

Bethel Park's Connection

WEEKLY UPDATES



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July 24-31, 2020

Prayer Requests

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Praises

Butch Butler (Teddy Neeley's husband) being discharged from Palmetto Richland hospital

Birth of Matheny twins, mother, and family

Birthdays

28	Duncan Williams
30	Kathy Hutto



Anniversaries

30 Billy and JoAnne Turner





PRAYER REQUESTS

Anna Williamson

For Pastor Terry's COVID-19 test to return as negative and for successful hip replacement surgery on July 27th

For Alyssa Roof's return to teaching with all the restrictions related to COVID-19 and for all the teachers and staff to be safe during the return to school setting

Prayers for the Denmark High School construction delay due to COVID-19 concerns and for all the teachers and students to return safely to school

For all young people to receive the love and support needed to assure their safety and good health

For a smooth/positive outcome and God's protection for school reopening

For quick development of vaccine and positive results for Pfizer vaccine

For our country to return to Godly living

Protection for all healthcare and essential workers

For parents of children returning to school regarding care and work related issues

For our country to have Godly leadership

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Everyone is welcome to join us for Worship at Bethel Park beginning at 10:00 AM. Please see the guidelines for social distancing and the precautions that are in place for the protection of all those who worship with us. The guidelines can also be found on our website under the newsletter tab. We encourage you to bring your Bible or if you have a favorite Bible App on your electronic device you are welcome to use it during the service. If you do not feel comfortable entering the Sanctuary, you can still worship from your vehicle by tuning in to 87.9 FM. Whether you choose to worship in the Sanctuary or from your vehicle, the offering plates will be available in each narthex for placing your contributions after the service. Thank you all for your understanding and cooperation!

In light of the increase of positive COVID-19 tests in our local counties, and the fact we are meeting in the sanctuary for Sunday worship - I am asking everyone to please review our guidelines - especially observing the use of masks and practicing proper social distancing. Please do not remove your mask for any reason while inside the sanctuary or church facilities. As there has been an increase in the number of positive tests and reported deaths due to the virus, if you have experienced symptoms or have been exposed to an infected individual - please follow the Golden Rule and quarantine for the recommended 14 days that the CDC has stated is needed for the virus to run its course, or until you have received a negative test. Thank you for taking the proper precautions as we demonstrate the love of Christ for one another.

Pastor Terry

Guidelines for Bethel Park UMC - Reentry/Resumption of Sanctuary Worship Services

1. Upon entering the sanctuary, please don your mask. If not available, one will be provided.
 - a. Each narthex entrance will have an usher who will provide hand sanitizer and a mask, as needed.
2. If during the worship service it becomes necessary to remove your mask for any reason, please exit and go outside the building before removing. Please don your mask upon reentry.
3. During worship service there will be no congregational singing, to reduce the possibility of spreading projected droplets (even though a mask is being worn). See note below, regarding the wearing of masks and the percentages of transmitting the virus.
4. Bulletins will include the words to the hymns being played. A designated song leader will lead the congregation as a soloist while the congregation **silently and prayerfully** lifts the words up to heaven.
5. Please follow the pew markings for optimal seating. Family units should be seated together with proper social-distancing between each family group and other parishioners. (6 feet minimum).
 - a. Pews will be marked to assist with this request.
 - b. Staggering of pew rows will be employed to ensure proper social-distancing.
6. Offering/Tithes/Gifts: Reception/offering plates will be made available at both narthex entrances for placement of offerings and other gifts.
7. **OF NOTE:** For those who choose to worship outside of the sanctuary and continue to worship in a drive-in posture, the worship service will be broadcast on FM 87.9.

Use of Masks: Although these percentages rely upon varying factors (e.g., type of cloth used, etc.) they highlight and emphasize the usefulness of wearing a mask in public to protect those around us. [The Golden Rule]

- (1) COVID-19 Carrier **not** wearing and nearby uninfected person does -70% risk of infection.
- (2) COVID-19 Carrier wearing, nearby uninfected person **not** wearing - 5% risk of infection.
- (3) If **both** are wearing a mask - 1.5% risk of infection.
- (4) Singing without a mask results in droplets being projected up to 30 feet, compared to six feet as a result of normal conversation!

Please wear a mask! Any one of us might be a carrier and not even be aware of that fact.

We thank you for your love and your willingness to join with us to ensure that we all remain safe and in good health.

In Christ,

Terry A. Roof
Pastor

Kathy Hutto
Chair, Administrative Council

Kaki Williamson
Chair, Worship Committee

Mac Davis
Chair, SPRC

Diane Williams
Lay Leader

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear. [Psalm 46:1-2a, NRSV]

SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Know the symptoms of **COVID-19**, which can include the following:



Cough



Sore throat



Fever



Muscle pain



Chills



Shortness of breath
or difficulty breathing



New loss of taste
or smell



cdc.gov/coronavirus

Chance of Transmission	Asymptomatic COVID-19 Carrier	Uninfected Person
VERY HIGH		
HIGH		
MEDIUM		
LOW		
VERY LOW		
VIRTUALLY NONE		

6+ Feet

AC2020 postponed

- Virtual Clergy Session set for August 1
- Ordination Service still planned for August 8

Florence Center officials notified the South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church this week that the facility cannot host the 2020 session of the South Carolina Annual Conference as planned on August 1, due to the escalating COVID-19 pandemic.

That has prompted Bishop L. Jonathan Holston to postpone the one-day meeting, which originally had been scheduled in June. A new date for the annual gathering of clergy and lay members representing 975 local United Methodist churches will be announced once state health officials advise it is safe to gather in large groups again.

