

Bethel Newsletter January 2018

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IMPORTANT DATES

Please check the calendar for additional meeting dates for circles, committees, or miscellaneous special events.

JANUARY 2018

01	NEW YEAR'S DAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
02	12:00 PM -- GLORY GROUP LUNCHEON
03	5:30 PM -- SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
08	12:00 PM – UMW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MTG.
08-09	VARIOUS CIRCLES MEET (check calendar for specifics)
15	5:30 PM – FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
	6:30 PM -- BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
17	6:00 PM FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER
	DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
21	4:00 PM -- LADIES BIBLE STUDY RESUMES
23	6:00 PM -- CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING



A Note from Pastor B

As we begin the New Year, let's pay attention to words in Isaiah 43:19, "Behold, I will do a new thing, declares the LORD!" And as we do, let's don't just think of the **external** changes God may bring about in the coming year, but let's hope for the **internal** changes God desires to bring about. Truly, it's not what happens **to us** that mostly determines our happiness and peace, but what happens **in and through us**. The greatest change one can experience is a change of heart, a new birth, if you will, which is only possible through the powerful work of the Holy Spirit.

When we are born-again or born-anew, a profound change takes place in our lives. We suddenly are concerned about living to please God, not ourselves. One young man decided to accept Christ as his Savior and serve Him as LORD. Soon his old friends noticed a profound change in his lifestyle. They complained to him, "You're not fun anymore. You don't seem to **want** to do any of the things we used to do together. You don't get drunk with us, don't sleep around, don't gamble or do anything we all used to do. What's wrong with you?" "You have it all wrong," he replied. "I still do all the things that I **want** to do. I get drunk as many times as I **want**. I sleep around anytime I **want**. And if I **want** to gamble, I do so." The thing is, I don't **want** to do those things any more. It's my **wants** that have changed."

In the New Year I pray that, by the grace of God, we will experience a change in our **wants**, so that we **want** to go to church, **want** to give generously, **want** to serve others in ministry, **want** to pray, **want** to read our Bibles and **want** to share our faith with others! Our heartfelt prayer should be the prayer of every true disciple: "Lord, cause me to **want** more of what YOU want for me . . . and for the world!"

Have a blessed and prosperous New Year!

Pastor B

Thank You to Bethel UMC --

- ❖ Bethel Church received the following Thank You from Mrs. Janet D. Smith of the Colleton County Veterans Affairs Office and Council.

"The Colleton County Veterans Affairs Office and Council wish to thank you and the members of Bethel United Methodist Church for supporting the Veterans Service Day event. Our mission – "Serving Those Who Served," was a success We had over 100 Veterans and service providers in attendance. Thank you again, for taking the time, but most importantly for having a heart to give in support of our Veterans."

- ❖ UMCOR – Bethel UMC has received a Thank You from the Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church which administers UMCOR donations. They gratefully acknowledge our gift of \$3,505 which we sent to them to help with hurricane relief efforts.
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- ❖ **Shop With a Cop** – We received the following from Wade B. Marvin, Chief of Police, Walterboro Police Department.

"On behalf of Walterboro Police Department, I extend my sincere appreciation for your generous donation to our 2017 Shop with Santa's Heroes Event. Your contribution will help the local disadvantaged children have a brighter Holiday Season. Thank you for helping make this event a great success."

- ❖ **Bethel UMC Pre-School Fund-Raiser** – The yard sale and chicken bog meal were a huge success. Almost \$5,000 was raised to help ease the financial burden of the Buchanan family as their 4-year-old daughter Kadence battles cancer. A big thank you goes out to everybody who helped and also those donated goods to help make this fund-raiser a success. Kadence is a student in our pre-school and we hope she will soon be able to rejoin us.

BETHEL NEWS:

Cring & Clazzy in Concert!
January 7, 2018 -- 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM Worship Services

What happens when music, heart, humor and message join forces? You have a worship experience that both entertains and inspires. ***Come and See*** is a refreshing celebration of the life of Jesus in song, music and word. This program is for people of all ages. It will be presented by a couple known affectionately as *Cring and Clazzy* at Bethel UMC on January 7, 2017 at both the 8:45 and 11 AM worship services. Don't miss this fast-paced program of great music, humor and insight. It is a great way to jump start your new year and get off on the right foot spiritually. It is also a perfect opportunity to invite that relative, friend, neighbor or co-worker to join you in worship. Put this date on your calendar now and plan to join us for ***Come and See!***

Worship Team Appreciation

As you will see as you read our thanks to the many people involved during the holiday season, it does take a village to get all the behind-the-scenes tasks completed. Bethel is fortunate to have so many who are willing to serve, and we always have room for more on the Worship Team. Let the office know if you would like to volunteer!

