
The Spirit of Bethel

MARCH 2026

March Calendar of Events

Tuesday, March 3

Noon - Glory Group
6:00PM Bethel UMM Oyster Roast

Monday, March 9

6:00 PM - Missy Ackerman Circle

Tuesday, March 10

9:30 AM - Sally Starr Circle (road trip)

Thursday, March 12

2:00 PM - 4:00PM - Food Pantry

Sunday, March 15

UMCOR Sunday

Monday, March 23

6:00 PM - Church Council

Wednesday, March 25

Shut-in meals delivered

Thursday, March 26

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Food Pantry

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday
5th Sunday covered dish lunch

Ongoing Events

Sundays

9:00 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Worship Service
5:30 PM - UMYF

Wednesdays

10:30 AM / 6:00 PM - Pastor's Bible Study
5:30 PM - Family Night Supper

From the Pastor...

GETTING MORE LIGHT ON THE SUBJECT

The parking lots around the church would be very dark at night if there were not bright lights for safety and security. This has been important as we gather for evening activities.

The amount of light you get does not depend on the amount of current in the line - - her or at home. It depends on the size of the bulb you use.

The City of Walterboro does not light our streets with low wattage bulbs, nor do the merchants light their display windows with weak lights.

This principle also applies to our spiritual life. God's unlimited power is available to us, but too many of us offer only a small portion of our life to him. It is like connecting a 15-watt bulb to a generator adequate for a whole city. As a result, our Christian witness is often very dim and weak. We, as Christians, cannot contribute light to the community or to the world by giving God small portions of ourselves. It takes big "wattage" Christians to be the kind of channel God needs to bring light to a dark world.



Reverend Tresco E. Shannon

The volume of Christian light we produce is determined by three things burning in the filament of your soul:

- (1) Love for God shown by regular church attendance.
- (2) Partnership with God shown by offering unselfish service.
- (3) Honesty toward God shown by giving tangible support.

When we are deficient in any of these, it lowers our Christian "wattage", but when we are adequate in each, together we can continue to make Bethel United Methodist Church a beacon to the community. After all, Jesus said, "Let your light shine."

During this season of Lent, let's try to get even more light on the subject!

February Memorials

In memory of Trent Copeland

given by Tony & DeLoris Hamilton, Harry & Pat Ray, Tommy & Amanda Fulton, Joey & Bobbie McLaine, Jeffrey & Joanne Herndon, Duncan & Cindy Hunt, and the Missy Ackerman Circle

In memory of Kim Rudd

given by Tony & DeLoris Hamilton, the Will Goodwin Class

In Our Prayers

Shut-ins/ Nursing Home/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

Altar Flowers

Each Sunday, the flowers on our altar are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory or honor of those who have shaped our

lives and our faith. These beautiful arrangements are more than decoration — they are reminders of gratitude, remembrance, and hope.

If you would like to provide altar flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact the church office to reserve a date.



A Season of Hope

As winter gives way to spring, we are reminded that God is always at work bringing new life out of what once seemed still and quiet. In this season of Lent, we remember those we love, pray for those who need strength, and trust that even in tender places, the light of Christ continues to shine.

May this season bring comfort to grieving hearts, peace to those who wait, and renewed hope to us all.

*“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning.”
— Lamentations 3:22–23*

COMMITTEE NEWS

Bethel United Methodist Men

Attention golfers and those want to be! The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will be hosting their annual golf tournament on March 17 at the Summerville Country Club. The cost is \$150 per person, with registration starting at 8:00AM and shotgun start at 9:00AM. If you are interested in getting a team together, please let Mike Kuszmaul know by March 10 as the deadline is March 11.

843-893-2984 or
mekuszmaul@lowcountry.com

Sally Starr Circle

Circle members will meet Tuesday, March 10 at 9:30 AM in the church parking lot. They will be leaving for a road trip.

