

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 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/bethesdaumcpowdersville/">https://www.facebook.com/bethesdaumcpowdersville/</a> and wait for the livestream to start. You do not need a Facebook account to watch.

Past Sermons are available on our website.

# Save the date: Bethesda VBS 2023 July 9-13, 6-8 pm



#### Sunday Worship Services

July 2 - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion

July 9 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost VBS Begins

July 16 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 23 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30 - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



The United Methodist Men plan to meet during the summer months of July & August.

More details coming soon!

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

# The Grove Children's Ministry Program

"So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up." -Romans 14:19

This is our Hotline Verse for Hero Hotline - Called Together to Serve God VBS 2023!

We can't wait to spend time with our church family and friends from our community.

Please check out a few VBS details below and visit our website for more information or to register: Our VBS kicks off with a drop in on July 9 and concludes with a family night on July 13. It is for children aged 3-those that have just finished 5th grade (4th and 5th graders will serve on our Hero Hotline Service Squad).

**Sunday, July 9 is VBS Kick Off Night from 6-8pm**: This is a drop in event. Children can complete their registration, pick up t-shirts and car tags, check out the decorations, play games, and more! The "Hero Hotline Cafe" will be serving dinner to all. The Nomadik Few Food Truck will be here, and registered participants and volunteers will get a free shaved ice! \*Additional ices will be available for purchase. This is going to be a fun time!

**Monday July 10 thru Wednesday, July 12 from 6-8pm**: Children are dropped off for VBS and follow a rotation schedule that covers Bible story, snack, music, science, crafts, and recreation.

**Thursday, July 13 is VBS Family Night from 6-8pm**: Families attend VBS with children! We will meet in the sanctuary for our closing Assembly, afterwards, the Hero Hotline Café will serve dinner to all!

**Sunday, July 16 during our 10am Sunday School hour**: Children will meet together in our FLC to conclude VBS and celebrate together. All are invited to join us!

As we conclude summer, please mark your calendars for these special events:

Sunday, July 23, 5-7 pm is our End of Summer Pool Party at the Hornbuckle Subdivision Clubhouse/Pool. Dinner and snacks will be served. Adults should plan to stay with the children they bring.

**Sunday, July 30 during the church services & Sunday School**: We will mark the new school year with a special blessing for our teachers and students. And, we will have a special time in Sunday School when students moving to new age group classes will be promoted. Be on the lookout for more details soon!

I would love to talk to you about anything mentioned here, or anything else about how I can help your family grow spiritually. We can't wait to see you this month!

<u>Erin Hiller</u> Director of Children's Ministry

We know that our entire church is continuing to remember in prayer the family of our beloved member Sherie Burdett, and how much Sherie impacted us. Many have given generously to a memorial for Sherie, which her family designated to benefit our church children. Through discussions with them, we have ordered a table and bench to be placed in our church playground. This will transform this space to be better utilized by our children for lessons and gatherings and will be impactful for years to come. The equipment is on order and should be installed by the end of the summer. We are so thankful for Sherie and for her legacy of faith, service and love.







Wonderful Wednesdays were a BLAST!
We have enjoyed learning & fellowshipping together! Thank you to the volunteers & those who joined in the activities with us!

















# THRIVE Thrive Youth Group



It's hard to believe that summer break is only a month away from ending. So far this summer has been filled with fun outings. July will be a great month filled with fireworks, celebrations of the 4th of July, and VBS prep. Hopefully many of our youth will volunteer for VBS this summer. As we have done in the past, we will be feeding any youth that volunteer before VBS starts. It is always a fun time for them to get to work together and with the children of the church helping to make it a highlight of the Summer. As we begin to look towards August and the next school year, we begin to plan our fall events and look forward to getting back into the routine. I know there are not a lot of events for July, but with everything going on there is not a lot of free time. I hope everyone has a safe and fun July and that you stay cool!

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



July 8th – Breakfast & Disc Golf July 9th - 13th - VBS! July 19th – Dinner July 30th – Pool Party









#### RightNow Media

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

Ways to sign up:

1. Scan QR code

Text the code **BETHESDAUMC** to the number **49775** 3. Click on the picture or link

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

#### **Finance Committee Letter to the Congregation**

We thank you for your generous donations to support our church operating budget. From our operating budget we are able to care for our facilities and support the programs and ministries of our church like youth, VBS and missions outreach.

