



# BETHESDA news



BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**The Mission of Bethesda United Methodist Church**  
**By God's grace, to make disciples of Jesus Christ**  
**through a loving community of faith and service.**

**Love. Love. Listen. Serve.**

## **Worship Services**

**9:00am Connection Service** is an informal service which includes a Bible-based message. The casual atmosphere and contemporary praise and worship music will broaden your definition of worship.

**10:00am Sunday School** classes are available for all ages. Deepen your relationship with Christ & influence in the world by knowing Scripture and giving it authority in your life.

**11:00am Traditional Service** includes choir anthems, hymns, and a traditional sermon.

**Livestream Services** are available through Facebook for the 11am service. To worship with us through livestream, go to <https://www.facebook.com/bethesdaumcpowdersville/> and wait for the livestream to start. You do not need a Facebook account to watch.

**Past Sermons** are available on our website.

**FEBRUARY** 2023

**Ash Wednesday**  
**February 22nd**



**Pancake Supper**  
**6pm**

**Worship Service**  
**7pm**



## **Sunday Worship Services**

**Feb. 5 - 5th Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Communion at both services**

**Feb. 12 - 6th Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Children's Choir sings at 9am Connection Service**

**Feb. 19 - Transfiguration Sunday**

**Feb. 26 - First Sunday in Lent**



Join us for a  
**ACOLYTE BOWLING OUTING!**

**TO SAY THANKS TO OUR ACOLYTES, WE'RE GOING BOWLING!**  
**WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MORE ACOLYTES.**  
**CONTACT ERIN IF YOU'RE INTERESTED!**

Thursday, February 23  
From 5:00 - 7:00PM  
Rock Springs Impact Center Bowling Lanes; Erin will contact parents with details.

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## Sunday School at Bethesda

Sunday School is great time for sharing and learning for all age groups! We have classes open every Sunday morning. Classes meet in the Education Building. Adult classes meet on the top floor, while Preschool to High School meet on the bottom floor. Nursery is provided for children age 2 and under.

We are excited to offer the following classes:

**Preschool K3 & K4 / K - 2nd Grade / 3rd - 5th Grade / Middle & High School**

**Adventures In Faith Class** is a Bible-based and issues-oriented class with focused discussion and application of the Word to everyday living. Service and prayer are central to this group. Class members are at or near retirement age. (Room 213)

**Common Ground College & Career Class** The Common Ground College & Career Sunday School Class meets during college semester breaks. We would like to invite the young adults who have graduated high school or are of equivalent age, those currently in college and those just working on life to join us! (Room 210).

**Crosstalk Class** is discussion-based with focus on current issues using biblical guidance. The class is primarily taught by DeDee Clarey, one of our Lay Speakers, with the help of other class members when needed. Members range from the age of 30+ to the "Finish Line" and work together in many different activities in the church. (Room 216)

**Irene Cely Class** studies the Bible, actively supports the ministries of Bethesda, reaches out to meet the needs of the community, has an active prayer ministry and enjoys fellowship with one another so much that the class president has to ring a goat bell to call the class to order, then this class is the one for you! Class members are all ages. (Room 207/208)

**New Beginnings Class** typically studies a devotional type curriculum with an emphasis on applying Christian principles to real world situations and is very conversational with much discussion among the members of the class. The class works to build a community within the group and is active in many organizations and committees within the church. Class members are all ages. (Room 214/215)

**New Life Christian Class** focuses on spiritual growth and life application of Biblical principles, with additional periods of study geared towards developing a deeper understanding of the Bible. The class strives to provide a strong foundation for an active Christian life. Class members range from 30's to 50's and are involved in many areas of the church. (Room 206)

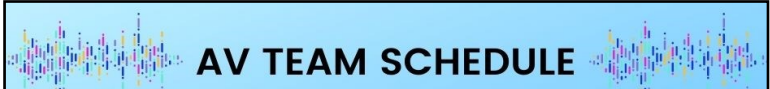
### WHAT IS THE BEST INVITATION YOU HAVE EVER RECEIVED?

Starting Sunday, February 4th, the Irene Cely class (Rooms 207/208) will dive into "Jesus's Farewell Message" by Francis Chan presented through RightNow Media. Please join us for a time of fellowship and discussion.



