



# 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.

August 2023

## 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.

Save the date:  
**BETHESDA  
SKATE  
PARTY!**



Sunday, August 13  
**3 PM - 5 PM**

ROLLER TIME FAMILY SKATE CENTER  
2310 RIVER ROAD



## Sunday Worship Services

Aug 6 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Communion

Aug 13 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Aug 20 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Aug 27 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



**SAM Lunch and Learn**  
Friday, August 25  
Art for Relaxation!

All seniors are encouraged to express themselves through artistic expression. Bring your painting or other craft supplies on which to work. Bring lunch for yourself from your favorite place and join in the fellowship with your friends making art. Lunch at noon, art at 12:30 pm.

For questions or if you need supplies contact  
[betsyzaglin@yahoo.com](mailto:betsyzaglin@yahoo.com) or text 864-363-2843.

# A Note From the Pastor

I grew up in a family where my parents not only divorced once, but also remarried each other and divorced again. Did you catch that? Not one divorce, but two. Although I understood the reasons why they divorced, it was a very difficult time for our family. Even when the circumstances are warranted or justified, a split in a home or family unit can be devastating. After living through that experience, my belief has always been that as much as possible, humans need to do all the work they can to grow through our differences, with a focus on trying to find unity.

In the UMC, we are finding ourselves in a current situation which is much like a divorce, where we believe our differences are unresolvable and irreconcilable. Unlike my parent's situation, I feel like the issues that have been raised in the UMC are issues that can be resolved through conversation, prayer, and hard, difficult work. Will it be easy to find common ground for a solution? Not always, but is it worth the struggle? Absolutely. Paul would say that we "should strive to find a more excellent way". He says if we continue to struggle together, then through our work, we can seek a more excellent way- one that we haven't even thought about yet, and isn't one-sided, but it will be God's way to move us forward to be the church that God is calling us to be.

God's way is for us to be one body in him. We especially see this idea through both Jesus' work on earth and in Paul's writings. Paul, in speaking to the Corinthians- who were also going through a time of division over issues they could not agree upon- talks about the importance of unity and being one body, even though there are many unique members. 1 Corinthians 12 tells us that we are connected to one another through Christ and that the body of Christ needs all of the parts to work together. God is looking for a united body, not a uniform body. Paul celebrates and highlights the need for diversity among members to keep a fully functioning body. Paul says we may not all agree, but because we are all connected in the one body through Christ, then no one part can say to another that it isn't important or no longer needed. We need one another to be connected and united in order to keep doing God's work.

Paul's ideas weren't new; he built his ideas of unity upon Jesus' teaching. In John 17:20, Jesus prays during the last supper with the disciples, before he is crucified, that they would all be one with him and with the Father, and that those who come later would all be one within the body. Verse 23 says "... that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." Even before he died for us, Jesus was already praying that even those who came later would be united in their faith and belief in him. He sensed even then that our human nature would cause division, and that we would struggle in our faith and with following him.

I am a United Methodist because of my experience with my home church, Highland Park UMC. After the 2nd divorce of my parents, my church was a nurturing, loving, and healing place for me. The church leaders and youth workers focused together to meet my needs and were intentional about sharing God's love with me. It was during that time that I realized the impact that being part of a connectional church can make in someone's life. Through my youth group, I was able to connect with other United Methodist young people while participating in SC Conference youth events, where I had valuable life-forming experiences and met other young people in SC who shared the same United Methodist faith. I still maintain many of those friendships and connections from so long ago, because we have all remained united in the connectional church. It was through the Confirmation process that I first heard my call to youth ministry and later pastoral ministry. Experiencing these conference youth programs and connecting with ministry leaders along the way continued to develop and affirm my call into vocational ministry.

