



**2021**

## A Note from the Pastor



### Confession As Worship

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.*

These words are found in the middle of Psalm 51, verses 10-12. The Psalmist is King David. It is believed to be a confession and request for a pardon following his sin with Bathsheba. The Psalm is often used in worship because it acknowledges our frailty as humans and our need for God's mercy.

I don't know about you, but I often walk through this life thinking all is well between God and me. We are good. Then the act of reading this Psalm in a responsive reading or hearing these words in a worship song immediately puts me in a reflective mood. One can't help but say, me too, God. Cleanse me too.

Tamela Mann has a song called Change Me that includes in the lyrics *create in me a clean heart*. Tamela Mann has a beautiful and sultry sound. And the song Change Me takes you to church. By the time she repeats the opening verse calling on Jesus to change her and create a clean heart so she might worship, my hand is raised high, and I'm right there before God, saying, "me too, Lord, me too."

In the craziness of our lives today, I believe the call to confession and pardon should be on all of our lips and hearts. Perhaps with a bit more repentance, we may find the ability to show a lot more love for our family and neighbor.

*Change me O God, make me more like you. Change me O God, wash me through and through. Create in me a clean heart. So that I may worship you.*



# Oreo's Blog



So are you taking some vacation this summer from school? I hope you are having some fun! Have you caught any fireflies? Have you made some pictures with chalk? How about bubbles? Do you like to blow bubbles? Have you been swimming? I love to swim (and then I shake off the water to dry off). Have you been to any fun places or are you just taking a break and laxing?

July is the month where we celebrate our freedom (on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July). America was born when we celebrated our freedom from Great Britain. Did you know that we can have our own freedom – freedom from sin (bad habits) through Jesus? Think of some bad habits you may have: Lies, Stealing, Mean Talk, or Fighting. Could you replace those with some good habits like Prayer, Helping Others, Forgiveness or Sharing? Bad habits are hard to break on your own. Just ask Jesus to help you with good habits, and you can celebrate your freedom from those bad habits. Let freedom ring!

Love,  
Oreo

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## Thank You Hot Dog Lunch

The Honduras Mission Team will host our annual thank you Hot Dog Lunch on July 11th, immediately after the 11:00 Service. We will also have the choice of Honduran Food. We are excited to tell you about our trip and show all the photos we took. See you then.



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## Calvary Refuge Center



Feeding the homeless at Calvary Refuge Center is on July 10. We will meet at 4:00 pm to prepare sandwiches and Food for Dinner. We will leave for Calvary at 5:30 pm. Please join us for this ministry to the homeless in our area.

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## Hidden Valley Senior Center has Reopened!

If you are a senior, I believe they count 55 and up, or know a senior who needs to reconnect and just get out more, The Hidden Valley Senior Center has reopened on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Swing by today and pick up a packet and see what all they have going on. Or, do it for a friend or family member!!

**Welcome Back  
to Church at  
11:00 on  
Sunday  
Mornings**

### Caring for the Aging

Bethel UMC is hosting a four-part series on caring for older adults. Topics will cover occupational therapy, hospice, planning and financing long-term care, and mental health.

**July 20, 11:00 AM** – Occupational Therapy: Keeping Older Adults Safe in the Home

Dr. Gayle Lindsay, Occupational Therapist

**July 27, 11:00 AM** – Hospice Care: Who Qualifies and What to Expect

Lacy Dean, Southern Grace Hospice Educator

**August 3, 11:00 AM** – Planning and Financing Long-Term Care

Katie Keohane, Community Relations Director of Benton Village Senior Living

Please RSVP using the QR code or link below

**August 10, 11:00 AM** – Addressing the Mental Health of the Older Adult and the Caregiver

Leslie Sessley, Clinical Social Work/Therapist, LCSW, LMFT

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These events are in person. Zoom is an option.



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### Third Sunday Donations

Please remember your Third Sunday donations for these mission initiatives:

**A Friend's House** is dedicated to meeting the emotional and physical needs of children in crisis. Please consider donating to A Friend's House. Look for the Little Wooden House in the Narthex to make your donation.

**Helping in His Name Food Pantry.** As you enter or leave worship, don't forget to place your donations of beans and rice in the supply bin near the church office.