General offerings are trending down during the Summer months and the church asks that you consider giving to our operating budget. We believe we can achieve our budget goal this year – but it will require everyone's help and commitment to the ministry of Bethesda. Please continue to give faithfully and pray for God to provide for the needs of Bethesda UMC.

There are many ways to give to Bethesda, even if you are away on vacation...

- 1. The Offering Plate on Sunday: Please use an offering envelope and include your name. This aids our counting team and ensures gifts are credited to the right person. If you would like a box of offering envelopes, please call the church office.
- 2. **Set up bill pay with your banking provider**: A bill pay service may be included as part of a checking account's features. The bank will issue a payment from your account and send it to the church on your behalf.
- 3. Electronically via Realm: Online giving can be made by bank account debit (ACH) or via credit card. You can give once or set up automated giving to donate multiple times throughout the year. Realm directions are below.
- 4. Mail in your donation: Bethesda UMC, 516 Piedmont Rd, Easley, SC 29642.
- 5. **Donating appreciated securities (such as stocks and bonds)** to Bethesda will allow the church and you to avoid capital gains taxes and take a full tax deduction for the value of the securities at the time of donation. Several members already give to the church in this way. This could be a tax-savvy way to support our church budget.
- 6. Give from your IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD): Did you know that if you must take a 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. 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.
- 7. **Planned Giving**: Remembering to include the church in your will is a way to ensure the ministries of Bethesda continue for generations. To learn more about how to include Bethesda in your will, please consult your legal advisor. You should also let the church office know this and make sure the church knows how your gift is intended to be used.

#### Let us be joyous givers to the work of the Lord!

2023 Projected Church Budget	\$750,563
Y-t-D Budget Offering Received	\$253,865.47
Percent Complete	33.8%

Realm is a cloud-based church management software solution that we use for our accounting & membership needs. You can manage your giving and print your giving statement at anytime.

Ways to join:

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



https://onrealm.org/bethesdaumcsc

## Let's get connected.

#### Download our Connect app today.

- Update your personal information
- 8 Communicate with groups & teams
- Follow church announcements
- Q Look up members
- Manage giving
- Create and join events

Let's be the church... together.









Easley First's United Women in Faith invites all Methodist women in the Easley area to join them for a combined luncheon.

There is no cost, just Methodist women from all over Easley having a good time, enjoying good food and Christian fellowship.

Contact Judy Caldwell by July 5th if would like to attend.

# **Meetings & Reservations**

#### **Committee & Team Meetings**

July 9 - Board of Stewards Meeting 3pm - Rm 214/215 July 23 - Board of Trustees Meeting 4pm - Parlor

#### **Room Reservations**

July 9-13 - VBS - full campus (setting up week before)
July 15 - Scouts Blue Ridge Council - full campus
July 16 - Children meet in gym for Sunday School 10am



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.



#### **Group Reservations**

Scouts 6:30-9pm Mondays - Gym/Ed bld

Movewell Pilates - 9-11am Fridays -Rm 214/215 - contact Jacquelene Boucard (248-506-8763)

Wren Youth Volleyball - Gym 6-8pm - July 18, 25

Wildcats Basketball - Gym (various days)
Thu. & Fri. 5:30-9pm
Sat. 10am-2pm

# 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

#### **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.







Nursery Caregiver: Olivia Yeargin

To volunteer, contact Jill Tompkins at tompkins\_jill@yahoo.com

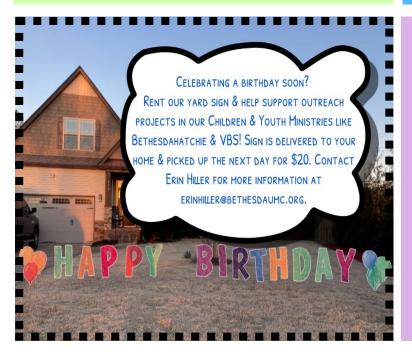
DATE	9am Connection Service	11am Traditional Service	
7/2	Laura Sudbeck	udbeck Jill Tompkins	
7/9	Katie Kline	Lori Raad	
7/16	Stephanie Nealy Lisa Seffrin		
7/23	Amery Brooks	Alyssa Blackmon	
7/30	Danielle Walls	Jane Jones	

#### **AV TEAM SCHEDULE**



CONTACT MARC BLOOMER TO VOLUNTEER AT M.BLOOMER@POLYDECK.COM

Date	Projector	Sound	Live Stream
7/2 & 7/30	Rita Scott (Connection) Leslie Martin (Traditional)	Mark Scott (Connection) Jon Martin (Traditional)	Bob Kouvolo (Traditional)
7/9	Anna Louise Bloomer	Marc Bloomer	Caroline King
7/16	Lisa Gantt	Marc Bloomer	Mike Seffrin
7/23	David Raad	Chris Mann	Jon Tompkins



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

We offer strength, aerobic, stretch & Tai chi exercise classes. We now have an elliptical & stationary bike for use by anyone. Keeping active is the key to good health!

