



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.

October 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.



The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”
The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
Lamentations 3:22-25



Sunday Worship Services

10/1 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

10/8 - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10/15 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10/22 - Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

10/29 - Twenty-Second Sunday
after Pentecost



PERC

Piedmont Emergency Relief Center
is in need of the following items:



- Canned vegetables and fruits
(including canned or dried beans, potatoes, and yams)
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Soup
- Oatmeal and Grits
(Packets or small bags or canisters)
- Canned Pasta
(Ravioli, Spaghetti O's, etc.)
- Cereal
- Jelly
- Pancake Mix



From the Church Council

The Bethesda UMC Board of Stewards met on Sept 19, 2023. The following actions were taken:

Following several resignations, and with subsequent recommendations from the Nominations and Leadership Development Committee, a new board was elected with all positions filled. All board members are enthusiastic about the future development opportunities that await us.

The first action taken by the new board was to amend its name to the Bethesda United Methodist Church Council (BCC). This change is consistent with the Book of Discipline paragraph 252.

Its duties and functions will remain the same as in the past.

A motion was made that Bethesda UMC end its period of discernment, related to a possible separation as described in paragraph 2549 of the Book of Discipline, and to withdraw from the separation process. The vote to do this was 12 yes and 0 no. This decision has been communicated to the District Superintendent, Rev Steve Patterson. Rev Patterson has subsequently removed Bethesda from the Separation/Closure process.

There will be no further votes nor other actions or considerations related to a separation.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BCC will be on the third Tuesday in November, Nov 21, at 7 p.m. in the Education Building, Room 214/215.

Bill Baker
Chairperson
BCC



"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

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart, yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. Ecclesiastes 3:11

As we enter this beautiful time of year, we have much to be thankful for, and we will have many opportunities at church this month to praise the Lord for all He has done! Here's a chronological list of this month's events:

Sundays, October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 - Children's Choir 3-3:30, Bible story and snack 3:30-4, Open Gym 4-5 pm

Wednesday, October 4 – Wonderful Wednesday Family Event: Pumpkin truck unloading at 4 pm. We will also have pizza and games!

Wednesday, October 5- Our 2023 Pumpkin Patch is scheduled to begin Oct. 5 and will last until Oct. 31 (or until we sell out!). Help us raise money for missions! The hours for the Pumpkin Patch are: Monday-Friday, 2-7 pm; Saturday, 10-7 pm; Sunday, 12-7 pm.

Volunteering in the Pumpkin Patch is easy and fun and a great way to interact with our community. Talk to me if you'd like to volunteer!

Sunday October 8- God's Knights Second Sunday Dinner from 5-6 pm. This is for children aged 2nd-5th grade. We will be talking about service, complete a service project in the Pumpkin Patch, and chicken and noodles will be served for dinner.

Saturday, October 14- Car Show (9-12), Craft show (9-2), Pumpkin Painting Station in the Pumpkin Patch (all day). This will be a great day at Bethesda!

Friday, October 20- Movie in the Pumpkin Patch at 7 pm. Join us for a fall movie, popcorn, and hot chocolate!

Wednesday, October 25- Trunk or Treat from 5:30-7:30 in the Bethesda lower parking lot! Join us for Trunk or Treat, games, an inflatable, a corn maze, corn dogs, popcorn, Smores and more! We can't wait! We would love for you to host a trunk or help in other ways. Ask me for more details or check out this sign up for trunks.

I would love to talk to you about any of these special October events, anything about church, or any ways I could serve your family. I'm looking forward to spending time with all of you this month!

Erin Hiller

Director of Children's Ministry





Thrive Youth Group



October means Fall. And Fall means cooling weather and fun outdoor activities. And boy do we have activities coming up. The church Pumpkin Patch will be an awesome outreach chance for the church to the community. On October 4th, the pumpkins are being delivered and any youth that can are encouraged to help unload the pumpkins. We also have the car show and craft fair on October 14th followed by a youth trip out to lunch afterwards. We have our Trunk or Treat at the end of the month. I encourage all youth to either sign up for a trunk or plan to help volunteer for an activity or to help. This is always a fun time evening where we can interact with the community. Lastly, as many of you have heard, this is my last month on staff here at Bethesda. I have thoroughly enjoyed my last 6 years here. It has been filled with joy, triumph, service, grief, and every emotion out there. Bethesda is a strong church family and I know there are good things waiting for it in the future. The youth are a special bunch that I will truly miss. But I know they are in good hands. I want to thank all the members, parents, staff, and youth who have helped make this a great program over the years.

Seth Wright

Director of Youth Ministries

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Oct. 1st - Thrive @ 5pm

Oct. 4th - Pumpkin Truck Unloading

Oct. 8th - Thrive @ 5pm

Oct. 14th - Car Show

Oct. 15th - Thrive @ 5pm

Oct. 22nd - Thrive @ 5pm

Oct. 25th - Trunk or Treat 5:30-7:30pm

Oct. 29th - Thrive @ 5pm



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! (Room 210).