All Saints' Day service was very touching thanks to the hard work of Lisa Mitchell, Melanie Ritter, and Jeanine Price who helped make it possible.

Veterans' Day was extra special at Bethel because we had two of our veterans, Ted Kinard and Charlie Armentrout, bring in the American flag for each service as we honored all of our veterans.

We give a big shout out to the Bethel families who helped prepare the sanctuary for the holy season and for our Hanging of the Greens service – Amundson, Thomas, Bell, Pryor, Brown, Creech, Smoak, Moody, Avant, Bonds, Whitacre, and West. They all contributed in various ways with the greens, the tree in the Fellowship Hall, the chrismon tree and the stage in the Sanctuary. Thanks to Patsy Avant for all her work heading up this service and teaming with Carol Hermann to organize the families who lit the Advent candles. Carol Hermann is also to be commended for all her work to see that the early service runs smoothly.

We also thank Beth Boineau for providing and arranging the beautiful poinsettias that make the sanctuary so lovely this time of year. Jenny Williams works all year and on special occasions overseeing the floral arrangements in the sanctuary, coordinating with the florist, and keeping the floral calendar. We cannot thank her enough. And, as always, we thank Bill Boineau for supervising our ushers at each service, as well as the Christmas Eve service.

In addition, we appreciate Terry Walters cleaning the lighters for the acolytes before the start of Advent and Charles Strickland at Strickland's Cleaners who was kind enough to clean our acolyte robes free of charge.

And we cannot forget Beverly Ritter, Mike Kuzmaul, and the kitchen crew for planning, cooking, and serving breakfast before our Hanging of Greens service on December 3. To them we extend much appreciation.

We are so fortunate to have our beautiful Chancel Choir and Agape Christmas music programs each year. A joyous shout-out to each and every member, soloist, instrumentalist, and accompanist who shared their love of music with all of us! What a super talented group we have at Bethel! Thank you to Amanda Fulton, Karen Hiers, and Elton Culpepper for all you do to make these programs happen.



January

Greeters

8:45 Worship Service

- 07 Gail Eppinette
- 14 Vera Newington
- 21 Bill & Betty Sue Wilson
- 28 Mike Kuszmaul

11:00 Worship Service

- 07 Dottie Buddin & Julie Moody
- 14 Peden & Mary Waite McLeod
- 21 Greg & Lesli Pryor
- 28 Chase & Tindall McRae

January

Liturgists

- 07 Sheri Stone
- 14 Perry Buckner
- 21 James Broderick
- 28 Mark Warren

January

Ushers

8:45 Worship Service

Mike Kuszmaul, Bill Wilson, Ellison Young

11:00 Worship Service

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| 07 Allen Gustin (TL) | 21 Roger Crook (TL) |
| Michael Padgett | Peden McLeod |
| Duncan Hunt | John Thomas Jr |
| Charles Rowland | Colin Thomas |
| ** TBA | Mark Stone |
| | **Ashley |

Amundson

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| 14 Chris Bickley | 28 Jamie Bunton (TL) |
| Leon Langley | Josh White |
| Perry Buckner | Joey McLaine |
| Bobby Bonds | Terry Walters |
| Hank Amundson | **Jamie Bunton |
| **Terry Walters | |

TL = Team Leader

** = Receiving Usher

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies' Bible Study

The Ladies' Bible Study will resume Sunday, January 21st from 4-6 PM in Room 154. The subject will be the Beth Moore study "Stepping Up – a Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent". This is a 7-session study and includes 5-day-a-week homework and a discussion and DVD presentation by Beth. We will cover Psalms 120-134 as they relate to the major feasts of Israel. Themes of unity, joy, gratitude, redemption, repentance, the power of blessings, facing ridicule, and more are explored in detail.

Please call the church office at 843-549-7691 and let the church secretary know by January 12, 2018 if you plan to participate. Laura Barnett will again be facilitating this study and will be picking up the workbooks. The cost is \$20 which includes the cost of your workbook and a small amount to help offset the cost of the DVD.

Discipleship Bible Study

The Discipleship Bible Study class meets in the Bethel Church Parlor every Thursday at 10:00 AM. This subject for this month's study will be "Revelation." Make plans to join this study group which is led by Carol Hermann.

