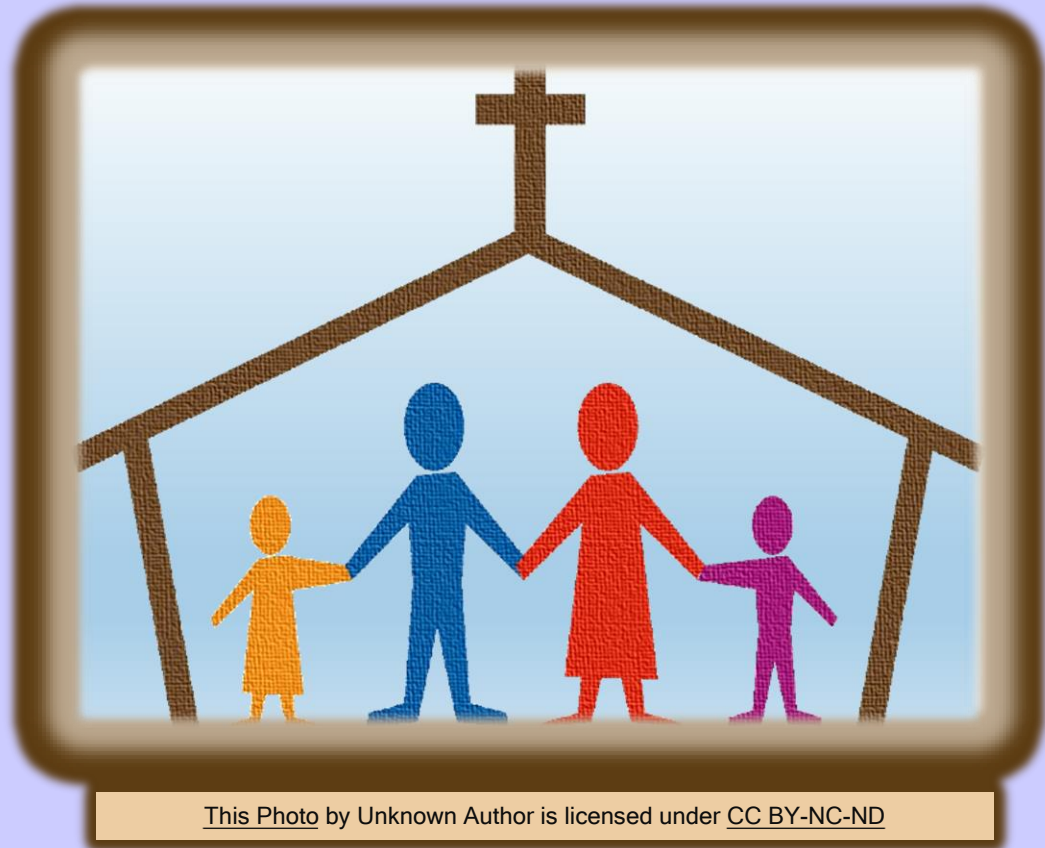


Bethel Park's Connection

WEEKLY UPDATES



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May 16-22, 2021

Praises

Praise for vaccines now available to younger age groups – teens/young adults

Praise for all caregivers who love and support, even in the midst of the pandemic

Birthdays

Anniversaries

20 Johnny & Kaki
Williamson



Prayer Requests



Prayers for all countries to have the COVID vaccines made available to all their citizens; to be able to eliminate country-wide lockdowns

Prayers for better healthcare in impoverished countries; to bring common sense back and put an end to gun violence

Prayers for our broken society; for everyone to return to a God-centered life

Prayers for complete healing for Lynn following cataract surgery

Prayers for the family of Sandra Scott

Prayers for the family of Haley Creech



WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Everyone is welcome to join us for Worship at Bethel Park beginning at 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary or from your vehicle by tuning into 87.9. 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. Thank you all for your understanding and cooperation!



IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ

UPDATED GUIDELINES - As the Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines become made more available to those who desire to receive them, Bethel Park UMC will begin to move to a more "normal" worship service, doing so with caution and common sense. Anyone who desires to continue wearing a mask will be supported in their personal decision. Additionally, we will continue to observe social distancing (now at three feet apart), as needed.

The following are recent updated CDC guidelines as provided by TRICARE Health, as of March 25, 2021:

1. Considered fully protected against the COVID-19 virus:
 - a. two weeks after the second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine;
 - b. two weeks after the second dose of the Moderna vaccine;
 - c. two week after the single dose of the Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.
2. After fully vaccinated (in accordance with above information):
 - a. can gather indoors *with fully vaccinated people* without wearing a mask;
 - b. can gather indoors with other unvaccinated people from *one other household* without masks, as long as they are not at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19;
 - c. if exposed to someone with COVID-19, you do not need to stay away from others or get tested **unless** you have symptoms.

