

Beulah News

Beulah United Methodist Church
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A Sow's Song

"Vibraphone, that's it. I've been racking my brain trying to remember the name of that thing. Now who was it that played the fire out of it? Old dude, couple of generations back old, Frank Sinatra old. Goodman? Armstrong? no, maybe it was Rich? No, that's not him, Buddy kept the rhythm. Rich, Richie, Lionel Richie, noooo, that's way wrong, too young and way too syrupy; but the Lionel is on track. Lionel, Lionel, hotel, Lionel, hotel, Lionel, Fairfield Inn hotel, no, Hampton Inn, Lionel Hampton; GOT IT."

I don't know, but I may have been a little dehydrated when I came across that sow.

She was laying on her side happy as the proverbial 'pig in slop' with no less than twelve squirming piglets vying for position. It was breakfast time in Brisas del Mar and something about that gross of porcine posteriors all lined up in a row reminded me of the vibes¹ and sent my sleep deprived, dried-up up brain off the rails for a bit. The above interior conversation was the

result of that derailment.

It was a mighty pretty scene though, in an organic sort of way. All those little pink piggies bellied up to the bar with their momma singing her low throaty song of love and contentment. Maybe it was the song that reminded me of the vibes and Hampton.

I seem to recall that Hampton² couldn't contain a slightly off key growl of sorts as he played the instrument he was created to play. His joy at being right where he was supposed to be, doing what he was made to, just could not be contained. It had to come out some way, and I think the growl, just like the sow's song was an unbridled prayer of joy and thanksgiving at having discovered his purpose in this life.

I understood that, and tearing myself away from the scene, I found myself whistling in the early morning mist as I headed back for breakfast with my team. I felt refreshed and new and ready

to take on anything.

You see, about a week or so before my piggy epiphany, I stepped out of the hustle and bustle of everyday twenty-first century life and into the pages of a National Geographic magazine.

We were working in Brisas del Mar: a little village eighty or so miles south and a century or two away from Cartagena, Colombia.

Brisas del Mar is a little piece of Heaven, even if it is hot enough to give Satan pause.

Mud homes with thatched roofs line the pitted dirt roads. Laughing children, and gracious how many there are, crowd the doorways and sheepishly wave, or hide behind their mother's skirts in faux shyness. At dusk the air is filled with the sounds of laughter and the aroma of a hundred cooking pots with a hundred culinary delights therein, and beneath it all the burros and roosters hold sway with their supporting chorus.

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A Sow's Song (cont.)

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It is the peace of the place however, as well as many others like it I been blessed to visit over the years, that brings a certain yearning to my soul. For that peace is not to be found in the glorious cacophony of sight, sound and smell, but it is to be found in my heart and in my soul.

For me at least, in my life, the peace of Christ, the promised rest of the Creator is found in working with my brothers and sisters, wherever they may be, for the Kingdom of God in a hands-on, dirt way up under your fingernails sort of way.

My prayer for you, the reader, is that you find that place of peace and of rest in your life, wherever it may be; but never forget it takes courage, faith and fortitude, for you must seek to find.

Remember the promise?

Matt 7:7-8

7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the

door will be opened.

NIV

Love,
Pastor Tony

¹Vibes is an abbreviated name for the vibraphone, usually employed by jazz musicians when referring to the instrument.

²I recommend that you follow the link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_rTICMVXQQ and enjoy Lionel Hampton's rendition of *Flying Home*.

Star Member

Fellowship Friends will list in the bulletin each month a **Star Member**. A star member is anyone over 65, a nursing home member or a home bound member. These are our special members who need our care and concern. Greeting cards or note cards are a great way to stay in touch when we can't visit or call.

Our Star Member for the month is:

Betty Ricard-892-6655
3834 Augusta Hwy.
Gilbert, SC 29054





How amazing is my church! It became necessary that I have a total knee replacement surgery on July 29 while Pastor Tony was traveling to Colombia. Having Mary Rowell show up in the surgery unit of Baptist Hospital around 6:00

am to pray with me was an exceptional gift to me of her exemplary service. From that point throughout my experience I received flowers, visits, meals, phone calls, and greeting cards...and I know many other prayers. Change sentence one to "How amazing is God's church." Beulah UMC, I love you , too.

