

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.

Sunday Worship Services

Apr. 2 - Palm Sunday Easter Cantata led by Adult Chancel Choir Sunday School at 9:30am ONE Worship Service at 10:30am

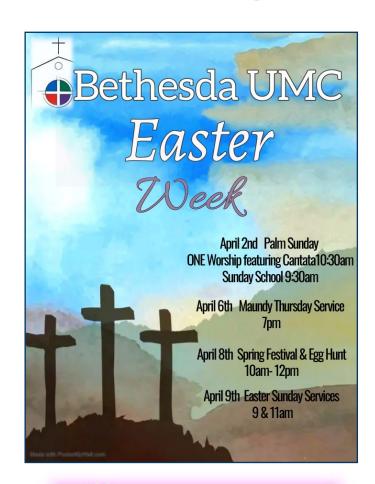
Apr. 9 - Easter Sunday

Apr. 16 - Second Sunday of Easter

Apr. 23 - Third Sunday of Easter

Apr. 30 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

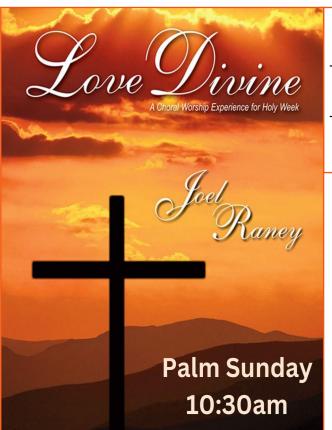




Annual Flower Cross

Please bring in fresh flowers
from your garden
EASTER SUNDAY
and add them to our flower cross.
The cross will be located
in the courtyard.

Feel free to take beautiful family pictures and share them with us on



Come join the choir on Palm Sunday, April 2nd at 10:30am as we present the musical Love Divine by Joel Raney.

We are excited this year to have a Chamber Orchestra accompanying us!

This is an emotional examination of the Passion of Christ, taking us from Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, to the Last Supper, to his prayers in the garden, his arrest, trial, crucifixion and his miraculous resurrection.

The music revolves around the theme from John 3:16, which is the central pillar of Christianity: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son; that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."





Join us for our Maundy Thursday Communion Service on April 6th at 7pm as we retrace Christ's final week of His life through Scripture and songs. The Lord's Supper will be served.

Way Forward Task Force

Our Way Forward Task Force is gathering information regarding the possibility of changes to the Book of Discipline at the 2024 General Conference Meeting. This information can also be found HERE on our website.

Please feel free to send comments or questions to the Way Forward Task Force. All questions and comments will be reviewed and addressed in the public meeting on Sunday, April 23rd, at 3pm in the sanctuary.

Send your comments or questions to Amery Brooks at amery.brooks@power-reps.net or use the form on our website which is anonymous unless you choose to sign your name.







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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)

The Grove Children's Ministry Program

By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. 1 Corinthians 6:14 NIV

April is such an important month for our church family, as we take time to give our thanks and praise to our Risen Savior.

We have so many opportunities to gather and also have several schedule changes.

Sunday afternoons in April has a modified schedule. We would love to have your children involved it they are not already!

April 2: Our children will not meet for our regular Sunday afternoon activities, but families are encouraged to visit Open House at Asbury Hills Camp. Check out Open House – Asbury Hills Camp and Retreat Center for more info!

April 9: No afternoon activities as we celebrate Easter Sunday

April 16: Regular schedule: Open Gym from 2-3:30; Choir from 3:30-4, God's Knights/Knights in Training from 4-5 pm

April 23: Children's Choir from 2-2:30pm. This will be the only scheduled activity for this afternoon due to the "Way Forward Task Force Meeting" at 3 pm. If you would like to attend the meeting and need child care, please email me at erinhiller@bethesdaumc.org to register so that we can have to correct amount of space and volunteers.

April 30: Regular schedule: Open Gym from 2-3:30; Choir from 3:30-4, God's Knights/Knights in Training from 4-5 pm

Special April Events:

Sun., April 2, 10:30am: We will celebrate Palm Sunday with a special one worship service, & our children will add to the celebration by carrying palms in during the first hymn. All are welcome to join in! Children will line up in the Narthex at the beginning of the service, carry a palm down the aisle & place it on the alter while the congregation sings the first hymn, then return to be seated with their parents.

