

Bethel United Methodist Church (09/24)  
355 Hampton Street  
Walterboro, SC 29488

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

U.S. Postage Paid  
Non-profit Org.  
Permit No. 40  
Walterboro, SC 29488



# The Spirit of Bethel

For The People of Bethel

Making disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.

## September 2024

355 Hampton Street  
Walterboro, SC 29488  
(843) 549-7691, office  
(843) 782-4845, Preschool

### Pastor

Rev. Burton Ott  
864-497-6525, phone  
E-mail:  
[burtonott@yahoo.com](mailto:burtonott@yahoo.com)

### Music Director

Tom Whitacre  
843-542-4260, phone  
E-mail:  
[whitacre@lowcountry.com](mailto:whitacre@lowcountry.com)

### Accompanist

Mary Wynn Chamblin  
843-909-0941, phone  
E-mail: [chamblinmw@gmail.com](mailto:chamblinmw@gmail.com)

### Organist

Austin Williams  
843-909-3990, phone  
E-mail:  
[jamesaustinwilliams@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesaustinwilliams@yahoo.com)

### Church Secretary

Lynn McElmurray  
843-908-1931, phone  
E-mail:  
[bethelwboro@lowcountry.com](mailto:bethelwboro@lowcountry.com)

### Church Sexton

Willie James Lawery

### Website

[www.walterborobethelumc.org](http://www.walterborobethelumc.org)

### Webmaster

Sharon Courtney  
e-mail:  
[mmecourtney@gmail.com](mailto:mmecourtney@gmail.com)



Rev. Burton Ott

25 Brave Christians!

I'm inviting 25 folks to join me on a 12 week journey. We are beginning a study called "Experiencing God" that will start on **Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 11am**. I plan to offer it again in the Spring in the evening for you working folks that can't make the morning session. God really spoke to me with the subtitle to "Experiencing God;" Knowing and Doing the Will of God. For me, that is what our Christian faith is all about. I can guarantee you that if you go through the study prayerfully and earnestly, allowing God to open your heart and mind to His Word, you will be closer to God at the end of the 12 weeks. You will gain Spiritual insight into how God works and realities of truly experiencing God in your life.

There are about 30 minutes of daily reading and questions to answer. Each week, we will memorize a Bible verse which becomes a fun way to have His Word in your mind and heart. I hope you will give this prayerful consideration and come join us on this incredible Spiritual journey.

The cost for the workbook is \$20. Please call the church office and let us know if you will be one of the 25 Brave Christians.

In His Name,  
Pastor Ott



## SAFE SANCTUARY



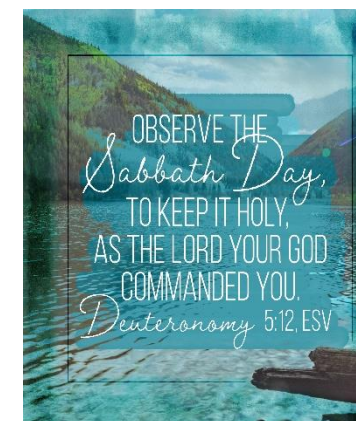
In order to secure our facility during worship, beginning in September, we will lock all our doors at 10 AM. The main Hampton Street doors to the sanctuary will be locked at 10:15. There will be an usher at the door if you need to enter after 10:15. Let's stay safe.



## NOMINATIONS

### Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development

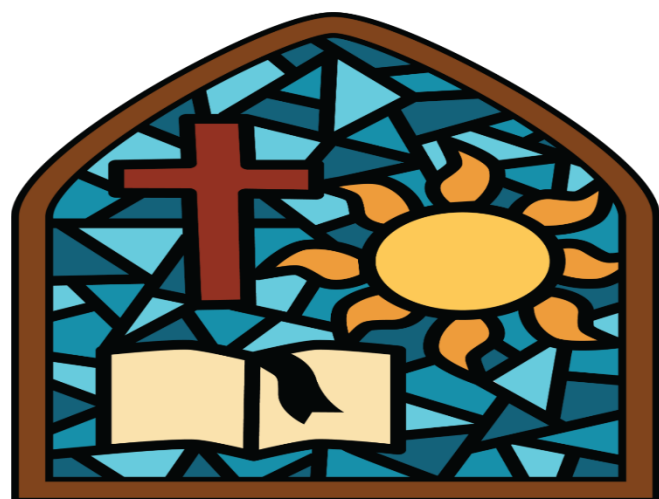
Will meet on  
Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in the Library