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

**Contact Betsy Zaglin (864-363-2843)** No class on July 4th or betsyzaglin@yahoo.com



## SAM EXERCISE CLASS 2nd Anniversary

SAM EXERCISE CLASS 2nd Anniversary Outing Meet up at Unity Park Tuesday, July 11 at 9:30am for a walk & tour of the park. Meet in Welburn parking lot in front of the restaurants.

We'll do brunch at the Commons after our walk.

No Rain date. We will reschedule if it rains.

No class at the church that Tuesday.

For car pool / information, contact betsyzaglin@yahoo.com or 864-363-2843

#### **Memorials**

In Memory of Cindy R. Allen

Mrs. Linda R. Thompson

In Memory of Sherry (Sherie) Burdett

Mr. Michael Mason Mr. & Mrs. John Terry

In Memory of Joyce Carruthers

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Cook Mr. & Mrs. Neal Evans

Mr. & Mrs. George Goforth

Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Painter

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Raines Mrs. Sue Riddle

Mr. & Mrs. John Terry

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Waldrop

#### In Memory of Willie Garrett

Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Painter Mr. & Mrs. Ken Raines Mr. & Mrs. Mike Richardson Mr. & Mrs. John Terry

In Memory of Walter Crayton Pressley

Mrs. Marie Elrod

In Memory of Linda Range

Adventures in Faith SS Class Mr. & Mrs. George Goforth Mr. & Mrs. Sid Jones Ms. Linda Lewis Mr. & Mrs. Ken Raines

Mrs. Sue Riddle

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Vinson



#### **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

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!



#### The Upper Room Devotional

can be accessed online at

https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals

#### **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.

#### 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 (Rm 107)

**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! The class is led by Madison Brooks & Thomas Jacques. (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)





#### Calling all longtime Bethesda members.

The Board of Trustees is working on getting our older church building listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

As part of that process, we need to submit pictures and documents of the building's use over time.

If you have any pictures, stories, or articles you could share, please send copies of them to bethesdaumctrustees@gmail.com or see Leslie Martin for more details.

Thank you for all the supportyon give us.
Our annual Plant Salm was a big success!
many of the church members came out to see us. We are so grateful and appreciate you all.

100e,
Rudersville Garden Chub

BUMC participated in PVHS teacher appreciation week sending 102 gift bags to the PVHS teachers. This is one of the thank you messages we received.

Thank you BUMC for the sweet note, goody bag, and coyote coffee gift card. This was so unexpected and truly made my day! It is such an encouragement to know that churches in the community appreciate what teachers are doing. I know I have taught several students from your church and it has been a pleasure!



#### Hi Everyone,

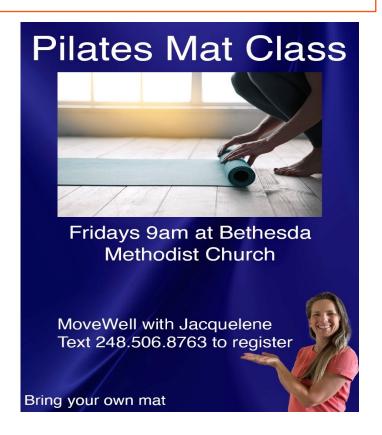
I hope you are all well. Things are going well for us at Comet. We are in Midterm 2, so we are halfway through our school year. We now have 125 students. I had 27 kids in my 3K class, but we were able to hire another teacher to split into two classes. It is now so much easier dealing with 14 rather than all 27. Our third and fourth grade students will be doing a national assessment next month, so I am very eager to see how they will perform on the assessments.

Angel, Wambui and Val are doing well. Val is growing up more and more everyday. She still loves animals. On Monday, a monkey visited the school. All the kids were so excited to see the monkey. Angel and Wambui are enjoying Taekwondo lessons and Scouting at school. They have also joined the kids praise and worship team at church. They perform once a month.

I wanted to thank everyone who responded to my last email. I really appreciate all of the donations that I have received and it has helped me and the kids so much. I couldn't do it without all of you!

