



2022



## **A Note from the Pastor .....**

### **God Is With Us**

Recently, a voice behind me called out, "Hello, short-timer." Before turning around, I recognized the voice and intended party for the military slang.

Yes, my tour with Bethel is nearing its end. The new assignment is Clifton UMC in Atlanta.

That morning, Ron Beavers, the greeter, asked, "Are you nervous?" My response was, "Yes." "Are you excited?" "Yes." We often approach God's opportunities with a mixture of emotions. However, I hear God's words from Joshua 1:9 as a message to us. "Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord, your God is with you wherever you go." I can add that God is with us wherever we are.

Change can be exciting. We often are resistant to it, but we usually realize God does everything well once we accept it.

Bethel, thank you. I take with me so many beautiful memories of serving alongside you. During my first week at Bethel, we moved the chapel from the front end of the property to its current location next to the worship center. How exciting! And what a fantastic gift. God blessed us with a new youth/children's space and a beautiful campus facelift.

When the chapel was securely in place, our next project was to lay down sod. I never smelled manure so up close before. IT BRINGS BACK SWEET MEMORIES whenever I get a whiff of that pungent odor.

Ann Owens and I worked side by side on sod laying day. She is one tough cookie. I didn't know her age, but I figured Ann had a few years on me. She worked without letting up. I just thought if she could do it, I would too. I would not quit. I was so thankful when Ann said we both needed to rest. I later learned she was determined to push herself as long as the preacher was out there working. It goes to show it is helpful to talk through a plan.

Another memory that makes me smile is working alongside the Mauger twins digging a latrine in Honduras. They are beautiful young men, inside and out!

I believe it was during my first mission trip to Honduras that I became the pastor for many of you. Thank you for sharing your heart and passion for missions with me.

These past ten years, we celebrated God's love through a lot of food! Food was served or shared at every opportunity. Food Coop, Abigail's Pantry, Backpack Buddies, Calvary Refuge, BBQs, Chicken, Fish dinners, Lunch Bunch, Seasoned Saints, bereavement dinners, holiday parties, homecoming, receptions, the Lord's Supper, and impromptu occasions to grab a bite, were some of the ways we shared God's love.

We have learned together, grown together, laughed, cried, dreamed, and fought together, just like families do.

I am not thrilled with saying goodbye, yet, I am excited about the future. I am excited about what God has in store for each of us. Rev. Shari Rates is coming to a great place to serve. I know she and Bethel have a passion for helping the hurting. So, I will encourage you to continue to dream. And continue to work hard. Be strong and courageous! God is with you! God is with us!



## Fun Facts About Father's Day

Father's Day was founded on June 19, 1910 in Spokane, Washington At the YMC A by Sonora Smart Dodd in honor of her father, Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart for all his efforts as a single parent raising 6 children.

It wasn't until 1972 when President Richard Nixon signed into law a permanent recognition of Father's day.

According to Hallmark, Father's day is the fourth largest card sending occasion with 72 million cards given each year.

Consumer spending on Father's day is expected to rise to an all time record of close to \$17 billion in 2020.

Census data shows there are more than 70.1 million dads in the US. 2 million fathers are single.

More than 214,000 men are stay-at-home dads. In the 1970's only 6 men identified as stay-at-home fathers.

Today fathers spend double the amount of time they spent with their kids in 1989, and almost triple the amount of time with their kids as fathers back in 1965.

On Father's day pick up the phone, send a loving note or gather with family around the grill. Show your Father how much he means to you.