Sat., April 8, 10am-12pm: Spring Festival & Egg Hunt- Join us for free food, fun, games and more! The egg hunt will be held at 10:30 and lunch will be available after the hunt. All are welcome!

Wed., April 19, 6-8 pm: Bike & Pizza Night!- We will block off the back parking lot and children are welcome to bring bikes, trikes, scooters, etc for some riding time. Pizza will be served. If the weather is bad, we will go inside for Open Gym (no bikes inside though!)

Save The Date:

Sun. May 7 at 5pm- Our children's choir will be performing the musical Arkeology! Everyone is welcome to watch the performance, then join us afterwards to celebrate an (early) summer kick off with dinner from Spinx Cluk Truk food truck and games and treats!

Sun. July 9-Thursday July 13 6pm-8pm- Hero Hotline VBS! Registration for participants and volunteers begins after Easter! We will have several work days planned throughout the spring and summer, the first one being in the FLC dining room on Friday, April 21 from 4-6pm.

We can't wait to see you at church! Happy Easter!

Children's Ministry





Winter Jam Outing

Acolyte Bowling Outing



Children's Choir







HRIVE Thrive Youth Group



April is an exciting month! It's Easter! The tomb is empty! It's a great time to celebrate the cross and what Jesus has done for us!

There are several fun events coming up this month! On April 1st we have our annual car show. Afterwards, all the youth are invited to gather for lunch at Nick Henry's. This will be a fun time to fellowship after a great church event. We also have the Spring Festival and we will need youth volunteers to help hide the eggs and help with some of the activities. This is a great event that's very fun! We are planning a possible spring break outing, and later in the month we will have breakfast and play disc golf.

I want to take a moment to say a big thank you to all those who have volunteered with the youth ministry over the last year. It has been a huge help and I look forward to you continuing to care about the youth ministries at Bethesda.

Lastly, Graduate Sunday is fast approaching. If you want to participate in Graduate Sunday, please let me know as soon as you can.

Seth Wright, Director of Youth Ministries (864) 624-2175 / sethwright@bethesdaumc.org

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



Wednesday Night Youth at 7pm Apr. 5, 19, 26

Thrive Sundays at 5pm Apr. 2, 16, 23, 30

Apr. 1 Lunch @ Nick Henry's following Car Show

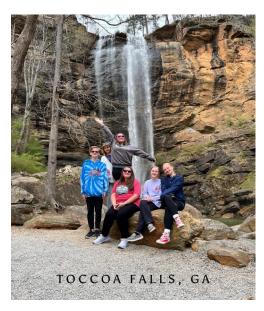
Apr. 22 **Breakfast & Disc Golf** 9am



Youth Sunday School & Thrive meet in Middle School Room 107 Wednesday Night Youth meet in High School Room 115







Winter Retreat 2022





Meetings & Reservations

Committee & Team Meetings

Apr. 3 - Staff Meeting 10am - Conference Rm

Room Reservations

Apr. 7 - Gym - Spring Festival (set up) Apr. 8 - Spring Festival Apr. 21 - Dining Rm - VBS prep

Fridays - Rm 214/215 - Movewell Pilates 9-10am contact Jacquelene Boucard (248-506-8763) waterlight3@protonmail.com

Scouts & Gym Reservations

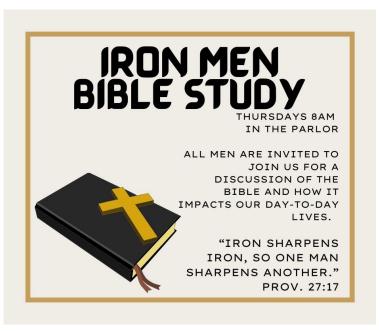
Mondays 6:30-9pm - Scouts

PLAY Volleyball (5:30-9pm) Apr. 18, 20, 25, 27

Wildcats AAU Basketball Apr. 15, 22, 29 (10am-3pm) Apr. 14, 21, 28 (5:30-9pm)

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DATE	9am Connection Service	10am Sunday School	11am Traditional Service	
4/2	Lisa and Mili Seffrin One Worship Service 10:30am			
4/9	Judy Walls	Volunteer	Erin Hiller	
4/16	Amery Brooks Madison Brooks	Katie Kline	Jane Jones Reba Richardson	
4/23	Callie Enloe	Lori Raad	Charlotte Tucker	
4/30	Laura Sudbeck	Alyssa Blackmon	Caroline King	
To volunteer, contact Jill Tompkins at tompkins_jill@yahoo.com				

