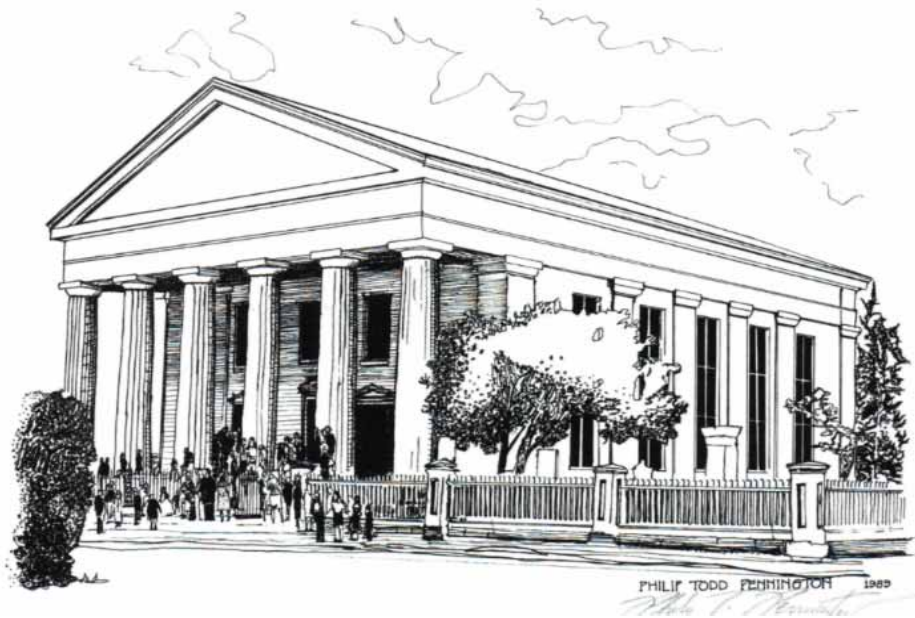


# Bethel United Methodist Church

*Since 1797, a Methodist Witness in the Heart of Charleston  
A National Historic Landmark*



***OUR MISSION*** *Sharing God's Love*

***OUR VISION*** *In response to God's love, we welcome all people and care for all Creation. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we reflect the light of Christ as we worship and celebrate, teach and learn, witness and serve. As a church, we embrace our diverse community as a gift from God.*

January 8, 2012

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**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**Celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord**  
**January 8, 2012**

*The Music in Preparation for Worship is intended to draw the people from the outside world  
into the presence of God. You are invited to remain silent during this time.*

**GATHERING MUSIC**

Praeludium in D Major  
Siciliana

Dietrich Buxtehude, Danish/German, 1637-1707

Ottomino Respighi, Italian, 1879-1936

arr. for Organ, Robert Lau, American, 2008

Ancient German Carol, arr. David Lasky, American, 1997

Variations on Puer Nobis Nascitur

*i.Fanfare-ii.Bicinium-iii. Verset-iv.Meditation-v.Toccata*

**THE JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**PRELUDE**

Improvisation on 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

Greg Jones

**INTROIT (11:15)**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

We have seen his star in the east, and have come to adore the Lord

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: Matthew 2:2; Music: Gregory Murray, American, 1958

**\*HYMN      Earth Has Many a Noble City**

*Earth has many a noble city;  
Beth' lem thou dost all excel;  
Out of thee the Lord from heaven  
Came to rule his Is-ra- el*

*Fairer than the sun at morning  
Was the star that told his birth,  
To the world its God announcing  
Seen in fleshly form on earth*

*Eastern sages at his cradle  
Make oblations rich and rare;  
See them give, in deep devotion,  
Gold and Frankincense and myrrh.*

*Sacred gifts of mystic meaning;  
Incense doth their God disclose;  
Gold the King of kings proclaimeth;  
Myrrh his sepulcher foreshows.*

*Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshiped  
At thy glad e-piph-a-ny,  
Unto thee, with God the Father  
And the Spirit, glory be.*

**\*STATEMENT OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, page 881

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI**

Hymnal, page 70

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Isaiah 60:1-6

**ANTHEM (11:15) *Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light***

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light, and usher in the morning;  
Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel's warning.  
This Child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be,  
The pow'r of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

Text & Melody: German, 16<sup>th</sup> Century; Choral Setting: J. S. Bach, German, 1685-1750

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER (11:15)

O Jesus, while the star of grace impels us on to seek thy face,  
Let not our slothful hearts refuse the guidance of thy light to use.