It is through the United Methodist connectional system that I have discovered what a strong impact we can have when we work together rather than apart. In 1995, as a young youth minister, I began to participate in the Salkehatchie Summer Service program, where I spent over 12 years working with other adults and young people to change the lives of many families across SC, who were in extreme need of our physical support and God's love. I have watched young people do things they never knew they could do, such as climbing and repairing a roof, rebuilding bathrooms, using power tools to create safe ramps, all while ministering and showing love to families in extreme need. Other outreach ministries of the United Methodist Church include programs such as the United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR), which is the 2nd largest relief agency behind the American Red Cross in responding to disasters around the world. Epworth Children's Home is another connectional ministry provided to support children whose family situations require them to live in a different location. United Methodist Volunteers In Mission (UMVIM) has trained volunteers to assist around the world in developing countries, helping them to build schools, providing basic needs, and helping them learn how to function better as a society, while also ministering to their people. Apportionments paid from each church in the connectional system support these ministries, which allows our local church to be a part of this world-wide support system, increasing our connection with one another and sharing God's love in a much larger mission field.

Recently, the main focus has been on a few negative actions of certain individuals connected with The United Methodist Church. In reality, the positive effects of the United Methodist Church's presence in the world are much stronger than any negatives that may be discussed. Throughout history, there are footprints of United Methodist support across our historical struggles, especially in advocating for equal rights for all races, women, & children. Based on Wesley's theology of doing all the good we can, in all the ways that we can, for all the people we can, as often as we can, the United Methodist Church will continue to spread God's love to all people.

John Wesley preached God's grace in three forms - *prevenient grace* is given before we are born; *justifying grace* is given when we realize we are sinners and in need of God's grace; and *sanctifying grace* is given when we are moving on to perfection in God's grace. As the United Methodist Church, we will always err on the side of grace for all. As humans, we will have issues, and there will always be room for us to grow through our challenges and our struggles. And struggling is not a bad thing. You may remember my recent sermon focused on Jacob's struggle with God in the wilderness. This wasn't an easy, quick fight; it was long, drawn out, and full of angst. After the struggle, God gave Jacob a new name "Israel", which means he who struggles with God and one another. As God's people, we are called to struggle through the issues we face. Jacob didn't give up; he showed persistence, struggled, and worked through the issues, and because of his faithfulness, he was blessed. We are called to also struggle and work through our issues, and we trust that if we are faithful in the struggle, we, too, will also be blessed.

When the time comes to speak up and let our voices be heard on this issue, it is so important that all members use this privilege to share your faith and trust that God will bless Bethesda through this struggle. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 tell us, "Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, Be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." During this time of discernment, I want you to follow Paul's directions and be courageous in the struggle, willing to share your voice to help Bethesda find the most excellent way to move forward. I will stand firm in my faith as a United Methodist, and I pray that you will be courageous to make your voice heard. God's love is pouring over Bethesda each and every day, and I know he will continue to bless us through this struggle.

Together in Christ, Judson









# Thrive Youth Group



August means that school is starting back, fall sports are not far behind and our fun & busy Fall season will shortly be in full swing! This August, we have a few events to ease us back into things. On Wednesday nights, starting the second week of August, we will have Bible study at Coyote Coffee in Powersville from 7- 7:45pm. We know that our Youth will be busy adjusting to their new routine, so our Sunday Night Youth will not start back until after Labor Day. (September 10th)

On August 13th, we have a Family Skate Night at Roller Time Skate from 3pm-5pm. This will be a fun time where the whole family is invited to come out and skate.

I want to thank all the youth who volunteered their time for VBS this summer. It literally could not have happened without you! We do have some great youth here at Bethesda!

Lastly, I want to welcome all youth to come out to our Wednesday night Bible studies this month and get to know everyone. The folks at Coyote Coffee are happy to have us meet there and there's plenty of room to BRING FRIENDS!

Seth Wright

Director of Youth Ministries

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## BIBLE & COFFEE

Join us Wednesdays in August,  
starting 8/9, for Bible Study at  
Coyote Coffee in Powersville.  
7-7:45pm

**ALL YOUTH & FRIENDS WELCOME!!**

The LORD is my strength and my defense;  
he has become my salvation.  
Psalm 118:14

"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

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." Proverbs 16:3

A new school year means new chances to learn and grow, both at school and at church!

We would love to have your children in Sunday School! Sunday School starts at 10am. We have classes in the nursery, preschool (RM 106), 5K-2nd grade (RM 105), and 3rd-5th (RM 109). Please let me know if you need more information!