### Keeping the Sabbath

Oh, what a blessing is Sunday, interposed between the waves of worldly business like the

divine path of the Israelites through Jordan! There is nothing in which I would advise you to be more strictly conscientious than in keeping the Sabbath day holy. I can truly declare that to me the Sabbath has been invaluable. —William Wilberforce



# Worship Schedule Change

## New Worship Time

Sunday School: 9:00 AM

Worship: 10:00 AM

**ONE** worship service



## Glory Group

**When:** Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Time:** 12:00 PM

Come enjoy lunch and fellowship. Bring a friend.



## Bethel Men's Group News

The **Bethel United Methodist Men** will be meeting on **Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM**

All men of the church are invited to attend for a good meal, devotion, and Christian fellowship.

### SAVE THE DATE!!

Taste of Bethel will be **Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**.



## Financial Update

### ACCOUNT BALANCES: (As of July 31, 2024)

Budget Income:	\$313,912.27
Actual Income:	\$247,471.40
Budget Expenses:	\$313,912.34
Actual Expenses:	\$265,281.17
Net Actual:	(-\$17,809.77)

Our income as of July 31<sup>st</sup> is \$66,440.87 less than budgeted.

Choir returns to the regular schedule in September of every Wednesday night at 6:00 PM. Preparations for the Christmas Concert will begin in earnest in September.



## Youth Groups

Both youth groups will resume their regular meeting schedule beginning **September 15<sup>th</sup>** with a kickoff party. Time and location still to be determined and announced.

**Junior UMYF** (6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grades) and **Senior UMYF** (10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades)

Will meet at 6:00 PM.



## Report from the Mission Team

Hurricane Debby closed the first Food Pantry for August. We had two prospective helpers attend. It's great to have people interested in volunteering.

We would like to talk about Christmas Child Shoeboxes. The 208 boxes that Teresa and the children made are taken care of for this year. What we need is someone who will take over the project for next year and hopefully years to come! There are two ways to prepare the boxes. The first way is the way Teresa did it. It is a year round project. All materials are purchased at the beginning of the year and placed in a designated room. They are worked on all year.

The second way to pack the boxes is for individuals to pack their own boxes and bring them back to the church. The coordinator will be responsible to get the boxes to the collection church. Samaritan's Purse on line has a lot of ideas.

If you are interested in taking on this very important job please contact the church office.



The first day of Bethel Preschool will be September 3<sup>rd</sup>. This year another 2-year-old class has been added. The teachers are excited to start the new year and have been busy working getting the classrooms ready. They would like your help with getting some supplies. There is a tree with red apples with items on the back or a QR code (below) to link to the site to purchase some of these items. They will also gladly accept donations. You can make your check payable to Bethel UMC and mark it for preschool supplies.

New 2year old classroom



In Memory of **Elva Muckenfuss** by: Gail and Bill Howell

In Memory of **Tommy Rowe** by: Grace Ann and Carl Brown

In Memory of **Doie Mitchell** by:

- Ginger Garner
- Judy and Tom Woodward
- Bonnie and Leon Langley
- Priscilla Carter
- Wynona and Donald Rizer
- Sherrie and Scott Wallinger
- DeLoris and Tony Hamilton
- Lenore Hickman
- Toni and Terry Walters
- Marie and Ellison Young
- Mary E. Mitchell
- Julie and Darrell Moody
- Pamela Murray
- Paulette Headden
- Deborah and Mike Mitchell
- Jane Sams
- Sharon and Tracy Courtney
- Michelle and Johnny Bell
- Fran and Paul Pye
- Marianne and Don Holmes
- Kay and Miles Sanders
- Mary Wynn Chamblin

In Memory of **Carroll Brown** by:

- Mary Jane & Walter Edwards
- Mary Catherine & Moultrie Plowden
- Dr. Joe Flowers
- Gary Hermann
- Gail and Bill Howell
- Deborah and Mike Mitchell



## Bible Quiz

Who helped Samuel understand that it was the Lord calling him in the night?