Seretha Sox

Dear Pastor & Members of Beulah, Thank you for all that you did for me through the benefit singing. I am very grateful & humbled at your outpouring of help & support. I pray God's richest blessing on you & your church family. Your Brother in Christ, **Tommy Taylor**

Thank You for All Your Caring We want to thank the members of our Beulah family for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers and for your messages and acts of sympathy during our bereavement. We can't begin to tell you how much we appreciate each of you and everything that was done to help us cope

with our loss - the calls, cards, visits, the beautiful all white arrangement so thoughtfully chosen, the food so lovingly prepared and the memorials. Each act of kindness and caring was a tribute to Mother's life well-lived and her love for Beulah. Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we stumble through the days ahead. **The family of Esther M. Kaminer (Betty Bouknight, Shelah Spivey and Danny Kaminer)**

Thanks so much for your concern & the food. We really enjoyed it. **Bill, Suzy, Cindy, Brandi, Jon**

Beulah Church, Thank you so much for the kind words and the awesome cup. Every time I use it, it reminds me I'm not alone on this journey through college. Once again, thank you so much. Thank you, **Alex Edens**

4th Sunday Night Singing

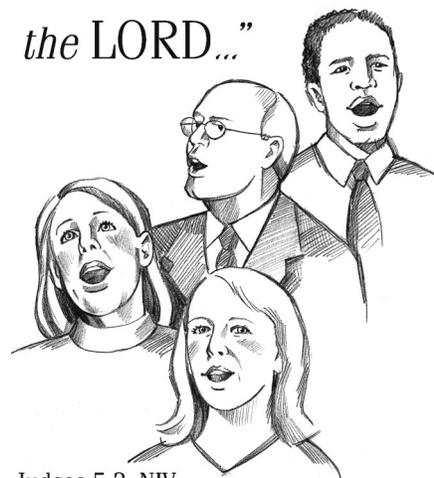
September 27th - The Believers Quartet

October 25th - The Centerions

November 15th - 3rd Sunday - TBA



"I will sing to the LORD, I will sing; I will make music to the LORD..."



Judges 5:3, NIV

September Birthdays



09/01	TIM JEFFCOAT STEPHANIE HARDY AUBREY STALVEY JAMES C MCGLOCKLIN WAYNE LEAPHART JERALD HANCOCK GAIL KINGSLEY	09/14	ANITA JONES
09/02	RUBY BEDENBAUGH JESSICA SKIPPER STEVEN BINKLEY DIANE GANTT	09/15	THOMAS ROSSON, SR LILLIAN E BROWN DORIS CAROLYN FRAZIER RICHARD FLYTHE, JR
09/03	RICKY CROUT ALAN C TOMPKINS JACKIE CRAPS	09/17	ROBERT DRAFTS
09/04	ADDIE LYNN EVANS	09/18	JACKSON GRADY WHITTLE CHARLOTTE THORNBURG
09/05	JOANNE M SHEALY DAMON SMITH	09/19	SHARON SMITH SHAUNA LEE BASHLINE LAUREN K LAKE
09/06	LINDA DEERING KIMBERLY HENDRIX	09/21	JORDON HUNTER-HALLMAN EMILY CAMERON PRICE ANTHONY COUNTS
09/09	KAREN RUDD MARGIE ONSTAD	09/23	MARY ELLENI DRAFTS KEN LAMAR SHEALY ED KELLY
09/10	SAMUEL BERKHEIMER NANCY DRAKE HALEY L HAMILTON	09/24	TIM ROGERS TONYA THORNTON
09/11	KATHY L SWOFFORD RUTH KOON JOHN BUTLER	09/25	PATRICIA K "TRISH" CONN MARGARET SMITH
09/12	RANDALL PRICE	09/26	EDEN SMITH
09/13	WILLIAM THOMPSON HARRIET COTTERMAN	09/27	KAITLYN DAWSON KATHLEEN WOODRUFF
		09/28	MELISSA SHAW FRAN CHAVIS
		09/29	BRENDA MCGLOCKLIN SANDRA "SANDY" BURTON
		09/30	JAMIE LEE SKIPPER BETTY SHEALY

MR. & MRS. BRYSON L SHEALY	09/01/1976
MR. & MRS. ALFRED W SCHUMPERT	09/02
MR. & MRS. JERRY SHEALY	09/05/1976
MR. & MRS. DANA DUNKELBERGER	09/07/1968
MR. & MRS. ROY SOX	09/11/1999
MR. & MRS. AZEL "PETE" PRICE	09/12/1964
MR. & MRS. JASON GOSSETT	09/14/1996
MR. & MRS. WELBOURNE A WHITE	09/18/1978
MR. & MRS. LARRY PRICE	09/19/1964
MR. & MRS. WILLIAM THORNBURG	09/24/1960
MR. & MRS. CARL E BAGWELL	09/25/1999

Flu Shots

Lexington Medical Center will be administering flu shots on **September 22nd from 1:30-2:30pm**. Medicare Part B is accepted. Bring Medicare card and driver's license or other identification.



