Sunday, October 11

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

New Member Sunday

Are you interested in joining our church family? Please reach out to Emily Vick evick@bethany-umc.com or 843.873.1230.

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

Attendance
Worship 276, Online Worship 38, Sunday School 201

Gifts *(*Figures for September 6, 2026. These figures are unverified.)*

*Operating Contributions Last Week	$14,895.00
*Operating Contributions Year to Date	$805,919.94
*Operating Needs Year to Date	$834,429.00

Capital Campaign *(Figures for September 6, 2026)*

*Building Contributions Last Week	$3,110.00
*Building Contributions Year to Date	$77,528.87
*Building Campaign Needs Year to Date	$85,167.00

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted) $183,913.39

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
118 W 3rd South Street
Summerville, SC, 29483

After Hours Emergency
(843) 425-1069

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Follow us on Instagram!
Visit our Website!

Welcome!

If you are visiting or attend here regularly, we would love to get to know you! Help us connect with you by signing the hospitality pad located in your pew or by scanning the QR code.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgist: Linda Huffman

Greeters: Jennifer Bailey and Martha Proctor

Ushers: Billy Phillips, Tim McConnell, Leon Fleischauer, Fred Skipper, Pete Knight

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PASTORS

Rev. Michael Ritter, Senior Pastor

Rev. Isaac Dusenbury, Associate Pastor

STAFF

Reagan Lord, Director of Music

Michael Lopez, Organist

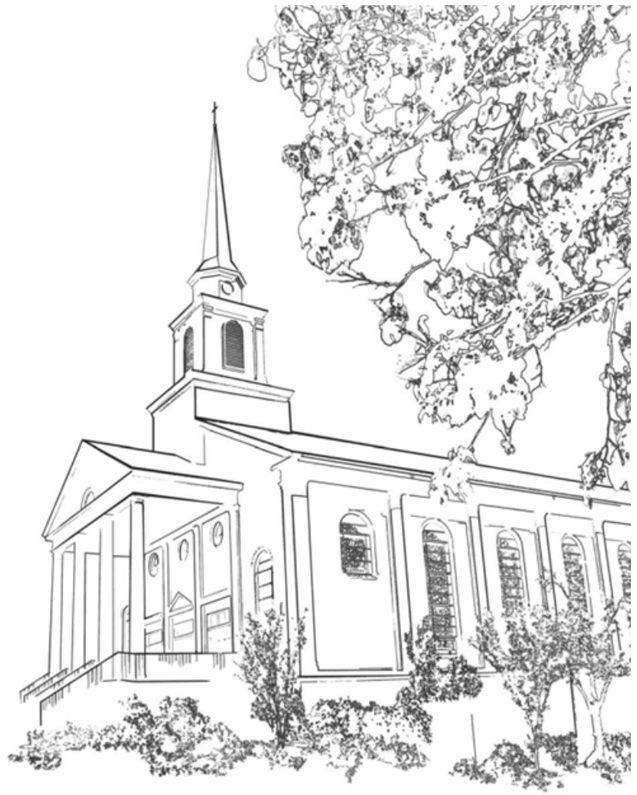
Emily Vick, Director of Christian Education

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

Bethany United Methodist Church

Summerville, South Carolina



An Order of Sunday Worship

16th Sunday after Pentecost

The liturgical color for the time after Pentecost is green, representing growth and new life.

Sunday, September 13, 2026

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

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 — UMH 66
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven — LAUDA ANIMA

*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 — UMH 70
Glory Be to the Father — 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.

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION — NIKKI BRANTLEY

(Children ages K5 thru 2nd grade are dismissed for Children's Church in Room 214. Please remember to attach a Children's Church sticker to your child and pick them up ASAP.)

THE FIRST LESSON — ROMAN 14: 1-12
NT 163
LINDA HUFFMAN

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

ANTHEM
CHANCEL CHOIR; MICHAEL LOPEZ, PIANO; JULIA SIMPSON, OBOE; BRADLEY ELLINGBOE

My Heart is Longing

My heart is longing to praise my Savior and glorify his name in song and prayer.
For he has shown me his wondrous favor and offered me all heaven with him to share.

O Christians friends let our song ascending give honor, praised to him who set us free!
Our tribulation may seem unending; but soon with him we shall forever be.
Rejoice! And glorify his name.

What blessed joy overflows my spirit, because your wondrous grace to me was given!
Complete your work, that I may inherit eternal life with you in heaven.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER — CHANCEL CHOIR
Lord, in Your Mercy, Hear Us — ARKHANGELSKY/HOPSON

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
CHANCEL CHOIR; MICHAEL LOPEZ, PIANO; JULIA SIMPSON, OBOE; EUGENE BUTLER

How Long, O Lord?

How long, O Lord, wilt thou forget me?
How long, O Lord, wilt thou hide thy face from me?

How long must I bear pain, bear pain in my soul,
and bear sorrow all the day in my heart?

Consider and answer me, O Lord, my God.
Lighten my eyes lest I sleep, the sleep of death.

I will sing to the Lord for I have trusted in thy love
and my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

How long, O Lord?

*DOXOLOGY — LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow — 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 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!

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*THE GOSPEL LESSON — MATTHEW 18: 21-35
NT 20
REV. MICHAEL RITTER

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

SERMON — *Beyond Our Limits* — REV. MICHAEL RITTER

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF INVITATION — UMH 549
Where Charity and Love Prevail — ST PETER

*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE
Irish Blessing — LEE TURNER

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
May the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the birthdays
of Cheryl, Ryan, and Dean Kohlhepp, by the Kohlhepp family.