

Children's Sabbath Sunday
October 18
8:30 am Sanctuary

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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 334, Online Worship 46, Sunday School 212

Gifts *(*Figures for September 27, 2026. These figures are unverified.)*

*Operating Contributions Last Week	$9,601.11
*Operating Contributions Year to Date	$850,856.65
*Operating Needs Year to Date	$903,964.00

Capital Campaign *(Figures for September 27, 2026)*

*Building Contributions Last Week	$387.50
*Building Contributions Year to Date	$81,951.87
*Building Campaign Needs Year to Date	$92,265.00

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted) $204,318.49

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



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

Communion Servers: Patrick McAllister & Meredith Buddin

Liturgist: Jamie Probin

Greeters: Reed & Martha Atkinson

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

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PASTORS

Rev. Michael Ritter, Senior Pastor

Rev. Isaac Dusenbury, Associate Pastor

STAFF

Reagan Lord, Director of Music

Michael Lopez, Organist

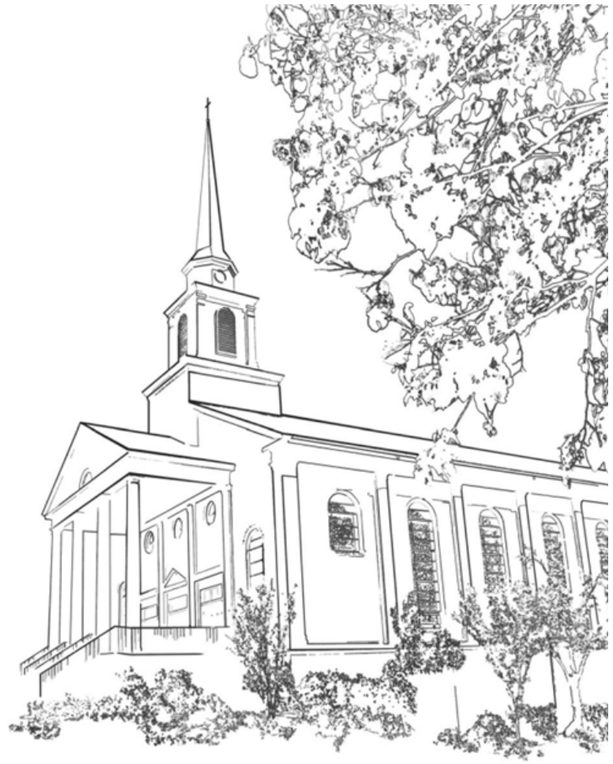
Emily Vick, Director of Christian Education

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 or the after hours emergency phone at 843.425.1069.

Bethany United Methodist Church

Summerville, South Carolina



An Order of Sunday Worship

Sunday, October 4, 2026

19th Sunday after Pentecost

The liturgical color for the time after Pentecost is green, representing growth and new life.
The paraments today are white, celebrating World Communion Sunday.

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT — Tom Jeffries

PRELUDE

INTROIT — Chancel Choir
Marvelous Things — Traditional

*HYMN OF PRAISE — UMH 632
Draw Us in the Spirit Tether — Union Seminary

*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 — UMC 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.

THE FIRST LESSON — Phil 3: 4b-14
NT 198
Jamie Probin

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.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER — Chancel Choir
Hear My Prayer — Moses Hogan

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.

OFFERTORY — Chancel Choir; Janice Waters, soprano
Room at the Welcome Table — Craig Curry

*DOXOLOGY — Lasst Uns Erfreuen
Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow — UMH 94

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 21: 33-46
NT 24
Rev. Michael Ritter

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

SERMON — *Owners or Sharecroppers* — Rev. Michael Rtter

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

COMMUNION ANTHEM — Chancel Choir; Janice Waters, soprano
Down to the River to Pray — Sheldon Curry

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF INVITATION
For Everyone Born — For Everyone Born

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,for everyone born, a star over head.
Refrain:
And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy.
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice; justice, and joy.
For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding to share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair.
Refrain
For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.
Refrain
For just and unjust, a place at the table. Abuser, abused, with need to forgive, in anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live.
Refrain
For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.
Refrain

* 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 are given to the glory of God,
in memory of Marti Johnson, and in appreciation of Bethany's dedication
to excellence in its music programs, by Bob Johnson and family.