



October 2026



Sharing Faith. Strengthening Community. Serving Together.

October Calendar of Events

- Tuesday, October 6**
Noon – Glory Group (FH)
6:00PM – Bethel UMM at Ruby Tuesday
- Thursday, October 8**
2:00PM – 4:00PM – Food Pantry
- Monday, October 12**
12:30PM – Sally Starr Circle
at the home of Joy Dantzler
6:00PM – Missy Ackerman Circle (L)
- Saturday, October 17**
Lay Servant School
- Sunday, October 18**
Lay Servant School
- Thursday, October 22**
2:00PM – 4:00PM – Food Pantry
- Friday, October 23**
8:00AM – 12:00 noon
SC Women in Faith Executive Committee (FH)
- Monday, October 26**
6:00PM – Church Council
- Wednesday, October 28**
Shut-in meals delivered

Ongoing Events

- Sundays**
9:00AM – Sunday School
10:00AM – Worship Service
5:30PM – Bethel UMYF
- Wednesdays**
10:30AM – Bible Study in the fellowship hall
5:30PM – 6:30PM – Wednesday Night Supper
6:00PM – Christmas Choir/Choir Practice

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*Let all that you do
be done in love.*
1 CORINTHIANS 16:14

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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From the Pastor



Reverend Tresco E. Shannon

WHAT WORKS FOR THEM --
WILL ALSO WORK FOR US!

Everything that follows has been lifted from a pastoral column to the people of Buncombe Street UMC in Greenville, from Bishop Jack Meadows, who was their pastor at the time of his writing.

“OVERBOOKED”

On a recent trip, I had trouble claiming my seat on the airplane. I had made a reservation, but the flight had been overbooked. There were not enough seats to go around. Airlines regularly overbook flights. The reservation clerks deliberately schedule more passengers for a flight than the plane can carry.

It sounds unfair, especially to the passengers who are counting on making the flight. But airline officials know from experience that many people who make reservations and buy tickets will not show up for the flight. As I was wrestling with my frustration and anger over the possibility of missing my flight, it occurred to me that the church has a similar problem. We build buildings and plan programs for those who have made reservations, but the no-shows leave empty seats.

There are over 2,400 members of Buncombe Street Church, people who have made reservations to be at church on Sunday. That's what the membership vow is -- a pledge to be loyal to the church and support it with our presence. The sanctuary will accommodate only about 1,000. So, each week we schedule two flights, I mean, two services. When those who have made reservations don't show up, there are empty seats.

How exciting it would be if all who have made a permanent reservation (which is what church membership is) would be present on Sunday. The halls and classrooms would look like a hectic airport terminal.

The problem, of course, for the airlines and the church is the no-shows. If you have been a no-show, consider changing your status. Become a regular-show. If you come to church this Sunday, I assure you that you will not get bumped. There is a place reserved for you!

Contributed by Tresco
*Adapted from Ryan Ahlgrim and Randy J. Roth
as quoted in Homiletics.*

In Our Prayers



Shut-ins / Nursing Home / Distant Members

Joyce Breland, Jane Brown, Roger Crook,
Nina Crosby, Sarah Anne Dean, Lynn Harrison,
Joy Lawson, Jeanine Price, Rusty Riddle,
Kay Speaks, Martha Woodard

Military Service

Cody Keeney, Elijah and Kaeleigh Forni,
Jackson Long, Matthew Mangum, Jordan Ray



In memory of Michael Drew

given by Duncan & Cindy Hunt

In memory of Miriam Westbury

given by Duncan & Cindy Hunt,
Joey & Bobby McLaine, Donald & Wynona Rizer,
Holli McCord Glenn

In memory of Nell Walters

given by Duncan & Cindy Hunt

In memory of Lance Sims

given by Robbie & Becky Hooker, Sanjay & Frances Kumar,
Tom & Judy Woodward, Todd, April, Bridgett & Timmons
Muckenfuss, Stacey & Curley Price, Billie Shoupe,
Kim & Barry Stephens, Terri M. Jarrell

In memory of Vera Newington

given by Duncan & Cindy Hunt,
Will Goodwin Class, Delores Crosby

In memory of Carol Slocum

given by Delores Crosby

The Gifts We Almost Miss



When we think of gratitude, our minds often go first to the obvious blessings—the answered prayer, the joyful celebration, the long-awaited good news. Those are easy to recognize as gifts.