*We will begin regular Sunday afternoon programming in September, along with special events. Be on the lookout for more details!*

Plan to join us Sunday, August 13, from 3-5 pm at Roller Time Family Skate Center (2310 River Rd Piedmont) for Bethesda Family Skate Day. Everyone is invited! I will be accepting donations (suggested \$5 per person) to help cover the cost, but a donation isn't required. We would love for this to be used as an outreach opportunity, so invite friends and family!

I would love an opportunity to cheer on our Bethesda kids as they participate in sports and activities this fall.  
Send me schedules of the gyms, fields, etc. where I can find your family and support our children!

I would love to talk with you about any of this information or any other ways our church can serve your family!

Erin Hiller  
Director of Children's Ministry



Back to School Blessings—Praying over our students & teachers before they head back to school.



"GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS."

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**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  
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to good health!

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

Contact Betsy Zaglin (864-363-2843)  
or [betsyzaglin@yahoo.com](mailto:betsyzaglin@yahoo.com)



SAM Exercise Class celebrated their 2nd Anniversary  
with a walk at Unity Park!

## **FIRST AID, CPR & AED TRAINING**



**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN  
GETTING CERTIFIED OR  
RE-CERTIFIED CONTACT  
BETSY ZAGLIN**

(864-363-2843) or  
[betsyzaglin@yahoo.com](mailto:betsyzaglin@yahoo.com)

## **Pilates Mat Class**



**Fridays 9am at Bethesda  
Methodist Church**

MoveWell with Jacqueline  
Text 248.506.8763 to register

Bring your own mat



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

**2023 SCHEDULE  
AUGUST 8  
NOVEMBER 7**

**CALL 864-675-4875  
TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT  
\*ASK TO BE SCHEDULED ON THE MOBILE AT  
POWDERSVILLE FAMILY PRACTICE.**

## **Meetings & Room Reservations**

### **Committee & Team Meetings**

Aug 7 - Staff Meeting 10am - Conference Rm  
Aug 15 - Finance Committee Meeting 6pm - Parlor  
Aug 20 - Church Member Vote 3pm - Sanctuary

### **Room Reservations**

Aug 26 - Dining Rm - Caldwell  
PLAY Youth Volleyball - Gym 5:30-9pm -  
August 22, 24, 29, 31  
Scouts 6:30-9pm Mondays - Gym/Ed bld





**The United Methodist Men will meet 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!**

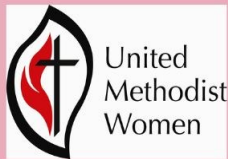
## IRON MEN BIBLE STUDY

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**



**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.**



## 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).



### Discernment Period Update:

Local Church Discernment Process of the South Carolina Conference - [HERE](#).

Letter from our District Superintendent, Steve Patterson - [HERE](#).

Latest letter from the Board of Stewards - [HERE](#).

Discernment Question & Answer Sessions at 10am in the sanctuary every Sunday until the August 20th vote takes place. To minimize Sunday School disruptions, these sessions will be kept short.

Church Members Vote at 3pm on August 20th: You must be a professing member of Bethesda & be present in the sanctuary during the vote. The vote will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Annual Conference. A list of professing members is posted in the Family Life Center entry way. If you are not sure of your membership status, please consult this list. If you do not see your name on the list, contact the church office.

Visit our webpage for informational material. If you need a printed copy of the online material, please contact the office. Contact [Amery Brooks](#) if you have any questions.

## 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	\$293,226.15
Percent Complete	39.1%

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Ways to join:

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



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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 (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)

### AV TEAM SCHEDULE



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

Date	Projector	Sound	Live Stream
8/6	Anna Louise Bloomer	Marc Bloomer	Caroline King
8/13	Lisa Gantt	Marc Bloomer	Mike Seffrin
8/20	David Raad	Chris Mann	Jon Tompkins
8/27	Rita Scott (Connection)	Mark Scott (Connection)	Bob Kouvolos (Traditional)
	Leslie Martin (Traditional)	Jon Martin (Traditional)	