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**Come celebrate the 80 years  
Of Margaret Marlow's life!  
Sunday, June 12, 2022  
After the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Bethel UMC Fellowship Hall  
Please no gifts, but cards appreciated**



**Save the Date!  
Bethel UMC 162<sup>nd</sup>  
Homecoming**

**Sunday, August 7, 2022  
Covered Dish  
After the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Fellowship Hall**

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THROUGH  
**LOVE IN ACTION** IN 2022



And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds. Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other.  
Hebrews 10:24-25 CEB

**A JOYful Ladies Tea!**

In May, Bethel's JOY Circle had the honor of putting on a tea for the ladies at Bethel and their friends and family. We want to thank you all for coming. We served our typical "tea food", made with love. We decorated with "fruit of the Spirit" to remember our beloved member, Eugenia Walters, who went on to glory earlier this year. We had a wonderful surprise by Mary Ann and Lynette Hill — a table full of "Fascinators" just in time for tea (and later the Kentucky Derby)! We celebrated the "small stuff" and recognized special things about each lady there at each table. And we capped it off with a very meaningful Midrash of Mary, Mother of Jesus interpreted by Lauren Breck, a newly established Deaconess in the United Methodist Church. God was definitely there. And if He brought you, we were so happy to see you. Thank you to everyone who had a hand in making this a great day, and this includes each person who attended. You are what made it all worth the effort!

June JOY Circle will not have their regular meeting. Instead our meeting will coincide with taking a mixed salad dinner (and breakfast and lunch) to Calvary Refuge Center June 11. We would love for you to join us. Meet us in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00 p.m. to make sandwiches and gather everything together. We'll leave at 5:30 p.m. and should be back no later than 8:00 p.m. Our group is small and we'd love a few more hands.



**Bethel Service**

**Times:**

**Sunday School**

**9:45-10:45am**

**Traditional  
Service**

**11:00am**

**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.

**JUNE Birthdays**

Clyde Davies	6-02
Rori Blakeney	6-06
Nancy Brautigan	6-06
Suzanne Wilkerson	6-10
Cindy Brooking	6-12
Margaret Marlow	6-13
Ginette Tatem	6-16
Jeanette Moore	6-17
Dave Frissell	6-24
Lucy Strauss	6-25
Barbara Sanders	6-27
Evie Deloney	6-30

**JUNE Anniversaries**

Susan & Clyde Davies	6-01
Valerie & David Shelton	6-03
Marie & Bobby Bankston	6-05
Kimberley & Paul Keane	6-07
Kellie & Dave Frissell	6-07
Vickie & George Pinson	6-07
Sheila & Larry Ricks	6-11
Mary Joe & Marvin Shanks	6-16
Jeanette & Harold Moore	6-18



# Oreo's Blog



As Ms. Valerie and I depart from this sweet church family, we would like to say thank you for your love and support. Thank you for allowing me to share what was in my heart each week. We hope you know the most important message is that Jesus loves you...no matter what! Jesus wants to live in your heart, so you can help share His love. Don't forget to share your fruit of the spirit with others: Kind-

ness, Goodness, Patience, Self-Control, Love, Joy, Peace, Faithfulness and Gentleness. Use your fruity gifts and show others that Jesus is in your heart. 😊 You can do it!

Jesus loves you and so do I.

Oreo

P. S. I hope you have a fun summer! Be safe

A note from Ms. Valerie...

The past 8-1/2 years have flown by as I have prayed for, taught and loved all your children and grandchildren. Thank you, Bethel, for the nice reception, the food, the flowers, the cards, and the gifts. I am truly overwhelmed and touched by your love and kindness. Thank you for your support throughout my ministry. It has been a privilege to minister to your children. They will always be in my heart.

Love to all.



On June 11, Joy Circle will provide our friends at Calvary with a dinner meal, breakfast and sack lunch for the following day. If you would like to help with this, meet at the church at 4:00 pm to make sandwiches and prepare Saturday evening's meal. We will leave for Calvary at 5:30 pm. Come join us for part or all of the preparation on that day. This event will take the place of Joy Circle's regular monthly meeting. Hope to see you there.

Lunch Bunch will be going to Olive Garden in Morrow on Tuesday, June

Meet at the church at 11 or at the restaurant at 11:15.





The Beginning . . .

May and June are months filled with transitions. The school year ends. We move from one school to another. Summer starts.

And, most importantly, there are graduations – elementary, middle school, high school, college and even graduate and professional schools. We look forward to graduations. It is a time to celebrate with family and friends. We mark hard earned achievements.