But some of God's sweetest gifts arrive so quietly that we almost miss them.

They are found in the friend who remembers to call. The meal prepared when someone is weary. The familiar hymn that suddenly speaks to exactly what is on our heart. A hand placed gently on a shoulder. A kind word offered without knowing how badly it was needed. Someone who simply shows up.

So much of life is made of these ordinary moments.

Autumn seems especially suited to reminding us of that. The world does not become beautiful all at once. One leaf changes, then another. The light softens. The air cools. And suddenly we look around and realize that something lovely has been happening right in front of us.

Perhaps God's goodness is often like that, too.

We may spend so much time looking for the extraordinary that we overlook the countless small ways grace has been surrounding us all along. A familiar face across the sanctuary. Laughter around a table. Someone remembering our name. Another morning. Another chance to love someone well.



*Give thanks
to the Lord,
for he is good;
his love endures
forever.*

PSALM 107:1



*Perhaps gratitude begins not with having more to be thankful for,
but with learning to notice more of what has already been given.*



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Bethel

Bulletin Board

Wednesday Night Suppers

Wednesdays
5:30 – 6:30 PM



Come enjoy a delicious meal
and warm fellowship with
our church family.

Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesdays
10:30 – 11:30 AM
Fellowship Hall



Join us for a time of Scripture,
discussion, and encouragement
as we grow together in faith.

Christmas Choir

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Rehearsals
Wednesdays
at 6:00 PM

If you love to sing, we invite
you to join our Christmas
choir! You do not need
to be a member of Bethel
to participate.
Invite a friend!

Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 13
7:00 PM

with the Charleston String Quartet

There's a Place for You at Bethel

Church is more than a place we attend—
it's a family we become part of.

There are so many ways to get involved
and make a difference. Consider:

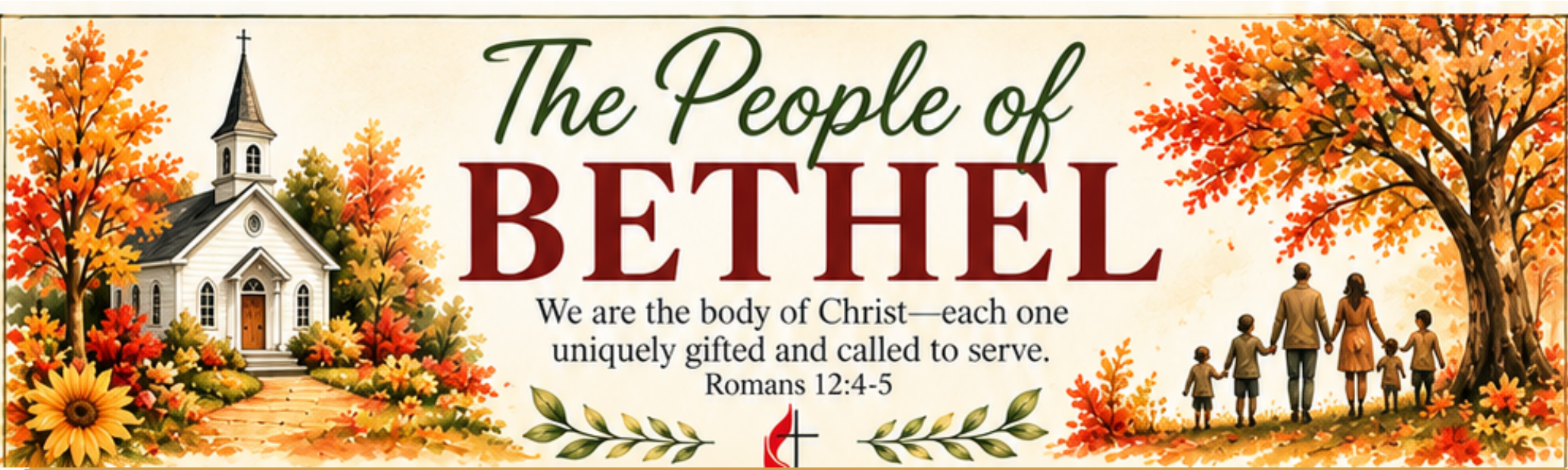
- Women's Circles
- Bethel Men's Club
- Choir and Music Ministry
- Glory Group
- Food Pantry
- Bereavement Teams