Nursery Caregiver: Olivia Yeargin

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

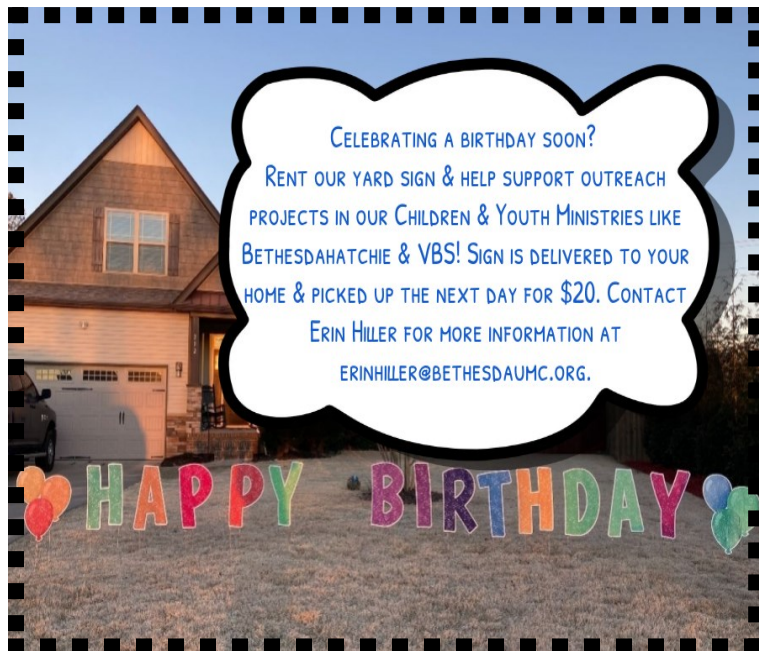
DATE	9am Connection Service	11am Traditional Service
8/6	Michelle Coleman	Jill Tompkins
8/13	Katy Driscoll	Amy Hagerty
8/20	Takiko Kline	Courtney Neel
8/27	John Maloy	McKenzie Areiza

## CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST

Sunday, August 27, at 6:00 pm in the choir room, the adult choir will have their annual "Christmas in August." There will be a brief time of fellowship and refreshments to "get us into the Christmas spirit." This will not be a regular choir rehearsal. Instead, we will preview our Christmas music for this year's concert. All choir members are urged to attend. Also, if there are church members who have been thinking about joining the choir, please consider this announcement a special invitation to join us on August 27. If you cannot commit to being a choir member at this time but would like to participate in the Christmas music only, you are more than welcome to come to our "Christmas in August" fellowship. Since the pandemic our choir has not been at full capacity. We are praying that this year God will call singers to join us, especially this Christmas. We are praying that this year we can lift our voices and hearts to our God in His honor and glory and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ with many voices. Thank you and hope to see you on the 27th. Contact [Judy Grant](#) with any questions.







**2nd Annual**  
**CAR SHOW**  
**FOR CHARITY**

Sponsored by  
Bethesda United Methodist Women  
516 Piedmont Road (Hwy 81)

Prizes in 4  
Categories of  
Competition  
Import: Vintage  
and Modern  
American: Vintage  
and Modern



