



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.

Worship 391, Online Worship 47, Sunday School 228

<u>Gifts</u> (*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	-5.789

Capital Campaign (Figures for August 10, 2025)

*Building Contributions Last Week... \$1,450.00

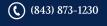


Ways to Give

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

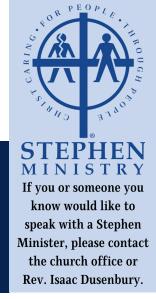


Church Contact Information











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

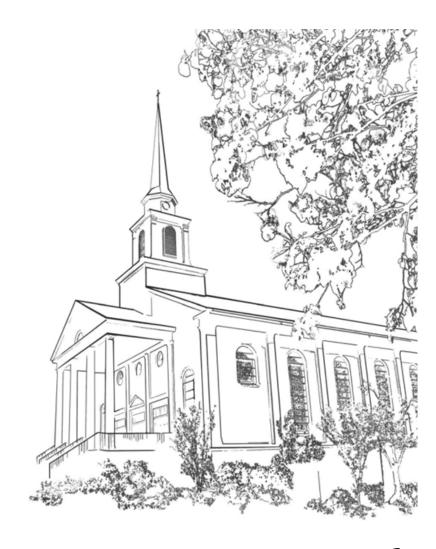
Emily Vick, Director of Christian Education Kyle Boczkowski, Director of Youth and Recreation Ministries

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

The liturgical color for the season of Pentecost is green, representing growth and new life.

*please stand in body or spirit

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

MEINEKE

Glory Be to the Father

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 2nd 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

Thanks be to God.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

ISAIAH 5: 1-7

OT 634 LINDA HUFFMAN

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

Steal Away to Jesus

REV. MICHAEL RITTER

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF INVITATION

STEAL AWAY UMH 704

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

LEE TURNER

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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

Psalm 141

ARLO D DUBA

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

JACQUELINE B. HAIRSTON

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN **Uмн 94**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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!