

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

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

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

**There are large print hymnals available for those who need one.

Please ask an usher to bring you one.

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *God of the Ages* National Hymn

***Presentation of the Colors** Charles Bryn and Kathryn Emery,
US Army veterans

***American Flag Pledge**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

***Christian Flag Pledge:**

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Miller/Jackson

Opening Prayer

*UMH #696 *America the Beautiful* Materna

*Confession and Pardon (see insert)

Children's Moment Janel Bell

As the children return to their seats,
please sing the chorus of *Jesus Loves Me*.

***Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.***

Anthem *God Bless America* arr. Fred Waring

Prayers of the People

Bethel Minister and Church Staff

Pastor Mason H. Cantey

J.B. Barnett, Custodian

Carol Burger, Preschool Director

Sheryl L. Jones, Administrative Assistant

Jacquetta Thomas, Custodian

Bill Webb, Organist / Choir Director

Summer Concert at Laurel Crest

Sylvia Hulbert invites her Bethel church family to attend the Laurel Crest Chorus and Chimes Choir Concert on Tuesday, July 9th at 3 p.m. in the Three Rivers Room at Laurel Crest in West Columbia.

Sylvia has been singing with the chorus since she and Bill moved to the Laurel Crest Retirement Community in 2021.

Church Directory

Please pick up an updated Church Directory from the narthex today.

If any changes need to be made in the directory, please let Sheryl in the church office know.

Bethel Needs Your Help!

There are many ways you can serve at Bethel.

- Teaching Sunday School for classes of all ages
- Leading a Bible study
- Learning how to run the live stream equipment during our Worship Services, Special Events and/or Funerals
- Serving as Ushers, Greeters, Acolytes
- Being a nursery worker during Sunday School, Worship Services or special events
- Offering an Opening Prayer, being a Reader of Scripture, or leading a Children's Moment
- Being a member of Bethel's prayer team
- Helping out in the church office, i.e. answering the phone, folding bulletins, preparing mail-outs, etc.
- Need help with donation box and batteries, i.e. delivering donations and recycling materials

There are many ways to serve, these are only a few. I know you will be blessed as well as be a blessing! If you are willing to help, please contact Pastor Mason Cantey or Sheryl in the church office.

Serving the Congregation Today

Acolyte(s): Micaela McDonald

Altar Stewards: Kimberly Wilson, Karen Stewart, Dave Barnes

Communion Steward: Sally Hafner

Children's Moment: Janel Bell

Greeters: Tom Elliott and Charles Byrn

Livestream: Cameron Wood and Sterling Davis

Offering Counters: Kimberly Wilson and Debbie Carter

Special Prayers for Bethel Friends and Family

(in alphabetical order)

In Hospitals, Assisted Living, Rehab:

Carolyn Bowers (Watercrest Columbia)

Nancy Burkhalter (Atria)

Sara Derrick (Atria)

Bill Hulbert (Presbyterian Community, Room 8)

Sylvia Hulbert (Laurel Crest)

Mary Kirby (TerraBella Windsor Lake)

Frances May (Generations of Irmo)

Sarah Parker (Still Hopes)

Carmen Pool (Rice Estates)

Donna Swygert, Velma Neeley's daughter (Lakeside Place Senior Living)

At home: Eugene Appleman, Jo Dowdey, Tom Elliott, Frank Hafner, Chris Huggins (friend of Carolyn Armstrong), Verta Ingbretsen, Margie Jackson, Bonnie Lutz, Rosa Nichols, Brenda Shealy, Verlon (Stoney) Stone, and Dan Toma

Out-of-Town: Irene Boyd, Iva Dell Griffin, Wayne Hairfield, (Debbie Carter's relative), Anne Hynds, Jake Lass (Debbie Carter's relative), Morgan Varn (Debbie Carter's relative), Jackson Bell (Suzette Wilson's grandnephew at MUSC - rec'd heart transplant), Roberta Yount, and Morrie and Bessie Cruse (grandparents of preschool student)

The families of: Mac Marshall, Mary Ott, Jean Tolbert, Adelyn Price, Connie Fowke, Bethany Naser, Cindy McLemore Partin and Margaret Marshall

Attendance and Offering

June 30, 2024

Sunday School - Data not available

Worship in-person - 64 Online - 143

Offering \$3,144.75

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me..." Matthew 19:14

We welcome all persons in worship and rejoice in the sounds of God's little blessings in our sanctuary! A room is available in the back of the sanctuary for crying babies, nursing or pumping mothers at any time.

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.

Offertory *Lift Every Voice and Sing* Johnson

*Doxology *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.*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Galatians 5:3-18 and John 8:31-35
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Free for Life" Rev. Mason H. Cantey

The Breaking of the Bread, Offering of the Cup and Sharing in the Feast
At this time, you are invited to come up to the altar to receive the elements.
If you would prefer pre-packaged communion elements, please let one of
the servers know. After receiving, please use the outer aisles to return to
your pew.

