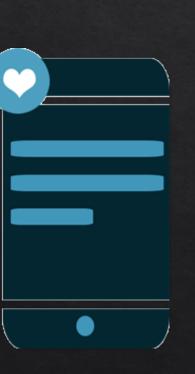


The Power of Expectations

Welcome

We would like to welcome any Guests who are worshiping with us today. We are glad to have you! Please notice the bright green visitor cards in each pew. We encourage all Guests to fill out a card and place it in the offering plate so that we may know who visited with us. You may also use these cards to request information or to submit a prayer request.

How can you participate in Worship at Bethel?



The worship service at Bethel is being videoed for live broadcast on social media. You can watch the service from your smart phone, tablet, computer or laptop Facebook Live. The link to our Facebook page can be found on our website:

https://www.walterborobethelumc.org/





OUR PRAYERS:

Buddy Creech, Ben Barnett, Devin Crosby, Morgan Cummings, Mike Fanchette, Carrie Fender, Stewart Goodwin, Lad Howell, Bill Little, Bobbie McLaine, Grethren McLaine, Julie McLaine and children, Steve Murdaugh, Ed Newington, Joe Ritter, Joey Ritter, Debra Smith, Myrtle Socha, Gertha Stackley, Allie Utsey, Scott Wachter

NURSING HOMES/SHUT-INS/DISTANT MEMBERS:

Jane Brown, Nina Crosby, Sarah Anne Dean, Lynn Harrison, Joy Lawson, Vera Newington, Jeanine Price, Rusty Riddle, Kay Speaks, Miriam Westbury

MILITARY SERVICE

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

PRAYER LIST UPDATES: We need your help with updating our lists of those Bethel members, their families, and others in the Bethel extended church family who are in need of our prayers. If you know of someone who needs to be added to our prayer list or if some of those on our list, no longer wish to be, please let us know so we can update our list.

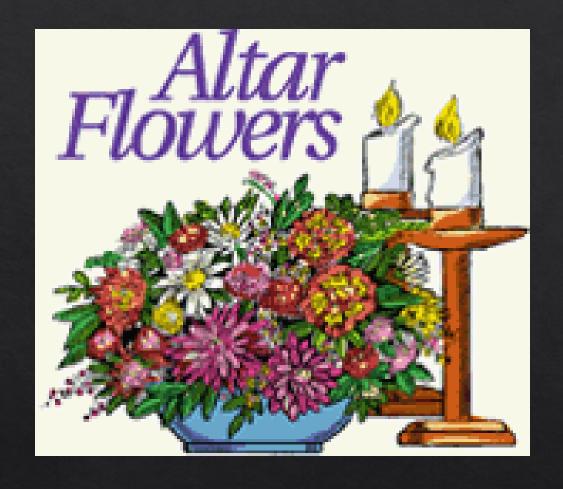


The Missions committee is accepting coat donations. Please drop off your donations in the church office.



There are still a few bags of pecans available in the church office.

\$13 each / cash only.



The 2026 sign up for altar flowers is now available. Please call or stop by the office to reserve a Sunday (or more) to beautify our sanctuary and remember or honor someone. The cost of flowers is \$110.



The UMYF would like to thank the congregation for your generous support of the Bethel Christmas Bash. We were able to purchase gripper socks for the residents at Magnolias. We also send a special thanks to Mike K for being a wonderful Santa's helper – your joy and enthusiasm made the event unforgettable!



Starting Wednesday, January 7, we invite the entire church family to join us for Wednesday Night Suppers at 5:30 PM. The church will provide the meal each week—just bring your appetite and your friendly smile!

Following supper:

- Bible Study begins at 6:00 PM
- . Choir Practice also starts at 6:00 PM

We are excited about expanding our Wednesday night ministries and are especially seeking ways to provide meaningful activities for our children. If you have ideas, a willing heart, or would like to help, we'd love to hear from you!