To volunteer, contact Jill Tompkins at [tompkins\\_jill@yahoo.com](mailto:tompkins_jill@yahoo.com)

DATE	9am Connection Service	10am Sunday School	11am Traditional Service
2/5	Katy Driscoll	Alyssa Blackmon	Jill Tompkins
2/12	Laura Sudbeck	Carrie Burdett	Caroline King
2/19	Madison Brooks	Katie Kline	Jane Jones
2/26	Callie Enloe	Erin/Keith Hiller	Charlotte Tucker



## AV TEAM SCHEDULE

CONTACT MARC BLOOMER TO VOLUNTEER AT [M.BLOOMER@POLYDECK.COM](mailto:M.BLOOMER@POLYDECK.COM)

Date	Projector	Sound	Live Stream
2/5	Rita Sott (Connection) Leslie Martin (Traditional)	MarkSott (Connection) Jon Martin (Traditional)	Bob Kouvolu (Traditional)
2/12	Anna Louise Bloomer	Marc Bloomer	Caroline King
2/19	Lisa Gantt	Marc Bloomer	Mike Seffrin
2/26	David Raad	Chris Mann	Jon Tompkins



ST. FRANCIS MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY  
AT POWERSVILLE FAMILY PRACTICE  
\*WILL BE PARKED AT BETHESDA UMC

**2023 SCHEDULE**

FEBRUARY 20

JUNE 13

AUGUST 8

NOVEMBER 7

CALL 864-675-4875

TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT

\*ASK TO BE SCHEDULED ON THE MOBILE AT  
POWERSVILLE FAMILY PRACTICE.



**THE BLOOD  
CONNECTION**

Your Community Blood Center

**Wed., Feb. 8th**

**3 - 7pm**

**at Bethesda UMC**

**All blood donors will receive  
a \$20 eGift card  
+ 1000 bonus points!**



[https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/205282](https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/205282)

**Super Adult Ministry sponsors exercise  
every Tuesday & Thursday morning  
at 9am in the Class Rm 207/208.**

**Our exercise regime includes warm-up  
stretching, aerobic conditioning such as  
walking, specific body part movement  
like core and balance and Tai Chi, the art  
of slow progressive movement.**

**Please feel free to attend and participate  
as you are able. Exercise promotes brain  
and body health.**

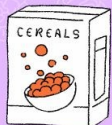
**Contact Betsy Zaglin (864-363-2843) or  
betsyzaglin@yahoo.com**

## DAY OF SERVICE (SATURDAY, MARCH 11)

**THE CUPBOARDS ARE BARE!!!**

**JOIN OUR MISSIONS TEAM AT INGLES IN POWERSVILLE AS WE COLLECT  
FOOD ITEMS FOR PERC (PIEDMONT EMERGENCY RELIEF CENTER)  
FROM 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM.**

**SIGNUP TO VOLUNTEER BY CLICKING ON GRAPHIC, SCAN QR CODE  
OR CONTACT BERT REED AT 217-621-2150**



### PERC



**Piedmont Emergency Relief  
is in need of the following items:**  
canned green beans, canned corn,  
mac & cheese, grits, oatmeal, cereals,  
spaghetti noodles & canned spaghetti  
sauce. Items can be placed in the plastic  
storage container outside the office door.



**Thank you for your support!**



### Pull Tabs & Postage Stamps

The UMW collects the pull tabs off  
aluminum soda cans for missions. A  
collection box is in the entrance way to  
the Family Life Center.

The UMW **are no longer collecting  
cancelled postage stamps** of any kind.

**Thank you for your support!**



"So then just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."  
-Colossians 2: 6-7

## The Grove Children's Ministry Program

**"Let all that you do be done with love." -1 Corinthians 16:14**

As we head into February, I am as thankful as ever for this church that loves and supports our children.  
We have a lot coming up and would love for you to join in!

