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From the Desk of Our Pastor

“THE PATTERN OF PRAYER”

Easter may be over but God’s Easter people are just getting started!

Easter isn’t a day but a Season. After Jesus was resurrected, He remained and appeared to many, for forty days. Then He ascended into Heaven to be with the Father. Once Jesus was returned to the Father and His work was finished, God sent the Holy Spirit to be our present and constant Friend. Putting all those days together has become for the Church the Easter Season leading up to Pentecost Sunday, (meaning day 50), when the Spirit of God came down and filled the Church.

So Easter people, how will we spend these next fifty days of Easter Season?

I invite you to a **Season of Prayer**, in deep and intimate conversation with God.

Never have we been in more need of conversation with the Source of life and Giver of new life. Our culture keeps us running and consuming. We are being force fed a steady diet of panic, fear, and need. Human wisdom is bankrupt. The human made systems to deal with the rising issues of our times are corrupted and broken. In this storm we need a center, a truer reality than what we are being told and what we see. We need to pray!

Matthew 6:9, Jesus said, “This then is how you should pray...”

Jesus knew that living out of a new reality in the midst of the storms of life would be the once and always tension for His followers. This is why He took the time to teach His disciples **a pattern for prayer, the Lord’s Prayer**. Prayer is the opportunity to rest in God’s Presence, to remember that God is the Source of Life, and to receive the new life God longs to give us.

During this Easter Season we will be in a new sermon series based on the Lord’s Prayer. Each week we will take a part of the Lord’s Prayer and unpack the implications for our relationship with God, ourselves, and each other. We will also learn about how to pray, what happens when we pray, and what difference prayer can make in our lives.

My prayer for us all is that we will discover a renewed vitality in our daily living as we live out of the higher reality of God at work in both His world and His people, resurrecting, redeeming, and renewing.

Peace of Christ,
Pastor Cindy Muncie

Meetings

May 5 Men's Club Breakfast 8:00 am
Children and Family Ministries 12:15 pm
May 7 UMW 7:00 pm
May 13 Staff Meeting 11:00 am
May 29 VBS Meeting

Did You Miss a Sunday or a Sermon?

Visit our Bethany website to catch up on the spiritual food you missed. You can also find our latest newsletter, information on our staff, church history, and update on our latest events. Bookmark our site for quick access at www.bethanyji.org



Epworth Children's Home

On Sunday, May 5th we will be having a speaker from Epworth Children's Home who will make a presentation during the Sunday School hour in the Sanctuary. We are inviting the Sunday School classes to join us to hear about Epworth. Please remember that on Mother's Day, May 12th, we will take up the annual Mother's Day Offering for Epworth.

Please remember to keep the following people in your prayers:

Tess Penninger
Woody & Henrietta Killingsworth
Chuck & Edith Oshinsky
Sarah Margaret & Jacqueline Woods
(Tina Atwater's granddaughters)
Jim Fralix
Mary Grace Belbusti Jones and Children
Georgia Odom

Bethany "Shut-In" Members

Sweetgrass Village
-Paul Lewis
The Palms -Janie Thomas

Summerville -Betty Carmichael - Dero Irwin
Family -Elizabeth Harley
Please see office for contact info
Home -Tess Penninger -Harriet Fosbery -Alvis and Helen Hancock -Sulie Patterson
Franke at Seaside -Woody and Henrietta Killingsworth
Veterans Victory House -Chuck Oshinsky
c/o Veterans Victory House
2461 Sidneys Road
Walterboro, SC 29488



05/01 Miriam Carter
05/02 Kristin Beeker
05/03 Linda Hill
Eleanor Carter
05/04 Edith Oshinsky
05/05 Ben Allegood
Sam Allegood
05/09 Brian Embry
05/11 Pam Riggs
05/14 Theodore Lawson
05/16 Banks Weed
05/22 Elizabeth Harley
05/26 Dero Irwin
05/27 Jay Hughes
Karen Fain
05/30 Gin Bell



05/16 Tom & Janell Coffey
05/18 David & Betsy Whitaker
05/23 James and Kathy Glover
05/26 Luke & Shelley Hough
Alicia & Noconi Suane'

Deepest Sympathies to Elizabeth and Kristen Hilliard whose father passed away on April 13.

Nursery Update

We are still in need of volunteers to help out in the nursery on Sunday mornings. All time slots are needed 9:00-12:15. If you help us out during any of these times please give me a call. There is also a sign up sheet by the office. Many Thanks!

Joanne Young 843-442-4313

Random Acts of Kindness



Lemonade Stand. 10:00-11:30 am out in front of Bethany.

