



Wednesday Nights
Beginning September 10
Supper begins at 5 pm
Children's Activities start at 6 pm
Classes for others start at 6:15 pm

Stewardship is being loyal to your commitment through prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Attendance
Worship 391, Online Worship 47, Sunday School 228

Gifts (*Figures for August 10, 2025. These figures are unverified.)			
*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	\$16,761.00		
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	\$669,775.36		
*Operating Expense Funding YTD-Deficit(-)/Surplus(+)	-\$41,081.64	-5.78%	

Capital Campaign (Figures for August 10, 2025)	
*Building Contributions Last Week.....	\$1,450.00



Ways to Give
Scan this QR Code for PushPay online or text
833.245.8417 to give from your phone!



STEPHEN MINISTRY
If you or someone you know would like to speak with a Stephen Minister, please contact the church office or Rev. Isaac Dusenbury.

Church Contact Information

(843) 873-1230
 www.bethany-umc.com
 118 W 3rd South St
Summerville, SC 29483
After Hours Emergency Contact: (843) 425-1069

Scan to view our Monthly Calendar

Welcome!

We are pleased you joined us in worship.
If you are looking for a church home,
please speak with a member of our clergy or staff.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICE

Liturgist: Linda Huffman

Greeter: Berlin and Betsy Myers

Ushers: Jeremy Dunlap, Greg Horres, Shane Kersting,
Travis Wheeler, Mark Watson, Mac Burdette, Joey Herring



PASTORS

Rev. Michael Ritter, Senior Pastor
Rev. Isaac Dusenbury, Associate Pastor

STAFF

Reagan Lord, Director of Music
Michael Lopez, Organist
Emily Vick, Director of Christian Education
Kyle Boczkowski, Director of Youth and Recreation Ministries

A Stephen Ministries Congregation

Our Care Team is here to support our congregation!
If you know of a congregational care need that requires our attention,
please let us know. Sunday School Classes and Bethany members are
encouraged to reach out. Contact the church office 843.873.1230
or the after hours emergency phone at 843.425.1069.

Bethany United Methodist Church

Summerville, South Carolina



An Order of Sunday Worship

10th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 17, 2025

United Methodist Mission Statement:
"Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World."

CALL TO WORSHIP		
<i>The liturgical color for the season of Pentecost is green, representing growth and new life.</i>		
<i>*please stand in body or spirit</i>		
GATHERING		
CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE		
*HYMN OF PRAISE	Soon and Very Soon	VERY SOON UMH 706
*THE APOSTLES' CREED		UMH 881
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.		
*GLORIA PATRI	Glory Be to the Father	MEINEKE UMH 70
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.		
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		EMILY VICK
(Children ages K5 thru 2 nd grade are dismissed for Children's Church in Room 214. Please remember to attach a Children's Church sticker to your child and pick them up ASAP.)		
ANTHEM	How Firm a Foundation	EMMA LOU DIEMER
CHANCEL CHOIR & CONGREGATION		
The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!		

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	ISAIAH 5: 1-7	OT 634 LINDA HUFFMAN
This is the word of God for the people of God.		
Thanks be to God.		

PRAYER AND PRAISE		
CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER		
Psalm 141		
CHANCEL CHOIR		
My prayers rise like incense, my hands like the evening sacrifice.		

CALL TO PRAYER
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

DEDICATION		
OFFERTORY		
Guide My Feet		
KYAI WARD, MEZZO– SOPRANO		

Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

*DOXOLOGY	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	LASST UNS ERFREUEN UMH 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!		

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD		
*GOSPEL LESSON	LUKE 12: 49-56	NT 75 REV. MICHAEL RITTER
This is the word of God for the people of God.		
Thanks be to God.		

SERMON	Our Splintered World	REV. MICHAEL RITTER
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SENDING FORTH		
*HYMN OF INVITATION	Steal Away to Jesus	STEAL AWAY UMH 704
*BENEDICTION		
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE		

Irish Blessing
May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; May the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY
*POSTLUDE

With heartfelt Christian sympathy, we extend our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Michael Marek Sr., who entered the Church Triumphant on August 9. He was the beloved husband of Melonea Marek.

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God in joyful celebration of Kyle and Makala Boczkowski's wedding anniversary. They are lovingly placed in honor of Makala by her husband, Kyle, and their daughter, Gracie, with heartfelt gratitude for the blessing she is to their family.