**Winter Jam** is coming to Greenville on Sat., Mar. 11, and we have some Bethesda families planning to go! Our children's ministry team is organizing a group to go together. Please let Erin know by Wed., Feb. 1, if you would like to attend. Based on the number in our group, there may be some options for entry that will work better for our group. This is a family friendly event and appropriate for all ages; however, it will be a very long afternoon and evening (we will probably need to arrive at the venue by 4 pm and the concert will likely last until 11 pm). But for those that can stay awake, the music and worship is wonderful! Please let Erin know what questions you have or if you would like more information!

**Powdersville Youth League Basketball Game Concession Stand:** Powdersville's youth sports league, P.L.A.Y., is hosting a few basketball games at our church gym in February, and our Children's Ministry Team will host a concession stand. We did this last year and found it to be a great way to interact with our community and promote our church. The games are scheduled for Feb. 2nd, 9th, and 10th from 6-9pm. Let Erin know if you would like to volunteer for any shifts in our concession stand!

**Jesus Loves You Celebration:** Sun., Feb. 12, our Bethesda children will celebrate Valentines with a "Jesus Loves You" celebration. Our children's choir will sing at the 9am service. All children will meet together for Sunday School in the gym to make Valentine's cards for homebound church members. Children will gather in the Narthex at the end of the 9am service & at the beginning of the 11am service to hand out Valentines to the congregation as they exit the 9am service/enter the 11am service. We have just started back to children's choir after Christmas break & this would be a great time to join in as we prepare to sing Feb. 12. We are always looking for new members for children's choir. Thanks to Sylvia Howard for leading this program.

**Acolyte Bowling Outing:** As a way to say "Thank you" to our acolytes, we will take a trip on Fri., Feb. 24, at 5pm to go bowling at the Rock Springs Impact Center with our acolyte crew. Erin will be in touch with acolyte families to work out details. We are always looking for new acolytes. Training is provided and parents have the opportunity to select acolyte dates that work for your family. Thanks to Linda Thompson for leading this ministry.

**Asbury Hills:** Camp registration is now open for Summer 2023 at Asbury Hills. Thanks to a generous donor, we have scholarships available for up to \$300 for qualifying Bethesda members between 2nd - 8th grade. We have several families currently discussing registering for camp & planning to attend Open House on Sun., Apr. 2, from 1pm-5pm. Please contact Erin for more information. <https://asburyhills.org/summer-camp/>

**Dates To Remember:** Our Children's Team has met and set a few important dates for 2023. More details will come. Please mark your calendars: Our Spring Festival and Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 8, from 10 am- 12 pm.  
Our children's choir will perform a spring musical on Sun., May 7, in the early evening. Dinner and fun will follow as an (early) summer kick off.  
Vacation Bible School will be held July 9- July 13. We are getting excited for "Hero Hotline".

Erin Hiller  
Director of Children's Ministry



Date	Acolytes
2/5	Harper Batson & Sarah Tompkins
2/12	Cal & Preslee Neel
2/19	Volunteers Needed
2/26	Cal & Preslee Neel

Volunteer by clicking graphic, scan QR Code or contact Erin Hiller



### Children's Ministry Weekly Sunday Programs

Open gym  
(any age) 2 - 3:30pm

Children's Choir  
(3 years - 5th grade) 3:30 - 4pm

Knights in Training  
(3 years - 1st grade) 4 - 5 pm

God's Knights  
(2nd - 5th grade) 4 - 5pm



# Thrive Youth Group



February is here! This means our Winter Retreat is not too far away. I am excited to announce that our Winter Retreat will be to a lake house on Lake Hartwell. It has all the usual fun things like a pool table, movie area, ping pong table, hot tub, fire pit, and even a nice outdoor area. We will have fun growing together, unplugging from the world, enjoying a sunrise and sunset bible study, and looking at how we can see God in nature as our theme. We will have 12 spots this year and you need to RSVP and pay the \$100 fee to secure your spot. We also need adult volunteers to come with us. The retreat is March 10th through the 13th. We will leave the church on Friday at 5pm and arrive back on Monday by lunchtime.

As we begin to head into February, we begin to get into the habit of things. Wednesday nights, Sunday nights, Sunday mornings, nothing is really there to break up the cycle. This is both a good thing and a bad thing. Its good because it gets us into a routine. It is bad because when we get into a routine, if we are not careful, we lose the meaning behind why we do what we do. I want to challenge everyone this winter to stay focused and not just go through the motions.

