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### *From the Pastor*

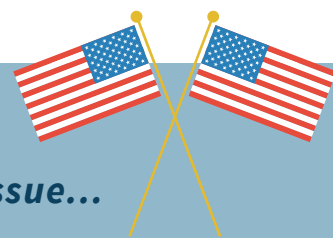
“Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.” Psalm 46:10

One thing that I hear around the house a lot lately is, “Listen up.” We have a tendency in our fast-paced society not to listen to others. It is either my way or the highway. There are so many wonderful things and ideas around us, but if we do not give the other person a chance because we are so stuck in our own ways, then we may miss the very thing that God wants us to see. God speaks to us in many ways. Are we willing to listen?

I remember having a conversation with a fellow pastor about listening. He shared with me about members of his church who were bickering over the little things in the church and missing the larger picture of God’s love for the church and her people. He shared with me a story that he had heard and later told his parishioners. It was about an old-time ice house.

He said, “Before refrigerators, people used ice houses to preserve their food. Ice houses had thick walls, no windows, and a tightly fitted door. In winter, when streams and lakes were frozen, large blocks of ice were cut from the frozen waters, hauled to the ice houses, and covered with sawdust. Often these ice blocks would last well into the summer.

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One man lost a valuable watch while working in an ice house. He searched diligently for it, carefully raking through the sawdust, but didn't find it. His fellow workers also looked, but their efforts, too, proved futile. A small boy who heard about the fruitless search slipped into the ice house during the noon hour and soon emerged with the watch.

Amazed, the men asked him how he found it.

'I closed the door,' the boy replied, 'lay down in the sawdust, and kept very still. Soon I heard the watch ticking.'

So often life can become so hectic that it becomes hard to find time to sit still and just listen to what the Lord is saying. We get so caught up in the little things that we miss God. But Jesus often secluded Himself so that He could commune intimately with His Father. In these days and in this hour, it's so imperative that we spend time in our own prayer closets so we can clearly hear what our God is saying to us through His still, small voice. If we do, we may find some wonderful and valuable things that others have missed.

The question isn't whether God will speak, but whether we will take the time to be quiet and still enough to hear His voice. Let's be sure to take that time to hear what He's saying to us!

# Thank you

## **Thank You from the Prayer Breakfast Planning Ministry!**

On behalf of the members of the National Day of Prayer Breakfast Planning Ministry, we would like to thank the many volunteers who helped make this year's National Day of Prayer Breakfast a success. We would like to thank all the Bethany members who attended the breakfast.

Thank you all!



# Let's Pray

## Missions



DONATE  
**BLOOD**  
SAVE LIFE

**Sunday, June 7**  
**8am - 1pm**

Bethany UMC Gym

**REGISTER TODAY!**

redcrossblood.org or  
call Rodney at 843.709.0953.

### United Women of Faith – Social Action

Thank you for the wonderful donations to Lowcountry Orphan Relief! Your generosity truly makes a difference and helps support children and families in need throughout our community.

We are currently collecting toddler and board books, boys' underwear sizes 6-7, children's summer shirts in all sizes, toddler shirts sizes 2T-5T, and toddler boys' shorts sizes 3T and 5T. Items may be new or gently used and can be placed in the donation bin located in the hallway by the church office. Donations will be collected **through July 5**.

Thank you for your continued support, generosity, and kindness!



### Katie's Krops Desserts Needed!

We are in need of individually wrapped homemade desserts to be paired with Katie's Krops meals on **June 18** for the hungry in the local area.

Please deliver to the Business Office by Thursday, **June 18 no later than 11 am**.

Please scan the QR code to sign up for a spot.  
Thank you for your help with this ministry.



### Hands of Christ Backpack Drive

We are on a mission to collect 200 backpacks for local schools to distribute to students in need.