“We know this is disappointing news,” Bishop Holston said, “but we must continue to make the health and safety of our delegates, staff and volunteers our first concern.”

South Carolina has logged record numbers of COVID-19 cases over the past few weeks, with a daily average over the past 10 days of more than 1,500 newly reported cases and a daily average of more than 18 reported deaths.

“We will continue to closely monitor the guidance of state health officials in hopes that soon we will be able to gather safely,” Bishop Holston said. “We recognize that conditions are changing, and we will err on the side of safety.”

“In the meantime, we know the laity and clergy of the South Carolina Conference will continue in this time of pandemic to find creative and connectional ways to meet emerging needs and sustain exceptional ministry beyond the bounds of expectations.”

Two Annual Conference events are still scheduled, with some adaptations:

- Virtual Clergy Session (August 1 | 9 a.m.) – To ensure that all are prepared technologically, clergy are encouraged to participate in one of two virtual training sessions – scheduled for July 23 (10 a.m.) and July 24 (2 p.m.). Eligible clergy will be notified directly about details.

- Service of Commissioning and Ordination (August 8 | 2 p.m.) – The service will take place at St. John’s United Methodist Church in Aiken. Attendance will be restricted to candidates for commissioning and ordination and a limited number of their guests. Candidates will be notified directly about details. Others can watch the live-stream, which will be available via a link at umcsc.org.

As of July 9, more than 50,500 COVID-19 cases and nearly 900 deaths had been reported in the state. By comparison, 475 people have died this year in South Carolina traffic accidents.

Delegates are encouraged to continue to prepare for the day when the 2020 Annual Conference will convene by going to umcsc.org/ac2020.

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

SOMEDAYS YOU JUST HAVE
TO CREATE YOUR OWN
SUNSHINE....



WEEKLY BIBLE QUIZ

Genesis

1. *When God took one of Adam's ribs, we was...?*
 - *Outside the Garden of Eden*
 - *In a deep sleep*
 - *Next to the tree of knowledge*
 - *Tending the garden*
 - *With Eve*

2. *After the flood, what was the sign of the covenant that God made with Noah and his descendants?*
 - *Dry land*
 - *A dove*
 - *Fire*
 - *Rainbow*

3. *What was found in Benjamin's sack of grain?*
 - *A goat's tail*
 - *A scroll*
 - *A silver cup*
 - *Unleavened bread*

4. *Where in the Bible does Moses attempt to sacrifice Isaac?*
 - *Genesis 12*
 - *Genesis 22*
 - *Exodus 5*
 - *Moses 10*
 - *None of the above*

5. *Which was not the name of Noah's son?*
 - *Shem*
 - *Ham*
 - *Seth*
 - *Japheth*

Each week the newsletter will have 5 questions for the whole family to participate in. The questions will also get a little harder. For the rest of this month the questions will be from Genesis. Each month we will begin another book. The answers will be posted in the following newsletter. Enjoy!!!

Last weeks answers:

1. 12 2. Salt 3. Don't know 4. Noah 5. Eden



MEMORIALS – As an expression of sympathy, contributions have been made to Bethel Park in loving memory of:

**Spruce McCain
Harriet Williamson**



HONORARIUMS – Contributions have been made to Bethel Park in honor of:

Sam Rigby in celebration of his birthday

FLOWER / ACOLYTE / USHER LIST FOR AUGUST



Flowers

- 2 Leslie Hart
- 9 Anna Martin
- 16 Ray Barrack
- 23 Beth Guess
- 30 James Black/Angie Stevens



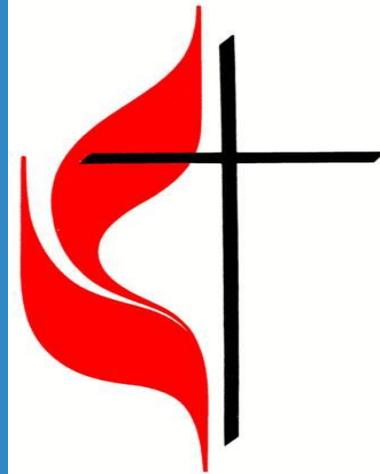
Johnny McCain
Coy Cox



Rob Lee



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WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship will begin at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary. You are welcome to worship from your vehicle as well by listening to 87.9 FM.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Please note the offering plates will be available in both narthex after worship service for contributions. If you cannot make worship service, contributions can be mailed to the church office using the address below:

Bethel Park UMC
PO Box 207
Denmark, SC 29042

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Website

www.bethelparkumc.org

Prayer requests can be sent in through our website by filling out the form and submitting it.

DIAL IN PRAYER SERVICE

Everyone is invited to join the dial-in prayer service on Wednesday's at 6:00 PM. Please note the access code has changed.

Dial phone # 408-418-9388

Access code 620 432 096 #

Group Id #

(just press the pound key for group ID)

Please note there will be no Dial-In Prayer Service on Wednesday, July 29th. The Prayer Service will resume on Wednesday, August 5th at 7:00 PM instead of 6:00 PM.

DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUBMISSIONS

This weekly newsletter is to help our congregation stay connected during social distancing due to the COVID-19 virus. If you would like to submit an announcement or prayer request, you can do so by emailing it to bethelparkumc@bellsouth.net or by calling Gwen at (803) 707-0723 by Wednesday. Thank you!

STAY SAFE AND GOD BLESS!