

The Lantern on the Path

A traveler once asked an old woman for directions through a dark forest.

She handed him a small lantern.

“But this light only shows a few steps ahead,” he said.

She smiled. “A few steps are enough. Walk as far as the light reaches, and then it will show you the next part of the path.”

So the traveler began. The road twisted, and at times he wondered whether he was going the right way. Yet each time he moved forward, the lantern revealed another step.

Faith is often like that. We may want God to show us the entire journey, but God usually gives enough light for today. Seeking God does not mean having every answer. It means trusting the light we have been given—and taking the next step.



Announcements

OUR PRAYERS: Hayes Harris, Ben Barnett, Joyce Breland, Nina Crosby, Mike Fanchette, Lad Howell, Bobbie McLaine, Steve Murdaugh, Ed Newington, Debra Smith, Myrtle Socha, Gertha Stackley, Allie Utsey, Scott Wachter, Beth Warshaw

NURSING HOMES/SHUT-INS/DISTANT MEMBERS:
Joyce Breland, Jane Brown, Roger Crook, Nina Crosby, Sarah Anne Dean, Lynn Harrison, Joy Lawson, Vera Newington, Jeanine Price, Rusty Riddle, Kay Speaks, and Miriam Westbury, Martha Woodard

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

- Birthdays and Anniversaries for the week of July 26 – August 1**
- July

26th – Hal Dean

27th - West Brown

28th - Molly Watkins

29th - Shelli Duncan, Bo Hetrick, Donna Rizer

31st - Gary Hermann, Penelope Tuten

August 1st - Caroline Magus, Inglis Mangum, Angie Stephens
- July

28th

James & Becky Broderick

Support Our Preschool! 🍎

As we prepare for another wonderful school year, our Bethel Preschool is getting classrooms ready to welcome a new group of children. You can help by making a monetary donation or by purchasing much-needed classroom items from our Amazon Wish List, available on the Bethel United Methodist Church Facebook page. Every gift, large or small, helps provide a nurturing, Christ-centered environment where our children can learn, grow, and thrive.

Thank you for investing in the lives of our youngest learners! ❤️

Support Bethel's Laundry Day Ministry

Our next **Laundry Day** is coming in August! Help us bless our neighbors by donating quarters (or bills). Together, we can lighten someone's load and share Christ's love through simple acts of service. Thank you for helping Bethel be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Office Notice

Please note that I will be out of the office on **Thursday, July 30**, as Chris and I travel to Colorado to attend my father's memorial service.

To ensure there is enough time to prepare the bulletin for **Sunday, August 2**, please submit any announcements **no later than Tuesday, July 28**.

Thank you for your understanding.

Mary Wynn

Parsonage Fund

The Finance Committee has approved a Capital Campaign to help reduce the debt associated with the purchase of the former District Parsonage.

If you would like to support this effort, please make your check payable to **Bethel UMC** and designate it for the **Parsonage Fund**. Gifts may be placed in the offering plate, delivered to the church office, or mailed to:

Bethel United Methodist Church

355 Hampton Street
Walterboro, SC 29488

Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and faithful support of Bethel's ministry.

Jamie Bunton
Chair of Finance

Please detach the pledge slip below and place in the offering plate or send into the office:

I/We plan to support this project as follows:

\$_____ One time gift

\$_____ Per ___week ___month ___year

Name _____