



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.

January 2024

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.

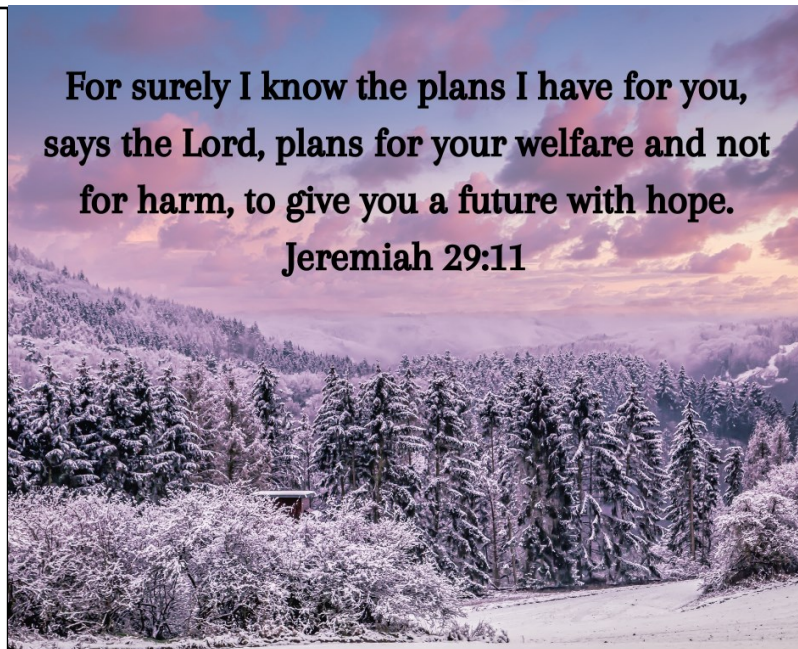
11:00am Traditional Service includes choir anthems, hymns, and a traditional sermon.

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.

**For surely I know the plans I have for you,
says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not
for harm, to give you a future with hope.**

Jeremiah 29:11



Sunday Worship Services

1/7 - Baptism of the Lord & Epiphany Sunday

1/14 - Second Sunday after the Epiphany

1/21 - Third Sunday after the Epiphany

1/28 - Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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



Bethesda Youth Group



Happy New Year! 2023 was filled with so many good times and also some difficult times. God was with us in all circumstances, and I give Him all my thanks for helping us navigate the tough parts and lifting us up to achieve the goals we set for ourselves!

So, what will 2024 bring? I am excited to get back to our regular Youth schedule to find out what my students want to do in this new year! When we resume Sunday Night Youth on January 14th we will talk about our goals and how we can support each other in our individual and group endeavors.

I am happy to say that we are continuing Wonderful Wednesdays in January, so get ready for Game Night on January 17th at 6pm! We'll have soup, grilled cheese sandwiches and games of every sort!

2023 was a blessing, Christmas was awesome and I'm super excited for January because it's the opportunity to make more memories with this amazing group of young people! Let's GO 2024!!

Through Him,

Charla

Greenville Zoo Outing!

Children and youth will not have regularly scheduled events on Sunday, January 28. Instead, families are invited to meet in the youth room at noon for lunch and then travel to the Greenville Zoo!

Everyone is welcome to join us for this outing. Please let Erin or Charla know if you are coming so we can plan for lunch.

Ken Fortner would like to thank everyone who helped with Santahatchie for the unbelievable work they did at his house.

Bethesda Children's Ministry



Commit to the Lord everything you do. Then your plans will succeed. Proverbs 16:3

January brings such excitement for what is to come. We pray that the Lord blesses our time at church in 2024 and brings us closer to Him. Please take a look at these upcoming events and plan to be a part!

Sunday Afternoon Children's Schedule

We will resume our Sunday afternoon schedule **January 14 and January 21**. This time is for all children aged nursery-5th grade. Children may be signed in and dropped off or families can stay together. Your family can participate in all the events or join in for the parts that work for your schedule. Invite friends and family!

Children's Choir- 3-3:30 pm (upper level of the education building)

Bible Story and Snack- 3:30-4 pm (FLC dining room)

Open Gym- 4-5 pm

God's Knights 2nd Sunday Bible Study and Dinner

January 14, 5-6 pm. Our God's Knights group will meet for a Bible study and dinner. This group is students aged 2nd-5th grade. We meet in the lower level of the education building. On January 14, we will begin a study on the four gospels and eat pizza. At a glance the rest of the school year for God's Knights looks like:

January 14- study Matthew

February 11- study Mark

March 10- study Luke

April 14- study John

May 5- End of the Year Outing!

Wonderful Wednesday

Wednesday, January 17 at 6 pm in the FLC- All are welcome to join us for Game Night. We will have a variety of games and movement activities available to combat winter boredom! Soup and grilled cheese will be served for dinner. Everyone is invited!

