

March 11, 2018

11:00 A.M.

"This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can't receive because it neither sees Him nor recognizes Him. You know Him, because He lives with you and will be with you." —John 14:17

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

(*) The asterisk is to indicate that those who are able are invited to stand.

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Runyan

As the prelude begins, please take your seat & center yourself for worship.

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations

Moments of Fellowship

WE PRAISE GOD

***Call to Worship UMH#349** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* LEMMEL

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in his wonderful face, wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow
Strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.
(Sing Twice)

***Opening Prayer**

***Opening Hymn #715** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* DARWALL'S 148th

***Affirmation of Faith #881** *The Apostle's Creed*

Leader: Let us join in expressing our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offertory *Air* Handel

***Doxology #95**
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below, Praise him
above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Ministers: Bethel Congregation Members and our Church Staff

J.B. Barnett, Custodian
Jason Barrs, Director of Family Ministries & Contemporary Worship
Carol Burger, Preschool Director
LaTonya Fleming, Administrative Assistant
Sylvia Hulbert, Director of Handbell Choir
Marian Scullion, Director of Music Ministries
Bill Webb, Organist
Rev. Matt Yon, Minister

Mission Prayer Focus — This week, we are praying for Bhutan

This week, we are praying for Bhutan. Bhutan is located between China and India. It is one of the least evangelized nations in the world. Christians in this country are denied religious freedom. Most communities of faith are house churches. Christians in this country face many different types of persecutions from loss of free education and health care to harassments and beatings. Despite persecution, converts are coming to faith in Jesus Christ. Pray that more people in this country will leave their earthly, household gods and truly worship God of the universe.

UM Men's Club Boston Butt Fundraiser

UMM is excited to announce its Boston Butts fundraiser is set for pick-up on Saturday, March 31. Tickets may be purchased from Men's Club members for \$30. All ticket purchases must be made in advance by Wednesday, March 21 in order for the club to make its order.

Rehoboth UMC Drive Through Drama

Please come and be a part of the Easter Story at Rehoboth United Methodist Church! March 23rd (6:00-8:30) and March 24th (6:00-8:30). All you will need to do is dress-up in a period costume and participate! You may sign up for Friday or Saturday or BOTH! Arrive at 6 pm and have refreshments provided by Rehoboth, dress in your costume and be in your scene from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex or you can contact Karen Furr (803) 240-4642 with your name, size for your costume, and your gender. Please let us know by Monday, **March 12, 2018** if you are able to join us for a fun night of Evangelism and support of our brothers and sisters at Rehoboth United Methodist.

Start making plans to join the BUMS for a celebration of the first day of Spring!

At 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20, BUMS will leave the Bethel back parking lot for 10:00 a.m. guided tour of the McKissick Museum at the University of South Carolina. The tour will last about an hour and a half ('til about 11:30 a.m.) We will eat lunch at McCutcheon House. The cost is \$12.00 a person. If you can join us for this special day, please call Mary Ott at (803) 787-3103 or send an email to OTT@sc.rr.com. Please respond by Monday, March 19th.



Easter Egg-Stravaganza Sat., March 31 @ 11am - 1 pm

Join us for games, inflatables and an Egg Hunt. Invite your friends and neighbors and don't miss out on a great event!!

We Need Your Help!!

We are collecting individually wrapped candy (NO CHOCOLATE) and bags of eggs for our Egg-Stravaganza. If you would like to help contribute to this, drop off your donations in the baskets located throughout the church. Your help is greatly appreciated! Let's make this a great event for our community!!

Memorial Garden Plots Are Available

Our Memorial Garden (phase II) plots are available for purchase. You can choose from a single plot to a multi-family area. The total cost per plot is \$1,000.00. The cost includes the vault, urn and granite marker. Please see Lee Wilson, Memorial Garden chairperson, or contact him at [803-740-9952](tel:803-740-9952).

Serving the Congregation Today

Greeters: Arnette & Ron Jordan and Cathy Crumpler

Sound System Operator: David Walker

Acolyte: Foster Barrs

Children's Moment: Louise Davis

Ushers: Sid George, Larry Cope, Diane Roddey and Arnette Jordan

Offering Counters: Dianna Elliott and Janis Lawther

Sanctuary Preparers: Cheryl Johnson and Janis Lawther

Sanctuary Lock up after Service: Bill Lucas and Ken Wood


March UMW Working Circle (Flowers): Belle Dent/Lina Ott

Nursery Workers: Danyelle Copeland & Lauren Lawley

Memory Verse for March 11

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden"
—Matthew 5:14

ACTIVITIES AT BETHEL & YOUTH NEWS
Youth will meet at 4:30-6 pm in The Zone.
PEEPS (Positive Elementary Praising Our Savior)
Grades 1-5
Sun Mar 18 4:30-6 pm
Wear your green for St. Patrick's Day to avoid a pinch!!
We will be participating in a Nerf War. We will have snacks, drinks & devotion. Mark your calendars and invite a friend...it's going to be a blast!!
For more information about activities at Bethel, contact Jason Barrs, Director of Family Ministries bjasonbarrs@gmail.com



Lenten Cross
Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.
Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.
The Lenten Cross symbolizes the suffering and agony that Jesus endured before His death. The purple represents the message of repentance and has been the color of Lent. The letters "INRI" stand for a Latin phrase that translates "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." Today, the pitcher and towel at the base of the cross symbolize the humility of Christ, the example He gave us by washing the disciples' feet, and the servant role of discipleship in the world today (see John 13:1-17).

