

Town Hall Meeting

Join us for a Town Hall Meeting
as we celebrate where we are and
where God is leading us next

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
10 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

 **BETHANY UMC**

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:** Gillis McAllister
- Greeters:** Robert & Elizabeth Brown
- Ushers:** Billy Phillips, Tim McConnell, Leon Fleischauer,
Fred Skipper, Pete Knight, Donna Waite



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

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

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 14, 2025


Make Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the Transformation of the World.



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.

Scan to learn more
about Stephen Ministry



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

Attendance
Worship 327, Online Worship 59, Sunday School 224

Gifts (*Figures for September 7, 2025. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	\$13,785.04	
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	\$744,173.40	
*Operating Expense Funding YTD-Deficit(-)/Surplus(+)	-\$55,326.60	-6.92%

Capital Campaign (Figures for September 7, 2025)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	\$1180.00
*Building Contributions Year to Date	\$76,764.10

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)..... 97,442.07



Ways to Give

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

Church Contact Information

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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		
REV. MICHAEL RITTER		
PRELUDE		
*HYMN OF PRAISE		
<i>Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>		NETTLETON UMH 400
*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		
<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>		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.		
THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION		
EMILY VICK		
(Children ages K5 thru 2 nd grade are dismissed for Children’s Church in Room 214 after the presentation. Please remember to attach a Children’s Church sticker to your child and pick them up ASAP.)		
EPISTLE LESSON		
1 TIMOTHY 1: 1-12-17		NT 208 GILLIS McALLISTER
This is the word of God for the people of God.		
Thanks be to God.		

PRAYER AND PRAISE		
CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER		
<i>Let Thy Holy Presence</i>		TSCHESNIKOFF/HOPSON
CHANCEL CHOIR		
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		
<i>Fight the Good Fight</i>		JOHN GARDINER
CHANCEL CHOIR		
<i>Fight the good fight with all thy might.</i>		
<i>Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.</i>		
<i>Lay hold on life, and it shall be</i>		
<i>Thy joy and crown eternally.</i>		
<i>Run the straight race through God's good grace;</i>		
<i>lift up thine eyes, and seek His face.</i>		
<i>Life with its way before us lies;</i>		
<i>Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.</i>		
<i>Cast care aside; lean on thy guide.</i>		
<i>His boundless mercy will provide.</i>		
<i>Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove</i>		
<i>Christ is its life, and Christ its love.</i>		
<i>Faint not nor fear: His arms are near.</i>		
<i>He changeth not, and thou art dear.</i>		
<i>Only believe, and thou shalt see</i>		
<i>that Christ is all in all to thee.</i>		

*DOXOLOGY		LASST UNS ERFREUEN UMH 94
<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>		
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 15: 1-10		NT 78 REV. MICHAEL RITTER
This is the word of God, for the people of God.		
Thanks be to God.		
SERMON		
<i>The Lost and Found</i>		REV. MICHAEL RITTER
SENDING FORTH		
*HYMN OF INVITATION		
<i>To God Be the Glory</i>		TO GOD BE THE GLORY UMH 98
*BENEDICTION		
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE		
LEE TURNER		
<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>Today’s altar flowers are placed to the glory of God and in loving honor and deep appreciation of Henry Thompson, from the staff of Bethany.</i>		