Your support can make a big difference in helping to ensure every student starts the year with the tools they need to succeed! In addition, we will be purchasing more supplies and backpacks on tax-free weekend, as we do each year. Last year, our members were amazing, and we surpassed that goal! We also accept monetary donations if you prefer. They may be made online, placed in the offering plate on Sunday, or dropped off at the Business Office. Please put in the memo line "Hands of Christ".

## Hands of Christ

**Backpack Drive – Goal: 200!**

Help us support local students by donating new backpacks. Drop them off at the Business Office.

For monetary gifts, please note "Hands of Christ" in the memo line. Thank you for making a difference!



# Missions

## Bethany Blessing Box This Summer

As school lets out for the summer, many children lose access to the meals they receive during the school day and become more dependent on food provided at home.

This makes the Bethany Blessing Box an even more important resource for families in our community.

The Blessing Box is supported entirely by your generous donations, and every item makes a difference.

This summer, we especially need nutritious snacks for children and easy-to-prepare meal items. Donations may be placed directly in the Blessing Box or dropped off at the church office.

Thank you for helping us share God's love and care with our neighbors in need.

# THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated balls and volunteered during our "Play It Forward" Ball Ministry! Thanks to your generosity and support, we were able to connect with many families in our community and share God's love in a meaningful way. Our youth group showed up in a big way, serving with enthusiasm and compassion, and we had a wonderful time building relationships, having fun, and making a positive impact. Thank you for helping make this ministry such a success!



## Salkehatchie Summer Service

Looking for a meaningful way to serve this summer? Salkehatchie Summer Service offers youth and adults the opportunity to put their faith into action by helping repair homes for individuals and families in need throughout South Carolina. This life-changing ministry combines hard work, Christian fellowship, worship, and service as volunteers work together to make homes safer and more livable for those who may not have the resources to complete needed repairs on their own.

The Summerville Salkehatchie Camp will take place July 18–25, and volunteers are needed in a variety of roles, including construction teams, kitchen crews, adult leadership, and general support. Youth ages 14 and older are welcome to participate alongside adults. No special skills or construction experience are necessary—just a servant's heart and a willingness to make a difference. Whether you can swing a hammer, prepare a meal, or simply lend a helping hand, your time and talents can have a lasting impact. If you would like to be part of this incredible week of ministry, please contact Pastor



# Children's Ministries

## Snowball Mountain Challenge is almost here!

We're gearing up for an incredible adventure, and the countdown to our Snowball Mountain Challenge Vacation Bible School has begun! Soon, our halls will be buzzing with laughter, music, and the joy of children learning all about God's love. This week is always a highlight of our year—and we would love for YOU to be a part of it!

There are so many ways to get involved, whether you have a few minutes or a few hours:

### Decorating Begins May 26

We'll be transforming our halls and gathering spaces starting May 26 and continuing each day until everything is in place. Come during church business hours and we'll get you plugged in. Need to come after hours? Just let us know and we'll make it work! Supplies, directions, and materials are ready for you—we just need helping hands. We have all of the decorations and supplies, we just need lots of hands to get it all put out.

### Set-Up Day: Sunday, June 14

Mark your calendars! We'll begin at 10:45 AM, moving tables and chairs, decorating classrooms, and getting everything in place for a fun-filled week.

### Snacks for Volunteers

Our 120+ volunteers fuel up daily at our snack table, and your contributions make a big difference! Breakfast goodies, dips, fruit and veggies, hearty savory items, desserts—everything is welcome! We also need 2-liter drinks. Drop off anytime during VBS week.

### Prayer Support

Above all, we ask for your prayers—for the children, the volunteers, and the entire week. Pray for safety, fun, and for every child to feel the deep love of Jesus through this experience.

Have questions or want to jump in? Reach out to Emily or Janice in Children's Ministries.



## Children's Church: Summer Break

As summer approaches, we want to give a big thank you to all of our amazing Children's Church volunteers who have poured so much love and energy into this ministry throughout the year!