Love and miss you all! Jessica Davis





# July Birthday Blessings

- 1- Avery Stoneman
- 2- Anna King, Brad Thurn
- 3- Brian Lowe
- 4- Lisa Hendrix, Jenni Mason
- 6- Judy Grant, Casey Hegarty, Thomas Jacques
- 8- Olivia Yeargin, Douglas Richardson
- 9- Katy Hendricks, Sherry Drake
- 10- Jackie Goforth
- 12- Rachel Shupe, Bruce Caldwell, Kimm Cason, Kamm Shoaf

- 14- Mark Raymond, Danielle Walls, Gene Moore
- 15- Snooky Forgue, Ray Forgue
- 16- Katie June Byars, Daniel Simpson, Noelle Kulick
- 18- Tim Evans, Erin Roe
- 20- Michelle Parisi, Judith Menuey
- 21- Jeanne Bollinger, Emmy Gross
- 22- Ashlyn Smith
- 23- Chandler Morris
- 24- John Aultman, Margaret Bollinger

- 25- Leslie Cooke
- 26- Jan Bryant, Jolie Fry
- 27- Jordan Caldwell, Michelle Thompson, Terrell Owens, Ryan Thurn
- 29- Mason Unikas
- 30- Bill Andersen, Katie Waldrop, Tara Davis, Bill Fowler
- 31- Courtney Neel

#### Address changes:

Mr. & Mrs. Perry Holcombe 207 Mayfield Rd Easley, SC 29642



Congregational Sympathy is expressed to the family of Linda Range upon her passing.

**Way Forward Task Force Mission Statement**: To educate the congregation on the issues facing the United Methodist Church as they relate to BUMC, and to facilitate a fair and open discourse so that members are informed of any recommendations from the Way Forward Task Force.

Visit our webpage for informational material from the <u>Way Forward Task Force</u>. If you need a printed copy of the online material, please contact the office. Contact <u>Amery Brooks</u> if you have any questions.

#### **Prayer Request**

**Members**: Bill Andersen, Randy Calhoun, Ken & Beth Cook, Peggy Dulaney, Rachel Ellison, Tommy Farmer, John Harrison, Richard Nix, Noel Pettit, Carol Smith, John Terry

Extended Family and Friends of Bethesda Members: Eduardo Areiza(McKenzie Areiza's FiL), Abby Barrett(Jan Anderson's great-niece), Betty(Floree Pettit's sister), Amy Carlisle (Jan Bryant's family), Frank Cox(Floree Pettit's brother), Dale(Marie Mitchell's friend), Donna Elrod (Jan Bryant's cousin), Michael Hawks(Don Tomlins' nephew), Mark Holliday(Leroy Walls' family), Alissa Jerabek(Michelle Coleman's friend), Jodi(Marie Mitchell's aunt), Chuck Miller(David Sudbeck's BiL), Ashley Mitchell(Carolyn Tomlins' great-niece), Lynne Ouzts (Virginia Becknell's mother), Mary Papa(Michelle Coleman's aunt), Ryan(Patti Seymore's friend), Greg Shiflett(Mike & Mary Rogers' SiL), 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 SiL), Elaine Weaver(Don Tomlins' sister), Gary White(Marlene Price's DiL's father), Ray Williams (McKenzie Areiza's best friend's father)

#### **Ongoing Prayer Concerns**

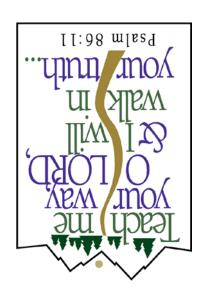
**Members**: Dennis Cook, Ivah Jo Elrod, Marie Elrod, Russ Elrod, Danny Evans, Sandy Faulkner, George Goforth, Diane Hogan, Luther Hunt, Ken Jackson, Randall Kingman, Gary Manley, Jimmy McGarity, Carol Miller, Mary Mixon, Sam Raines, Fredna Scott, Rachel Shupe, Ann Simmons, Tim Slicker, Carolyn Tomlins, Don Tomlins, Penny Wesley

**Extended Family and Friends of Bethesda Members**: Tonya Farmer(Tommy & Gloria Farmer's daughter), CR Horton(Ma Jean's brother), John Mitchell(Carolyn Tomlins' brother), Caroline Shelton (Cy & Lou Rogers' granddaughter), Tom Shupe (Rachel Shupe's son)

Bethesda UMC & United Methodist Church; Our Nation, Our President, & Our Military; Jessica Davis serving in Kenya Africa

\*\*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 at charlab@bethesdaumc.org.

#### ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



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