Text: Charles Coffin, German, 1676-1749; Anonymous German Carol, c. 16<sup>th</sup> Century

SILENCE FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

*(During this time you are invited to offer your prayers to God at the altar or where you are seated.)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE (11:15)

To God the Father, heavenly Light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night,  
To God the Holy Ghost we raise, an endless song of thankful praise.

Text: Charles Coffin, German, 1676-1749; Anonymous German Carol, c. 16<sup>th</sup> Century

\*THE PSALTER

(from Psalm 72)

Hymnal, page 795

*(11:15 only) The Psalm begins with the singing of the Psalm refrain. The choir introduces it, after which the congregation echoes the phrase. The Psalm refrain is repeated throughout the reading of the Psalm text at each point the red refrain mark is printed.)*

THE OFFERING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR GIFTS

*What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet  
what I can I give him- give him my heart*

OFFERTORY *Star of Advent*

A star, rising in the east, a messenger of holy peace.  
A star, shining o'er the earth, the herald of a royal birth.  
Upon the darkness shines a light, and from the Lord, there comes a sign.  
Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
And shall call His name, Emmanuel."  
A star of heavenly design revealing hope to human-kind.  
A star, a witness of His care, the answer to the ancient prayer.  
For unto us a Child is born, for unto us a Son is given.  
The government shall be upon His shoulder.  
He shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God,  
The Everlasting Father, the Everlasting Father,  
The Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.  
A star, shining through the night, illumining the Way, the Truth, the Life.

Text & Music: Pepper Choplin, American, 2009

\*THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal, page 95

HYMN OF PREPARATION

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

Hymnal, page 244

\*LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Matthew 2:1-12

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"I Had an Epiphany "

Rev. John L. Warren

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Fairest Lord Jesus

Hymnal, page 189

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER(S) (11:15 a.m.)

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (11:15)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: Isaiah 60:1; Music: Gregory Murray, American, 1958

\*POSTLUDE  
O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

Tune: William Knapp, English, 1698-`768  
Organ Setting: Gilbert Martin, American, 1984

\*Congregation is invited to stand



*The altar flowers are offered to the glory of God  
in memory of Dot & Bob Pericola by their family.*

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

**9:00am** Music - The Cokesbury Chorale Lay Reader - Bob Giesy  
Ushers - Buddy Davis, Joey Dixon, Michael Dixon, Fred Huggins, Greg Porter  
**11:15am** Music - The Bethel Chancel Choir Lay Reader - Bob Wood Greeter - Brenda Gregorie  
Ushers - Kathy Day, Rick Day, Lefty Gregorie, Dennis Moran, Tina Ripley

### THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

<i>Sunday, January 8</i>	7:30 a.m.	Men's Club Breakfast
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:15 a.m.	Worship
	12:15 p.m.	College - Lunch, Our Treat
	4:00 p.m.	Education Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	UMYF
<i>Monday, January 9</i>	9:30 a.m.	Disciple Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Monday Morning Circle
	5:30 p.m.	Evangelism
	6:00 p.m.	Citadel Wesley, The Citadel's Mark Clark Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Trustees
	6:30 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study
<i>Tuesday, January 10</i>	<b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	
	1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	GAP Bible Study & Supper
<i>Wednesday, January 11</i>	6:00 p.m.	C of C Wesley @ Chip Center
<i>Thursday, January 12</i>	9:00 a.m.	Cokesbury Chorale
<i>Friday, January 13</i>		
<i>Saturday, January 14</i>		
<i>Sunday, January 15</i>	4:00 p.m.	Kid's Club
	6:00 p.m.	UMYF

### BETHEL UMC STAFF

John Warren, Minister • Gregory H. Jones, Director of Music • Marvin Grooms, Program Coordinator  
Lindy Hoel, Nursery Coordinator • Amanda Pooser, Children/Youth Director  
Emily Ghassemzadeh, Intern • Connie Hodges, Administrator • Mike Tyrrell, Sexton