Children's Church will be taking a summer break during the months of June and July to give our team a well-deserved rest. The last day for the spring session is Sunday, May 31, and we'll resume on Sunday, August 9—refreshed and ready for a new season of fun and learning!

During the break, Busy Bags will be available in both the Sanctuary and at Word & Table for children to use during the service. These bags include items like a white board and markers, small toys, and coloring pages—perfect for keeping little hands occupied while families worship together.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we care for our kids and volunteers this summer!



# Ministry Spotlight

Hospitality is one of the simplest and most meaningful ways we can share the love of Christ with others. Whether someone is visiting for the first time, attending a special event, or walking through our doors on an ordinary weekday, a warm welcome helps people feel seen, valued, and connected. Our Hospitality Ministry offers many opportunities to serve and help create an inviting environment for all.

**The Membership Team** helps welcome visitors and new members while also encouraging connection and involvement within the church family. Team members reach out, answer questions, and help people feel at home at Bethany.

**The Sunday Welcome Desk** is often the first stop for guests and members alike. Volunteers greet people with a smile, provide directions and information, and help make Sundays run smoothly.

Our **Kitchen Team** serves behind the scenes during special events and fellowship gatherings by preparing and serving food. Their work helps create spaces where relationships can grow and community can flourish.

During the week, **Front Desk volunteers** answer phones, greet visitors, and assist staff with a variety of tasks. Their friendly presence helps ensure everyone who contacts or visits the church feels welcomed and cared for.

Hospitality ministry is about more than greeting people—it is about helping others experience the love, care, and connection found within the church family. If you enjoy meeting people, serving others, or simply offering a helping hand, there is a place for you in Hospitality Ministry.



## Get Ready for the Gift & Gourmet Market!

**October 18–25**

It's never too early to start planning for one of our most amazing events of the year—our Gift & Gourmet Market! This special week is more than just a fun shopping experience—it's a beautiful ministry that supports our mission partners both near and far.

Now is the perfect time to start crafting and cooking! Whether you're a seasoned creator or just love to contribute, we need your help to make this year's market a success:

- **Casseroles & Desserts:** As you cook this summer, consider doubling a recipe and freezing one for the Market. Homemade meals and sweet treats are always a hit and sell out quickly!
- **Creative Crafts:** From handmade décor to knitted items and everything in between, we're looking for lots of fabulous creations to fill our Market room. Every item you donate helps us reach more people with God's love.

So, mark your calendars for **October 18-25** and let's get those ovens preheating and glue guns warming up! Together, we can make this another incredible year of generosity and community impact.

Questions or ideas? We'd love to hear from you! Contact Emily at [evick@bethany-umc.com](mailto:evick@bethany-umc.com).

## Altar flowers

Available dates this summer! Altar flowers are a meaningful way to honor or remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion. **June 28 and July 26** is available as well as **August 2, 23 and 30**.

To reserve a date, please contact Mandy Killiri at [mkilliri@bethany-umc.com](mailto:mkilliri@bethany-umc.com) or 843.873.1230.

You may also sign up on the calendar located on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary hallway.

## Bethany's Summer Drama Camp

Join us **July 20–24** from 9 am–1 pm for a fun, faith-filled week as we bring the story of Jonah to life through music! The week will conclude with a special performance on **July 24** at 12 pm.

Camp is free, but space is limited to 60 participants for rising 2nd–6th graders, so register today! For questions, contact Reagan Lord at [RLord@bethany-umc.com](mailto:RLord@bethany-umc.com) or 854.429.1853.



## 2026 SC Annual Conference

Please keep our delegates in your prayers as they attend the 2026 South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, held in Greenville, SC, **June 7–10**. This important gathering brings together church leaders from across the state to worship, discern, and make decisions that shape the future of our church.

