

November, 2023



Bethesda Banner

Archbishop Oscar Romero once said:

"We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us. No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the Church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities."

Those words strike me as a proper understanding of stewardship because they reference partnership and missions. Here at Bethesda, we are building upon the foundation that God has already laid in this church and community. We are listening to, and discerning for, God's voice and His call as we wonder what is the next mission we can join.

Listening to God brings opportunities for partnership with God for God loves both the Church and its community.

As you consider your stewardship for the upcoming year, and prayerfully consider your role in God's mission in the church, you are acknowledging your part, and your commitment to, the work of God at Bethesda. Certainly the work will go on for years to come (as it has in our past), but we play a role in this work as the church.

Sometimes the work continues without us seeing the fruit of our labors, but that does not mean that we do not actively live into this work.

So as you think about your stewardship, I wonder:

How are you blessed?

How can you see God at work here?

The answer to those questions address the nature of your relationship with Jesus Christ and how you see yourself partnering with the Lord in this community. These questions refer to how you discern God's work and mission taking place around you.

So please take some time and pray about how your participation in the mission of God here at Bethesda.

Blessings,
Derek

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Sunday School 9:45 am

Worship 11 am

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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: A group from Bethesda served at Covenant on October 15. 153 plates were served! Our next date to serve is December 31.

Plastic Recycling- We have collected enough plastics for our third bench! It will be delivered and assembled soon. We will continue to collect plastics for our fourth bench.

Second Harvest Food Pantry Dates

November 10 – Hermon Presbyterian, 107 Heckle Blvd., Rock Hill, SC 29730

December 8 – Faith Presbyterian, 7520 Charlotte Hwy, Indian Land, SC 29707

Missions, Outreach, and Service Report—October, 2023

Presbyterian Women's Circle:

Card Ministry

Donations to:

Thornwell

Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina

Tito Palacios and La Mission in Guatemala

The Matias Family in Brazil

Prayer Shawl Ministry

One Prayer Shawl Presented

One Lap Afghan Presented

Online Ministry

Worship Services

Pastor's Bible Study

Sounds of Grace

Ministry of Care and Support

Provided Transportation to Medical Appointments and Other Support for Community Member

Community Support/Outreach

Lunches for School Age Children

Prepared and Distributed 314 Bag Lunches for York School Age Children on Break (Daves Road Neighborhood and York Housing Authority)

Distributed 28 Bags of Groceries to Some of the Families

Plentiful Harvest Kitchen

Prepared and Served 153 Meals

Food Items

Collected Food Items for Food Pantry and Blessing Box

Maintained the Blessing Box by Keeping It Fully Stocked

Trunk or Treat

Hosted Trunk or Treat for Community Children - over 277 neighbors came through our Trunk or Treat

Benevolence Fund

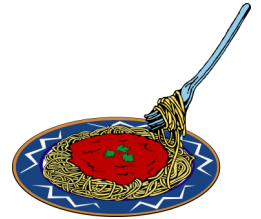
Child Development Center



Our Christmas Worship Service is scheduled for Sunday, December 17 during our 11:00 worship service. We need voices and hand chimers. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at larayneha@gmail.com, call or text me at 803-554- 4705 or just talk to me. Hope to see you at choir rehearsal and/or at chime ringing rehearsal.

Called Congregational Meeting On Sunday, November 12th the Session has called a Congregational Meeting immediately following worship for the purpose of presenting the 2024 budget and approving the annual terms of call for the Pastor.

The CDC will be having a Spaghetti Supper/Bake Sale from 5:00 to 6:45 p.m. December 7th , 2023, with CDC Christmas Program at 7:00 p.m. If you can provide baked goods contact Linda Messer at 1-803-327-6836 or 1- 803-367-1702. Volunteer workers are also needed for the Spaghetti Supper. There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule



Dimes for Hunger

We exceeded our goal of \$1,000! Total will be announced soon.

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November Verse to Remember

" For this reason, we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God which also effectively works in you who believe."

I Thessalonians 2:13



November Birthday



2	Linda Adkins
4	Joe Medlin
5	LouAnne Hildebrand
6	Sidney Russell
8	Carol Hope
11	Tracey McAteer
12	Ruth Rawdon
15	Tara Cooper
19	Faye Rockholt
20	Karen Percival
22	Benny Coxtton, Jimmy Darby
23	Becky Adams
25	Susan Hibbard
27	Mack Cornwell
30	Jim Beaty, III; Levon Love

	Attendance			
	<u>Morning Worship</u> In-person	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Online Worship</u> Views	<u>Bible Study</u>
10/1/23	63	32		
10/8/23	31	18		
10/15/23	55	28		
10/22/23	39	17		
10/29/23	43	20		

Remember in Prayer

At Bethesda

Peggy Adkins
Cecilia Alexander
Margaret Moore
Jonathan Lauckner
Gene Cornwell
Ricky & Debbie Simpson & Family
Frank Allen
Anita Ferguson Buffolino
Bill Dover
Ruth Rawdon
Eddie Allan Smith (back)
Stacy Meek (CDC)
Janice Meeks (CDC)
Hildegard Bell
Luke Johnson (back surgery, 5/9/23)
Eddie Smith

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,
Natalie Ashe, Emily Hopkins, Shelby Ashe.

Global Mission Partners

Matias Family and
Tito Palacios (La Mision)

In the Community and Beyond

Jane Ellen Barber
Sue Hopkins
Delpa Eddinger
Griffin (Marotta's nephew Axton's 11 year old friend)
Cheryl Hughes
Dorothy Hazard (LaRayne's sister-in-law)
Larry Rockholt (Carolyn's son)
Johnny Rockholt (Faye's son)
Rick Stallard (Josh's father)
Memory Jordan (Ralph & Becky's friend) lung cancer
Noah Smith, Sr. (Pacia's dad)
Penelope Lowder (Rocky's niece) surgery
Dennis Duncan (Debbie Fulmer's dad) his memory
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
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
Tommy Harper (Sarah's dad)
James David (David Chamber's grandson)

In the Military:

Chase Davis, Zoe De Anda,
Pierce Dewey, Sully Foy,
Nicholas McAteer, Gage Orr,
Michael Wilkerson

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Sarah Childers

Jimmy Darby

Cheryl Forlines

Debbie Fulmer

Susan Hibbard

Jim Percival

Stacy Russell

Todd Russell

Johnny Walker

*"Enter into his gates with
thanksgiving, and unto his
courts with praise; be thankful
unto him, and bless his name."*

Psalm 100: 4

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.



Established 1760

Bethesda Presbyterian Church Staff:

Pastor - Derek Marotta

Secretary/Bookkeeper - Pat Jones

Director of Music Ministry - LaRayne Hall

Sexton - Donna Hagler