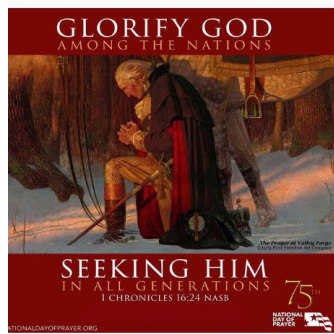


SENDING FORTH

- * BENEDICTION
- *CHIMING OF THE TRINITY
- *POSTLUDE

*With heartfelt Christian sympathy, we extend our prayers and love to the family and friends of **Lindsey Hodge Penn**, who entered the Church Triumphant on April 21, 2026.*

National Day of Prayer Breakfast



Thursday, May 7

7-8:30am

Tickets \$10

Guest Speaker:
Raphael James



Bethany United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
118 West 3rd South Street
Summerville, SC 29483



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

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: Wayne & Tina Waters

Ushers: David Huffman, Marion Watson, Steve Davis,
Christy Buddin, Jay Buddin



PASTORS

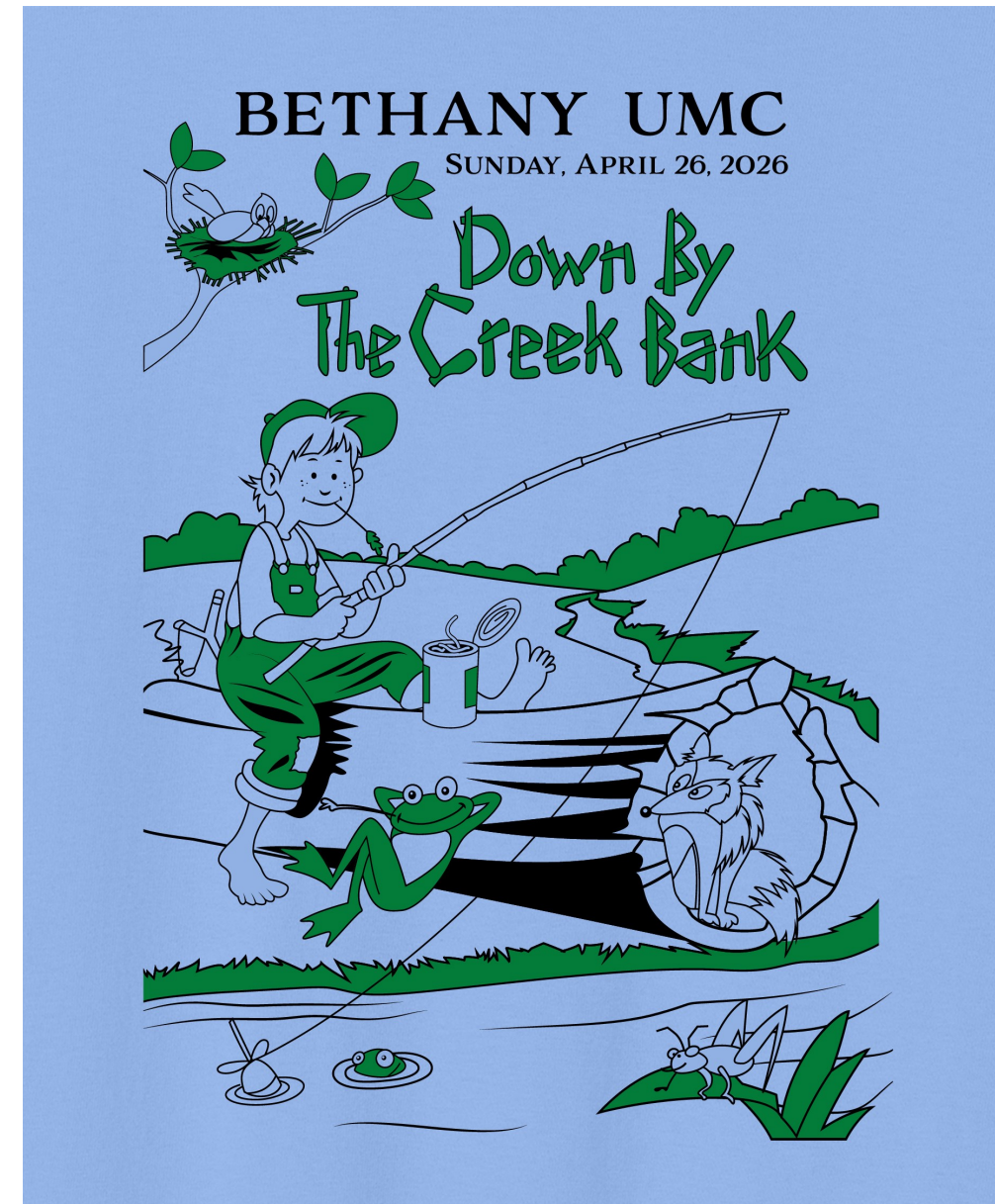
Rev. Michael Ritter, Senior Pastor
Rev. Isaac Dusenbury, Associate Pastor

