

Join Spartanburg District clergy and lay servants as we look to the future of ministry at our churches and with each other. Open Doors for a New Day will showcase our creative ministries and ways for us to move into the future together through this free event at Spartanburg Methodist College. Saturday, September 24, we will gather at 9:30 am and things will wrap up around 1 pm. We will hear from several churches and how they have begun innovative programs. Bethel will be one of the presenters! Our SC Bishop L. Jonathan Holston will be with us. Bring your kids because we will have fun games and activities. If you plan on attending, please register at [bethelmethodist.org](http://bethelmethodist.org). This headcount is important because we hope to have food trucks and need to know how many people to prepare for.



Invite. Grow. Send.

## Prayer REQUESTS

Martha Barnett  
Ott Sizemore  
Cathy Hanks  
Eric Robertson  
Charlie Martin  
Art Hartzog  
Rita Petoskey  
Nancy White

Rick Gray  
David Holder  
Don O'Dell  
Carolyn O'Dell  
Arthur Cummings  
Mary Cummings  
Jake Sawyer  
Ron Clay



### Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Friday: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Brad Gray <i>Executive Pastor</i>	Megan Gray <i>Pastor of Discipleship &amp; Belonging</i>	Chad Deetz <i>Youth Minister</i>	Adam Rollins <i>Youth Ministry Assistant</i>
Dale Fischer <i>Director of Music</i>	Jana Mathis <i>Director of Children's Ministries</i>	Jennifer Bartless <i>Children's Ministries Assistant</i>	Kristine Lee <i>Organist</i>

*To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are burdened and need relief; To all who are lonely and need friends; To all who are looking for something that only God can provide; To all who sin and need a Savior; To whosoever will come, Bethel UMC, the House of God, opens her doors, and in the name of Jesus Christ says, "Welcome!"*

**September 18, 2022**

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

11:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude

*“My Hope Is Built”*

arr. Mary Sallee

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

**We gather to worship with joy and in hope.**

Come, let us worship the one who desires our hearts.

**We bring our whole selves in worship to our God.**

Come, let us set aside all that distracts us from true worship.

**We come as we are and ask the Spirit to gather us in and direct our vision.**

Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

**We are here to worship with all that we are.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Hymn

*“And Are We Yet Alive”*

UMH 553

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 3: 9-15

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Nora Locke Miles

Daughter of John & Samantha Miles

Song of Response

*“God Claims You”*

Refrain: Nora, Nora, God claims you. God helps you, protects you and loves you, too.

Offering

Offertory

*“Wonderful Words of Life”*

arr. Stan Pethel

Dale Fischer, piano

\*Doxology

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

UMH 95

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Time for Young Disciples

Time of Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Anthem

*“A Joyful, Jubilant Song”*

Barrett and Angerman

Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Sermon

*“Everything Happens for a Reason”*

Rev. Brad Gray

\*Hymn

*“Take My Life, and Let It Be”*

UMH 399

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

*\*Please stand if able*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A nursery** is available on the First Floor for infants and children under 3 years.

After Children’s Time, preschool and kindergarten are invited to **Wee Church** and 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to **Children’s Church**, both in the Children’s Wing.

**Ushers:** Blair Mathis, John Hiltgen, Mike Woodrum & Art Hartzog

**Altar Flowers:** The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God.