Many view graduation as an end. Yet, it is in many ways a beginning. It is the start of another journey. It is a journey filled with many wonderful choices. These choices will make a difference in our lives and the world. Spelman College has a tagline that I really like. It is “A Choice To Change The World.”

The great poet Robert Frost penned

### **The Road Not Taken**

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.

You are standing at the beginning of a new road. What choice will you make? The decision belongs to you.

Yes, it is scary. But, God is with us. Listen to God’s voice. Take comfort in the words of Parker Palmer. In *Let Your Life Speak*, Palmer offers these encouraging words:

“Some journeys are direct, and some are circuitous; some are heroic, and some are fearful and muddled. But every journey, honestly undertaken, stands a chance of taking us toward the place where our deep gladness meets the world’s deep need.”

The world needs you! Blessings on the way. Start the journey!



**PRAISES**

Mark McElroy is cancer free.

**If you have a praise, please call or e-mail it to the church office.**

**770-474-2570 or office@bethel-umc.com**

**PRAYERS PLEASE**

Karin Garcia's fiance'  
Harry Pierce  
Thomas Walters  
Ruby Owenby Boring  
Don and Helen Horton and daughter  
Anita Martin  
Boy Bussey  
Charlotte Ballard  
Tripp Weldon  
Genevieve "June" Spence  
Yvonne Stone  
People of Ukraine

Priscilla Estes  
Liz Sparks  
Those suffering with COVID and their  
Caregivers  
Pat Deloney  
Ron Beavers  
Family of Betty Jackson  
Family of John Per-Lee Sr.  
Family of John Haskell Shoaf  
Family of Donna June Pendleton  
Families of Eagle's Landing High  
School students involved in a crash.  
Family of Rose King

**LONG TERM PRAYER LIST**

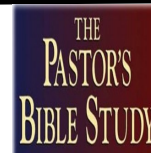
\*Sandy Everidge  
\* Nancy Shealy  
\*Cora Johnson  
\*Pansy Horton  
\*Donna Thomas  
\*Shirley Walters  
\*Nicholas Jerome Scott  
\*Lily Eubanks  
\*Allison Spence  
\*Ajani King

\*Eden Bankston  
\*Rick McNabb  
\*Mavis Sewell  
\*Timmy Graham  
\*Pat Pritchett  
\*Gloria Chamlee  
\* Eldora Pierce  
\* Windell McIntosh  
\*Alisa Anderson

**\*\*\*We will remove names from the prayer list after 30 days.  
Please notify the church office if they need to stay on.**

**GENERAL GIVING FOR MAY 2022**

May 05	\$7,339.00
May 12	\$2,226.43
May 19	\$5,268.00
May 26	<u>\$2,976.00</u>
Total	\$17,809.43



The Pastor's Wednesday Mid-Day Bible Study meets 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 Saturday at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. In June we will have our meeting during the preparation to feed our friends at Calvary on June 11th at 4:30 pm

**Seasoned Saints**

Our June luncheon on June 21st will be a farewell party for Pastor Candy and Ms. Jennie Umberger. Pastor Candy as everyone knows is going to a new appointment and Ms. Jennie is moving with her daughter and son-in-law to a new home. If everyone could bring their favorite party food and a small gift or card to wish them well on their new adventures we can celebrate with them. If you have any questions, please let me know.





**Spivey Hall Summer Music Camp**  
**June 6-10, 2022, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM daily**  
**\$185.00 per camper**

The Spivey Hall Summer Music Camp is a fun, week-long day camp (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM) for boys and girls entering grades 4 through 7. Participation is open to students with and without previous music experience. The camp activities will take place at Spivey Hall. The week wraps up with a public performance in the fabulous Spivey Hall. **Limited space! Avoid late registration fees (June 30-June 4)!** Scholarships are available. To apply, visit [https://claytonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6EfKzLWqZqaGdUi](https://claytonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6EfKzLWqZqaGdUi)

To register for camp, click the link: <https://spiveyhall.org/events/event/spivey-hall-summer-music-camp-2/>

**Graduate Sunday and End of the School Year Celebration**

Join us on Sunday, May 29 for a big celebration. The youth will lead worship. We will recognize our graduates. After church, we'll have lunch, games and more. Please RSVP so we can prepare for us. Send an e-mail to Rori at [youth@bethel-umc.com](mailto:youth@bethel-umc.com)

**Save the Date -- Saturday, June 4**

We will remove the outdoor butterfly installation on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. We need all hands-on deck. Afterwards, we will talk about the season of Pentecost and "The Birth of the Church." We will have Zaxby's for lunch. Please let Rori know you are coming.

