



# 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.

## November

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.

O give thanks unto the Lord,  
for he is good; for his  
steadfast love endures  
forever.  
**Psalm 107:1**



## Sunday Worship Services

Nov. 5 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

-All Saints Sunday-

Nov. 12 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Nov. 19 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Nov. 26 26th 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





# Thrive Youth Group



We had such a great, but busy October! At church, there was a lot of talk about pumpkins, Trunk-or-Treat and a proper send off for Seth with one of his favorites, THE LOCK-IN WHERE NO ONE SLEEPS! We were truly #blessed to have Seth for 6 years! October also brought accolades for our Swim team members who went to State and our Band members who won 3rd in their division at State!!

It goes without saying that I love working with this group and I will work to continue the good work they deserve. I am hoping that this brief break in busy schedules will mean we can all come together for our November events! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Through Him,

Charla Bloomer

Director of Youth Ministry

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH	Dinner at Cracker Barrel & Toy Drive Shopping 4-6pm
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH	BINGO! 6pm
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH	Open Gym 4pm • Youth 5pm
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH	Open Gym 4pm • Youth 5pm
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH	Jessica Davis Speaking at Bethesda 7pm
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH	Open Gym 4pm • Youth 5pm
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH	Youth Room Christmas Decorating 6-8pm

*get lost in the beauty of fall*





"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***

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1

We are so thankful for the many blessings we've had this fall at church. We have had many volunteers that have poured their time and energy into making sure our October events were a success, and we have even more to look forward to in November!

We have two **"Wonderful Wednesday"** events in November. These activities are children, families and friends of all ages! Please note that the dates and times for these events have changed from previous announcements. We will meet at 6 in the FLC and dinner will be served!

**Wednesday, November 8** – Bingo Night!

**Wednesday, November 29** – Make and Take: Advent Crafts!

**God's Knights Second Sunday Dinner and Bible Study- November 12, 5-6 pm:** This program is for our 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students. This month we will be discussing service and using money raised from selling corn stalks at the pumpkin patch to shop for toys for our church wide toy drive!

**Monday, November 20 at 7pm**-The UMW have invited the congregation to join them as Jessica Davis speaks about her work and life at Comet House School in Kenya, Africa. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary at 7 pm. Jessica grew up at our church, and I believe having our children hear about the work she does will be very inspiring!

We will continue our regularly scheduled **Sunday afternoon programs** in November:

3-3:30pm- Children's Choir

3:30- 4pm- Bible Story and Snack

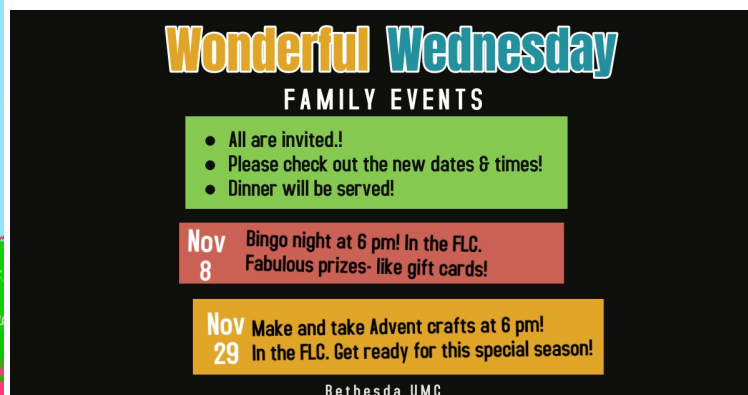
4-5 pm- Open Gym

I would love to talk with you about **Sunday School!** We have classes for all ages!

I am thankful for you and thankful for the opportunity to serve the Lord together!

Erin Hiller

Director of Children's Ministry





# FALL FUN







We are excited to partner with Carolina Family Services to collect items for their Toy Drive. There will be a Christmas display in the Narthex on Sundays, November 5 and November 12.

We will also have volunteers from Bethesda who will be helping with the toy distribution in early December.

The following items are suggested by CFS:


1. Store, Fast Food or Video Game/Apple Gift Cards (Increments of \$10 or more)
2. Board Games, Puzzles, Card Games, Video Games
3. Legos, Building Blocks, Knex, or other Construction Sets
4. Cars, Trucks, Helicopters
5. Barbies, Dolls, Action Figures or Other Character-themed Toys
6. Pretend Play (All varieties)
7. Sporting Equipment (Basketball, Football, Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Volleyball, Nerf)
8. Arts & Crafts, Drawing, Painting, Play Dough
9. Music (Keyboard, Guitar, Drums)
10. Educational Toys (All ages to include infant and toddler)
11. Active Toys: Trampoline, Bike, Skateboards, Skates
12. Stuffed Animals or other comfort toys/blankets
13. Stocking Stuffers

Please email Erin at [erinhiller@bethesdaumc.org](mailto:erinhiller@bethesdaumc.org) with any questions.