Our delegates representing Bethany are:

**Luke Biggs, Charlie Davis, Lynda Gildea, Gillis McAllister, Martha McAllister, Berlin Myers, Betsy Myers, Jim Parrish, Becky Powell, David Powell, David Wiley, Nancy Wiley, Pastor Isaac Dusenbury, and Pastor Michael Ritter.**

We pray for wisdom, unity, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they participate in this vital work.

**Bethany United Methodist**

**Drama Camp**  
**July 20–24, 2026**



**Monday–Friday**  
**9:00am –1:00 pm**  
**Performance**  
**12:00PM Friday, July 24**

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**Sunday, July 5**

**one combined service**

**10 am • Spell Chapel**

*Followed by a covered dish lunch*  
*Bring your favorite dish to share*

WISHING YOU  
A SAFE &  
HAPPY

**4<sup>TH</sup> OF  
JULY**

THE CHURCH OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED  
FRIDAY, JULY 3



# Happy Hearts Luncheon

## JUNE HAPPY HEARTS

Join us for Happy Hearts on **Friday, June 26**, for a wonderful afternoon of fellowship, food, and entertainment featuring **special guests Pat Cullinane** and **Tommy Wallace** from Summerville's beloved **Flowertown Players**.

Pat Cullinane has been active in community theater for many years, performing in productions across South Carolina, Virginia, Florida, Minnesota, and Delaware. Many may recognize her from recent roles as M'Lynn in *Steel Magnolias*, Barbara in *Social Security*, and Amanda in *The Glass Menagerie*. Pat currently serves as President of the Board of Directors for Flowertown Players and is passionate about bringing high-quality theater experiences to our local community.

Joining her will be Tommy Wallace, a talented local actor and Special Events Coordinator for the Flowertown Players Board of Directors. Tommy's stage credits include Seymour in *Little Shop of Horrors*, Lumiere in *Beauty and the Beast* (Charleston's Best 2025 Runner-Up), and Joe in *9 to 5 The Musical*. He also co-wrote and directed *Hex Factor: A Villainous Vocal Showdown*. Most recently, Tommy appeared in *Amadeus* with Footlight Players at Charleston's Queen Street Playhouse. Outside of theater, Tommy serves as a nurse at MUSC's Pediatric Specialty and After Hours Clinic in Summerville and holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Musical Theatre from Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Lunch will be served at noon and will feature ziti with sausage and peppers, salad, garlic bread, cupcakes, and tea. The cost is \$10 per person. Meal reservations are required by June 21 and may be made by contacting Dot Prevatte at 843.343.5450 (please leave a message) or by emailing [dmprevatte@yahoo.com](mailto:dmprevatte@yahoo.com). All ages are welcome, and visitors are encouraged to attend. We hope you will join us for this enjoyable gathering!

## JULY HAPPY HEARTS

Join us for the July Happy Hearts luncheon on **Friday, July 24**, at 12 pm in the Robert J. Howell Fellowship Hall. We are excited to welcome special **guest singer and entertainer Jackie Whiteley**, Ministry Assistant at Deer Park Baptist Church, who will share a variety of enjoyable songs for the afternoon.

The luncheon menu will include macaroni salad, cucumber salad, taco salad, chips, banana pudding, rolls, and tea — all for only \$10 per person. Happy Hearts is open to anyone who would like to attend, and we invite you to enjoy a wonderful time of food, fellowship, and entertainment.

Reservations are required and must be made by Sunday, July 19. To reserve your spot, please contact Dot Prevatte at 843.343.5450 or email [dmprevatte@yahoo.com](mailto:dmprevatte@yahoo.com).

Please note that if you make a reservation and are unable to attend, you will still be responsible for the cost unless you call to cancel.