Source: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html?utm_medium=email+&utm_source=govdelivery



The Administrative Council will meet on May 23rd at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

If you are chair of a committee, please make plans to attend.





Vacation Bible School at the River



**Mark your calendars
June 21st – 25th**

More information will come later

DEVOTIONS

Please click on the link below or copy and paste it into your browser.

<https://www.guideposts.org/faith-and-prayer/daily-devotions>





We have several slots open for flowers. If you are not on the list and would like to place flowers in the church on one of the open Sundays, please let Laura or Gwen know. The updated list is below: Thank you!

2021 BETHEL PARK UMC FLOWER SCHEDULE 2021

01/03/21	Poinsettias	07/04/21	Mary Rivers
10	Adrian Smith	11	Claire Hallman
17	Margaret Harrison	18	Heriot Boyce
24	Leslie Hart	25	
31	Laura Carlson	08/01/21	
02/07/21	JoAnne Turner	8	Anna Martin
14	Yvonne Stokes	15	Ray Barrack
21	Shari Gee	22	Beth Guess
28	Phyllis Parker	29	
03/07/21	Fran Thomas	09/05/21	Mimbee Ray
14	Cathy Hallman	12	
21	Paula Guess	19	Louise McCain
28	Dale Bryant (palms)	26	Laura Carlson
04/04/21 Easter	Easter Lilies	10/03/21	Sandy Humphries
11		10	Catherine Lee
18		17	Gwen Lee
25	Lynn McLellan	24	Boo Poole
05/02/21	Janet Cox	31	Adrian Smith
9	Becky Davis	11/07/21	
16	Pam Biering	14	Diane Williams
23	Gill Hackney	21	Lou Ann Carter
30	Gwen Lee	28	Lynn Brunson
06/06/21	Eleanor Guess		Advent: Poinsettias
13	Lena Roof	December	Poinsettias
20	Paula Guess		
27	Mimbee Ray/Salkehatchie Sunday		

Read
all about it!



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(Past news articles each week for you to enjoy)

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2004

The Times and Herald

SERVING SOUTH CAROLINA'S CROSSROADS SINCE 1881

BorageBUST



LAURA CARLSON/T&D FILES

Examining emerging borage plants in a field at the Clemson University Experiment Station in Blackville are, from left, Dr. Jay Chapin, Clemson Extension specialist and leading researcher on the borage crop, and his assistant, James Thomas.

Planting trials indicate crop would be difficult, expensive to grow here

By GENE ZALESKI
T&D Staff Writer

"Got Borage?" bumper stickers were distributed as part of the October 2002 announcement made by start-up pharmaceutical company Pilot Therapeutics to locate its operations in the Orangeburg County/City Industrial Park.

The medicinal crop, whose flowers would provide the primary source of medicinal oil used in Pilot Therapeutics' asthma products, was touted by company and economic development officials as a possible boom for area farmers.

It was said that more than 400 farmers could grow the crop on 30,000 acres if the market-penetration goals for Pilot's products were realized. Growers were told by Pilot officials they would see a return on investment that was five-to-sevenfold higher per acre than for traditional crops, such as soybeans or winter wheat.

Orangeburg County farmer Landy Weathers, speaking on behalf of the agricultural community, noted that the group would "stand ready, stand willing to produce this product."