Graduation Sunday will also be here before you know it! If you have a youth who will be participating in Graduation Sunday, please go ahead and let us know. Also, begin to collect pictures for the Luncheon slideshow along with the information needed for the bulletin. We will be in contact with you as we continue to get closer to the date. Graduation Sunday will be May 21st.

We will also have other events this month that we will communicate through email and remind messages. We always encourage and welcome all our youth to attend Sunday nights and Wednesday nights.

Seth Wright, Director of Youth Ministries

(864) 624-2175 / [sethwright@bethesdaumc.org](mailto:sethwright@bethesdaumc.org)

Sign up for REMIND messages to get the haps on youth news & events: Text 81010 to @2g8kh6



Our youth had fun escaping their room at Breakout Escape Rooms!



## BUMC YOUTH

Wednesday  
Night Youth  
at 7pm  
Feb. 1, 8, 15

Thrive  
Sundays at 5pm  
Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26

Ash Wednesday  
Service 7pm  
Feb. 22

  
**JESUS**  
*Lights the Way*

# IRON MEN BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS 8AM  
IN THE PARLOR



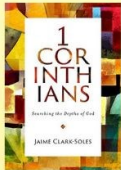
ALL MEN ARE INVITED TO  
JOIN US FOR A  
DISCUSSION OF THE  
BIBLE AND HOW IT  
IMPACTS OUR DAY-TO-DAY  
LIVES.

“IRON SHARPENS  
IRON, SO ONE MAN  
SHARPENS ANOTHER.”  
PROV. 27:17

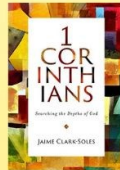
G.I.F.T.

Ladies Bible Study Group

All ladies  
are invited to join us  
at 10am on Wednesdays  
in Classroom 209



## Adult Winter Group Study



Join Rev. King as he leads a six-week group study on the book *1 Corinthians: Searching the Depths of God* by Dr. Jamie Clark-Soles. We will look at the issues that the first century Christian community faced & how we still struggle with the same issues today.

The study group will meet on Wed. nights at 7pm from Jan. 11th – Feb. 15th.  
Childcare will be provided.

### Lenten Study

Join Jack Galgay as he leads an adult study during Lent on Wednesdays, March 1-29 & April 12 from 7-8PM.

We will enrich our understanding of Jesus' death and resurrection and God's plan for redemption as presented through scripture in Handel's Messiah.

No book is required. Handouts will be provided. Parts of the Messiah are played.



### A note from Bethesda's Reading Program Coordinator: The United Methodist Women Reading Program

The Reading Program is a longtime tradition of UMW. Its purpose is to help members better understand and to increase participation in what God is doing in the here and now by increasing sensitivity to all human beings and the issues that affect them, as well as, provoking critical thinking in many areas such as climate justice.

The Reading Program includes a variety of books from mysteries and biographies, to the study of issues like immigration, racism and much more. The UMW National Committee selects books that are used for the Reading Program.

Participation requires selecting one of four reading plans and reading the required number of books (as few as five books completes Plan I). Reading Program books are divided into one of five categories: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth. In addition a few movies and listening to UMW Faith Talks podcast can also be used toward completing a reading plan.

Bethesda has a history of being one of the most active Reading Groups in the district.

Due to Anderson District reporting criteria, the program begins in September of each year and ends in mid-August of the following year. With the holidays behind us, I would love to hear from you and get our program in gear for another successful year! Readers do not have to be members of UMW to participate. All readers are welcome.

Please contact Margaret Baker [mcb5274@gmail.com](mailto:mcb5274@gmail.com) or call/text 864-230-6693 to learn more about becoming a part of this important ministry that can increase your awareness of current issues and even provide hours of reading enjoyment. Margaret will assist in your obtaining and returning books from the Bethesda Reading Program Library.



