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*Making disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

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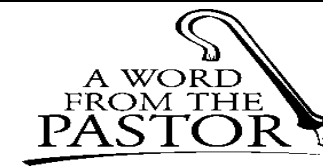
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Rev. Dr. Scott H. Wachter

Bethel United Methodist Church continues to move forward in its efforts to actively engage its members while simultaneously reaching out to others with the love of God. The leaders of the congregation have faithfully and successfully sought to find ways to continue our worship services, ministries, and missions despite the obstacles faced because of the pandemic.

Bethel continues to provide discipleship opportunities for people of all ages. While our Sunday School classes for children, youth, and younger adults have been poorly attended this year, I am particularly pleased with our new discipleship group for youth in grades four through six. We have quickly established a strong ministry attracting young people who have ties to our congregation and youth who are not connected to Bethel. We continue to engage many of our adults in Bible studies and church school classes.

Bethel has continued to maintain a focus on missions while supporting organizations that impact people in our own community and beyond. Our congregation provides food for the hungry (people and pets) in our local community and students at an inner-city high school with a high poverty rate in Charleston. We support children around the globe through Samaritan's Purse and the children in our own community through First Steps. Our congregation is also active in partnering with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to minister to students and coaches at Colleton County High School, Colleton Prep, and USC Salkehatchie.

Bethel is a congregation that cares about one another. Our members receive cards and calls on special days. We provide meals during times of bereavement. And I am pleased to be able to say our members have continued to care for one

another through our very important hot-meal ministry for our shut-ins.

We are continuing to emphasize the importance of fulfilling our vows to support the congregation with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. While our in-person participation in worship is poor, our online participation is strong. Hopefully, our members will all soon return to active participation with the rest of our church family in our sanctuary for divine worship. I, for one, miss being together with all my Bethel family.

This year has been a busy one for our Board of Trustees. This leadership group at Bethel has undertaken a couple of long overdue projects to repair and protect our facilities from the elements. We also had a new phone system and two new copiers installed without negatively impacting our operating expenses. The sanctuary air-conditioning system was completely replaced. A new hearing-assistance system was installed in the sanctuary. And the Trustees are working on a plan to replace our bus that was sold after it blew its engine. It is important to note the fact that all these projects have been undertaken without acquiring any debt. Our Finance Committee and Church Council have done an extraordinary job of being good stewards of the financial gifts of our congregation and the income from our endowments and bequests.

While Bethel is not a large membership church, Bethel continues to have a large impact for Christ in our community and world. I continue to believe that Bethel is a great church, and her best days are yet ahead.

Scott H. Wachter

The Rev. Dr. Scott H. Wachter

Jr. UMYF & UMYF NEWS

The **Jr. UMYF** is for grades fourth through sixth. Jr. UMYF meets on Sundays at **5:00 PM.**

The **UMYF** is for grades seventh through twelfth. UMYF meets on Sundays at **6:00 PM.**



**View our Sunday
11:00 am Worship
Services on our
Facebook page.**



Children's Church is offered on Sunday's during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Young worshippers have a Bible-based story, sing worship songs, play handbells, and make a craft.

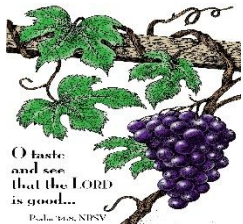


Bethel Men's Group News

The next meeting of the Men's Fellowship will be Tuesday, October 5th at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All men of the church are invited

and encouraged to attend for an evening of dinner, devotion, and fellowship.

Planned activities:



"Taste of Bethel" this year on Wednesday, October 27th. The United Methodist Men will decide at their meeting on October 5th, if it will be advisable to have this event this year. If so, tickets will be available shortly after their meeting.

On **October 15th** we will also be providing a meal to the Colleton County High School football team. This will be a joint endeavor between Men's Fellowship and Bethel's Mission Committee.

Glory Group



When: Tuesday, October 5th

Time: 12:00 PM

Come early for BP check. Enjoy lunch and fellowship. Bring a friend.



The **Sally Starr Circle** will have pecans for sale. The price is the same as last year, \$11.00 per pound. They will have halves and large pieces.

Please contact any circle member or the church office to get yours today!