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.

An Order of Sunday Worship



BETHANY UMC

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

*Down By
The Creek Bank*

4th Sunday of Easter

*The liturgical color for Eastertide is white,
celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

*The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Al Smith on his birthday, by Lee Smith.*

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

Attendance

Worship 263, Online Worship 29, Sunday School 215

Gifts (*Figures for April 12, 2026. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	\$16,135.75
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	\$380,220.77

Capital Campaign (Figures for April 12, 2026)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	\$717.50
*Building Contributions Year to Date	\$36,635.87

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)..... \$79,411.00



Ways to Give

Scan this QR Code for PushPay online or text
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CALL TO WORSHIP

**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

PRELUDE

*HYMN OF PRAISE

All Creatures of Our God and King
(VERSES 1-5, 7)

UMH, 62
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*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
MEINEKE

**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.**

*GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 14: 13-21
HUNTER HEPP

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.

CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER

Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying

CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, listen to your children praying

Lord, send your Spirit in this place

Lord, listen to your children praying

Send us love, send us power, send us grace

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

Minuet in G

CLARA URBAN, VIOLIN
BEETHOVEN

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

DOWN BY THE CREEK BANK

DOTTIE RAMBO & DAVID HUNTSINGER

Presented by Bethany United Methodist

Cherub, Melody and Wesley Choirs

Barbara Bassett and Annamaria Myers, Directors

Michael Lopez, piano

MUSICAL NUMBERS

Down By the Creek Bank

Ain't Gonna Let the Mountains Praise the Lord

Germes

Being Me

I Am Adopted

Multiply

Fill in the Blanks

Love Is

Puzzles

He Plants Me Like a See

Is There Anything I Can Do For You?

Down By the Creek Bank (*reprise*)

MELODY CHOIR

Led by Barbara Bassett with Kelly Redick and Amber Moody

Keels Charpia

Alice Jaques

Karlie Cleveland

Wren Lewis

Sam Estavia

Nadia Seltzer

Amelia Gayhart

Meredith Sergeant

Michael Guess

Catherine (Cate) Willis

Adeline Hepp

WESLEY CHOIR

Led by Barbara Bassett with Kelly Redick and Amber Moody

Lyla Brickman

Liza Pieretti

Mary Barton Buddin

Meredith Pieretti

Matthew Ducote

Anna Blair Stegall

Hunter Hepp

Delaney Stegall

Kadence Fisher

Makayla Sturgill

Aubrey McAllister

Clara Urban

Eleanore (Ellie) McCarty

Carson Willis

CHERUB CHOIR

Led by Annamaria Myers and Lisette Luton

Isaac Beson

Mariska Sergeant

Claire McCarty

Bailee Wallace

Ellie Grace Phillips

Lilly Whitney

Sophie Probin