**The United Methodist Men meets on  
the first Monday of the month at 7pm in  
the dining room of the Family Life Center.**

**We will have dinner, devotion & fellowship  
All men are invited!**



**The United Methodist Women invite all ladies to join them!  
The purpose of the UMW is to help women develop  
spiritually, to experience supportive fellowship with other  
women and to engage in mission to women, children and  
youth around the world.**

**The Mary-Martha Evening Circle meets in the parlor  
at 7pm on the third Monday of each month.**

**\*The Susanna Wesley Morning Circle is currently not  
meeting, but hopes to resume soon.**

## **Leisure Group**

The Leisure Group invites all to join them on the last  
Tuesday of the month at 6pm in the dining room for a  
potluck meal (chicken will be provided).

Relaxed fellowship and food with an overabundance  
of laughter and love are our priorities.

No reservations required & drop-ins are welcome.

For more information, contact Jan Bryant (864-313-1713)  
or [bryantjandave@icloud.com](mailto:bryantjandave@icloud.com).



All are invited to join the  
*Powersville Garden Club*

Meets on the first Tuesday  
of the month in the dining room.

Social time at 9:30am  
& the meeting is 10-11am.



## **Group Schedules**

### **Committee & Team Meetings**

Feb. 9 - Missions Team - 6:30pm - Parlor

Feb. 26 - Board of Trustees 4pm - Parlor

### **Room Reservations**

Feb. 18 - Parlor & Dining Rm - 10am-3pm (Mitchell)

Feb. 21-22 - Gym & Dining Rm - Pancake Supper set up + meal

### **Gym Reservations for Groups**

6:30-9pm - Scouts - Mondays

3:30-5:45 - Volleyball Lessons - Feb. 3, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27

6-9pm - PLAY Basketball - Feb. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17

6:30-7:30pm - Wren Youth Basketball - Feb. 7, 14

10am-1pm - Wildcats AAU Basketball - Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25

5:30-9pm - PLAY Volleyball - Feb. 28

### **SAM SPRING EVENT- HISTORICAL**

**If you have an old wedding dress  
from present or former generations  
that could be used to model or show in a  
Wedding Dress Fashion show this spring,  
please contact Betsy at  
[betsyzaglin@yahoo.com](mailto:betsyzaglin@yahoo.com)  
or 864.363.2843**

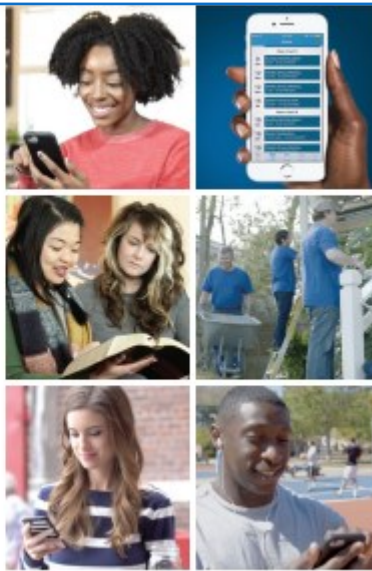


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- Create and join events

Let's be the church... together.



Realm is a cloud-based church management software solution that we use for our accounting & membership needs.

Ways to join:

1. Scan QR code
2. Text bethesdaumc to 73256
3. Contact the office
4. Click the link

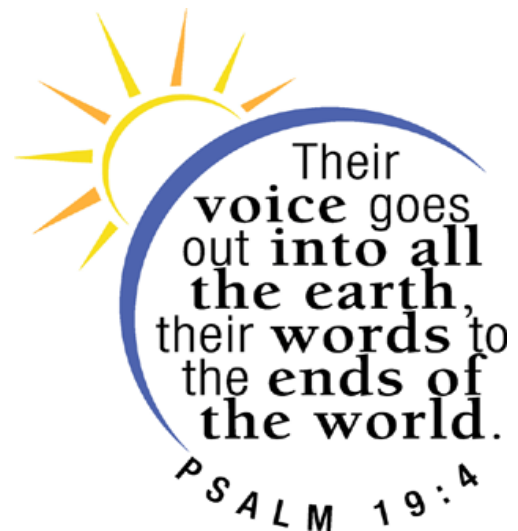
<https://onrealm.org/bethesdaumcsc>



## Spam Emails

This month we had two instances of spam emails. The best we can do to protect ourselves is report anything that looks suspicious before opening. If you do open, never click any links, pictures, etc. that would direct you to another page.

