

November 2026

Sharing Faith. Strengthening Community. Serving Together.

November Calendar of Events

Nov. 1	All Saints' Day
Nov. 3	Noon – Glory Group (FH)
	6:00 PM – Bethel UMM (FH)
Nov. 7	10:00 AM – Charge Conference (FH)
Nov. 8	UMYF at IHN Colleton
Nov. 9	2:00 PM – Sally Starr Circle (L)
	6:00 PM – Missy Ackerman Circle at Pholicious & Boba Tea
Nov. 10	5:00 PM – Worship Committee (L)
Nov. 12	2:00–4:00 PM – Food Pantry
Nov. 15	Faith & Loyalty Sunday
Nov. 18	Shut-in meals delivered
Nov. 19	2:00–4:00 PM – Food Pantry
Nov. 21	VFW Food Drive at IGA
Nov. 22	Decorate for Christmas
Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Day
	Church Office closed
Nov. 29	First Sunday of Advent

Ongoing Events

Sundays

9:00 AM – Sunday School

10:00 AM – Worship Service

5:30 PM – Bethel UMYF

Wednesdays

10:30 AM – Bible Study (FH)

5:30–6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Supper

5:30 PM – Choir Practice

6:00 PM – Christmas Choir Practice

Nov. 11 – No choir practice

Nov. 25 – No Bible Study

Nov. 25 – No supper or choir practice



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From the Pastor



Rev. Tresco E. Shannon

WHAT IS FAITH?

"YOU'RE NOT GOING TO tell us you believe in angels?" someone inquired, in a class that I was teaching. I then told the class to write one line naming something significant they had experienced in the last two weeks.

One said, "I had a difficult task to perform, but somehow I found the courage to do it." Another volunteered, "I wasn't sure I was going to make it through the week, with mid-term exams and all, but I did!" A third said, "Over the weekend I had a flash of insight that helped me decide what to do next year."

"That's interesting," I commented. "It appears that we all have lost our memories. We have forgotten what God said to our forebears. It's in the Twenty-third chapter of Exodus, if you want to look it up. God said, 'I am sending you an angel to enlighten you, to guard you on the way, to lead you to the place I have prepared for you. Be attentive to your angels; listen for your angel's voice!' What we need to have is faith." They didn't understand what faith is.

Then I told them a tale about a man who was a confessed smuggler. Every day he crossed the border with his donkey loaded with hay. The border guards knew he was smuggling and searched him and his donkey but found nothing. The man became wealthy. At thirty he retired and threw a party for the border guards. They asked him, "What have you been smuggling?" He responded, "Donkeys!"

Someone's hand shot up and they said, "Faith is seeing!"

"Yes," I responded. "If you don't expect to see angels, you don't see them. If people do not believe in God, it is because anything that might be perceived to point to the activity of God is either ignored, filtered out, or said to point to something else."

"Faith is seeing!"

Tresco

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 Kaleigh Forni, Jackson Long, Matthew Mangum, Jordan Ray



October Memorials

& Honorariums

In memory of Vera Newington
Given by Sharon Courtney; Gary Hermann; Laverne Sanders; Charlie & Darlene Mangum

In memory of Lance Sims
Given by Sharon Courtney

In memory of Nell Walters
Given by Sharon Courtney

In memory of Miriam Westbury
Given by Lynn McElmurray; Sharon Courtney

In memory of Carol Slocum
Given by Ann Hooker; Bill & Donna Rogers; Tom & Judy Woodward; Scott & Sherrie Wallinger; Donald & Wynona Rizer; Lynn McElmurray; Paulette Latta; Judy Bridge; Laverne Sanders; Neale & Leslie Behm

In memory of Wesley Kubik
Given by Tony & DeLoris Hamilton

In memory of Donald Rizer
Given by Carl & Patsy Avant; Buddy & Marilyn Creech; Jimmy & June Bilka; Perry & Janet Buckner; Tony & DeLoris Hamilton; David & Deborah Rowl; Gary Hermann; Joey & Bobbie McLaine; Terry & Toni Walters; Bill & Gail Howell; Duncan & Cindy Hunt; E. Sims Floyd, Jr. (SCADA); Dwight & Trudy Frierson; Edisto Beach Loggerhead Turtle Project; Ann Hooker; Molly Watkins; Scott & Adelaide Wallinger; Donald & Gloria Meetze; Frampton & Melanie Ferguson; Prothro Chevrolet Co., Inc.; Charlie & Darlene Mangum; Mary Wynn Chamblin

Keith & Dawn Rizer; Courtland Rizer, Jr.

In honor of Sylvia Rowland
Given by Bennetts Point Interdenominational Chapel

A Season of Gratitude

Giving thanks for the blessings we share

November invites us to notice the gifts that surround us: the kindness of a neighbor, a familiar voice, a shared meal, and the quiet ways God's love reaches us through one another.