Jogi Mauger	7-08
Terry Harps	7-09
Larry Ricks	7-12
Bonnie Davies	7-15
Andre' Wilkerson	7-17
Michael McLendon	7-19
Charlotte Coltraine	7-19
Ardyth Bankston	7-20
Jamie Madden	7-20
Jada Wilkerson	7-20
Tava Kirk	7-23
Marilyn Williams	7-24
Catherine Johnson	7-27
Cortney Johnson	7-27
MJ Goodman	7-27



E. Y and Jock Baine	7/19
Andre' and Joyce Wilkerson	7/20

# BETHEL UMC

## HOME COMING 2021

### AUGUST 1, 2021 ~ 11:00 A.M.

*A Firm Foundation  
to giving hope  
for the future*



#### Be A Bridge

Lately, I have developed a fascination with bridges. There are some beautiful bridges in the world. In the Atlanta area, most of us are familiar with the 14th Street Bridge. Made famous for a scene filmed in 'The Walking Dead', the Jackson Street Bridge offers a spectacular view of the city of Atlanta.

There is the Brooklyn Bridge. I love the Sidney Lanier Bridge, which allows you to travel from Brunswick, GA, to St. Simon's Island. I have recently discovered two new bridges -- the Cheng Yong Bridge and the Si O Se Pl. They are gorgeous, especially at night.

Bridges are important. They serve as connectors. Bridges help people move safely from one place to another. Bridges are not only physical structures, but people are bridges.

I believe God is calling us to be bridges. Our youth need assistance as they travel the road of Christian Discipleship. Titus 2 reminds us that we are to teach the younger generation. Deuteronomy 6 instructs us to teach the commandments to our children.

In short, God wants us to be a bridge.

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### Three Fabulous Faith-Building Fridays Guides Needed

We have one guide for our Fabulous Faith-Building Fridays. We need three more guides to commit to helping our youth explore Scripture in a relevant and culturally competent manner. Guides will serve as drivers and helpers as the youth explore the three stories that we will examine this summer.

If you would be willing to be a guide/driver for these Friday events, please e-mail Rori at [youth@bethel-umc.com](mailto:youth@bethel-umc.com).

#### Youth Leading in Worship

On Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, the youth will lead the worship service.

These services are important because they provide an opportunity for youth to grow in their faith. Leading and serving in worship is vital to youth claiming the Christian faith for themselves. The service will use *The Wiz*, the popular 1978 American musical adventure fantasy film, to explore the idea "The Courage to be the Church".

Invite your family and friends to what is sure to be an inspiring worship experience led by our youth.

#### Destination Unknown: Sunday, July 25th

Immediately following worship, the youth will take a surprise trip. Details and cost of the outing will be published in future church publications. Be on the lookout for additional details. We also need you to RSVP by Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. Please e-mail Rori at [youth@bethel-umc.com](mailto:youth@bethel-umc.com).

Praise The Lord!! We will be able to have our regular Homecoming celebration this year. Our guest speaker will be our former Pastor, Rev. Dr. Orin Sampson. There will also be a covered dish meal after the service. Gloves will be provided for safety. Please tell everyone in your family, and friends who have moved away, that this is going to be a great celebration of Bethel's 161st year history.

Hope to see everyone there!



## In Our Prayers

### PRAYERS PLEASE

Cortney Johnson  
 M J Goodman  
 Bud Freeman  
 Andrea Folkes  
 Victoria Scott  
 Rev. Terrilyn Lemons  
 John Sullivan  
 Sheila Readdy  
 Shirley Freeman  
 Barbara- friend of Fris-  
 sells  
 Tim Simmons  
 Linda- Donna Lollar's  
 sister  
 Kathlee Frizzell-  
 Mother of Bo Shealy  
 Will Foss  
 Lee Gay  
 Lucy Strauss  
 John Denny and family  
 Emery Folsom  
 Paula Newbold  
 Bill Newbold  
 Carolyn McInturff  
 Teri Roper  
 Rev. David Gladstone  
 Gail Quinteros  
 Phyllis Cowan  
 Eleanor Carter  
 Donna & Gwen Brauti-  
 gan  
 Denise Mainer