Staff and Church Leaders' email addresses are listed on the back cover of Sunday bulletins & monthly newsletters. If you receive an email from an email address that is different from the ones listed, please know it could be spam.



## RightNow Media

We are excited to provide our members with a RightNow Media subscription!

Ways to sign up:

1. Scan QR code
2. Text the code **BETHESDAUMC** to the number **49775**
3. Click on the picture or link

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/bethesdaumc>

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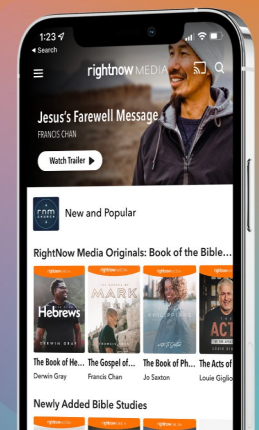
## A Free Gift from Our Church

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Scan the QR Code to Create Your Free Account and Start Browsing

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## Memorials & Honorariums

### In Memory of Richard & Jenny Kingman

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Baker  
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Brown  
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Clarey  
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Horton  
Mr. & Mrs. Sid Jones  
Mr. & Mrs. Noel Pettit  
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Ragland  
Mr. & Mrs. John Ralston  
Mrs. Sue Riddle  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Watkins

### In Memory of Yvonne Harrison

Mrs. Ivah Jo Elrod  
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Turner

### In Honor of Penny Wesley

Ms. Marlene Price

### In Honor of Tommy & Gloria Farmer

Mr. & Mrs. Brian Becknell

## Prayer Request

**Members:** Bill Andersen, Kate Bryant, Sherie Burdett, Charlotte Calhoun, Randy Calhoun, Lee Carroll, Joyce Carruthers, Dennis Cook, Linda Cook, Peggy Dulaney, Rachel Ellison, Danny Evans, Tommy Farmer, Snooky Fogue, Jackie Goforth, John Harrison, Diane Hogan, Randall Kingman, Carol Miller, Mary Mixon, Mary Mullikin, Richard Nix, Tasha Owens, Noel Pettit, Tim Slicker, Carol Smith, John Terry, Carolyn Tomlins

**Extended Family and Friends of Bethesda Members:** Abby Barrett(Jan Anderson's great-niece), Betty(Floree Pettit's sister), Barbara Bloomer(Marc Bloomer's mother), Jack Campbell(Jan Anderson's friend), Amy Carlisle(Jan Bryant's family), Frank Cox(Floree Pettit's brother), Tonya Farmer(Tommy & Gloria Farmer's daughter), Connie Holcombe, John David Hughes(Betty Terry's family), Jerry(friend of Marlene Price), Tom Mallwitz (Mike Faulkner's brother-in-law), Chuck Miller(David Sudbeck's brother-in-law), Ashley Mitchell(Carolyn Tomlins' great-niece), Kathy Mitchell(Marie Mitchell's aunt), Mary Papa(Michelle Coleman's aunt), Anne Scott(Mark Scott's mother), Karen Sheets(Sandra McNeill's sister), Greg Shiflett(Mike & Mary Rogers' son-in-law), Emily Stansell, Huston Stevenson, Kelly Stover(Girl Scout Leader), Alex Terry(Stephanie Smith's grandson-in-law), John Terry, Jr.(John & Betty Terry's son), Steve Tomlins(Don & Carolyn Tomlins' son), Linda Trantham(Libby Elrod's sister), Salvatore Trinchini(Carolyn Tomlins' son-in-law), Jodi Veenstra(Bert Reed's sister-in-law), Benson Way(Linda Range's brother), Ed Whitner(Kathy Farrenkopf's son), William(Steve Taylor's family)

## Ongoing Prayer Concerns

**Members:** Ruby Drake, Ivah Jo Elrod, Marie Elrod, Russ Elrod, Tim Evans, Sandy Faulkner, George Goforth, Luther Hunt, Ken Jackson, Gary Manley, Jimmy McGarity, Brandon New, Ann Nicholson, Sam Raines, Fredna Scott, Rachel Shupe, Ann Simmons, Don Tomlins, Penny Wesley