As we gather in worship, serve our community, and remember those we love, may our gratitude become more than words. May it lead us to acts of generosity, compassion, and care.

This Thanksgiving season, let us give thanks for the people who make Bethel a family of faith and for every opportunity to be a blessing to someone else.

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.” — Psalm 107:1



Bethel Bulletin Board

Veterans Park Dedication



Tuesday, November 11
11:00 AM

Join us as we honor our veterans at the Veterans Park dedication.

Laundry Day



Bethel UMC is proud to sponsor Laundry Day for our community.

November will be the last month this year that Bethel will be sponsoring Laundry Day.

VFW Food Drive



Friday, November 21 at IGA

Help us support our local VFW by donating non-perishable food items.

Volunteers are needed to help unload the donations into our pantry afterward.

Sally Starr Circle Pecan Sales



$13 per 1-pound bag

Available in pieces or halves.

Pecans will arrive the week before Thanksgiving.

Native American Heritage Month

NOVEMBER



This month we recognize and honor the rich cultures, histories, and contributions of Native American peoples.

We are grateful for the many ways they have enriched our world.

Thanksgiving

Church Office Closed

Thursday, November 26



Wishing you a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving!

The People of Bethel

Faith
Family
Friends
Community

Youth IN MISSION

Our youth recently visited In His Name – Colleton to learn more about the important ministry they provide to our community. They chose this amazing organization as their mission focus for the year.





"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..."
MATTHEW 25:35

We are so grateful for Doreen Wren and the entire In His Name – Colleton team for sharing their time and knowledge with our youth.

Preschool Happenings

Little Hands
Big Hearts
Bright Futures



Book Mobile from the Library



Pumpkin Patch Fun



Visit with Our Local Firefighters

Celebrating Our Bethel Family

November Birthdays

2 Becki Davis
3 Joy Hoffman
4 Linda Sisk
5 Julie Koon
6 Dicky Mitchell
8 Teresa Wachter
12 Ann Howell
12 John Thomas
12 Rylee Jacobs
13 Bert Koon
13 Stacey Magus
14 Mike Kuszmaul
18 Charlotte Culpepper
18 Clayton Stoddard
19 Sarah Dean
21 Jamie Bunton
21 Jennifer Craven
21 Hannah Davis
23 Melanie Ritter
23 Kaylee Spears
25 Jackson Bell
25 Charles Mitchell McRae, Jr.
26 Lauren Ulmer
30 Frank Biggers
30 Delores Crosby
30 Austin Moore

November Anniversary

2 Bobby & Harriet Bonds

Faith and Loyalty Sunday . . . November 15th

EVERY MEMBER PRESENT

On "Faith and Loyalty Sunday" that is Sunday, November 15th every member of Bethel United Methodist Church is requested to be present for worship service. At that time, estimates of our giving for the year beginning January 1, 2027, will be made voluntarily in an atmosphere of worship and dedication, as we place our sealed Cards on the altar during the closing hymn.

IN CASE YOU ARE ABSENT

In the event that you cannot be present, please bring or send your "Estimate of Giving Card," sealed in an envelope, to the church office as soon as possible.

CHRIST ABOVE CASH

Our purpose as a church is not to raise money, but to build a kingdom of God. Money is a means by which we show our faith in God and our loyalty to Bethel Church. Living costs are up for us all, and the church pays more for everything it uses than ever before. The total program of our church including worship, study, fellowship, music, recreation, and mission is wonderful. But it cannot be maintained without the support of all our members.

EACH PERSON MUST ANSWER

No person is forced to give to God's work. Love for God and compassion for God's people are the only compelling forces we need. Each person must live with himself/herself, and your accountability is to God alone. All that your church is doing is simply to help each one of us face up to our own Christian need to be generous and joyful givers.

Each One of Us, Can Make a Difference

Tresco E. Shannon

Faithful Yesterday, Faithful Tomorrow

Our Church. Our Family. Our Future.

For generations, Bethel United Methodist Church has been a place of worship, fellowship, compassion, and service. Through the faithfulness and generosity of its members, Bethel has continued to minister not only to our church family but also to the community around us.

As we look toward 2027, we face a financial reality that deserves our prayerful consideration. Our projected budget indicates that we will need to draw from our church's financial reserves to meet anticipated expenses. Over the years, we have lost cherished members through death, while others have moved or chosen different church homes. With these changes, our financial support has also diminished, even as the costs of maintaining our church and its ministries continue.

Our reserves are a blessing, made possible by the generosity and careful stewardship of those who came before us. But they are not an unlimited resource.

Faith and Loyalty Sunday, November 15, gives each of us an opportunity to reflect on what Bethel means to us and how we can help sustain its future. Every gift matters, regardless of its size. What matters most is our shared commitment to the church we love.