Crosstalk Class is discussion-based with focus on current issues using biblical guidance. 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 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 214/215)

Memorials

In Memory of Marie Elrod

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Pruitt
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Raines
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Owens

In Memory of Randy Calhoun

Mrs. Charlotte Calhoun

In Memory of Bill Andersen

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Ragland

Meetings & Room Reservations

Committee & Team Meetings

10/2 - Staff Meeting 10am - Parlor

Room Reservations

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

Lunch & Learn

Quilling: A form of paper art
10/6 Noon - 2pm - Dining Room

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



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The United Methodist Women
will host a bake sale during the Car Show.
Donations of breakfast or baked items are
needed. Please pre-wrap items.
2 cookies per pack, 2 brownies, 2 muffins etc.
Cakes or pies either whole or half.
Drop off by 8:30 am Saturday Oct 14th.
We appreciate your donations.
Jo Ann Rice 864-354-6858.



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

LOCAL ARTISANS CRAFT SHOW

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH from 9AM- 2PM

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BUMC GYM
514 Piedmont Rd
Easley, SC 29642
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**EVENT SPONSORED BY
BUMC SUPER ADULT
MINISTRY**

Contact Betsy Zaglin to sign up for a table

And my God will fully satisfy
every need of yours
according to his riches in glory
in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19

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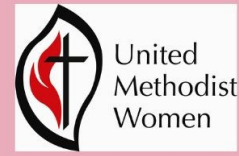
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PROJECTS IN OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES LIKE
BETHESDAHATCHIE & VBS! SIGN IS DELIVERED TO YOUR
HOME & PICKED UP THE NEXT DAY FOR \$20. CONTACT
ERIN HILLER FOR MORE INFORMATION AT
ERINHILLER@BETHESDAUMC.ORG.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**The United Methodist Men plan to meet
Monday, October 2 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.**



Pilates Mat Class



**Fridays 9am at Bethesda
Methodist Church**

**MoveWell with Jacqueline
Text 248.506.8763 to register**

Bring your own mat



**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)
or betsyzaglin@yahoo.com**

**All are invited to join the
Powdersville Garden Club**

**We meet 9-11am on the first Tuesday
of the month in the dining room.**



BETHESDA UMC

NURSERY

SCAN TO VOLUNTEER



PLEASE CONTACT ERIN HILLER FOR INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS

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Bethesda's Mission Work

Over the years Bethesda UMC has been very generous with our contributions to various mission projects at the local, state, and international levels. These contributions have been through individual donations, classroom donations, and fund raisers. The Mission Committee has held several fund raisers such as the Yard Sale, Ingles Food Drive, Salkahatchie luncheons, & the Pumpkin Patch, to mention a few. The proceeds of this year's pumpkin patch sales will to be divided between the Backpack Ministry, UMCOR and Jessica Davis.

These are just a few of the many things our church has contributed to over the last year:

Jessica Davis – Missionary in Kenya- personal living expenses, scholarships for students and a bus

UMCOR – Packed supply buckets as well as a \$6,000.00 monetary donation

PERC (Piedmont Emergency Relief Center) Food drive, weekly donations, and

\$2,000 purchased food- (see photos of deliveries below).

Home with a Heart Monetary donations (\$36,800) and purchase of 20 sets of bed sheets

Jumpstart Prison Ministries- (Spartanburg) \$1,500

Salkahatchie – Scholarships and supplies for various camps

Good Samaritan financial support and food bags

Backpack Ministry (summer program and weekend meal supplements for 15 students)

Epworth Children's Home

Thanks to each of you for your continued support for the outreach missions of this church. If you would like to be a member of the missions committee, please contact Marc Bloomer.



From the Finance Committee

Dear Congregation of Bethesda United Methodist Church,

We want to provide an update from the September 19th meetings of the Finance Committee and the Church Council.

The Finance Committee reported that our church has the resources to carry us through the coming months despite the recent decrease in general offerings. The Committee commenced observing these trends months ago, and began measures that would prepare our church for contingencies.

Currently, tithes and gifts remain lower than anticipated at the beginning of 2023. Again, let us stress that we are in a sound financial position, however, more careful stewardship is needed for a while. We are starting the budgeting process for 2024, and our review method will emphasize “needs” versus “wants”. Most of us have to do this when preparing our own family budgets. We seek your help and want you to have a voice. There are suggestion forms in the Narthex, so anyone who has money-saving ideas for the Finance Committee can write in their ideas for us to review and implement. It isn’t required, but feel free to add your name and phone number in case we have questions.

Our focus is on Christ and His Church. Our immediate goal is to meet the most basic of needs and maintain our ministries and missions. We all need to tithe and give freely at this time. As we move forward together, Bethesda UMC will continue to be a bright light in our community and our world as we “Love. Love. Listen. Serve”!