- A. his mother, Hannah
- B. Moses
- C. his father, Elkanah
- D. Eli

Answer: D (See 1 Samuel 3:1-10.)



God grants us knowledge and understanding through his holy Word, which is like a flashlight.

Directions: Arrange the words from Psalm 119:105 (NIV) in order. Then unscramble the circled letters to complete James 1:5 (NIV).

PATH	IS	LIGHT	WORD
	YOUR	A	FEET
MY	FOR	LAMP	A ON MY

Psalm 119:105, NIV

If any of you lacks \_\_\_\_\_, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. *James 1:5, NIV*

# SEPTEMBER Birthdays

Mark Stone	1	Shirley Wilmot	19
Raleigh Obenaus	3	Margaret Girardeau	
Janice Alexander	4	Buzz Benson	21
Darlene Medlock	5	Trey Rhodes	
Jo Anne Boone	7	Bill Boineau	22
Lynn Harrison		Johnnie Benson	23
Gail Howell		Leon Langley	
Liz Sims		Meredith	
Bonnie Langley	8	Eichenberger	
Carol Armentrout		Tony Hamilton	
Robin Berry	10	Jeff Molinari	
Martha Strickland	12	Duncan Hunt	26
Joanne Herndon		Michael Ritter	
Dwight Mitchell	13	Jeanine Price	27
Zach Clegg	14	Debbie Strickland	
Nona Rizer		Philipp McNair	29
Noah Hipp	16	Bobby Bonds	30
Owen Harris	17	Mindy Corbett	

# SEPTEMBER Anniversaries

Karan and Burton Ott	3
Judy and Tom Woodward	6
Mary Jane and Bill Little	7
Pam and Tom Whitacre	
Debbie and Carey Strickland	17
Deana and Allen Ilderton	23



Some take pride in **chariots**, and some in **horses**, but our **pride** is in the name of the **LORD our God.**

Psalm 20:7, NRSV

## 'A Hymn'

O God of earth and altar,  
bow down and hear our cry,  
Our earthly rulers falter,  
our people drift and die;  
The walls of gold entomb us,  
the swords of scorn divide,  
Take not thy thunder from us,  
but take away our pride.



Love is the spark that kindles the fire of compassion. Compassion is the fire that flames the candle of service. Service is the candle that ignites the torch of hope. Hope is the torch that lights the beacon of faith. Faith is the beacon that reflects the power of God. God is the power that creates the miracle of love. ~William Arthur Ward

# IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Bethel Members, their families, and others in the Bethel extended church family who need your prayers:

**OUR PRAYERS:** Scott Bell, R. Lee Benton, Jamey Bryan, Jenny Bunton, Stacy Carter, R.L. Carter, Jr., Abbey Corbett Keeney, Lee Dean Cox, Troyce Crosby, Dorothy Cummings, Sean Fanchette, Joseph Givens, Joyce Hennen, Michael Hickman, Bryon Hollenbeck, Bill Howell, Lad Howell, Tony Hubbard, Linda Hudson, Shawn Jacques, Bobbie McLaine, Ann Nettles, Lynn Nettles, Ed Newington, Susann Padgett, Christopher Plummer, Carolyn Powers, Joe Ritter, Joey Ritter, Debra Smith, Donna Sumner, Bonnie Thomas, Cindy Thompson, Eddie Thompson, Debra Twigg, Taylor Twigg, Chris Varnadoe, Michael Walker, Sharon Warren.

**Nursing Homes/Shut-Ins/Distant Members:** Jackie Bennett, Doris Bone, Jane Brown, David Cox, Nina Crosby, Sarah Anne Dean, June Dyches, Lynn Harrison, Joy Lawson, Jeanine Price, Gene Rhodes, Rusty Riddle, Kay Speaks, Norma West, Miriam Westbury.

**Military Service:** Caleb Blankenship, Elijah and Kaeleigh Forni, Cody Keeney, Matthew Mangum, David Nelson, Edward Phillips, Jordan Ray, Tristan Ray, Blake Rhodes.