The same faithfulness that built Bethel's foundation can carry us forward. Together, through prayer, participation, service, and generous giving according to our abilities, we can help ensure that Bethel remains a place of worship, fellowship, and ministry for generations to come.

Our past was built on faithfulness.
Our future depends on it, too.

A Little Faith, A Little Fun

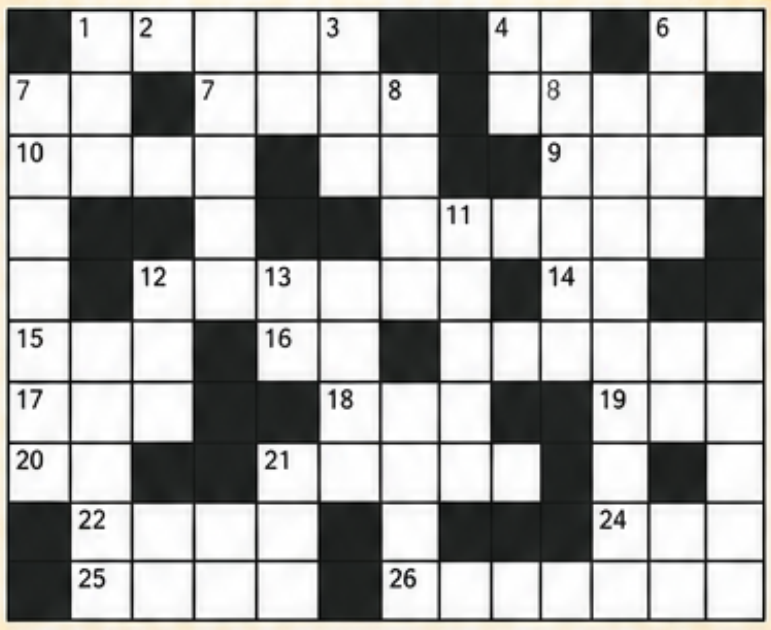
A THANKSGIVING TREAT FOR OUR BETHEL FAMILY

Thanksgiving WORD SEARCH

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Blessings
Church
Community
Compassion
Courage
Faith
Faithfulness
Family
Fellowship
Friends
Generosity
Gather
Giving
Grace
Gratitude
Harvest
Heart
Hope
Joy
Kindness
Love
Memories
Prayer
Praise
Service
Share
Thanksgiving
Together
Turkey
Tradition

Do You Remember? CROSSWORD



Across

1. The month we give thanks (9)
7. A harvest decoration (6)
8. A favorite Thanksgiving pie (4,3)
10. Our church family (6)
11. The place we gather for worship (7)
12. A hymn often sung at Thanksgiving (5,4)
15. A feeling of thankfulness (9)
17. A meal shared with family and friends (8)
18. What we do at church each Sunday (6)
20. Another word for a group of friends (9)
22. A traditional Thanksgiving main dish (6)
24. What we show to others (9)
25. God's many good gifts (8)
26. Being with family and friends (9)

Down

1. A time to remember and give thanks (11)
2. What we read in worship (4)
3. A gift from God (5)
4. A beautiful season of the year (6)
5. Another word for thankful (9)
6. What we do together at Bethel (11)
9. A special time for family (9)
13. God's unending ___ (4)
14. A feeling of great happiness (4)
16. Food grown on the farm (7)
19. A place to live (4)
21. A Christian's talk with God (6)
23. A light we see on the altar (5)
24. What we are called to do (4)



The Blessings We Almost Overlook

REMEMBERING THANKSGIVINGS PAST

There was a time when Thanksgiving morning began with the sounds of pots and pans in the kitchen, the aroma of turkey roasting in the oven, and someone reminding the children to stay out of the way.

The dining table might have been stretched to its limits, with mismatched chairs pulled in from other rooms. There was always too much food, never quite enough room, and someone who insisted that nobody had eaten enough.

We remember the familiar voices, the laughter, the stories told year after year, and the hands that prepared the meal. Some of those hands are no longer with us. Some of the chairs around our tables are now empty. And some of the traditions we once took for granted have become our most treasured memories.

As the years pass, Thanksgiving changes. Families grow, children move away, and new faces gather around our tables. We learn that the greatest blessings were never really the perfectly browned turkey or the beautiful table settings. They were the people who gathered, the love that was shared, and the simple joy of being together.

And perhaps that is one of the gifts of growing older. We begin to recognize the extraordinary blessings hidden within ordinary days.

This Thanksgiving, whether our tables are surrounded by family and friends or our celebrations are quieter than they once were, may we remember with gratitude those who helped shape our lives, cherish those who share them today, and give thanks for the love that continues through every season.

"I thank my God every time I remember you."
— Philippians 1:3