**PSALM 27:1**

# KidsCare

Summer is finally here, and we are so excited for another unforgettable season at KidsCare! Our Summer Camp runs from June 1 through July 24, giving us eight wonderful weeks filled with fun, laughter, learning, and adventure. One of the greatest blessings of summer camp is the opportunity to explore the community around us through exciting field trips and hands-on activities that create memories our children will cherish for years to come. At KidsCare, our campers have been enjoying a summer full of creating, dancing, laughing, and simply having the best time together. Every day is filled with opportunities for children to grow, build friendships, and discover new interests in a safe and encouraging environment. Most importantly, we are thankful each day for the opportunity to serve God by helping our campers and students know that they are deeply loved by Him and that He has a special plan for their lives.

Our mission at KidsCare goes beyond simply providing childcare. We strive to create a place where every child feels valued, respected, and encouraged. In a world filled with distractions and challenges, we want our children to experience a safe space where Christian values are taught in a fun, loving, and engaging atmosphere. We pray daily that KidsCare continues to be a place where children can grow in faith, confidence, kindness, and joy.

Throughout the summer, we may still have openings during select camp weeks, so families interested in joining us are encouraged to reach out for availability. We are also continuing enrollment for our After School Program for the 2026–2027 school year until all spots are filled. The upcoming school year officially begins on August 5, and we are looking forward to another amazing year of learning, growth, and fun together.

Thank you to all our KidsCare families for allowing us to be part of your children's lives. It is truly a blessing to watch them learn, grow, and shine each and every day!

Director: Makala Boczkowski

Assistant Director: Debra Trimeloni

Email: [kidsicare@bethany-umc.com](mailto:kidsicare@bethany-umc.com)

Phone: 854.429.1842



# Stephen Ministries

## Stephen Ministries.... Did You Know?

What are Stephen Ministries? Founded in 1975 in St. Louis, Missouri, by the psychologist Rev. Kenneth C. Haug is an independent, not-for-profit Christian educational organization. Its main activity is to train congregants to be Stephen Ministers that, under strict Pastoral oversight, can fill a crucial caring need, providing an additional layer of crisis care and ongoing care for those who are facing some challenges in life; such as loneliness, end of life issues, illness, death of a loved one, divorce, or financial setback.

**The Mission:** Our mission is summed up in St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians 4:12-13. *"To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ"*.

### Some interesting Facts:

- There are more than 14,000 congregations enrolled in Stephen Ministries
- More than 80,000 pastors and lay leaders from those congregations have been equipped as Stephen Leaders.
- More than 600,000 laypeople have received Stephen Minister training.
- More than one-and-a-half-million people have had a Stephen Minister to walk with them, providing one-on-one Christian care during tough times.



Stephen Ministry at Bethany UMC:

Who we are: we are members of this congregation who have undergone 50 hours of special training to provide one-on-one Christian care. We support and extend the care that pastors continue to provide.

What we do: We listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support to those experiencing a crisis or a difficult time. We provide care for as long as it is needed.

Who is eligible for care: Any member of our congregation or our community. Church membership is not required.

Confidentiality: Stephen Ministry is under pastoral oversight by Rev. Isaac Dusenbury. Confidentiality is the cornerstone of this program.

If you would like to know more or to request a Stephen Minister please contact:

Rev. Isaac Dusenbury (843) 873-1230  
idusenbury@bethany-umc.com



# *Recreational Ministries*

BY KYLE BOCZKOWSKI

## **Recreation Ministries: Summer Camps, Golf, and Pickleball**

Summer is in full swing around the Bethany gym! We are already in our first week of camp as Kurt James and his staff bring their energy, experience, and leadership to our Recreation Ministries summer programming. Kurt, who played basketball at Michigan State alongside Magic Johnson, has been an AAU coach and mentor in the Charleston area for many years. His basketball legacy continues through his sons, who are both playing professionally overseas, including former University of Tennessee standout Josiah-Jordan James. We are grateful for the experience and encouragement Kurt and his team bring to the young athletes participating in our camps.