Thank You

I wanted to take a minute and say a very big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with Ms. Nell's Celebration! It was a fantastic day and could not have happened without the wonderful folks who contributed their time and effort. A lot of love and hard work went in to making it such a special day for such a special lady.

Thank you all for sharing yourselves and your talents for Ms. Nell and all the wonderful folks of BETHANY!

Joanne Young

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU for your continued leadership and commitment to our connectional ministry. You are doing a great job right out of the gate for the first quarter of 2019. The apportionments report through 3/31/2019 reveal that the Charleston District had the largest increase in BOTH dollars and percent collected as compared to the prior year!

As we have completed one-quarter of the year (25%) Bethany UMC-Charleston has paid 25%! Please convey my deep appreciation to the congregation for this accomplishment and for their dedication to our shared ministry.

Shalom,

Rev. Dr. Sandra Stevens, Poirel

Charleston District Superintendent

Thank You to everyone at church for my special day. It was a day I shall never forget.

God is good,

Ms. Nell

I want to thank all who were involved in making this beautiful prayer quilt and presenting it to me and to the congregation for the prayers.

I know a lot of labor, love and prayers were put into it and I feel all that love and prayers when I cover with this quilt. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart and I will cherish it forever.

God Bless you all,
In Christian Love,
Shirley Peebles

Men's Club

The Men's Club will meet on Sunday, May 5th, at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast. All men are welcome to attend.

UMW

Interested in traveling to the Holy Land, Israel? If so, you are invited to our next meeting on May 7 at 7:00 to learn more about this trip planned for November 2020. This will be a great opportunity for the members of Bethany to walk where Jesus walked!

Hope to see you on May 7th.

Carol Killingsworth, President

Welcome New Members



Debbie Smith

Debbie now lives on James Island after spending time in Mt. Pleasant and as far away as New Jersey, New York, and Illinois. She has two grown children, Taryn and Matthew. She spent much of her working career in the insurance business and now enjoys crafts. Debbie joins Bethany by church letter transfer from Hibben UMC on March 10, 2019. Welcome Debbie!

Native American Sunday is MAY 5th. Please bring non-perishables that we will place in a basket. Cindy will take the basket to Annual Conference where all the baskets will be presented and blessed by Bishop Holsten.

VBS Meeting May 29th at 6:30. If you are planning to help with VBS (June 17-20) please come to the meeting. If you are thinking about helping please come. All help is welcomed and appreciated.



Once again for Mother’s Day we will be showing photos in the sanctuary. If you have previously submitted a photo of your mother we will still have it. If you have photos you would like included in the slide show please get them to Jerry Pitts as soon as possible.



VBS IS A COMING!!!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS
JUNE 17-20
6:00-8:00 PM

You are invited to a Baby Shower on Saturday May 25 from 1:00-3:00 in the Fellowship Hall for Connie Allegood. All members of the church are invited.



Prayer Quilts

If you have a request for a Prayer Quilt there is an envelope on the bulletin board outside the church office with forms for you to fill out. We are happy to do the quilts however we get many requests and without the form we don’t know who all we are making them for. You can drop the form off in the church office or the box outside the office door or give to Gloria Smith.

Graduation Time



If you have children or grandchildren who are graduating this year please get the information to the church office so we may recognize their accomplishments.

Camp Road Market Saturday, May 11th from 9-12:00 at Epworth UMC.

Lifeline Screening and The Blood Connection

We will once again be hosting Lifeline Screening on May 20th from 8:00 am-5:30 pm.

The cost for 5 screenings is \$139 (discount coupons are available in the church office).

You may register by calling 1-866-229-0469, online at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or texting the word [circle](#) to 797979.

At the same time The Blood Connection from Roper Hospital will be here with their blood mobile. They will be here from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.

To learn more go to www.thebloodconnection.org

Jack's Beach House

The Beach House is open. Jack has graciously offered members to park at his house 313 E. Arctic Ave on Folly Beach and get on the beach using his boardwalk. THANKS JACK!

Bishop's Day in Charleston

Bishop Holsten will be in the Charleston District on Saturday, May 11 at Bethany UMC in Summerville. Registration begins at 8:30am and the sessions begin at 9:00 and will finish by noon. There will be informational Breakout Sessions to include Foster Care, Kinship Care, Resource Access Closets, Every Child is a Miracle and Time with Pastors. If you would like to attend please let Pastor Cindy know.

Choir News

Choir Practice has moved to 6:00pm for the summer. If you would like to join us we would be very happy to have us. We really do need some men. This is a fun, hard working group and we would welcome anyone to join us.

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