The Prayer After Receiving
**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have
given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of
your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our
Lord, Amen.**

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

*UMH #365 *Grace Greater Than Our Sin* D.B. Towner

*Benediction

*Postlude *This Is the Feast of Victory* Festival Canticle

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Phone: 803-787-3058
Email: office@bethelmethodistcolumbia.com

Publication Submission Deadlines

The deadline for the *Bulletin* is 3:00 pm on the preceding Tuesday.
The deadline for the *Messenger* is 12:00 noon on the 20th of the 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 at Bethel

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| <p>Sunday, July 7
 9:45 Children, Youth, and Adult
 Sunday School (EB)
 11:00 Traditional Worship Service
 w/communion (S / livestream)</p> <p>Monday, July 8
 10:00 Staff Meeting (CR)
 6:00 Board of Trustees Meeting (CR)</p> <p>Tuesday, July 9
 9:00 Preschool Summer Camp (EB)</p> <p>Wednesday, July 10
 9:00 Preschool Summer Camp (EB)
 5:30 Weight Watchers Mtg. (PAB)</p> <p>Thursday, July 11
 9:00 Preschool Summer Camp (EB)</p> <p>Friday, July 12
 10:00 Memorial Service for Margaret
 Marshall (S) (Memorial Garden)
 with Reception to Follow (PAB)</p> <p>Saturday, July 13
 8:30 Weight Watchers Mtg. (PAB)
 10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)
 12:00 Reserved for birthday party
 (PAB)</p> | <p>Sunday, July 14
 9:45 Children, Youth, and Adult
 Sunday School (EB)
 11:00 Traditional Worship Service
 (S / livestream)
 12:00 Reserved for birthday party
 (PAB)</p> <p>Tuesday, July 16
 9:00 Preschool Summer Camp (EB)
 6:00 Finance Committee Mtg. (CR)</p> <p>Wednesday, July 17
 9:00 Preschool Summer Camp (EB)
 5:30 Weight Watchers Mtg. (PAB)</p> <p>Thursday, July 18
 9:00 Preschool Summer Camp (EB)</p> <p>Saturday, July 20
 8:30 Weight Watchers Mtg. (PAB)
 10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)</p> |
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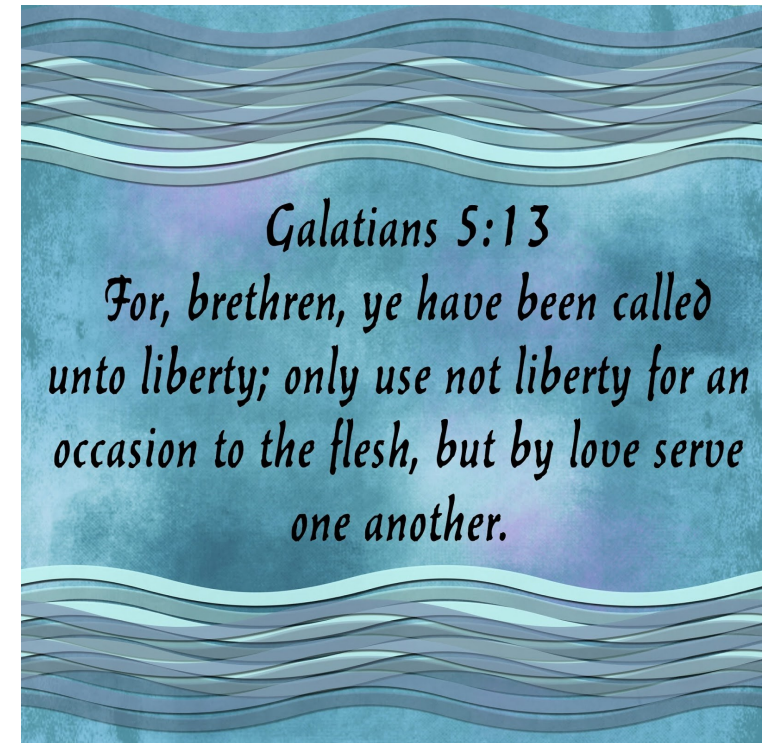
CR - Conference Room
EB - Education Building
PAB - Pool Activities Building
S - Sanctuary
NJ - New Journeys Room

Ways to Connect

Website: www.bethelmethodistcolumbia.com
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KNOWING, LOVING, SERVING
...so the world will experience Christ's love!



Sunday, July 7, 2024
7th Sunday After Pentecost
The Color is Red

Welcome!

*We are so glad you decided to join us for worship.
Our hope is that you will experience the love of Jesus Christ
while you are among us and join us in sharing God's Good News
with the world. If you do not have a church home,
we invite you to become part of the Bethel Church family.*