Many things were said on that October day



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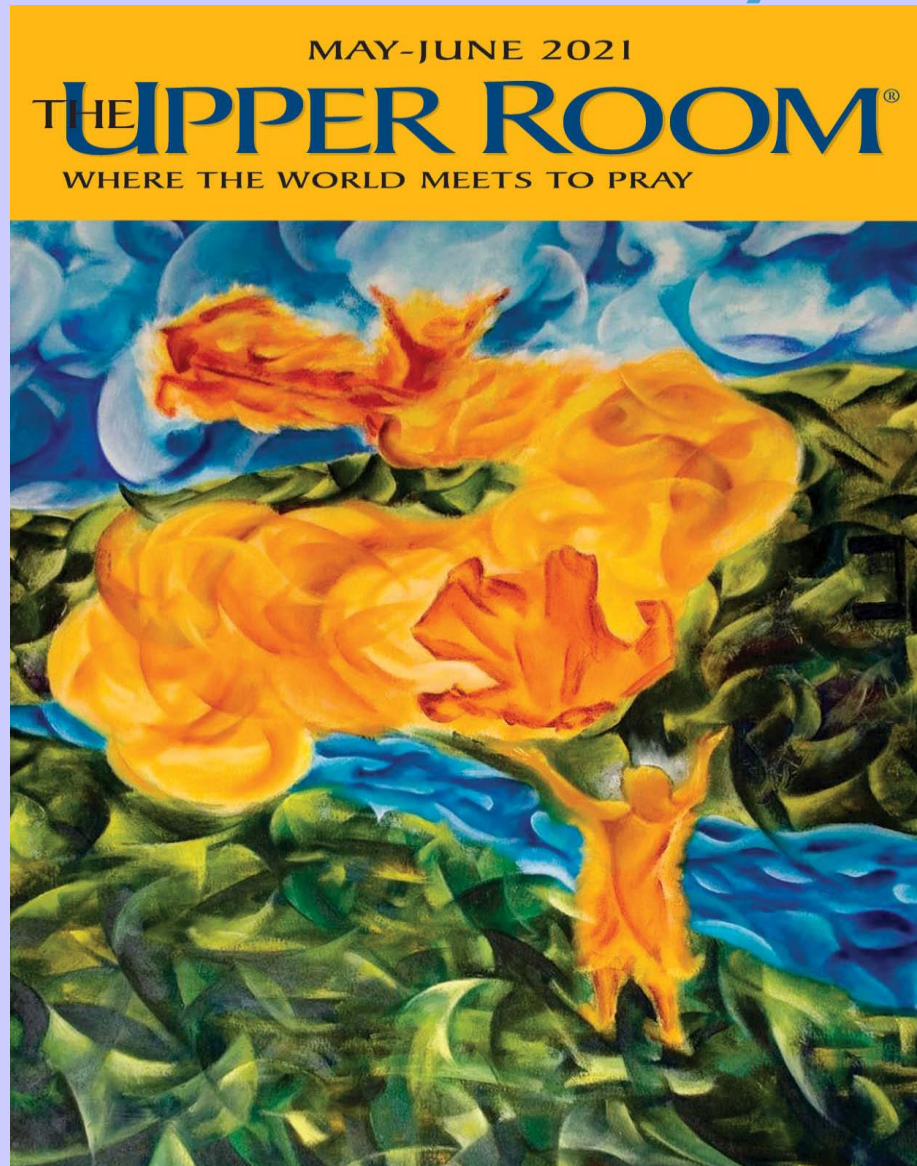
The financially struggling Pilot Therapeutics had planned to extract the oil of the borage plant to produce an asthma-fighting, over-the-counter drug. However, Clemson University researcher Dr. Jay Chapin says studies have shown that there are some consistently serious disease problems and insect pressure with borage.

