

HISTORY

Since 1797, a Methodist Witness

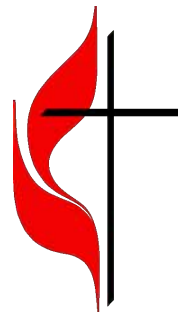
in the Heart of Charles-



"...when we can get a carpenter we will undertake to build a house, forty by sixty feet...the name of the house shall be Bethel, the Hebrew word for the house of God."

With these words by Bishop Francis Asbury, this church had its beginning on February 14, 1797, on the corner of Calhoun and Pitt Streets. The roots of Bethel Church, however, go much deeper in Charleston's history. John Wesley, the father of Methodism, and his brother Charles made their first visit to Charles Town in 1736. They came as clergymen in the Church of England. John worked in the mission field and Charles was secretary to General Oglethorpe in Savannah, Georgia. Records indicate that John Wesley preached in St. Philip's Church in 1737. During three visits to Charles Town by John Wesley, he had his COLLECTION OF PSALMS AND HYMNS printed at the Lewis Timothy Print Shop. It was the first hymn book to be printed in America.

You can read more about Bethel's history on-line at bethecharleston.com.



BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Your Wedding Day



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CONGRATULATIONS



from Bethel United Methodist Church on your upcoming marriage!

A wedding is one of the happiest and holiest moments in life. As you join your lives to establish a Christian home, our church rejoices with you and is eager to provide a setting that upholds the joy and sanctity characterizing the ceremony of Christian marriage. The church staff and the members of Bethel are willing to do all they can to make your wedding an event worthy of the significant and sacred commitment you bring to your marriage. Call us Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. to schedule an appointment to see our beautiful Church!

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NON-MEMBER WEDDING FEES

Sanctuary 1500.00

The Sanctuary was fully restored in 2009 and seats 500.

Minister 300.00

It is the policy of Bethel United Methodist Church for one of the ministers to be in charge of any wedding in this church although another minister may assist, provided the minister in charge is consulted.

Organist 350.00

Includes one consultation

Chancel Guild 200.00

The Chancel Guild directs the rehearsal and the wedding. No outside director is needed.

Sexton 200.00

The sexton is responsible for opening and closing the church as well as security. This fee is based on 4 hours.

Parlor 50.00

The parlor provides the bridal party with a place to get ready or just relax and enjoy the moment.

Acolyte 25.00

Banner Bearer 25.00

Crucifer 25.00

Nursery Minimum 50.00

Non-members are required to complete the wedding application and submit a deposit of \$500.00 to secure their desired date on the Bethel wedding calendar.

If application is done on-line, the date will be secure when deposit is received.

If a wedding is cancelled, the security deposit will be forfeited. All other deposits will be applied to the final bill.

Weddings and rehearsals will not be scheduled for the following holidays: New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Holy Week (the week before Easter), Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

No flash photography will be taken inside the church during the ceremony. Please see handbook for details.

Please check out our website at www.bethelcharleston.com to find out if your special date is available.

Download a copy of our handbook which will answer all of your questions.



The newly restored Sanctuary makes a picture perfect wedding for any bride on her special day.