We plan to continue to host one Wonderful Wednesday a month.

*Mark your calendars- February 7 at 6 pm- BREAKFAST AND BINGO!

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Sunday School

We would love to talk with you about Sunday School! We have classes for all ages and would love for your family to attend. In addition, we have volunteer opportunities for teachers. Please ask, and we can tell you more!

I am praying for you and your families that this year will be one where we all grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. Please let me know what I can do to help you along the way!

Erin Hiller

Director of Children's Ministry

Bethesda UMC





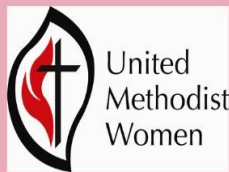
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NURSERY

SCAN TO VOLUNTEER

PLEASE CONTACT ERIN HILLER FOR INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS

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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.



All are invited to join the
Powdersville Garden Club

We meet 9-11am on the first Tuesday of the month in the 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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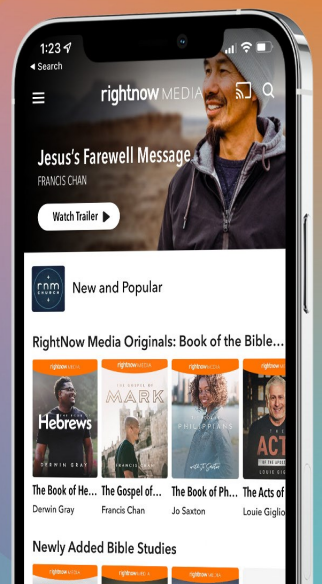
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Tuesday Morning with Pastor Judson

Join Pastor Judson each Tuesday morning beginning January 9th at 10 am in the Parlor for an informal Bible study. We will start with the gospel of Matthew. All are welcome to attend. Contact Judson with any questions.



**The United Methodist Men plan to meet
Monday, January 8 at 7pm
in the dining room of the
Family Life Center.**

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

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!

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



ST. FRANCIS MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY AT POWERSVILLE FAMILY PRACTICE WILL BE PARKED AT BETHESDA UMC

2024 SCHEDULE

MARCH 5

APRIL 16

JUNE 18

AUGUST 13

NOVEMBER 12

CALL 864-675-4875

TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT

***ASK TO BE SCHEDULED ON THE MOBILE AT POWERSVILLE FAMILY PRACTICE AT BETHESDA.**

Wednesday Bible Study: Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes

Jack Galgay will be hosting a bible study from the book "Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes: Removing Cultural Blinders to Better Understand the Bible"

The study will be held at Bethesda from 7-8 pm on Wednesdays beginning January 10th and ending March 6th.

Please email Jack at jack@galgay.net for more information or to register.

January Word Search

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Slippery	Wool	Melt	Wind
Fireplace	Sled	Ski	Storm
Holly	Earmuffs	Blanket	Cardinal
Scarf	Freezing Rain	Heater	Frost
Boots	Snow Angel	Coat	Ice
Chill	Winter	Jacket	Cold

MEMORIALS

In Memory of John Harrison III

The Ware Family

In Memory of Randy Calhoun

Rebecca Floor

In Memory of Jimmy McGarity

Wesley & Rita Harris

Don & Carolyn Hughes

Irene Cely Class

Brenda Long

Lila Shiffner

Donnie & Linda Thompson

Thank you so much for making things a bit brighter and fuller for the children in our community. Your kindness helped us touch the lives of so many. Wishing you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season.

Love,

Carolina Family Services

Stewardship Report:

Actual Received Towards Operating Budget

Thank you for your joyful giving!

Minimum Monthly Expenses \$35,544

September \$31,348

October \$37,491

November \$40,606

December \$43,127

Christmas Love Offering for Staff

The Bethesda UMC staff sends a big thank you for your gracious Christmas gift to us! We also appreciate the Christmas dinner provided by the Staff Parish Relations Committee! It is encouraging to know what we do is appreciated by our congregation!

January Birthdays

1- Harry Ragland, Libby Elrod, Ryan Usry

3- Aubrey White

4- Mark Shoaf, Ann Simmons

5- Olli Nix, Matt Taylor, Rich Otoski

6- Sandra Hinton

7- Eugene Dent, Jodi Dierks, Bill Robinson

8- Adam Hughes

9- Renee Dent, Scott McCreery

10- Ashley Henderson

13- Asa Martin

14- Charlotte Calhoun, Jon Martin

15- Haskell Grant, Gibson Goodale

17- Tobar Owens

18- Angela Tucker

19- Katherine Ream, Kevin Ream

20- Ken Fortner, JJ Leffler

21- Hadley West, Scott Ebert, Amy Hegarty

22- Mary Kate Fain

23- Charlie Blackmon

24- JR Unikas

25- Reagan Hiller

27- Ellison Bloomer, Stuart Cameron

28- Janet Lester

29- Ron Smith

30- Takiko Kline, Rebecca Finley

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Everyone is looking for a new outlook in life, a refreshing of our souls.