We still have five more weeks of camps planned, including both basketball and volleyball opportunities. Basketball Camp 2 will be hosted by longtime Bethany camp leader Greg Elliott, a former Citadel assistant coach and Summerville High School head coach. Coach Elliott brings an impressive background in player development, program leadership, and competitive basketball experience to the court, and we are excited to welcome him back to Bethany for another summer.

Basketball Camp 3 will be a girls-only camp led by Calvin Davis, the recently retired former head coach of the Green Wave women's basketball program. During his tenure, Coach Davis led the Green Wave to three Lower State finals and numerous region titles, building a strong tradition of excellence, teamwork, and competitive success.

Our volleyball camps will also feature outstanding leadership. Volleyball Camp 1 will be led by Hall of Fame Bishop England volleyball coach Cindy Baggott, who has coached the Battling Bishops to 12 state championships as part of Bishop England's storied volleyball program. The program has won 29 total state titles and is recognized as one of the most accomplished high school volleyball programs in the country.

Volleyball Camp 2 will include a junior camp led by Abby Whitworth, who has led the Bethany volleyball program for the past three years. Abby has also recently been hired at Cathedral Academy, to lead their JV volleyball program. We are thankful for the energy, consistency, and care Abby continues to bring to Bethany volleyball.

Be sure to check out the flyers below for details and registration information.

We also hosted our annual Bethany Golf Championship on Saturday, May 16. It was a beautiful day filled with spirited competition and great fellowship. Prizes were awarded for both low net and low gross champions.

The winners of the Marion Thompson Trophy for low net were the team of Greg Smith, Jeff Smith, JK Smith, and Michael Smith. We were especially pleased to be joined by Sadie and Clair Thompson, who presented the trophy given in memory of our dear friend Marion Thompson.

The winners of the gross division were Rev. Michael Ritter, Al Hammons, CE Buddin, and Kyle Boczkowski. Rev. Ritter's team outlasted the team led by Rev. Houston in a scorecard playoff.

Finally, pickleball began its summer schedule on June 1. Adult pickleball is available on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings from 6–9 pm in the Bethany gym. Come join us for a great time of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition!

# Recreation Ministries

**KURT JAMES BASKETBALL CAMP**  
**BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

JUNE 1-5  
9AM-1PM

COST \$150



**Volleyball Camp**  
lead by Coach Abby Whitworth and Bethany Coaches

**July 27 - 30**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade and Below 9am - 12pm  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade and Above 1 - 4pm

Cost \$150



**CINDY BAGGOTT'S BATTLING BISHOPS GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
**BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

June 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

6<sup>th</sup> Grade and Below 9-12  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade and Above 1-4

Cost \$150

Scan to Register



**Coach Greg Elliott**  
**Basketball Camp**

July 13 - 17  
9am-1pm

Cost \$150



**COACH CALVIN DAVIS' LADY GREEN WAVE CAMP (GIRLS ONLY)**  
**BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

June 29 - July 3  
9am-1pm

Cost \$150



JOIN US  
*yoga class*  
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS  
8:30 AM



**Summer Pickleball Hours**

Pickleball will not be available during normal hours.

EFFECTIVE: MONDAY JUNE 1  
Summer Hours:  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Monday August 3rd we return to our normal schedule



# Youth Ministries- *ASCEND*

BY KYLE BOCHKOWSKI

## **Congratulations, Graduates!**

We celebrate and bless all of our 2026 graduates! Whether you're finishing high school, college, or another program, your church family is proud of you and excited for what lies ahead.

As you take your next steps, know that you are covered in prayer and surrounded by love.

Wherever life leads, may you walk in faith and remember that Bethany will always be home.

God bless you on your journey!



## **Congratulations to Our Confirmands!**

We joyfully celebrate the confirmands who were confirmed last month and publicly affirmed their faith in Christ. It was a beautiful moment in the life of our church as these young people took this important step in their spiritual journey. Please continue to pray for them as they grow in faith and live out their commitment to Christ and His Church.