NOTE: This is a change in day and time.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

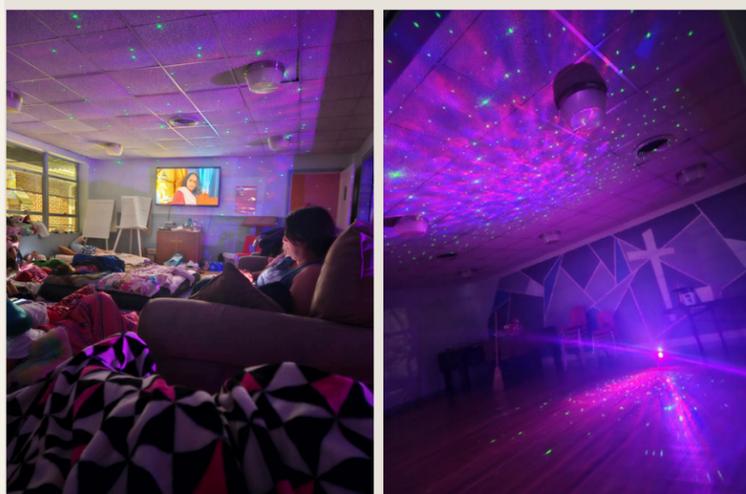


Chapel with Pastor Shannon



Donuts with him

Girl Scouts News



The girls enjoyed their very first lock-in. They had a blast and were very appreciative of being able to use our youth room. Great memories were made by all.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- March 1 - Catherine Bunton, Greg Pryor
- March 2 - Joey McLaine,
- March 4 - Forrest Simmons
- March 5 - Lucas Beach, Brandi Boseman, Celeste Crosby, Anne Mathis Thomas
- March 6 - Amanda Fulton
- March 7 - Benjamin Edwards
- March 8 - Rodger Dandridge, Bill Howell
- March 9 - Lynn Hiott
- March 12 - Buton Ott
- March 13 - Karl Hermann, Theron Smith
- March 14 - Campbell Pryor, Frankie Smith, Martha Woodard
- March 16 - Darlene Mangum
- March 19 - Lauren Stanfill, Shelley Thomas
- March 20 - Jenny Bunton, Elizabeth Dean
- March 22 - Lydia Fee
- March 23 - Sloman Dean, Catherine Fanchette
- March 24 - Kyle Stroble
- March 25 - Parker Tuten
- March 26 - Donald Crosby
- March 27 - Tripp Boseman, Connor Davis, Tradd Odum
- March 30 - Jack Bonds, Megan Mitchell
- March 31 - Addison Beasley, PA Pournelle, Evan Stroble

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- March 10 - Jamey & Sharon Copeland
Joey & Bobbie McLaine
- March 17 - Joey & Melanie Ritter
- March 24 - Bert & Julie Koon
- March 26- Scott & Nikki Beasley
- March 27- Bobo & Linda Hudson

What to Give up for Lent

Not just chocolate

Give up grumbling...start giving thanks.

Give up looking for bad in others...start looking for something good.

Give up speaking abruptly...start speaking in love and kindness.

Give up worrying...start trusting God.

Give up hatred toward others...start counting all people as brothers and sisters.

Give up sleeping late on Sundays...start going to Sunday school and church.

Give up buying what you don't really need...start giving more to God's church.

Give up your bad habits...start practicing things that are helpful.

Give up being hypocritical...start being your real self.

Give up judging others...start examining your own heart.

Give up trying to live without God...start each day asking for God's guidance.

Give up trying to do too many things...start doing a few things well.

Give up some of the things money can buy...start enjoying things money can't buy.

Give up trying to live by your own weak strength alone...start giving yourself to God.

Something to Take Up This Spring

As the days grow longer and the flowers begin to bloom, Lent reminds us that letting go makes room for growth. When we release what weighs us down, we create space for joy, gratitude, and new beginnings.

This spring, consider taking up:

- Gratitude
- Kindness
- Patience
- Daily prayer
- A renewed commitment to worship

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"

— Isaiah 43:19