What better time to do that is in the New year! Join Bethesda UMC in an inspiring event where you can visit our adult Sunday School classes, travel from one to another and experience what our great Sunday School classes are studying. Bring the kids because we have great children's classes too! The dates of our open house are January 14, 21, 28 and February 4. Remember to invite your new and old friends, neighbors and new folks you meet in church to attend with us. For more information, contact betsyzaglin@yahoo.com

Please welcome our new member, Susan Downs!



Bethesda United Methodist Church

Board & Committee Members 2024

Pastor: Rev. A. Judson King

Church Council

Church Council Chairperson: Bill Baker

Recording Secretary: Patty Ellison

Lay Leader: Bradley Gantt

Lay Members to Annual Conference: David Bryant (Church Council), JoBeth Manley (Finance), Judith Menuey (SPRC)

Nominations and Leadership Development Vice-Chairperson: Bert Reed

Board of Trustees Chairperson: Keith Hiller

Finance Committee Chairperson: Haskell Grant

Staff Parish Relations Committee Chairperson: Judy Caldwell

Treasurer: Marlene Price

Coordinator: Children's Ministries: Courtney Neel

Coordinator, Youth Ministries: Leslie Martin

Coordinator, Senior Adult Ministries: Betsy Zaglin

Coordinator, Missions: Marc Bloomer

Coordinator, Discipleship/Outreach: Susan Snow

Membership Secretary: Dot Hunt

United Methodist Women: Margaret Baker

United Methodist Men: Ed Menuey

Youth Representative: _____ (Selected by the Youth Leadership Team)

Board of Trustees

Chairperson: Keith Hiller

Trustees Emeritus: Mark Raymond, Mike Rogers

<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Phil Denny	Jim Carroll	Drew Finley
Keith Hiller	Lisa Gantt	Mary Jo King
Leslie Martin	Mark Golden	Casey Hegarty

Finance Committee

Chairperson: Haskell Grant

Treasurer: Marlene Price

Lay Leader: Bradley Gantt

Lay Member to Annual Conference: JoBeth Manley

Chairperson of the Church Council: Bill Baker

Chairperson of the Committee on Staff Parish Relations: Judy Caldwell

Chairperson of the Trustees: Keith Hiller

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Mary Rogers	Prissy Holcombe	Bill Krinke
	Larry Thompson	Haskell Grant

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Chairperson: Judy Caldwell

Lay Member to Annual Conference: Judith Menuey

Lay Leader: Bradley Gantt

<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Daniel Blackmon	Bill Edge	Bob Massey
Judy Caldwell	Lee Carroll	Sue Riddle
Richard Taylor	Bob Kouvolov	Charlotte Calhoun

Nominations and Leadership Development Committee

Chairperson: A. Judson King

Vice-Chairperson: Bert Reed

Lay Leader: Bradley Gantt

<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Jan Bryant	Christy Aultman	Dennis Cook
Bert Reed	Harry Ragland	Barry Ellison
Reba Richardson	Kelly Wacenske	Linda Thompson

Benevolence Committee

Marc Bloomer - Chairperson, Missions

Haskell Grant - Chairperson, Finance

Rev. A. Judson King - Pastor

<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Gary Manley	Sheila Lawrence

Teams

Members of teams are those who volunteer to be a part.

Children's Ministries Team - Courtney Neel, Coordinator

Bereavement Team - Haskell Grant, Coordinator, Mary Jo King

Missions Team - Marc Bloomer, Coordinator

Youth Ministries Team - Leslie Martin, Coordinator

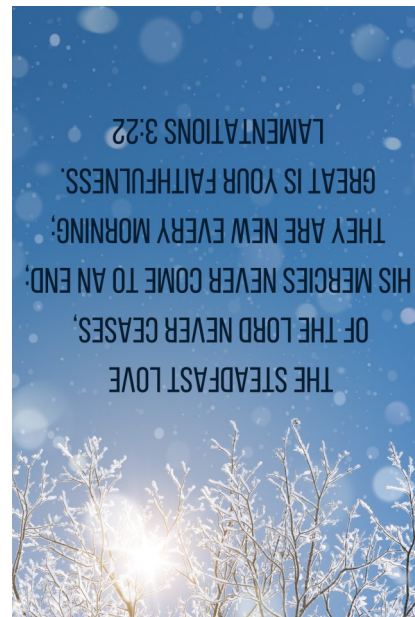
Senior Adult Ministries Team - Betsy Zaglin, Coordinator

Discipleship/Outreach Team - Susan Snow, Coordinator

Altar Guild - Jo Ann Rice, Coordinator

Lay Speaker - David Bryant

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