Come hungry, stay connected, and grow in grace as we begin this journey together.

Let's make Wednesdays a night to look forward to!



"The difference between a vibrant church and a declining one often begins with who shows up."

"Gathering together keeps our hearts aligned with God. Sunday, December 7, 2025

Sunday School: 14

Worship Service: 62



Year-End Giving Reminder

Please note that, per Federal law, any offerings you wish to have included on your 2025 giving statement must be postmarked by December 31, 2025. Gifts postmarked after that date will be applied to your 2026 giving year. Thank you for your continued faithfulness and generosity!



Poinsettias will be used again this year to decorate the sanctuary. Only 25 will be ordered. Cost is \$30 each. Call or stop by the church office to reserve on in honor or in memory of someone and help decorate our sanctuary for Advent.



We joyfully invite you and your family to join us for a beautiful Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Come experience the warmth, hope, and wonder of Christ's birth as we worship together in the glow of candlelight.

All are welcome – we would be blessed to have you with us.



The deadline to submit scholarship applications for 2nd semester is January 2.

Applications can be found on our website:

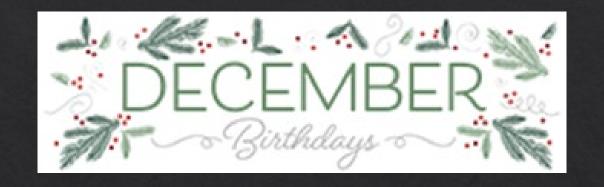
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Join us today, **December 14 at 5:00 PM** for a beautiful evening of Christmas music as our **Chancel Choir** is joined by the **Charleston String Quartet**.

Come celebrate the season through song and experience the joy and wonder of Christmas in music.



14th Cindy Hunt, Sheri Stone

15th Chris Bickley, Jim Brown, Tracy Burttram

16th Elizabeth Stroble

20th Emily Edwards



17th Tony & DeLoris Hamilton



The Finance Committee will meet Monday, December 15 at 5:30PM in the church library.



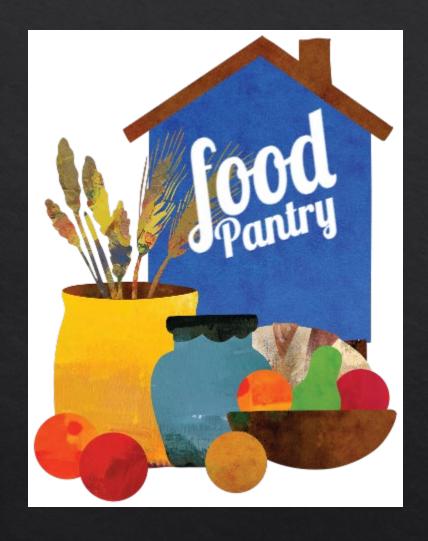
The Board of Trustees will meet Monday, December 15 at 6:30PM in the church library.



The Pastor's Bible study is Wednesday, December 17 at 10:30 AM or 6:00PM in the fellowship hall.



Shut-in meals will be delivered Wednesday, December 17.



The food pantry will be Thursday, December 18 2:00PM – 4:00PM.



The Bethel Preschool will have their Christmas program Friday, December 19 at 9:00AM.



If you are not currently receiving the newsletter and would like to, please email the church office or text/call Mary Wynn at 843-909-0941. You can opt to receive it via email or as a hard copy.



AED on Site at Bethel

Bethel now has an AED (Automated External Defibrillator). Several people have been trained to use the device. Another class will be held in January. If you are interested in the class, please let the office know. The AED and a first aid kit are located in the hallway behind the sanctuary near the fellowship hall.

Three Ways to Give



- **♦Online** at <u>www.walterborobethelumc.org</u>
- **♦ Text** "bethelwboro" to 73256

Mobile by using our QR code

You may call the church office for assistance with using these methods or setting up recurring gifts to auto-draft on a variety of frequencies.