

June 2023

Bethesda Banner

**Bethesda
Presbyterian
Church**

4858 McConnells Hwy.

York, SC 29745

(803)328-1360

Sunday School 9:45 am

Worship 11 am

Visit

www.bethesdapres.org

for updates.



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Vacation Bible School

June 26-29

There will be an important VBS meeting on Sunday, June 11 at 3:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We still need some help, so if you are interested, please come! Everyone is welcome.

Other Children's Ministry news:

Beginning on June 3rd and continuing through the summer, the two children's Sunday School classes will be combined and meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve and get to know the children at church? We need volunteers to teach Children's Church during worship. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Susan Hibbard at sbhizzard@comporium.net or 803-322-4927. You can volunteer for a certain Sunday or for a month. Everything will be provided for you.

Youth News

Youth Group is off to a great start! We have some fun things planned for throughout the summer! The cookout was a blast and we had a GREAT turnout! While at our youth cookout [last Sunday](#) some of our youth noticed we needed a few things!

If you feel led to donate our youth would like a kickball/dodgeball and a new snow cone machine. If you have a middle or high schooler please keep an eye out in the bulletin or on our Bethesda Facebook page for upcoming events!

Thanks for your support!

-Laura and Jesse Merritt

Youth Group at Bowl n Bounce on June 4th. We will need to bring \$15 for laser tag and bowling! Meet at the church at 4:00!

Helping our neighbors:

Please help replenish our "Blessing Box" and Food Pantry. Suggested items are non-perishable food items - peanut butter, jelly, canned meat or pasta items, spaghetti sauce, pasta, small cereal boxes, etc. A basket is available weekly in the vestibule for donations. There is also a basket in the Fellowship Hall for those who wish to make contributions at the Wednesday Night Dinners. These items are used to fill the "Blessing Box", distributed to people who request help through the Bethesda Benevolence Fund, and delivered regularly to local food distribution organizations. Thank you for your contributions to this ministry.

Plentiful Harvest Kitchen. Thank you to Debbie Darby, Alana Coxton, Ricky & Debbie Fulmer, Jim Percival, Peggy Adkins, Esther Bailey and Steve & Sarah Childers. Approximately 120 folks were served on Mother's Day.

Dates for the rest of the year are: July 30, October 15 and December 31.

Plastic Recycling- We are continuing to collect soft plastics to earn a third bench.

Missions, Outreach, and Service Report - May 2023

Presbyterian Women:

Card Ministry

Donations to:

Thornwell

Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina

Tito Palacios and La Mission in Guatemala

The Matias Family in Brazil

Pentecost Offering

Prayer Shawl Ministry

One Baby Blanket Presented

Two Prayer Shawls/Lap Afghans Presented

Online Ministry

Worship Services

Pastor's Bible Study

Sounds of Grace

Ministry of Care and Support

Community Support/Outreach

Hosted Daughters of the American Revolution Historical Marker Dedication Ceremony and Reception

Celebrated Homecoming

Collected Needed Items for Children of a Family in the Community

Prepared and Served Dinner for Plentiful Harvest Kitchen at Covenant Presbyterian Church

Food Items

Collected Food Items for Food Pantry and Blessing Box

Maintained the Blessing Box by Keeping It Fully Stocked

Benevolence Fund

Child Development Center

Congregational Life Committee Provided Monday Breakfast for Child Development Center Teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week

Christian Education/Youth Committee Provided Thursday Lunch for Child Development Center Teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week

The Worship Committee requests your help to update the mailing list for the Bethesda Banner and the weekly bulletins. If you wish to receive this information by mail, please contact the church office bethesda@comporium.net or call the church (803)329-1360. The bulletin and Banner are published weekly/monthly and can be read online at Bethesda's website www.bethesda.org. Thank you.



Favorite Hymn- Do you have a favorite hymn that we have not sung for a while. During the summer months, I would like to include as many of these hymns that I can in our summer worship services. You can send the title to me at larayneha@gmail.com; text or call me at 803-554-4705; in person or put it in my mailbox in the office

Thank you!!

I would like to give special thanks to Tara and the Sounds of Grace for doing the music for our worship services while I was recuperating from my surgery. God has blessed Bethesda with these wonderful musicians.

LaRayne

Bethesda CDC would like to send our sincerest gratitude to each and every person that helped to make our Teacher Appreciation Week so wonderful. The food that was prepared and delivered by our parents, council members, and church committee members was delicious. It not only filled our empty stomachs every day, but gave the staff a feeling of warm fellowship and appreciation in our hearts. Thank you again for going over and beyond. God bless you all!