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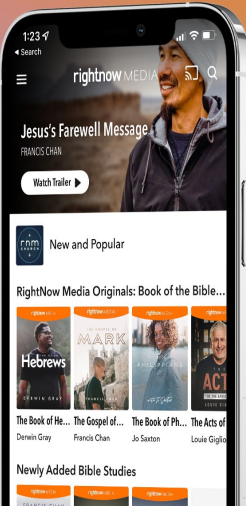
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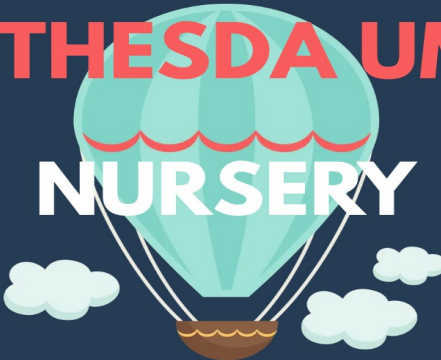
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1. Contact the office
2. Text bethesdaumc to 73256
3. Scan the QR Code
4. Click the link



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CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY SOON?

RENT OUR YARD SIGN & HELP SUPPORT OUTREACH 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](mailto:ERINHILLER@BETHESDAUMC.ORG).

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY





**The United Methodist Men will meet  
Monday, November 8th at 7pm in  
the Dining Room**

**All men are invited to join them  
for dinner, devotion & fellowship!**

The logo for the Powdersville Garden Club, featuring a green leafy branch to the left of the text "Powdersville Garden Club" in a black serif font.

## Powdersville Garden Club

**Join us Tuesday, November 7th  
9:30-11:30am  
in the Dining Room!**



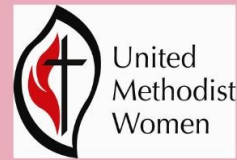
## Leisure Group

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

**Our priorities are relaxed fellowship &  
food and an overabundance of  
laughter & love! ☺**



**No reservations required &  
drop-ins always welcome!**



**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.**



**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](mailto:betsyzaglin@yahoo.com)**

JOIN US FOR



# BINGO NIGHT

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8**

STARTS AT 6PM IN THE FLC

DINNER WILL BE SERVED

WIN FABULOUS PRIZES-  
LIKE GIFT CARDS!





### **Special Program with Jessica Davis**

Driven by God's love and united in sisterhood, we serve, we advocate, we make a difference to improve the lives of women, children, and youth locally and around the world. And we invite you to join us!

The Mary Martha Circle meets the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Our November 20th meeting will be in the Sanctuary because of the very special program we will be sponsoring. The program will feature Bethesda's own, Jessica Davis, teacher and principal of the Comet House School in Kenya. This meeting is open to all the church and Easley First United Women in Faith is also invited (several of us attended their luncheon in August). The program will be first on the agenda followed by a brief meeting of our UMW group.

Jessica will also have a sale display of items made by the village women. When you make a purchase, you are helping these women feed their children. Don't miss this special opportunity to learn firsthand how your support is making a tremendous difference in the lives of some of the poorest of the poor of God's children.

