

November, 2022



# Bethesda Banner

**Bethesda  
Presbyterian  
Church**

**4858 McConnells Hwy.**

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**Sunday School 9:45 am**

**Worship 11 am**

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This morning the power went out—and the timing was not the best. Shortly before 7am, as Jennifer got ready for work, the lights began to flash on and off. . . on and off. . . This lasted about 15 seconds before the lights stayed off, and it signaled that my plans for a quiet Monday morning would be abandoned.

As Jennifer and Emma left the house, I opened the windows for some fresh air and attempted to settle down on the couch. I knew that I needed some rest as I have something important coming on the following day, but I, like you, also knew that I needed to start my day.

But remember the power is out.

After struggling for about two hours to make the best of this situation, I settled onto my bed, grabbed my book, pulled up the blanket Emma “tied” for me, and tried to read. But by now the stress of having to shift an important day around was beginning to wear on my mind. I felt a pain in the base of my head and knew what was happening. I was getting a headache and a hot shower would help but I was not going to get one right now.

So I put down the book. I closed my eyes and kissed Luna on her head as she plopped down on my chest and rolled toward my head. I tried to be as still as I could.

Soon rest came. Soon I found myself recharging my mind and body by allowing God to mend that which is worn down. The stressors of the day would be there later—I cannot neglect them forever. Instead by being willing to let go and allow God the space to mend that which needed mending, God came.

Now as I sip my coffee and wait for my next appointment I am reminded of the words of Thomas Merton. He once said:

*“The rush and pressure of modern life are a form, perhaps the most common form, of . . . innate violence. To allow oneself to be carried away by a multitude of conflicting concerns, to surrender to too many demands, to commit oneself to too many projects, to want to help everyone in everything, is to succumb to violence.”*

That is a harsh statement that Merton offers, but as I thought about it today, I think that I agree. Sometimes when we want to help someone the best thing we can do is draw back toward God and let God care for us. Sometimes the best choice is not to do anything but to allow God space to dwell with you. I wonder if you can find some time this month to encounter God in this way?

Blessings,  
Rev. Derek

Helping our neighbors:

**Food Pantry** - a basket is available weekly in the vestibule for donations to the Food Pantry. There is also be a basket in the Fellowship Hall.

**Plentiful Harvest Kitchen 2022:** We will serve again on 12/11/22.

### Missions, Outreach, and Service Report—October, 2022

#### **Presbyterian Women's Circles:**

Card Ministry

Memorial Gift to Thornwell in Memory of Nettie Daves

Donation from Evening Circle: Mirror and Plaque for *Burton Family Room*

#### **Donations to:**

Thornwell

Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina

Tito Palacios and La Mission in Guatemala

The Matias Family in Brazil

#### **Dimes for Hunger**

#### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

#### **Online Ministry**

Worship Services

Pastor's Bible Study

Sounds of Grace

#### **Ministry of Care and Support**

Provided Meals for Members

Provided Transportation and Support for Members with Medical Needs

Served Refreshments for Receptions following Two Funerals

#### **Food Items Collected for Food Pantry and Blessing Box**

#### **Benevolence Fund**

#### **Scouting Ministry**

#### **Child Development Center**

### Dimes for Hunger

Many thanks to all who contributed to Dimes for Hunger during the month of October. Thanks to your generosity we have sent over \$700 to Providence Presbytery to support this ministry. These contributions will be used both locally and across the world to help feed the hungry.

# Thank you!

Dear Bethesda Church family,

Our family would like to thank you for the generosity and thoughtfulness in the memoriam for our mother, Ina Elizabeth Huffstetler Oates, to the Thornwell Home. We appreciate your thoughtful donation and we have been touched deeply.

Pat Lauckner and family

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Thank you so much for the lap afghan. It is beautiful. Thank you for thinking of my husband at this time. Please keep praying.

Thanks again,

Roseann Eikleberry

## Upcoming Dates

Evening Circle will meet this Monday, November 7 at 6:00 pm in the Session Room.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet this Tuesday, November 8 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Christian Education Committee will meet this Tuesday, November 8 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study will meet this Thursday, November 10 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Worship Committee will meet this Saturday, November 12 at 9:00 am in the Christian Education Building.

To each of you,

*The Lord works wonders  
through wonderful people  
like you.*

Thank You

I am blessed and honored to receive a handmade prayer shawl. It has already given me strength and comfort. May God continue to bless you through this ministry.

Darlene Dunlap

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Green Eyed Sally was laid to rest on October 25, 2022 due to EPM and its complications to her health. Sally was the third of my teachers who did her job well just as her stablemate, Leggs. She is survived by one son, Freckle n Sallys Eye, age 11, who is a credit to his beautiful and smart mom. For any of you who may have prayed for Sally or me I want to say thank you.