XV TEAM SCHEDULE					
Date	Projector	Sound	Live Stream		
4/2 One Worship	Anna Louise Bloomer & Marc Bloomer				
4/9 Easter	Rita Sott (Connection) Leslie Martin (Traditional)	MarkSott (Connection) Jon Martin (Traditional)	Bob Kouvolo (Traditional)		
4/16	Volunteer	Marc Bloomer	Mike Seffrin		
4/23	David Raad	Chris Mann	Jon Tompkins		
4/30	Volunteer	Marc Bloomer	Volunteer		
CONTACT MARC BLOOMER TO VOLUNTEER AT M.BLOOMER@POLYDECK.COM					









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 & pork loin 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.





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

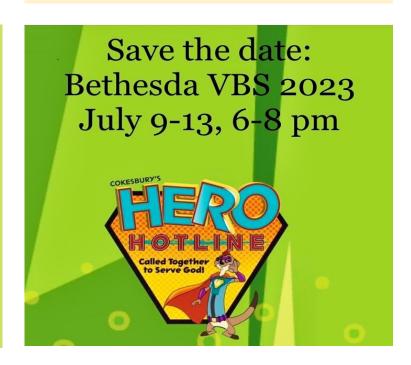
All are invited to join the Powdersville Garden Club

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

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

Plant sale in parking lot April 28th 9am - 1pm





Missions



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!

The Day of Service Food Drive for PERC held at Ingles was a huge success with many boxes of food donated, \$641, and a \$50 gift card! Thank you to all who helped with this vital service to our community!







191

Did you know?

Number of children who lived at Epworth last year, each one from our own communities in SC.

Number of children served through Epworth's Foster Care Program.

265

Of your Mother's Day Offering provides comprehensive care for the children at Epworth. Epworth is not an apportioned item in the Annual Conference budget. Mother's Day is your opportunity to support Epworth's ministry.





As you're spring cleaning, please remember our upcoming yard sale on Sat., June 3rd! We will need volunteers to help with our donation drop off/yard sale set up days on Thu., June 1st & Fri., June 2nd, as well as volunteers on the day of the yard sale. And, of course, we will need plenty of donations to sell and plenty of shoppers! We are so excited to have this opportunity to raise money for missions!



Pull Tabs

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.

Thank you for your support!





Jessica Davis & Comet School update: Our new school year has begun. We have 116 students in total. Our new classrooms and the computer lab are finished. Our students have also started French lessons, and they are really enjoying it. It's amazing to think that most of the students will be able to speak 4 languages after learning French. We also got our new bus. We were all so happy and the kids were so excited. Please continue praying for all of us at Comet; the teachers and staff, the students and their families, the donors and volunteers. Prayer really can move mountains and we can truly feel your prayers. Thank you so much for your love and support! God is good, all the time!



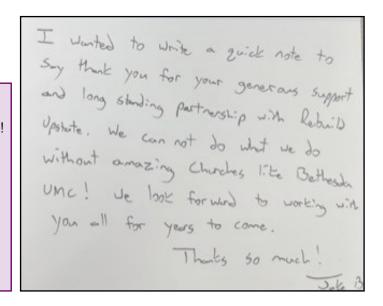
Dear Bethesda,

Thank you for all the kindness you have showed me during my time of need. Thank you for the prayers, visits, calls and cards! Each one is a blessing to me! Love you all dearly.

Mrs. Willie

Willie Garrett - Room 106 c/o Patewood Post-Acute 2 Griffith Road Greenville, SC 29607

> Click here to send an electronic card to Willie. The staff at Patewood will print it and deliver it to her.



Thank you for your continued joyful giving! Stewardship Report Through March 26, 2023

2023 Projected Church Budget	\$750,563
Y-t-D Budget Offering Received	\$143,667.05
Percent Complete	19.1%
Scan QR code or text bethesdaumc to 73256 to give electronically.	

Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Richard & Jenny Kingman **UMW Suzanna Wesley Circle**

> In Honor of Willie Garrett UMW Suzanna Wesley Circle

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3. Click on the picture or link

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Ways to join:

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

https://onrealm.org/bethesdaumcsc



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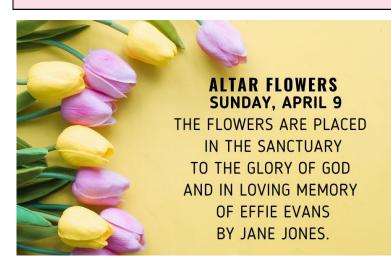






- 1- Kirsty Enloe
- 2- Cristiano Areiza, Stephen Turner
- 3- Betty Terry
- 4- Hilton Yeargin
- 5- Dick Bales
- 6- Patrick Bikas, Braydon Enloe
- 7- Tom Ford
- 13– Paula Raymond
- 14- Rick Byars

- 15- Jamie King
- 16- Henry Collins, Kim Davis
- 17 Mary Mixon
- 18- Leslie Martin, Paul May
- 19- Bradley Gantt, Grayson Sudbeck
- 20- Anna Louise Bloomer, Robert Creel, Anne Dibala, Callie Enloe, Tommy Farmer, Willie Garrett, Jennifer Ream, Molly Tompkins
- 22- Sue Riddle
- 23– Isabella Areiza, Mack Burdett, Joyce Carruthers, Dana Denny, Maggie Harrison
- 26– Sunday Davis, Ken Jackson, Bill Krinke, Ken Raines, Ben Roe
- 27- Carolyn Tomlins, McKenna Davis
- 28- Linda Lewis
- 30- Sophie Burdett, Sheila Lawrence, Paige Hughes





Congregational Sympathy is expressed to

Brad & Gayle Thurn and family upon the passing of Brad's father, Harlan Lloyd Thurn, Jr.

Marvin & Teresa Painter and family upon the passing of Marvin's brother. J.D. Painter.

Prayer Request

Members: Bill Andersen, Kate Bryant, Sherie Burdett, Randy Calhoun, Dennis Cook, Ken Cook, Peggy Dulaney, Rachel Ellison, Tommy Farmer, Willie Garrett, John Harrison, Randall Kingman, Mary Mixon, Mary Mullikin, Richard Nix, Noel Pettit, Mary Rogers, Tim Slicker, Carol Smith, Susan Smith, Betty Terry, John Terry, Carolyn Tomlins

Extended Family and Friends of Bethesda Members: Rhonda Bedenbaugh(Steve Taylor's cousin), Betty(Floree Pettit's sister), Barbara Bloomer(Marc Bloomer's mother), Sue Brown(Robin Kelley's mother), Amy Carlisle(Jan Bryant's family), Frank Cox(Floree Pettit's brother), Delbert Coxson(Darrin Coxson's father), Tonya Farmer(Tommy & Gloria Farmer's daughter), Michael Hawks(Don Tomlins' nephew), Connie Holcombe, Mark Holliday(Leroy Walls' family), John David Hughes(Betty Terry's family), Alissa Jerabek(friend of Michelle Coleman), Lauren (John & Julie Maloy's daughter-in-law), Tom Mallwitz (Mike Faulkner's brother-in-law), Chuck Miller(David Sudbeck's brother-in-law), Ashley Mitchell(Carolyn Tomlins' great-niece), Mary Papa(Michelle Coleman's aunt), Anne Scott(Mark Scott's mother), Greg Shiflett(Mike & Mary Rogers' son-in-law), Emily Stansell, Susan(Floree Pettit's sister), John Terry, Jr.(John & Betty Terry's son), Steve Tomlins(Don & Carolyn Tomlins' son), Linda Trantham(Libby Elrod's sister), Jodi Veenstra(Bert Reed's sister-in-law), Elaine Weaver(Don Tomlins' sister), Ed Whitner (Kathy Farrenkopf's son), William(Steve Taylor's family)

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Members: Joyce Carruthers, Ruby Drake, Ivah Jo Elrod, Marie Elrod, Russ Elrod, Danny Evans, Tim Evans, Sandy Faulkner, George Goforth, Diane Hogan, Luther Hunt, Ken Jackson, Gary Manley, Jimmy McGarity, Carol Miller, Tasha Owens, Sam Raines, Fredna Scott, Rachel Shupe, Ann Simmons, Don Tomlins, Penny Wesley

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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.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

"Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;
And that he was buried, and that he rose again
the third day according to the scriptures."

1 Corinthians 15:3b-4



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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