## *Join Us!*



# Remembering the Saints



*Richard Earl Kingman*

February 3, 1938- December 5, 2022

*Harriette Virginia "Jenny" Kingman*

September 15, 1936- December 5, 2022



*Ann Nicholson*

August 22, 1932- February 5, 2023



*Sherie (Sherry) Shull Burdett*

December 19, 1961- April 3, 2023



*Willie Bridges Garrett*

April 20, 1927- May 1, 2023



*Joyce Ann Carruthers*

April 23, 1942- May 26, 2023



*Linda Way Range*

January 28, 1945- June 6, 2023



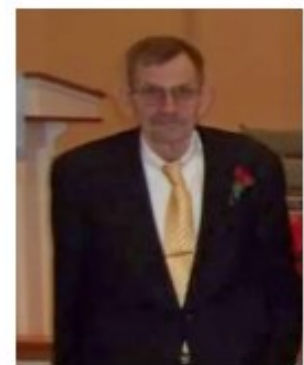
*Troy Randolph Calhoun*

September 13, 1945- July 6, 2023



*Marie Pressley Elrod*

October 2, 1924- August 18, 2023



*Kenneth Jackson*

April 26, 1949- September 10, 2023



*William Andersen*

July 30, 1935- September 4, 2023



*John Gary Evans Harrison, III*

May 11, 1944- October 11, 2023



# November Birthday Blessings

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| 1– Sara Hendrix  | 17– Colin Wilson   |
| 2– Lucia Balentine, Sonny Hunt   | 18– Margaret Baker, Larry Thompson   |
| 3– Ken Cook, John Sanders, Emerson Hudgens   | 19– Ed Menuey, Brenda Fowler, Don Walls  |
| 4– Mark Golden, Alex Krinke, Sam Krinke,<br>Nolan Wilson                                       | 20– Jean Raines, Hugh McCown, Kristen Lepper,<br>Rosemary Richardson, Madison Brooks |
| 5– Morgan Richardson   | 21– Mike Rogers, MaryAnne Robinson   |
| 6– Kelly Wacenske  | 22– Patty Ellison, Nate Coxson, Gwen Usry,<br>Bill Burch, Tony Owens                 |
| 7– Abi Powell, Kennon Holcombe, Hayden Campbell  | 23– Reagan Roe   |
| 8– Gary Waldrop, Kelly Faulkner, Jason Lepper,<br>John Sylvester, Keith Becknell, Leslie Gantt | 26– Liz King, Phil Denny   |
| 9– Aiden Parisi, Izzy Parisi, Jill Walls, Max Dierks   | 28– Emily Manley, Callie Johnson,<br>Grayson Richardson, Courtney Barnes             |
| 10– Seth Wright, Karen Overstreet, Amy Love,<br>Pat Vardy                                      | 29– Ed Overstreet  |
| 11– Lindsey Gantt  | 30– Sarah Grace Turner, Marilyn Wolf, Nealy Reid,<br>Lee Carroll                     |
| 12– Toni Coxson, McKenna Love, Rosie Otoski  |  |
| 13– Rita Burch, Jacob Anderson, Bonnie Walls   |  |
| 14– Melissa Martin, JC Neel, Jonah Kline   |  |
| 16– Dave Myer, Katy Lepper   |  |

## MEMORIALS

### **In Memory of John Harrison III**

Sid & Kathy Jones  
Bert Reed  
John & Rhonda Cottingham  
David Gillespie  
Sue Riddle  
Marvin & Clara Horton  
Susan Smith  
Irene Cely Class  
Jeffrey Kirby  
Ruby & Sherry Drake  
Dennis & Linda Cook

### **In Memory of John & Yvonne Harrison**

Bill & Margaret Baker  
Don & Carolyn Hughes

### **In Memory of Bill Andersen**

Sue Riddle

### **In Memory of Bill & Sandy Andersen**

Don & Carolyn Hughes

### **In Memory of Marie Elrod**

Marie Elrod Estate

### **In Memory of Lois Easter**

Tara McGovern/Lois Easter Estate



Dear Bethesda United Methodist Community,

I wanted to write a quick letter of thanks for all of the love and support you gave our family with the passing of my parents, Bill & Lois Easter. This month marks the 1-year anniversary and I am honestly not sure where the year went.

After dad died, my mother made a comment that she wanted to make sure we donated money to the church. Little did we know, she was not going to last long after. I know they truly appreciated their church and all the visits to the hospital and nursing centers towards the end. As I was cleaning out, I found I think every card that your ministry sent to them and mom spoke of them often. Her favorites were from the kids! I know my children enjoyed coming with them to church. I forget his name, but there was a little old man that sat behind them and would always have candy. As their health declined, they both felt guilty for not making regular donations. So hopefully, this is something you can put to use on their behalf in honor of their memory.

Blessings,

Tara E. McGovern

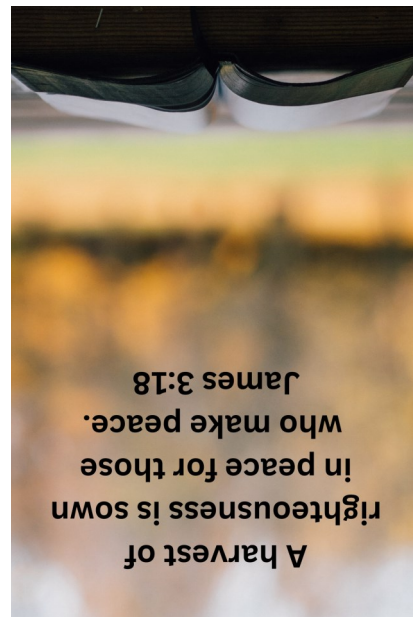




Thank you to our church family for volunteering, shopping, and telling others about Pumpkin Patch 2023. It was a wonderful time to visit with one another and our community. In addition to several carts of food donated to PERC, UMCOR, Comet House School, and our Weekend Meal Backpack program for local students will each get over \$1000!



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