See BORAGE, 6A

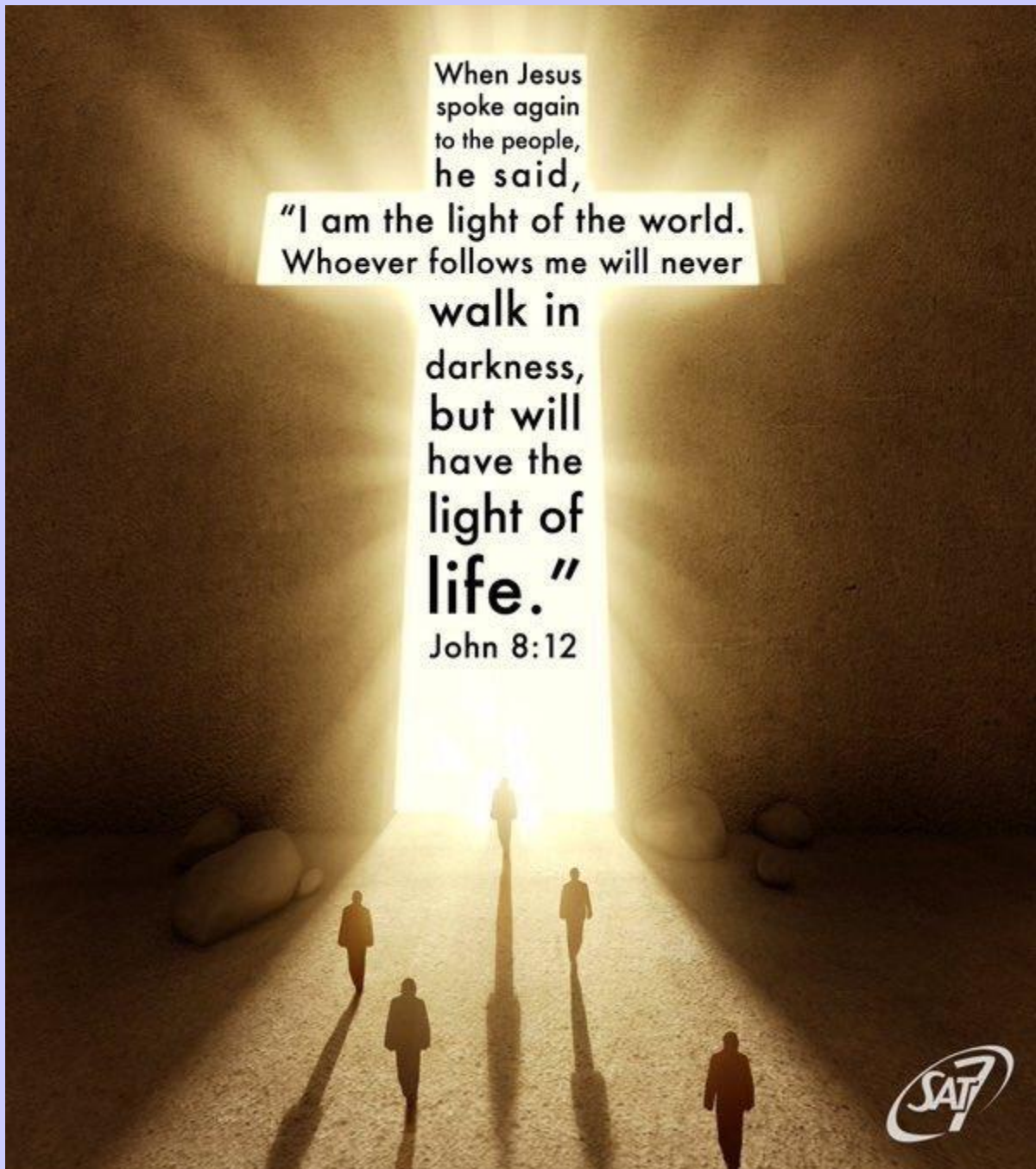
The Upper Room is now available in PDF format and can be accessed using the following website:

<https://www.upperroom.org/standingorderchurches>

The May/June Edition of the Upper Room is now available and can be picked up as you enter the Sanctuary.



INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE



When Jesus
spoke again
to the people,
he said,
"I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never
walk in
darkness,
but will
have the
light of
life."
John 8:12



WEEKLY BIBLE QUIZ

2 Samuel

1. *Who did David tell, 'I have sinned against the Lord.'*
 - *Nathan*
 - *Joab*
 - *Goliath*
 - *Bathsheba*
2. *After Saul's death, which of his articles did David receive?*
 - *Sword and shield*
 - *Crown and bracelet*
 - *Sandals and tunic*
 - *Scepter and staff*
3. *Where is David anointed king of the house of Judah?*
 - *Hebron*
 - *Gibeah*
 - *Nob*
 - *Akkad*
4. *Who was David's firstborn son?*
 - *Joab*
 - *Ner*
 - *Abinadab*
 - *Amnon*
5. *How old was David when he began his reign as king?*
 - *20*
 - *25*
 - *30*
 - *35*

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

Last weeks answers:

1. Ner 2. Mephibosheth 3. Uzzah 4. Linen Ephod 5. Nathan

FLOWER / ACOLYTE / USHER LIST FOR MAY



5/16 Pam Biering
5/23 Gill Hackney
5/30 Gwen Lee



Johnny McCain
Johnny Williamson

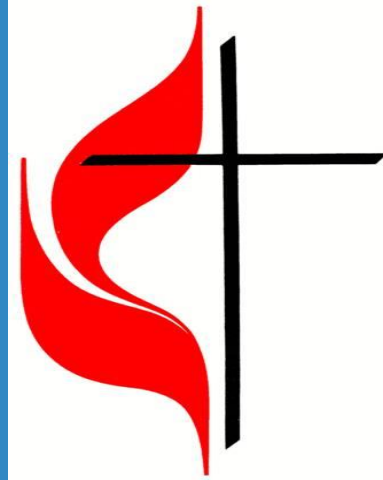


Rob Lee

The 2021 lists are now available and have been emailed to those whose name is on the lists. If you did not receive the email, please contact Gwen.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Assembly at 9:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall with classes to follow.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice will be held on Sundays at 10:00 AM.

NOVELS

There are some good novels in the church nursery if anyone wants some. Feel free to take as many as you want.

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

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)

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!