## Sunday Servants

**June 05, 2022**

Ushers: Team 2: Nick Sparks, Liz Sparks,  
Donna Lollar, Ann Owens  
Acolytes: Dayvon Duncan & Noah Duncan

**June 12, 2022**

Ushers: Team 3: Charlie Henderson, Linda  
Henderson, Sheila Ricks, Bo Shealy  
Acolytes: Zoey Hudson & Gabrielle Williams

**June 19, 2022 (Father's Day)**

Ushers: Team 1: Harold Moore, Jeanette Moore,  
Mary Ann Hill, Cathy Bell

**June 26, 2022**

Ushers: Team 2: Nick Sparks, Liz Sparks,  
Donna Lollar, Ann Owens  
Acolytes: Dayvon Duncan & Noah Duncan



## June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 11:00am Sunday Worship (WC)	<b>30</b> Church Office closed	<b>31</b> 7:00pm Spiritual Gifts Bible Study (CR) and ZOOM	<b>1</b> 12:00pm Pastor's Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Practice (CH)	<b>2</b> 9:00am Food Co-op Meeting (FH) 5:00pm Thursdays In the Den (CH) 7:00pm Praise Band Practice (WC)	<b>3</b> Church office closed	<b>4</b> Youth Take Down Butterflies 12:00pm Girl Scouts Henriettes 822 Service Unit Leader Luncheon (FH)
<b>5</b> 11:00am Sunday Worship (WC)	<b>6</b> 6:00pm Caregiver Support Group-ZOOM 7:00pm Spiritual Gifts Bible Study (CR) and ZOOM	<b>7</b> 6:30pm Backpack Buddies (FH)	<b>8</b> 12:00pm Pastor's Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Practice (CH)	<b>9</b> 5:00pm Thursdays In the Den (CH) 7:00pm Praise Band Practice (WC)	<b>10</b> Church office closed	<b>11</b> 10:00am Joan McElroy Set Up (FH) 4:00pm Calvary Refuge (Joy Circle) (FH)
<b>12</b> 11:00am Sunday Worship (WC) 12:00pm Margaret Marlow's 80th Party (FH)	<b>13</b> 6:00pm Caregiver Support Group Dining at Italian Oven	<b>14</b> 11:00am Lunch Bunch to Olive Garden 7:00pm Church Council (CH)	<b>15</b> 12:00pm Pastor's Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Practice (CH)	<b>16</b> 9:00am Food Co-op Meeting 5:00pm Thursdays In the Den (CH) 7:00pm Praise Band Practice (WC)	<b>17</b> Church office closed	<b>18</b> 8:00am United Methodist Men's Meeting (FH)
<b>19</b> Beans&Rice and Friends House Sunday 11:00am Sunday Worship (WC) 12:15pm Mission Team (CR)	<b>20</b> Fellowship Hall Closed	<b>21</b> General Primary Election Runoff (FH) Fellowship Hall closed 12:00pm Seasoned Saints (FH)	<b>22</b> 7:00am Fellowship Hall Closed- Pickup 12:00pm Pastor's Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Practice (CH)	<b>23</b> 5:00pm Thursdays In the Den (CH) 7:00pm Praise Band Practice (WC)	<b>24</b> Church office closed	<b>25</b> 11:00am Catherine Johnson Birthday (FH)
<b>26</b> 11:00am Sunday Worship (WC)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 12:00pm Pastor's Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Practice (CH)	<b>30</b> 5:00pm Thursdays In the Den (CH) 7:00pm Praise Band Practice (WC)	<b>1</b> Church office closed	<b>2</b>