Pam Redding  
 Natalie Walters  
 Dianne Kozara  
 Debra Bryant  
 Brenda Parker  
 Charles Pruitt  
 Bill Frizzell  
 Tracey Redding  
 Betty Williams  
 Doris McKnight  
 Billie Jo Strauss  
 Lisa Milsapp  
 Andy Blackburn  
 Mallory B.  
 Sharyn Hope  
 William Akbar  
 Timothy Milton  
 Susan Webb  
 Jimmy Jackson  
 Samson Chapman  
 Mary Frances Koch  
 Liz Dawson  
 Janice Gray  
 Patricia Strauss  
 Ken Smith  
 Lee Shaffer  
 Rev. Glenn Dyer  
 David Parker  
 Mark Johnson  
 Family of Doug  
 McAfee  
 Family of Betty  
 Brooking

### LONG TERM PRAYER

#### LIST

\*Cora Johnson  
 \*Pansy Horton  
 \*Donna Thomas  
 \*Shirley Walters  
 \*Jeff Sanders  
 \*Nicholas Jerome Scott  
 \*Paula Frizzell  
 \*Lily Eubanks  
 \*Allison Spence  
 \*Ajani King  
 \*Eden Bankston  
 \*Louise Whittaker  
 \*Rick McNabb  
 \*Mavis Sewell  
 \*Timmy Graham  
 \*Pat Pritchett  
 \*Warren Sprayberry  
 \*Gloria Chamlee  
 \*Harry and Eldora  
 Pierce  
 \* Windell McIntosh  
 \* Sarah Potts  
 \*Alisa Anderson

### GENERAL GIVING FOR JUNE 2021

June 6	\$4,925.00
June 13	5,790.00
June 20	4,076.00
June 27	<u>1,667.00</u>
Total	<b>\$16,458.00</b>



The Pastor's Wednesday Mid-Day Bible Study meets at noon every Wednesday in the conference room. Anyone interested in attending a Bible study during the day is welcome to join in.



The United Methodist Men meet every third Saturday. At 7am we gather to prepare the food and at 8am we have breakfast. Come on out guys and let's have some good food and fellowship.



**JOY CIRCLE**  
 The Joy Circle of the UMW meets every third Thursday at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

## Youth and Children's Activities

**There will be no in-person activities until further notice.**

## July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Co-op Meeting (FH) <b>7:00 PM</b> Praise Band Practice (WC)	<b>2</b> Church office closed	<b>3</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Caring for The Aging Series (CH)
<b>4</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Sunday Worship (WC)	<b>5</b> Church Office closed	<b>6</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Backpack Buddies (FH)	<b>7</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Pastor's Bible Study	<b>8</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Praise Band Practice (WC)	<b>9</b> Church office closed	<b>10</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> New Founders Class (FH) <b>11:00 AM</b> Caring for The Aging Series (CH) <b>12:00 PM</b> Girl Scout SU 23 (FH) <b>4:00 PM</b> Calvary Refuge (FH)
<b>11</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Sunday Worship (WC) <b>3:00 PM</b> Girl Scout Troop 242 (FH)	<b>12</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Fellowship Hall Closed	<b>13</b> <b>6:00 AM</b> Special Election Runoff (FH) <b>11:00 AM</b> Lunch Bunch <b>6:30 PM</b> Finance Committee in person in chapel <b>7:00 PM</b> Church Council in person in the chapel	<b>14</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Fellowship Hall Closed <b>12:00 PM</b> Pastor's Bible Study	<b>15</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Co-op Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Praise Band Practice (WC) <b>7:00 PM</b> UMW Joy Circle Meeting (FH)	<b>16</b> Church office closed	<b>17</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> United Methodist Men's Meeting
<b>18</b> Beans&Rice and Friends House Sunday <b>11:00 AM</b> Sunday Worship (WC)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Caring for The Aging Series (CH)	<b>21</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Pastor's Bible Study	<b>22</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Praise Band Practice (WC)	<b>23</b> Church office closed	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Sunday Worship (WC) <b>3:00 PM</b> Girl Scout Troop 242 (FH)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Caring for The Aging Series (CH) <b>11:00 AM</b> Lunch Bunch	<b>28</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Pastor's Bible Study	<b>29</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Praise Band Practice (WC)	<b>30</b> Church office closed	<b>31</b>