



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

Attendance
Worship 339, Online Worship 26, Sunday School 239

Gifts (*Figures for August 24, 2025. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	\$10,987.04	
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	\$707,989.40	
*Operating Expense Funding YTD-Deficit(-)/Surplus(+)	-\$47,296.60	-6.26%

Capital Campaign (Figures for August 24, 2025)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	\$1098.75
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Ways to Give
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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

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: Isaac Dusenbury

Greeters: Jennifer Bailey & Martha Proctor

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

12th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 31, 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	HERSLEY UMH 616	<i>Come Sinners, to the Gospel Feast</i>
*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 UMH 70	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>
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		
	TOM TRENNY	<i>For Everyone Born</i>
CHANCEL CHOIR		
<i>For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,</i>		

*and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!*

*For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, (Refrain)*

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free, (Refrain)*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON JEREMIAH 2: 4-13

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REV. ISAAC DUSENBURY

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

Thanks be to God.

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

For the Beauty of the Earth

JOHN RUTTER

WOMEN OF THE CHANCEL CHOIR

*DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	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 14: 1, 7-14	NT 77 REV. MICHAEL RITTER
This is the word of God, for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		
SERMON	<i>Humble Pie</i>	REV. MICHAEL RITTER
SENDING FORTH		
*HYMN OF INVITATION	<i>Blest Be The Tie That Binds</i>	DENNIS UMH 557
*BENEDICTION		
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE		
<i>Irish Blessing</i>		
May the road rise to meet you, May the wind blow at your back, May the sun shine warmly on your face; May the rain fall softly on your field; And until we meet again, until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.		
*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		
*POSTLUDE		
<i>The rose on the altar is placed in celebration of the birth of Everly Virginia. She is the beloved daughter of Ryan and Jackie Kohlhepp, and little sister Jackson.</i>		
<i>The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Amy and Lynwood Locklair by their children.</i>		