Children's Moment Louise Davis

As children return to their seats, please sing the chorus of:
Jesus Loves the Little Children Root

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, They are precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.

***Hymn of Preparation #467** *Trust and Obey* TRUST AND OBEY

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem *Immortal, Invisible* ST DENIO rr Malin

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
The ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious,
Thy great Name we praise.

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see,
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture John 14:15-21 N.T. p. 109
Sermon "The Guide For Our Life" Rev. Matt Yon

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

***Hymn of Dedication and Service**
#347 Spirit Song SPIRIT SONG

***Closing Prayer**

***Choral Response**

***Chiming of the Trinity**

***Postlude** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Maker

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday Office Hours 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Phone number 803-787-3058

Publication Submission Deadlines

The deadline for the **Bulletin** is 12 Noon on the preceding Tuesday.
The deadline for the **Messenger** is 9:00 am on the 3rd Monday of each month.
Please contact the church office as soon as possible to get your upcoming events on the calendar. Rooms are scheduled on a first-come basis.

Upcoming Events @ Bethel United

Sunday, March 11

9:00 Reach! Service (PAB)
9:45 Bible Study (EB)
11:00 Worship (S)
4:15 Handbell Rehearsal (CR)
4:00 Beloved Ministry (Mt. Tabor Lutheran)
4:30 Youth (Zone)

Monday, March 12

8:30 Preschool (EB)
3:00 Lina Ott Circle (CR)

Tuesday, March 13

8:30 Preschool (EB)
10:30 Belle Dent Circle (CR)
2:30 Good News (Satchel Ford)
6:00 Sylvia Hulsey Circle (PAB)
7:00 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

No Finance Committee

Wednesday, March 14

8:30 Preschool (EB)
2:30 Pray for Bethel (CR)
6:00 Reach Band Rehearsal (PAB)

Thursday, March 15

8:30 Preschool (EB)
10:00 Kitchen Committee Clean-Up (PAB)

Sunday, March 18

9:00 Reach! Service (PAB)
9:45 Bible Study (EB)
11:00 Worship (S)
4:15 Handbell (CR)
4:30 Youth (Zone)
4:30 PEEPS (PAB)

Monday, March 19

8:30 Preschool (EB)
6:00 Church Council (PAB)

Tuesday, March 20

8:30 Preschool (EB)
9:30 BUMS (McKissick Museum)
7:00 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Wednesday, March 21

8:30 Preschool (EB)
2:30 Pray for Bethel (CR)
6:00 Reach Band Rehearsal (PAB)

Thursday, March 22

8:30 Preschool (EB)
9:00 Wesley Covenant Group (Zone)
2:30 Kitchen Committee (PAB)
5:00 Preschool Spaghetti Dinner (PAB)

Saturday, March 24

9:30 Neighborhood Group (CR)
5:00 Beloved Ministry Social Event @ Ausome Gym

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday

9:00 Reach! Service (PAB)
9:00 Handbell Rehearsal (S)
9:45 Bible Study (EB)
11:00 Worship (S)
12:00 Holroyd SS Luncheon (PAB)
4:15 Handbell (CR)

CR—Conference Rm PAB—Pool Activities
EB—Education Bldg Building
NJC—New Journey S—Sanctuary

Special Prayers for those in Hospitals/Rehab

Herman Berry; Rev. Matt Brewington, Betty Onley, Rice Estate Lutheran Home; Cora Jiles at White Oak; Velma Neely, Home; Nancy Johnson, The Blake; Lucy Kelly, home; Margaret Marshall, home; Frances Yon, Presbyterian Home; Carmen Pool, Lowman Home; Bryce Smith, Palmetto, Jim and Mary Weir

Upper Room Prayer line: Georgia, OH; Victoria, AZ; Shirley MS; Chanel, LA; Paul, NY; Harry, WA; Ron, CA; Sasha, CA; Jenny, TX; Melanie, NY; Melanie, NY; Mabel, LA; Lynn, CA; Dick, CA; Brian, CA; Janis, PA; Belinda, PA; Carly, IN; Betty, MN; Patty, SC. **Please continue to keep these people in your hearts during your prayer time. Thank you.**

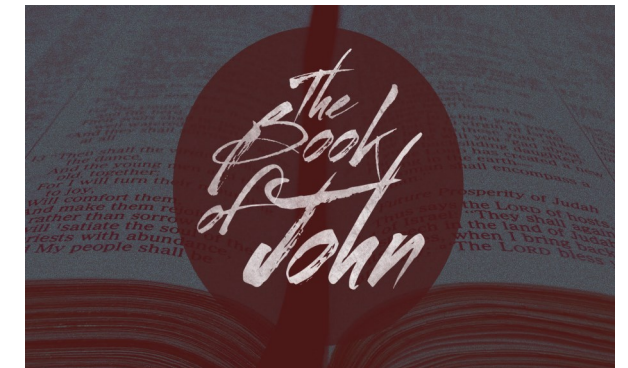


KNOWING, LOVING, SERVING
...so the world will experience Christ's love!

Sunday, March 12, 2018

Color is Purple

4th Sunday in Lent



Welcome!

Good morning and welcome to all guests, members, youth, and children worshipping with us today.

We are glad that you decided to join us for worship!

We hope you will experience the hope and love of Jesus Christ as we worship together. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to make this church your church home.

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