Renita M. Owens, Finance Chair

Paula Raymond, Treasurer

The Reverend Judson King, Pastor

Monthly requirement to meet 2023 budget: \$62,547

Monthly requirement to meet bare minimum expenses \$38,674*
(Salaries, utilities, and mortgage payments only)

*** Will change soon due to cost cutting measures already initiated**

Actual Offerings Received Toward the Operating Budget

Monthly Received	
May	\$36,373
June	\$33,237
July	\$36,839
August	\$36,793
September 1-28	\$29,053

Quarterly Giving Statements

As you may know, we no longer send out quarterly giving statements. You can log in to Realm and check that your giving is where you would like it to be at this point. You may also request a physical giving statement from the church office by contacting Hannah Peirce.

Check our website for updates at
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The Bethesda United Methodist Women (UMW) is a group of women who through God's guidance works to improve the lives of women, children, and youth by taking action and getting it done as Wesley said, "In every way we can, in all the places we can, at all the times we can, for all the people we can, for as long as we can".

Join Us for our next meeting: October 16, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Parlor.

Our new praise band practicing for the Connection service!



What a wonderful turnout for the CPR course!

October Birthday Blessings

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| 1– Kim Gerrald, Kappy Driscoll | 16– Ron Wilson |
| 2– Kevin Ream | 17– Magda O'Dell, Bo Moulton-Fowler |
| 3– Kate Bryant, Gregg Hughes | 18– Keith Hiller, Chris Manley |
| 4– Linda R. Thompson, Tammy Edge, Virginia Bikas, Donna Buck | 19– Stephanie Gerrald, Sam Raines, Dan Driscoll |
| 5– Heather Turner | 20– Sid Jones, Matthew Spencer, Jan Otoski |
| 6– Bob Kouvolio | 21– Randy Gross |
| 7– Brayden Barnes | 22– Barbara Holmes, Bennie Rice, Amery Brooks, Bill Edge, Joe Smart |
| 8– Jason Dierks | 23– Reba Richardson, Garrett Bloomer |
| 9– Scott Goodale | 24– McKenzie Areiza |
| 10– Peyton Holcombe | 26– JoBeth Manley, Marc Bloomer |
| 11– Leroy Walls | 27– Terri Jones |
| 12– Barbara Cooke, Janet Krinke, Mary Rogers | 28– Dot Hunt, Brad Kline |
| 14– Lisa Gantt | 29– Jack Shands |
| 15– Patti Seymore, Allie Urban, Jarrod Beal, Elizabeth Waldrop, Jacob Waldrop | 31– Mike Richardson |

Welcome
Murray & Susan Snow
Joined September 17!

Prayer Requests

Members: Jim Carroll, Ken Cook, Peggy Dulaney, Libby Elrod, Tommy Farmer, John Harrison, Sue Haynie, Jimmy McGarity, Mary Mixon, Richard Nix, Noel Pettit, Carol Smith, John Terry

Extended Family and Friends of Bethesda Members: Beth Ann (Susan Smith's daughter), Betty (Flore Pettit's sister), Amy Carlisle (Jan Bryant's family), Cathy and Amy (Stephanie Smith's family), Justin Cook (Dennis & Linda Cook's son), Frank Cox (Flore Pettit's brother), Jimmy Cox (Flore Pettit's brother), Donna Elrod (Jan Bryant's cousin), Roger Jaudon (Vera Stanfield's brother), Corey McDowell, Ashley Mitchell (Carolyn Tomlins' great-niece), John Mitchell (Carolyn Tomlins' brother), Greg Shiflett (Mike & Mary Rogers' son-in-law), Emily Stansell, Kelly Stover, Susan (Flore Pettit's sister), John Terry, Jr. (John & Betty Terry's son), Linda Trantham (Libby Elrod's sister), Luz Alba Vanegas (Julian Areiza's aunt), Elaine Weaver (Don Tomlins' sister), Gary White (Marlene Price's family)

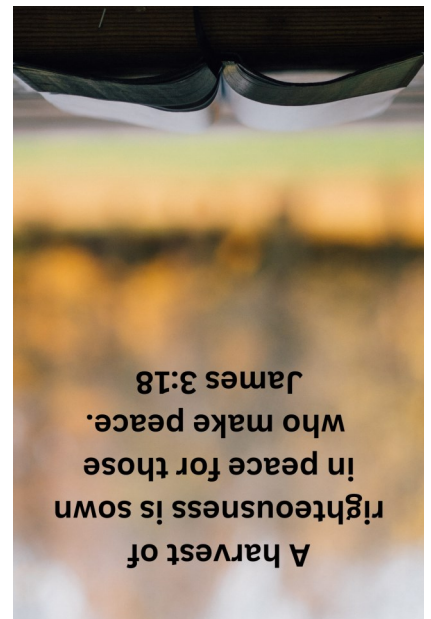
Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Members: Dennis Cook, Ivah Jo Elrod, Russ Elrod, Danny Evans, Sandy Faulkner, George Goforth, Diane Hogan, Luther Hunt, Randall Kingman, Gary Manley, Carol Miller, Sam Raines, Fredna Scott, 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), Caroline Shelton (Cy & Lou Rogers' granddaughter), 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.**

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



A harvest of
righteousness is sown
in peace for those
who make peace.
James 3:18

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