Faith & Fitness

The Morning Exercise Class meets in the Fellowship Hall every Monday from 9:00 – 10:00 AM. Exercise is a major key to promoting heart health and weight management. Come exercise with us!

Family Night Supper

January 17th marks the return of Bethel's Family Night Supper. Make plans to join us at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall to see what Beverly and her kitchen crew have cooked up for us. It will be a great night of food and fellowship as we gear up for 2018 here at Bethel.

**HOT DOGS, S'MORES, AND MORE
February 10, 2018 – 5:00 PM**

Mark your calendars and make plans to come join us here at the church. We will gather around fire pits to fix s'mores and roast hot dogs. In addition there will be chili to warm your insides. This gathering is for all ages so bring the children because they LOVE hot dogs and s'mores (or maybe just roasting marshmallows). Bring a chair and plan to sit around the various fires just visiting and relaxing. Invite a friend or two to enjoy the food and the fellowship.

MEMORIALS AND HONORAIUM

**In memory of Freida Black
Buzz & Johnnie Benson**

**In memory of Ryan Buddin
Buzz & Johnnie Benson**

**In memory of Libba Flowers
Buzz & Johnnie Benson**

**In memory of Jim Heaton
Buzz & Johnnie Benson**

**In memory of Helen Whitacre
Jeanine Price**

**In memory of Helen White
Buzz & Johnnie Benson
Jane Brown**

**In Honor of Lynn McElmurray
By Sally Starr Circle**



Our Circle of Concern: Joyce Gentry, Hagan Hiott, Parks Mangum, Doris Benton, Bobby Jean Reed, Mary Ellen Bryan, Elaine Gauthier, Margaret Hildebrand, Mike Bazzle, Jeff Benson, Ann Nettles, Mike Wiggins, Tina Smith, Patti Lohr, Greg Bowen, Gene Simmons, Mary Williams, David Hiott, Earl Rhea, Mariah Williams, Jimmy Walker, Judy Cannon, Bob Hare, Mary Ann Drew, Jane Crosby, Ann Fairey, Danny Newton, Ben and Frankie Evans, Terry Walters, Richard Carson, Lin Johnson, Caron Wilson, Bryan Bazzle, Roy Stanfill, DeLoris Hamilton, Holland Williams, El Oliver, John Johnson, Bridie Dopson, Sarah Cole Hardy, Karen Lee, Mary Esther Crook, Bud Holbrook, Danielle McLeod, Candi Hawkins, T. K. Alexander, Annie Vieira, Jonathan Utsey, Shirley Corbett, Terri Crosby, Eleanor Wright, Charlie Mangum, Lad Howell,

Jim March, Kadence Buchanan, Brian Rogers, Terry Husry, Elva Muckenfuss, Scott Avant, Jeanine Price, June Dyches.

Military Service: Blake Rhoden, Edward Phillips, Erin P. Walters, Matthew Mangum, Christian Beasley, Seth Har



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| 01 Charlotte Clulpepper | 11 Eric Hipp | 22 Deborah Ackerman |
| Jennifer Kinard | 12 Jason Eppinette | Drew Coker |
| Gordon McLeod | 13 Max Mitchell | Theda Coker |
| Michael Padgett | Will Robbins | 23 Ed Robbins |
| Debra Smith | 15 Betty Barbour | 24 Jeannette Berry |
| Nancy P. Spencer | Jessica Goodwin | Reeves McLeod |
| 02 Bobbie McLaine | 16 Howell McRae | Whit Spell |
| 03 Abigail Corbett | Mildred Murray | Wally West |
| Joey Ritter | 18 Laura Barnett | 25 Joyce Breland |
| 04 Chris Corbett | Jill Burttram | 26 Stephanie Drawdy |
| 05 Terri Crosby | Paul Hinson | Buck Howell III |
| Carol Hermann | 19 Harriet Bonds | 27 Tammy Crosby |
| Donald Rizer | James Broderick | Leslie Pryor |
| 07 Karen Hiers | David Cox | 28 Leslie Freke |
| Miriam Westbury | Marian Huggins | Greg Knight |
| 08 Kim Beeson | David Cox | 29 Grace Ann Brown |
| Linda Corbett | 20 Richard Smith | Elton Culpepper |
| 10 Jenny Polk | 21 Chris Corbett | 31 Dorcas Tuten |
| Terry Pournelle | Ted Kindard | |

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