**Extended Family and Friends of Bethesda Members:** Charles (Linda Cook's son), CR Horton (Ma Jean's brother), John Mitchell (Carolyn Tomlins' brother), Eric Quattlebaum (Mike Faulkner's cousin), Owen Recio, Caroline Shelton (Cy & Lou Rogers' granddaughter), Tom Shupe (Rachel Shupe's son)

Our Nation, Our President, & Our Military; Jessica Davis serving in Kenya Africa; Specialist Stuart Cameron; Lt. Colonel Daniel Taylor (Deborah & Steve Taylor's son & Danny Evan's grandson); Ukraine & Russia

**\*\*The Prayer Request ministry is a vital part of our Bethesda family. If you would like to add or update a prayer request, please contact Charla Bloomer (864-313-0992) or [charlab@bethesdaumc.org](mailto:charlab@bethesdaumc.org).**

## Congregational Sympathy is expressed to

*Eugene & Renee Dent and their family upon the passing of Renee's brother.*

*Kelly Faulkner and her family upon the passing of Evelyn Bauer.*

*Sammy & Charlotte Tucker, Luther & Dot Hunt and their families upon the passing of Luther & Charlotte's sister Linda Hunt Padgett.*


Did you know ???

...that if you must take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA each year, you are allowed to direct the funds to go straight to your church? When you do this, the income NEVER shows up on your tax return at all, and this can benefit you in other areas of your income tax return as well.

You may send any RMD amount, up to the total, to the church. Consider doing this early in the year, then you can forget it till next year. And keep the money you would normally donate weekly or monthly for your other living expenses. Contact Renita Owens or your tax preparer if you have questions.

From Your Finance Committee

***Thank you for your continued joyful giving!***  
**Stewardship Report Through January 29, 2023**

2023 Projected Church Budget	\$750,563
Y-t-D Budget Offering Received	\$49,455.40
Percent Complete	6.6%
Scan QR code or text bethesdaumc to 73256 to give electronically.	

#### **Benevolence Endowment**

Since 1998 Bethesda United Methodist Church has supported an Endowment Benevolence Fund. The purpose of the fund is to assist members within the Bethesda United Methodist Congregation who need financial assistance due to hardship. These hardships may include situations following illness, accident, loss of employment and other situations that merit consideration. Each year the available dispersed funds are used to meet needs similar to those described here. The Endowment Benevolent Fund began with a seed money donation, and over the years, under the management of the South Carolina United Methodist Foundation, has grown significantly.

Interest earned on this account supports the needs outlined above as well as building principal of the Endowment itself.

If anyone is aware of a member of our church in need, please contact the pastor or a member of the Benevolence Committee:

Rev. Judson King, Julie Maloy, Jan Bryant, Scott Smart or JoBeth Manley.



*Thank you*



Thank you for the Upper Room and cards.  
I enjoy reading them and they made my day.

Hazel Holder

Thank you for sending me the Upper Room and cards!

Diane Hogan

I want to thank everyone at Bethesda for the beautiful cards, thoughts and prayers. Merry Christmas & Happy, healthy New Year!

Love & God BLess all of you.

Ivah Jo Elrod

# February Birthday Blessings

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| 1– Kathy Ebert, Sammy Tucker, Susie Richardson              | 13– Katy Driscoll, Ivah Jo Elrod, Gloria Farmer, Rachel Coleman, Sebastian Blackwell, Richard Oatoski, Marvin Horton, Oliver Goodale | 23– Tim Slicker, Mark Scott, Sierra Faulkner                                 |
| 2– Joshua Harrison  | 14– Jim King, Mike Hendricks, Adam Unikas  | 24– Steve Mullikin   |
| 3– JoAnn Rice, Carole Miles, Richard Taylor, Carrie Burdett | 15– Baylee Brown, Barry Ellison  | 25– Apryll Smith, Tate Edge  |
| 4– William Becknell   | 17– John Terry, Morgan Reynolds  | 26– Ricky Capps  |
| 5– Brooks Fain, Joanne Dales                                | 18– Andrea Simpson, Jordan Gross   | 27– Harrison Bollinger   |
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