A heartfelt thank you to the mentors who walked alongside them with encouragement, wisdom, and prayer. Your guidance made a lasting impact, and we are so grateful for your faithful service.



# Youth Ascend

**SUMMER SERIES**  
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- May 31: Summer Kickoff Pool Party at Sink or Swin (4:00 – 7:00)
- June 9<sup>th</sup>: Charleston Riverdogs Meet at Church at 5:30
- June 15 – June 19 Vacation Bible School
- June 17: Lunch after VBS Walk to Benny's for Pizza
- June 24: Movie Night at Azaela Square – Movie and Time TBD
- July 1: Whirlin Waters – Meet at Church at 10:00 AM
- July 8: Charleston Aquarium and Fort Sumter Boat Tour (Meet at 10:00 at Church)
- July 13<sup>th</sup> – July 15<sup>th</sup> – Great Smokey Mountains Trip
- July 18 – 25<sup>th</sup> Bethany Salkahatchie (Must be 14)
- July 26 : Game Night in the Gym (5:30 – 7:30)
- August 8: US Whitewater Rafting Center (Meet at Church at 8 AM)

**Dollywood**  
**Student Ministries Summer Trip**

**July 13 - 16**  
\$400 Per Person  
Price Includes  
3 Days Theme Park  
Whitewater Rafting Adventure  
Dinner Theater Experience  
2 Nights Hotel  
Coach Bus

Scan to Register:

# POOL Party

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SCHOLARSHIP**

APPLICATIONS OPEN

**\$1000 SCHOLARSHIP** Criteria:

- Bethany Member Student
- Planning a Career in Christian Education
- Deadline to apply is June 1, 2026
- Applications can be turned in UWF mailbox in Church Business Office

United Women in Faith

The ASCEND Youth Group kicked off the summer with a fun-filled pool party on May 31, and it was a huge success! With a great turnout and plenty of laughter, fellowship, and fun, everyone had a wonderful time together.

We are incredibly grateful for the dedicated parents and leaders who invest their time, energy, and faith into the lives of our students. Their support helps create meaningful experiences and lasting relationships. We are excited about all that God is doing through this amazing group of young people and look forward to what the future holds for ASCEND!





## CHURCH CHORAL RETREAT

*Grow as a musician  
Learn new repertoire  
Connect with other choirs  
And most importantly, worship*

**SATURDAY | JULY 18, 2026**

Venue: Bethany UMC | Summerville, SC  
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

*The closing 4 PM concert / worship service is free and open to the public.*

Choral Clinician | Dr. Valerie Bullock  
Collaborative Pianist | Holly Slice

Learn more & purchase tickets:  
**[www.lowcountrypianist.com/LSMR](http://www.lowcountrypianist.com/LSMR)**

*\* To note, the retreat is open to anyone who enjoys singing sacred, choral music.  
Affiliation with a church choir is not required.*



## New Members

On May 31, we were delighted to welcome new members into our church family: Leigh Thomson, Steve and Donna Kirch, Kevin and Nancy Robinson, Carol Essom, Lenny Pezza, Gina Maxie, and Brittany George. We are grateful for each of them and thankful for the continued growth of our Bethany family. God's grace is evident in all He is doing among us, and we look forward to growing together in faith, fellowship, and service in the days ahead.

## Front Sign

We are so grateful for the tender loving care that went into giving our church sign a much-needed refresh! Its updated appearance is a wonderful enhancement to our campus, and we extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Sign and a generous donor whose kindness made this project possible. We appreciate your support and investment in the ministry of Bethany!

## Bethany's Prayer Group

We are excited to share that Bethany now has a dedicated prayer group committed to lifting up our church family in prayer. If you have a specific prayer request, please send it to [prayers@bethany-umc.com](mailto:prayers@bethany-umc.com).

We also encourage our Sunday School classes to take advantage of this ministry. All prayer requests will be shared with Pastor Isaac and a devoted team of prayer warriors who will faithfully pray over each need.



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