30	Macie Buckner
30	Barbara Ryan
30	Renee Foster
30	Blaine Gray
31	Stacey Beeler
31	Casey Miller
31	George Barkman
31	Ansli Stanford
31	Drew Connolly
31	Emmie Brady

November BIRTHDAYS

1	Angie Reed	7	Dan Smith	13	Chad Deetz	22	Jared Dyson
1	Margaret Smith	7	Sarah Gray	14	Melissa Fleming	22	Hailey Foster
1	Shea Steller	8	Peggy Carlisle	14	Doug Whitaker	24	Matthew Thomas
1	Dave Pickren	8	James Siarris	14	Austin Bobo	25	Harrison Suddreth
1	Alex Whitt	8	Nicholas Siarris	14	Jim Bowen	27	Joan Creech
2	Karen Brown	9	Scott Fleming	15	Jane Burns	27	Angel Splawn
3	Cindy Snead	9	Jack Deetz	15	Natalie Pruitt	27	Sherri Jacob
3	Dillon Whitaker	9	Carol Brunson	15	Matthew Armstrong	27	Case Miller
3	Tony Al-Khalil	10	Colby Edwards	16	Alex Smith	28	Elizabeth Caddell
3	Ramsey Chastain	10	Kim Bostwick	16	Christie Johnson	29	Jim Griffith
3	Darin Worley	11	Emily Gibbs	16	Hailey Powell	29	Anna Wilson
4	Montez Langford	11	Blake Peterson	16	Emilia Whitaker	29	Sheri Stott
5	Adam Blumer	11	Robbin Phillips	17	Christy Nichols	29	Brayden Shealy
5	Michael Jilling	12	Ladson Cubbage	18	Michael Rivera	29	Jennifer Gilley
5	Gentry Zell	12	Steven Rivera	18	Tori Sain	30	Jay Knight
6	Ben Dawsey	12	Lizzie Scruggs	19	Kristen Winter	30	John Siarris
6	Joe Locke	13	Chad Jackson	20	Catherine Pogue	30	Ramsey Dilday
6	Debbie Nowlin	13	John McCarthy	20	Rylan Shurburtt	30	Alexander Haulbrook
6	Morgan Queen	13	Ann McIntyre	21	Peggy Parrott		