

# 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**



**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.*

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| <b>Attendance</b><br>Worship 328, Online Worship 50, Sunday School 221        |                        |
| <b>Gifts</b> (*Figures for September 21, 2025. These figures are unverified.) |                        |
| *Operating Contributions Last Week.....                                       | \$9,525.25             |
| *Operating Contributions Year to Date.....                                    | \$772,654.90           |
| *Operating Expense Funding YTD-Deficit(-)/Surplus(+ ).....                    | -\$71,488.10<br>-8.47% |
| <b>Capital Campaign</b> (Figures for September 21, 2025)                      |                        |
| *Building Contributions Last Week.....  | \$952.00               |
| *Building Contributions Year to Date .....                                    | \$78,514.85            |
| <b>Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts</b> – YTD (Non-Budgeted).....        | 107,993.10             |



**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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# 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:** Dr. Frank Monterisi, Jr.

**Greeters:** Wayne and Tina Waters

**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*

16th Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, September 28, 2025

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

REV. MICHAEL RITTER

PRELUDE

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

LANCASHIRE  
UMH 580

\*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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

UMH 38

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you  
in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ  
and in the congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our  
covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our  
prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God  
may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 TIMOTHY 6: 6-19

NT 210  
DR. FRANK MONTERISI

This is the word of God for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

*O, My God, Bestow Thy Tender Mercy*

HOPSON/PERGOLESI  
CHANCEL CHOIR

*O, my God, bestow Thy tender mercy.  
Blot out my transgressions; cleanse my sin.  
Hear me, restore me; From all my sins, hide Thy face from my sin.  
Restore me, forgive me, uphold me, O God, hear me.  
I cry to Thee. Hear Thou my prayer. Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Open Thou my lips, my mouth shall show forth Thy praise!*

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

*Let Thy Holy Presence*

TSCHESNOKOFF/HOPSON  
CHANCEL CHOIR

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 Will Be a Child of Peace*

ELAINE HAGENBERG  
WOMEN OF THE CHANCEL CHOIR; KEN MYERS, PIANO

*O Holy Father, I will be a child of peace and purity.  
For well I know, Thy hand will bless the seeker after righteousness.*

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
UMH 94

*(Children are invited to come forward during the singing of the Doxology for Children’s Moment)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

CHARLIE DAVIS

*(Children ages K5 thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are dismissed to Children’s Church in Room 214.  
Remember to attach a Children’s Church sticker to your child and pick them up following worship.)*

\*GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 16: 19-31

NT 79  
REV. MICHAEL RITTER

This is the word of God, for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*Have a Heart*

REV. MICHAEL RITTER

## SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN OF INVITATION

*Jesu, Jesu*

CHEREPONI  
UMH 432

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

LEE TURNER

*Irish Blessing*

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

*The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God  
and in celebration of the 40th wedding anniversary of Billy and Gail Hay.*