Faye Boyd



## **Bethesda Talent Show and Spaghetti Dinner**

**It's not too late to sign up!**



Bethesda Talent Show and spaghetti dinner - November 12 - 5:30 pm - Family Life Center. Do you have a talent you would like to share with the congregation? Do you sing, play an instrument, dance? Are you a magician, comedian, ventriloquist? Have you written poetry? Whatever your talent is, sign ups are now open for the Bethesda Talent Show! A sign up sheet is in the Narthex. To sign up contact Steve or Sarah Childers. The evening will begin with a spaghetti dinner and the Talent Show will follow.



## **Community Thanksgiving Service**

**Tuesday, November 22**

**7:00 pm**



Bethesda, as the host church, will be providing refreshments for a reception following the service. We will need to be prepared to serve the members of the three guest churches as well as our own church members. Please sign up to donate FINGER FOODS for this event on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule. Thank you in advance for helping us share our hospitality with community members.

## Congregational Meeting

Sunday November 13, 2022

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 13, immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to present the 2023 budget to the congregation and to approve the terms of call for the pastor for 2023.

### Order Your Christmas Poinsettias



Orders for Christmas poinsettias will be taken **Sunday November 13 through Sunday December 4**. The cost is \$12.00 each. Poinsettias may be done in memory or in honor of someone. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex each Sunday or you may call the church office Monday through Friday 9 – 1 pm. Checks should be made out to Bethesda Presbyterian Church with “Poinsettias” in the comment line.



### Soft Plastics Recycling

Don't forget to save your soft plastics, any plastic that can be balled up, and put them in our Recycling Boxes on the Fellowship Hall and Family Life Center porches. For every 500 pounds of plastic we collect, we receive a bench made out of Trex lumber. **So far, we have collected around 350 pounds. We need 150 more pounds by the end of December!** Remember all those Amazon boxes that come to your house, probably contain some type of plastic!

November Verse to Remember

**"Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;  
and make known among the nations  
what he has done."**

**1 Chronicles 16:8**



## *November Birthdays*



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

# Remember in Prayer

## At Bethesda

Cindy Thrift - liver transplant  
Esther Bailey  
Nell Glover  
Margaret Moore  
Nettie R. Daves  
Bobby Moore  
Irvin Jones  
Jonathan Lauckner  
Gene Cornwell  
Doris Jonas - eyes  
Ricky & Debbie Simpson & Family  
Krystal Jordan - testing & eye surgery at Duke  
Frank Allen  
Anita Ferguson Buffolino  
Bill Dover  
Ruth Rawdon  
Eddie Allan Smith (back)  
Stacy Meeks (CDC)

## Deaths

Family and friends of Nancy Moore Smith, 10-26-22  
Family and friends of Gail Jones, 11-3-22 . The funeral for Gail will be this Friday, November 11 at 2:00 pm.

## At Bethesda Child Development Center

Cynthia Jackson, Dawn Westmoreland, Gracie Arnold,  
Esther Bailey, Jamie Baker, Algeria Ervin,  
Catherine Goodband, Stacy Meek, Janice Meeks,  
Tracy Eddinger, Elizabeth Martin, Kennedy Brown,  
Aliah Hagy, Zoe Dasota.

## Global Mission Partners

Matias Family and  
Tito Palacios (La Mision)

## In the Community and Beyond

Rachel Ann Taylor (Pat's granddaughter) leukemia  
Michael Thrower (Donna's nephew)  
Barbara Good (Debbie Darby's mother) cancer  
Willie Wilson (Bert's brother)  
Ronnie (cancer) Adam's store manager  
Darlene Dunlap  
Florida hurricane victims  
Rimica Brown (former CDC employee) cancer  
Kenny Good (Debbie Darby's brother)  
Ed & Sara Jennings (Donna's uncle & aunt)  
Brittany Teter (Linda's granddaughter) pregnancy complications  
Evelyn Williams (Donna's cousin)  
Peggy Wells (Sarah's aunt, leukemia)  
Memory Jordan (Ralph & Becky's friend) lung cancer  
Shelly Palmer (Leslie's cousin) covid complications  
Willie Wilson (Bert's brother)  
Rowdy Jordan (Crystal's father)  
Johnny Rockholt (Faye's son)  
Cherish Clark Walker (Krystal's friend) cancer  
Dale Wray & mother, Peggy (Krystal's friend)  
Rick Stallard (Josh's father)  
Heath, cancer (3 yr. old friend of Tara Rogers)  
Larry Rockholt (Carolyn's son)  
Dorothy Hazard (LaRayne's sister-in-law)  
Hildegard and Jim Bell's granddaughter, lupus  
Barbara Good (Debbie Darby's mother)  
Edna Rhinehart (Carolyn Rockholt's sister)  
Vivian Fulmer (Bobby's mother)

## In the Military:

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

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Jimmy Darby

Cheryl Forlines

Susan Hibbard

Irvin Jones

Linda Messer

Todd Russell

Johnny Walker

Dorothy Williamson

*"Enter his gates with  
thanksgiving, and his  
courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him;  
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

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Sexton - Donna Hagler