Please call the church office at 843-549-7691 to have a name added to our prayer list. Also please call the church office if you have a spiritual need or concern and wish to speak with Pastor Ott.



In Memory of **Charlotte Aiken Hiott** by:  
DeLoris and Tony Hamilton

In Memory of **Rev. Lee Cothran** by:  
Gail and Bill Howell  
Toni and Terry Walters

In Memory of **Kathryn Snead** by:  
Grace Ann and Carl Brown

In Memory of **Trudie Mangum** by:  
DeLoris and Tony Hamilton



## Worship Schedule Change

After much prayer, many conversations and discussions, counsel from our District Superintendent, and a desire to unify our church family, we will continue to have Sunday School at 9:00 AM followed by one worship service at 10:00 AM. Bethel worship will continue to be Spirit-filled worship where we gather as the body of Christ. We will glorify God, hear His Word proclaimed, pray for each other and sing spiritual songs together. Spread the word to family, friends, neighbors, and our Waltherboro community. ~Pastor Ott

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Event
September 1	Worship Service 10:00 AM Communion
September 8	Worship Service 10:00 AM <b>Worship with Agape Praise Band</b>
September 15	Worship Service 10:00 AM
September 22	Worship Service 10:00 AM
September 29	Singing Service 10:00 AM <b>Followed by a Fellowship Meal</b>

View our Sunday 10:00 am Worship Services on our Facebook page.



## We have Flood Buckets!!

The UMC Conference has provided a few flood buckets for anyone who may be in need. If you need one or know of someone, please contact the church office.



## THRIVING THROUGH CONNECTION CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

DEVELOPING LEADERS | ENGAGING COMMUNITIES | GROWING DISCIPLES  
EVALUATING MISSIONAL REALITY AND POSSIBILITY

The SC Conference has an emergency assistance team through Connectional Ministries. If you are interested in serving on this team to assist people in times of emergency such as floods and storms, you may connect Rev. Millie Nelson Smith at [mnelsonsmith@umcsc.org](mailto:mnelsonsmith@umcsc.org) or 803-960-5733 for information and to participate in this ministry.



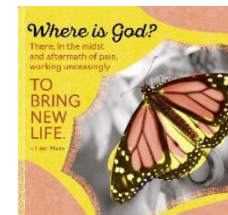
## Second fiddle

A fan once asked conductor Leonard Bernstein what instrument is hardest to play. "Second fiddle," he quickly replied. "I can always get plenty of first violinists, but to find one who plays second violin with as much enthusiasm ... now that's a problem. And yet if no one plays second, we have no harmony."

The church certainly needs both leaders and followers. And everyone should be flexible and ready to pivot quickly.

It's also important to have other arrows in our quiver — something biblical figures often demonstrated, according to Pastor Frank Ramirez. Although Amos was a high-profile prophet, he probably intended to return to being a shepherd and tending sycamore trees. Nehemiah, the emperor's cupbearer, had a second chapter helping to restore Jerusalem's walls and greatness. The apostles also had multiple roles, with careers in fishing and tax collecting before they left to follow Jesus.

What might your next life-chapter look like? How can you use it to bring glory to God?



## Being Christ amid pain

In December 2023, a tanker truck carrying 9,000 gallons of gasoline tipped on its side in Totona, Liberia. For two hours, a party atmosphere ensued as people living in poverty rushed to gather gas dripping from the vehicle. But then, the tanker suddenly exploded. Dozens of people died instantly or were severely burned. Thousands have endured deep trauma and grief. How could life go on? Where was God?

Yet, life did go on — not easily, but in this way: Medical staff and others rallied to care for all who were suffering physically and emotionally. A nearby church held comforting worship services, and its choir went to homes to sing messages of hope. Parishes and disaster-response ministries sent teams from near and far to support people through post-traumatic stress, income loss due to disability, the birth of babies whose young fathers had died in the blast, children's transition back to school and more.

These Christian caregivers and comforters couldn't bring instant, perfect healing. But by connecting with people who were grieving and struggling, they have become the presence of Christ.

Where is God? There, in the midst and aftermath of pain, working unceasingly to bring new life. —Heidi Hyland Mann (source: *Living Lutheran*, May 13, 2024)