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MONDAY MORNING CIRCLE

The Monday Morning Circle will meet on the *SECOND* Monday of January (January 9). Please note change of day. At that time we will have our annual pledge service.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Meeting & Vacation Bible School Planning - January 17th @ 5:30pm

Parents and other Bethel Members are invited to attend an informational meeting and planning session for the upcoming year. The meeting will be held in the Chip Center and light refreshments will be provided. The first half-hour will be spent discussing ideas for children's programming in 2012. The remainder of the meeting will be spent on preliminary planning for Vacation Bible School. All who are interested in helping with VBS are encouraged to attend, even if you may not have children of your own participating!

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY January 15th 4:00-5:30pm

Join us for fellowship, games, crafts, and devotionals at our monthly **Kids' Club**. Parents are invited to drop their children off and return to pick them up after the activities, or parents can stay and relax with other parents while the activities are going on. Contact Amanda with any questions, ideas, or to volunteer your time

### YOUTH SKI TRIP AND INFUSE CONFERENCE – FEBRUARY 17TH – 20TH

Our Winter Retreat is coming up! We will be headed to North Carolina for a weekend of skiing and Lake Junaluska's INFUSE program for youth. It will be a great opportunity for you to spend time with your Bethel friends and make new friends at the conference. We will stay 3 nights and ski two days. In the evenings we will enjoy fellowship together and worship with the other participants at Lake Junaluska. To reserve your spot, you will be required to provide a \$50 non-refundable deposit. Deposits are due no later than the January 8th. Contact [AmandaLPooser@gmail.com](mailto:AmandaLPooser@gmail.com) for more information.

### GAP, LUNCH, OUR TREAT

GAP "Lunch, Our Treat" will be January 22 after the 11:15 worship service.

### BETHEL'S LIBRARY IS NOW OPEN!

Find our new selection of books in Room 10 of the Education Building (upstairs next to the restrooms). Visit the library during regular church hours .... the door is always open.

### FLOWER CALENDAR 2012

There are still dates available in 2012 for Altar flowers: February 5, 12, 26; March 4, 11, 18; June 3, 10, 17, 24; July 15, 22, 29; August 5, 12; September 9, 30; November 11, 18; December 16, 30. The cost is \$85.00 which includes 2 arrangements. You can sign up by using the flower book located in the hallway of the Education Building or call the church office to reserve the date you desire.

### BETHEL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**Jan 8** Doyle Derrick, Claudia Myers, Trey Sumersett **Jan 9** Brandon Schaeffer **Jan 10** Grace Wish **Jan 11** Ellen Shultz, Penny Dixon, Avery Morris, Donna Nix **Jan 12** John Bleecker, Gabby Porter, Pharen Johnson **Jan 13** Michael Dixon, Quinn Reller **Jan 14** Carlisle Carter, Daniel Boyer

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Ann Andrus, Ricky Archambault, Dera Bicaise, Bobbie Blackburn, Marshall Burns, Edith Cook, Betty Davis, Jewel Felkel, David Fields, Janice Flynn, Ginny Ford, Nell Garris, Rembert Garris, Pharen Johnson, Dorothy Anne LeMacks, Becky Moran, Jim Sawers, Oscar Vick, Jean Williamson, Oliver Williamson, Bill Chamberlain*



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# Bethel's Got Talent

## Registration Form



Got Talent? Have an act that will make the crowd laugh? **"Bethel's Got Talent"** is the show for you!  
Complete the form below and get ready to wow the crowd at our variety show!

January 22nd, 2012 5:00pm  
Dinner Theatre and Variety Show  
Joint fundraiser to benefit UMYF and UMW Missions

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Act: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number : \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Age Category: (Circle One)

Children Youth Adult Older Adult

\*\* Return form to the church office no later than **January 16th**.

Please plan to attend one rehearsal prior to the show. (Time will be arranged with participants after registration is returned) Acts should be approximately 2-4 minutes in length. Contact Amanda Pooser with additional questions.

AmandaLPooser@gmail.com