(prepare a meal for families following
the loss of a loved one)

and many other opportunities to serve.

Whether your gift is singing, serving,
cooking, teaching, praying, encouraging,
organizing—or simply lending a hand when
one is needed—there's a place for you here.

Come as you are. Bring the gifts God gave you.
There's room for you at Bethel.



The People of BETHEL

We are the body of Christ—each one
uniquely gifted and called to serve.
Romans 12:4-5

Preschool News

One Last Splash of Summer!

Our preschool children celebrated the end of summer with a fun Water Day! It was a wonderful time of laughter, friends, and treats as we wrapped up a great summer and look ahead to a new season of learning and growing together at Bethel Preschool.



Picture Day Smiles!

Our preschool staff looked beautiful for Picture Day! We are so grateful for this dedicated team and the love they pour into our youngest learners each day.



Fall Break
October 7-9

UMYF

Growing in Faith and Fellowship

Our Bethel UMYF is off to a great start! These young people continue to grow in faith, build strong friendships, and support one another through fun activities, meaningful conversations, and service to our church and community.



UMYF LEADERSHIP

Marie Molinari - Vice President

Ann Howell - President



Correction from September



In our September issue, we celebrated Master Sergeant Matthew Mangum's promotion and incorrectly identified him as Charlie and Darlene Mangum's grandson. Matthew is their son. We apologize for the error.

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October BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Nick Fanchette | 12 | Jessica Hiers |
| | Cindy Riley | | Sue McCunn |
| 3 | Christopher Slocum | 13 | Sherry Honeycutt |
| 5 | Gail Eppinette | 14 | Noah Hipp |
| 7 | Richard Cawley | | Ryan Hipp |
| | Joy Lawson | | Carroll Leonard |
| | Sylvia Rowland | 17 | Mary Ann Cannady |
| 8 | Amanda Furr | | William Hiott |
| | Eli Rowe | 19 | Steven Copeland |
| | Bailey Nicole Zaunbrecher | | Peyton Pryor |
| | Lindsey Davis | 20 | Rick Ackerman |
| 9 | Jarrett Ritter | | Lucas Bell |
| 11 | Kristy Harris | 21 | Donovan Beeson |
| | | | Charlie Pierce |
| | | 22 | Robert Baggett |
| | | | Wade Crosby |
| | | | Leah Pierce |
| | | | Rebekah White |
| | | 31 | Buist Bickley |



October ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 | Leddy & Vicki Smith |
| 7 | Dwight & Lisa Mitchell |
| 17 | Joshua & Marian Kittrell |
| 18 | John & Shelley Thomas |
| 19 | Hal & Jennifer Dean |
| 24 | Bill & Jill Stephens |
| 27 | Carl & Grace Ann Brown |



The Top Ten Statements Your Pastor Would Like to Hear



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| 10 | "Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment to the church like the Church Council meetings." |
| 9 | "I'm so glad you brought up that point about stewardship. I've decided to increase my giving." |
| 8 | "I was so moved by your sermon that I've decided to read the entire Bible this year." |
| 7 | "I love it when you give us another sermon series." |
| 6 | "I'm sorry I missed the last few Sundays. I really like it here." |
| 5 | "Our church is the friendliest, most loving church I've ever attended." |
| 4 | "Yeah, I'm available to help with that." |
| 3 | "I've been praying for God to give me a greater love for others, and now He's brought me to this church." |
| 2 | "I'm so glad I got here early. There's a pew up front with my name on it." |
| 1 | "Hey, it's my turn to sit in the front pew." |



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