

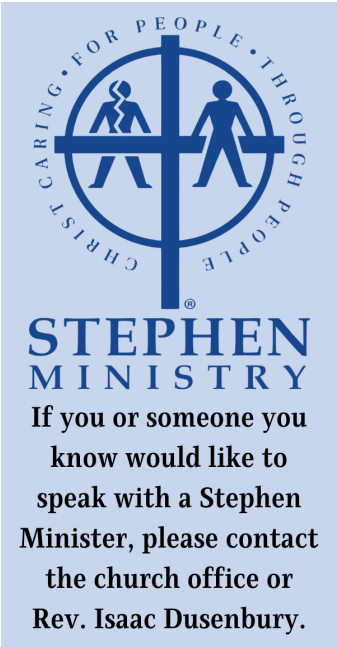
We kindly ask that all year-end contributions be submitted by  
**5 PM on December 31.**

**United Methodist Men – Volunteers Needed**

United Methodist Men is partnering with PGA HOPE to support Special Olympics athletes, EMTs, and veterans. We are seeking a few volunteers to help serve breakfast at an event at Wescott Golf Course on **Saturday, January 3.** If you are able to assist, please contact **Rodney at 843-709-0953.**

**Your Help is Needed!**

We’d love your help as we take down the greens!  
Join us on **Friday, January 2 at 10 AM in the Sanctuary** to lend a hand. Whether you can help for a little while or the whole time, every helping hand truly makes a difference.  
Thank you for serving!



**Ways to Give**

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

**Church Contact Information**

(843) 873-1230      After Hours Emergency  
118 W 3<sup>rd</sup> South Street      (843) 425-1069  
Summerville, SC, 29483



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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**

**Greeters:** Julie Parrish and Cheryl Blatt

**Ushers:** Henry Thompson, David Zoellner, Wayne Waters,  
Dick Prevette, Julie Parrish, Kyle Boczkowski



**PASTORS**

Rev. Michael Ritter, Senior Pastor

Rev. Isaac Dusenbury, Associate Pastor

**STAFF**

Reagan Lord, Director of Music

Michael Lopez, Organist

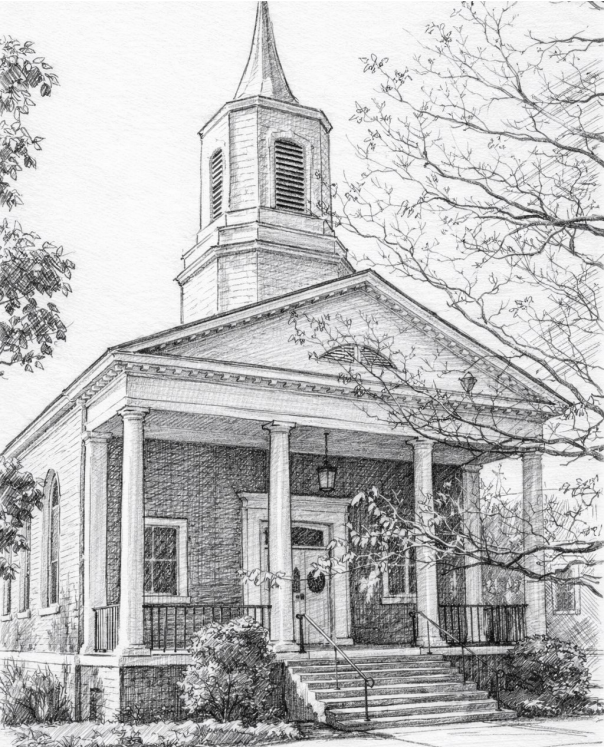
Emily Vick, Director of Christian Education

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*

1st Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 28, 2025  
10 AM COMBINED SERVICE

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

The liturgical color for Christmastide is white,  
celebrating the birth of Christ.

\*please stand in body or spirit

GATHERING

Please take a moment. Greet people sitting around you.  
“Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some  
have entertained angels unaware.”  
Hebrews 13:2 (KJV)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. ISAAC DUSENBURY

PRELUDE

JT HO-MUELLER, PIANO

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

UMH, 251

Go Tell It On the Mountain GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	ISAIAH 63: 7-9	OT 693
This is the word of God for the people of God.		
Thanks be to God.		

PRAYER AND PRAISE		
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>Sweet Little Jesus Boy</i>	ROBERT MACGIMSEY
KYAI WARD, MEZZO-SOPRANO; JT HO-MUELLER, PIANO		

* DOXOLOGY	<i>What Child is This</i>	UMH, 219
GREENSLEEVES		
So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king to own Him. The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him. This, this is Christ, the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary!		

PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD		
* GOSPEL LESSON	MATTHEW 2: 13-23	NT 2
REV. ISAAC DUSENBURY		
This is the word of God for the people of God.		
Thanks be to God.		
SERMON	<i>Darkness Defeated</i>	REV. ISAAC DUSENBURY

SENDING FORTH		
* HYMN OF INVITATION	<i>The First Noel</i>	UMH, 245
THE FIRST NOEL		

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Let There Be Peace on Earth* UMH, 431

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		
* POSTLUDE		
	JT HO-MUELLER, PIANO	