**October 14, 2023**  
FROM 9:00 AM -12:00 PM  
Registration \$20  
Rain date 10-28-23

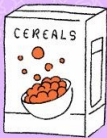

**EVENT INCLUDES**  
Car Show,  
50/50 Raffle,  
Door Prizes,  
Children's  
Activities & Food



MORE INFORMATION:  
jpcaldwell@charter.net or  
BETHESDAUMC.org

**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!

**LOCAL  
ARTISANS  
CRAFT SHOW**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH from 9AM- 2PM

BUMC GYM  
514 Piedmont Rd  
Easley, SC 29642

**EVENT SPONSORED BY  
BUMC SUPER ADULT  
MINISTRY**

Contact Betsy Zaglin to sign up for a table

**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.

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# August Birthday Blessings

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| 1– Mike Holmes, Lauren Coxson   | 9– Bert Reed, Allie Hughes, Tony Owens | 21– Griffin Hughes, Kristyn Leffler,<br>Daniel Blackmon |
| 2– Barbara Cohee, Gabriel Kline, Michael<br>Kline, Cal Neel, Monica Romano,<br>Jack Bikas | 10– Helen Slicker                      | 22– George Usry   |
| 3– Kara Wacenske  | 11– Lester Farmer, Chip Burdett        | 23– Lexi Leffler, Cora Byars                            |
| 4– Gary Manley, Sandra McNeill, Donna<br>Dowis, Latoniyah Owens,<br>Tony Owens            | 12– Brian Becknell                     | 24– Luther Hunt   |
| 7– Ford Davis, Allen Fain, Robin Gann   | 13– Athena McNeely                     | 25– Nancy Baker, Tom Swenson,<br>Sharon Menze           |
| 8– Erin Hiller, Jake Gardner,<br>Brandon Seffrin  | 14– Woody Brabham, Hamp Johnson        | 27– Bill Becknell                                       |
|   | 16– Jane Jones                         | 29– Connie Spoon, Austin Gerrald                        |
|   | 17– Linda Reller                       | 31– Evie Blackmon                                       |
|   | 19– Carol McNeely                      |   |
|   | 20– Kimberly Hunter                    |   |

## Prayer Request

**Members:** Bill Andersen, Jim Carroll, Ken Cook, Peggy Dulaney, Rachel Ellison, Libby Elrod, Tommy Farmer, Kathy Farrenkopf, Robin Gann, John Harrison, Jimmy McGarity, Mary Mixon, Richard Nix, Noel Pettit, Roger Seymore, 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), Cathy & Amy(Family of Stephanie Smith), Frank Cox(Floree Pettit's brother), Donna Elrod(Jan Bryant's cousin), Michael Hawks(Don Tomlins' nephew), Mark Holliday(Leroy Walls' family), Alissa Jerabek(Michelle Coleman's friend), Brody Little(Penny Wesley's great-nephew), Corey McDowell(Fire Chief of the Powdersville Fire Dept & grandson of the late Houston & Bernice Roper), Chuck Miller(David Sudbeck's BiL), Ashley Mitchell(Carolyn Tomlins' great-niece), Mary Papa(Michelle Coleman's aunt), Ryan(Patti Seymore's friend), Greg Shiflett(Mike & Mary Rogers' SiL), Emily Stansell, Kelly Stover, 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), 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, Randall Kingman, Gary Manley, Jimmy McGarity, Carol Miller, Sam Raines, Fredna Scott, Rachel Shupe, Ann Simmons, Tim Slicker, Carolyn Tomlins, Don Tomlins, Penny Wesley

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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 or the office.**

## Congregational Sympathy is expressed to

*Brian, Virginia, Keith & William Becknell and their family upon the passing of Virginia's mother Lynne Ouzts.*

*Charlotte Calhoun and her family upon the passing of her husband Randy.*

*Sandra, Todd & Shannon Faulkner and their family upon the passing Sandra's brother Harold Richey.*

## MEMORIALS

### In Memory of Randy Calhoun

Adventures in Faith Class  
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Caldwell  
Ms. Elaine Jones  
Mr. & Mrs. Sid Jones  
Rev. & Mrs. Tony Owens  
Mr. & Mrs. John Terry

### In Memory of Joyce Carruthers

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Cook  
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### In Memory of Tyler Richardson

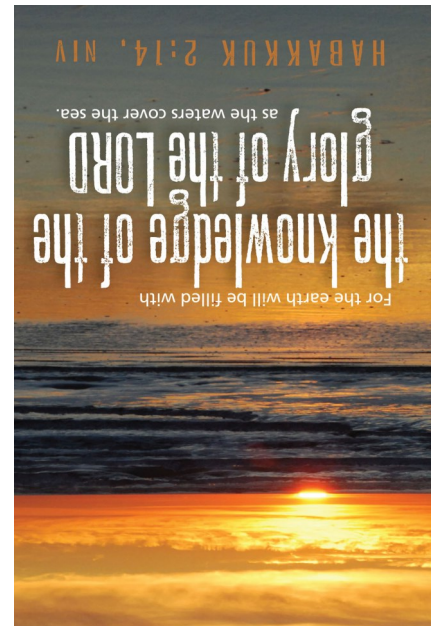
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