In Memory of Billy Howell

By Janet and Perry Buckner
By Elton and Charlotte Culpepper

In Memory of Jeannette Berry

By Paul and Fran Pye
By Friends of Kay Preston at The Carolina Real Estate Company
By Peter and Mazie Adams
By Bobby and Harriet Bonds
By Joy and Herman Hoffman
By Ellison and Marie Young
By Peden McLeod
By Tom and Judy Woodward
By Tony and Deloris Hamilton
By Bill and Gail Howell
By Dr. and Mrs. Riddick Ackerman, III
By Russell and Kristy Summer
By Jane Sams
By Terry and Toni Walters
By James (Eddie) Dangerfield and Mike Dangerfield
By Steve Sanders
By Elizabeth Fox Surratt
By Lauren Sauter
By Virginia Chapman, Kathy and Rocky Bell
By Hudson Ingram
By Joanne Herndon
By Patricia (Sissy) Williamson
By Elton and Charlotte Culpepper
By Rev. David and Mrs. Lee Dean Cox
By Wendy, Joe, Bradley, and Lucas Clark
By Dorothy and Walter Knell

In Memory of Orene Hudson

By the Scootin' Boots

In Memory of Leona Fennell

By Elton and Charlotte Culpepper

In Memory of Donna Fender

By Delores Crosby
By Elton and Charlotte Culpepper

"It's better to be an optimist who is sometimes wrong than a pessimist who is always right." —Mark Twain

"It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it." —Nelson Mandela



TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 31; 5:00-6:00 p.m.

The UMYF will be setting up and working the games and activities for all the children who attend. Adults are needed to bring their decorated vehicles and give out candy in the parking lot.



**Charge Conference
Sunday, October 10th
3:30 PM**

The Walterboro District Superintendent, the Rev. Joey McDonald, will be with us this year. He will meet with the members of the SPRC in the fellowship hall at 3:00 p.m. And then, he will conduct the Charge Conference in the sanctuary at 3:30 p.m. While SPRC meetings are closed, everyone is invited to attend the Charge Conference.



**World Communion
Sunday
Sunday, October 3**

Bethel will once again join the worldwide Church of Jesus Christ in observance of this special day. Despite the many things that divide us, the disciples of Jesus are as one when kneeling together at the altar table. Join us at 8:45 or 11:00 a.m.



On **Monday, October 11th** and **Saturday, October 23rd** from **11:00 AM to 4:00 PM** a local physician will conduct a drive-thru COVID vaccination clinic in the Church/City parking lot.

"I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer." —Martin Luther



Bible Quiz

Hebrews 11 is called the Hall of Faith because it's a partial list of ancestors who lived out their belief in God. Who is named in this chapter?

- A. Adam, Eve and Seth
- B. Abel, Enoch, Noah and Sarah
- C. Moses' parents, Moses and Rahab
- D. Deborah, Bathsheba and Huldah
- E. A and B
- F. B and C
- G. C and D

Answer: F



Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



F_r by gr_c_y_ _ h_v_
b_ _ n s_v_d thr_ _gh
f_ _th, _nd th_s_s n_t
y_ _r_wn d_ _ng; _t_s
th_g_ft_f G_d — n_t th_
r_s_lt_f w_rks, s_ th_t
n_ _n_ m_y b_ _st.
_ph_s_ _ns 2:8-9, NRSV



Answer: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV

OCTOBER Birthdays

Haskell Moore	1	Carroll Leonard	14
Cindy Riley		Gerald Beach	17
Nick Fanchette		Mary Anne Cannady	
Christopher Slocum	3	Caroline Johnson	18
Gail Eppinette	5	Darrin Sisk	
Sylvia Rowland	7	Jake Jacobs	
Joy Lawson		Steven Copeland	19
Lindsey Davis	8	Peyton Pryor	
Amanda Furr		Rick Ackerman	20
Eli Rowe		Lucas Bell	
Bailey Stone		Robert Baggett	22
Jarrett Ritter	9	Wade Crosby	
Rachel McGhie	10	Rebekah White	
Kristy Harris	11	Kyla Bailey	
Sue McCunn	12	Robert H. Baggett, Jr.	
Jessica Hiers		Michael Padgett	30
Sherry Honeycutt	13	Buist Bickley	31
North Hipp	14	Kaye Speaks	
Ryan Hipp			

OCTOBER Anniversaries

Leddy and Vicki Smith	1
Dwight and Lisa Mitchell	7
Johnny and Shelley Thomas	18
Hal and Jennifer Dean	19
Bill and Jill Stephens	24
Gary and Carol Hermann	26
Carl and Grace Ann Brown	27

Please contact the church office at 843-549-7691 if your information is incorrect or missing. Thank you.

In honor of **Elijah and Kaeleigh Forni** on their wedding day by Natalie and Mike Wilson

In Honor of **my family** by Lucille Culpepper.



Appreciating your pastor

Many people have complex relationships with their pastors because faith, church and God involve a mix of emotions. We have particular ideas about church practices, congregational priorities, the minister's use of time, money, authority and more.

But most pastors are deeply devoted to Christ and believe that God has called them to serve in a certain place. They have the best of intentions and work hard to share the good news of the gospel. So in honor of Pastor Appreciation Month in October, consider the following:

God doesn't call the qualified; he qualifies the called. Your pastor may need time to learn and develop certain skills. (Everyone does!) Bless pastors with your patience.