Bethesda CDC staff

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Esther Bailey! Esther's 30th Anniversary with the Bethesda CDC was May 31, 2023.

June Verse to Remember

Jesus said to the eleven disciples: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go therefore and make disciples...

Matthew 28:18



June Birthdays



3	Grayson Darby, III
6	Todd Hagler
7	Gail Boyd, Ralph Adams
8	Chuck Barton
12	Debbie Darby
14	Lewis Jordan
17	Marlien Hudson
20	James Platt
21	Pam Jordan
24	Jim Carter, Jr.
25	Laura Merritt
27	Tyson Medlin
28	Tony McKinney, Wes Hibbard, Coleman Burns
29	David Bailey, Beth Smith

	Attendance	
	<u>Morning Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
	In-person	
5/7/23	79	25
5/14/23	46	23
5/21/23	45	21
5/28/23	31	22

Remember in Prayer

At Bethesda

Ed Williamson
Derek Marotta
Christina Hibbard
Margaret Moore
Bobby Moore
Jonathan Lauckner
Gene Cornwell
Doris Jonas - heart
Ricky & Debbie Simpson & Family
Frank Allen
Anita Ferguson Buffolino
Bill Dover
Ruth Rawdon
Eddie Allan Smith (back)
Stacy Meeks (CDC)
Hildegard Bell
Luke Johnson (back surgery, 5/9/23)

Death - Bud Hayes, 5/7/23
John Nottingham Somerville, 5/10/23

At Bethesda Child Development Center

Cynthia Jackson, Dawn Westmoreland, Esther Bailey,
Jamie Baker, Catherine Goodband, Stacy Meek, Janice
Meeks, Tracy Eddinger, Elizabeth Martin, Aliah Hagy.

Global Mission Partners

Matias Family and
Tito Palacios (La Mision)

In the Military:

Chase Davis, Zoe De Anda,
Morgan Drayton, Sully Foy,
Nicholas McAteer, Alyarda Thompson,
Michael Wilkerson

In the Community and Beyond

Bill Hibbard (Wes' brother) broken hip & pelvis due to accident
Muriel Jones (Cheryl's sister-in-law) pancreatic cancer
Dorothy Hazard (LaRayne's sister-in-law)
Larry Rockholt (Carolyn's son)
Johnny Rockholt (Faye's son)
Rick Stallard (Josh's father)
Willie Wilson (Bert's brother)
Memory Jordan (Ralph & Becky's friend) lung cancer
Evelyn Williams (Donna's cousin)
Noah Smith, Sr. (Pacia's dad)
Ron Saboley (Jackie's husband)
Regina Scarpelli & Tom Paolucci (Donna's family)
Penelope Lowder (Rocky's niece) surgery
Dennis Duncan (Debbie Fulmer's dad) his memory
David McClellan (Darby's son-in-law Lee's uncle) cancer
Austin Oliver (Leslie Platt's nephew)
Hildegard and Jim Bell's granddaughter, lupus
Edna Rhinehart (Carolyn Rockholt's sister)
Cherish Clark Walker (Krystal's friend) cancer
Dale Wray & mother, Peggy (Krystal's friend)
Rachel Ann Taylor (Pat's granddaughter) leukemia
Brittany, Wes & Whitley Teter (Linda's granddaughter)
Dolores Lynn (Tara's aunt in Iowa) heart problem
Sandy Martin (Christy's stepmom) lymphoma/pet scan
Marcie McCain (Jim & Lisa's friend) starting chemo
Joanne Cox (Debbie Fulmer's aunt) cancer
Celeste Burns (son, Brantley Nichols died of drug overdose)
Dwight Little (cirrhosis of liver & stroke) Leslie Henson's co-worker)
Abbie So (19 yr. old friend of Emma Marotta) heart failure
Kelly DeLong (pregnancy complications) Sarah's niece

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Our Elders:

Alberta Anthony

Mark Boyd

Sarah Childers

Jimmy Darby

Cheryl Forlines

Debbie Fulmer

Susan Hibbard

Jim Percival

Stacy Russell

Todd Russell

Johnny Walker

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

James 1:17

Our Mission

We celebrate the sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ who is the head of the Church. Through the leading of the Holy Spirit, we are God's servants dedicated to the nurturing of all people in faith, service and fellowship; providing service to those in need; comforting the bereaved; ministering to the sick; offering solace to the troubled; and always seeking the lost.

We invite all believers in the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to share the communion loaf and cup of communion as symbols of our unity and service to the Risen Lord.



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Bethesda Presbyterian Church Staff:

Pastor - Derek Marotta

Secretary/Bookkeeper - Pat Jones

Director of Music Ministry - LaRayne Hall

Sexton - Donna Hagler