We don't change the message; the message changes us. You probably won't like all your pastor's sermons or newsletter columns. But instead of complaining, ponder that something may rub you the wrong way because God is trying to change you. Keep an open mind and heart.

If a church wants a "better" pastor, it just needs to pray for the one it has. Pray often and caringly for your pastors, church leaders and their families. The role is challenging, so support them spiritually and ask God to reveal his love and grace to these special servants.



Grace – What a Gift!

Grace strikes us when we are in great pain and restlessness. It strikes us when we walk through the dark valley of a meaningless and empty life. It strikes us when our disgust for our own being, our indifference, our weakness, our hostility, and our lack of direction and composure have become intolerable to us. It strikes us when, year after year, the longed-for perfection of life does not appear, when the old compulsions reign within us as they have for decades, when despair destroys all joy and courage.

Sometimes at that moment a wave of light breaks into our darkness, and it is as though a voice were saying: "You are accepted." —Paul Tillich



Bethel Members, their families, and others in the Bethel extended church family who need your prayers:

Our Circle of Concerns:

OUR PRAYERS: Mike Bazzle, Regina Benton, Alice Byrnes, Maddox Carter, Ricky Carter, Lee Dean Cox, David Cox, Sarah Dean, Betty Fischer, Joyce Gentry, Diana Hawkins, Karen Hiers, Joy Hoffman, Caroline Johnson, Deborah Jones, Kevin Kwant, Adelyn Leopard, Patti Lohr, Charlie Mangum, Peden McLeod, Heather Mills, Sally Moore, William Nay, Ann Nettles, Lynn Nettles, Ed Newington, Tyler Pope, Archie Reed, Marshall Ryan, Joseph Saegh, Michael Saegh, Lance Sims, Kacee Strickland, Deborah Walker, Norma West, Miriam Westbury, Anne Williams, Holland Williams.

Nursing Homes/Shut-Ins: Frances Beach, Betty Barbour, Travis Beeson, Carroll Brown, III, Jane Brown, Mary Esther Crook, Sarah Anne Dean, Joyce Gentry, Jean McElmurray, Millie Murray, Dorothy Reeves, Rusty Riddle, Bill Wilson, Betty Sue Wilson. **Military Service:** Christian Beasley, Caleb Blankenship, Elijah and Kaeleigh Forni, Matthew Mangum, Edward Phillips, Blake Rhodes, Erin P. Walters.



Please call the church office at 843-549-7691 to have a name added to our prayer list. Also please call the church office if you have a spiritual need or concern and wish to speak with Pastor Scott.

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of August 31, 2021

	General Fund	Building Fund
2021 Budget	\$404,414	\$71,350
Needed to Date	\$269,610	\$47,567
Received to Date	\$283,498	\$52,730
Surplus (Deficit)	\$13,888	\$5,163

Combined Funds

Actual Revenues	\$336,228
Budget	\$317,176
Income OVER Budget	\$19,052
Actual Expenses	\$291,126
Income OVER Expenses	\$45,103



Cookies for Burke Football Team

Bethel needs volunteers to make cookies to for the Burke Football team for their home games. If you can bake cookies, please call Carol Armentrout to sign up for a week. Each person should bake 3 dozen cookies. Cookies need to be in disposable containers and at the church by 12:00 PM on the Friday of the game. **Dates: 10/08/2021**

10/15/2021 10/22/2021 10/29/2021



The Reverend Dr. Scott Wachter and the church family of Bethel wish to extend our deepest sympathy to William "Bobo" Hudson and family on the death of his mother **Orene Hudson**.

The Reverend Dr. Scott Wachter and the church family of Bethel wish to extend our deepest sympathy to **Melanie Ritter** and family on the death of her mother **Donna Fender**.

The Reverend Dr. Scott Wachter and the church family of Bethel wish to extend our deepest sympathy to **Joyce Breland, Ted Kinard**, and family on the death of their brother **Willis Kinard**.

The Reverend Dr. Scott Wachter and the church family of Bethel wish to extend our deepest sympathy to **Joyce Breland** and family on the death of her daughter-in-law, Judy Pope Breland.



Dear Bethel family,

It has been four months now since my surgery, I'm feeling good & as far as I know am cancer free. I want to say thank you for your many prayers, food, lawn mowing and your loving attention to my well being and recovery. **Philippians 1:19** tells us "for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance." That is, by your prayers God was faithful to deliver me from cancer and issues with my recovery. God hears prayer. The Bible tells me so and we are witness to it. **1 John 5:14**¹⁴ This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."

Your servant in Christ,
Tom Whitacre

Dear Bethel Church Family,
Thank you so much for all of your care and concern following my car accident in July. Your prayers were felt. Your food was enjoyed. Your concern was uplifting and sustaining. Your patience was both encouraging and appreciated.

In Christian love,
Lynn McElmurray