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Send articles by the 20th of each month by email to newsletter@beulahunitedmethodistchurch.org or drop articles off in the pocket on the door of the church office.

Enhanced Worship & Fellowship Times

Announcing enhanced worship & fellowship times at Beulah!
Beginning Sunday, **September 6:**

Contemporary Service 8:30 am

All Sunday School 9:40 am

Traditional Service 10:30 am

As we come together as one family, one church, one ministry in service to Christ, these enhanced times will offer joint fellowship between services, and positions our Sunday School to offer classes at one set time to any and all who wish to participate. Mark your calendars - come get to know someone new, or perhaps find someone you have no idea worshiped at Beulah!



Changes to Sunday School and Small Group Classes Starting in September

As we enter into the month of September, many exciting things are in store for Beulah UMC. There will be Sunday School or Small Group Classes for every age. Some classes are combining, and other classes will be new to our church. The new classes include: Junior Youth, Preschool, and Young Adult. Additionally, we



will be adding Children's Church to the contemporary service. Our nursery will be for infants through two years of age. Then we will offer Children's Church for ages 3-5K and Sunday School for ages 3 and up. Children from first grade on up will be joining us in our worship services

with special activities planned just for them. We will be having a traditional children's sermon time during the service before the little ones are dismissed to Children's Church. Many changes are coming our way as we seek to grow in our faith and knowledge of Christ. If you would like to help with any of these ministries, please let your desires be known. We could certainly use more leaders and assistants. Come and grow with us!

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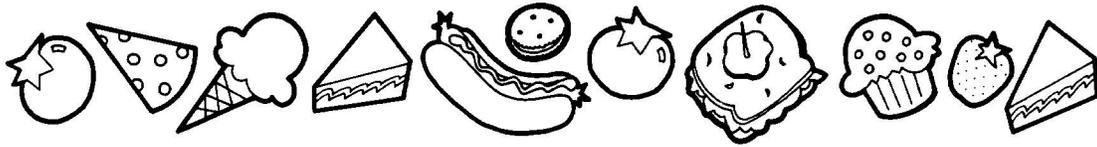
OCTOBER 1 AND 2 - 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

OCTOBER 3 - 8:00 AM UNTIL 1:00 PM

LUNCH AND DRINKS AVAILABLE EACH DAY



Many different and new items will be available such as furniture, clothes, small appliances, books, records, dishes, toys, paintings, pottery, seasonal items, jewelry, baked goods, etc. There will also be a bake sale. Food will be available for sale all three days.



If you would like to donate items for the yard sale, please notify Mary Price at 892-2618 or call the church office at 892-2842. We are now receiving items. All donations will be appreciated. Sorry we cannot accept TVs.



Our September Helpers

USHERS

Jerry Davis-Leader
Monroe Shealy
Wayne Baker
Parker Evans

GREETERS

Carey & Melba Smith

ACOLYTE

Josh Schumpert or Katie Davis

SCRIPTURE READER

Bill Thornburg

AFTER SERVICE GREETERS

Richard Flythe-Chair. Building/
Planning - Sept 6 & Sept. 13
Nancy Drake-Mary/Martha - Sept.
20 & Sept. 27
Ron Krepps-Oct. 4 & Oct. 11

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Sept. 6 - Violet Myers
Sept. 13 - Sallie Chester
Sept. 20 - Mary Bagwel
Sept. 27 - Charlotte Thornburg

COUNTING TEAM

Richard & Jane Flythe
Mike & Sandy Burton

Homebound and Residential Care

LEXINGTON EXTENDED CARE

Ruby Bedenbaugh
Lexington Extended Care
815 Old Cherokee Rd.
256 A Caughman Way
Lexington, SC 29072

Betty Jo Gable
Lexington Extended Care
815 Old Cherokee Rd.
Room 144-Lexington Trace
Lexington, SC 29072

Wayne Leaphart
Lexington Extended Care
815 Old Cherokee Rd.
Room 114 A-Palmetto Lane
Lexington, SC 29072

AGAPE

Polly Derrick
Agape Room 205
2705 Leaphart Rd.
West Columbia, SC 29160

MORNINGSIDE ASSISTED LIVING

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Stewardship Report

PRAYERS: Ruby Bedenbaugh, Alan Tompkins, Sarah Bailey, Barbara Krepps, Luther Rogers, Polly Derrick, Mildred Price, Rosetta Leaphart, Mickie Folk, Betty Jo Gable, Thomas Taylor, Sr., Wayne Leaphart, Carthon Kaminer, Lillian Kaminer and Betty Ricard.

Beth Moore Simulcast Coming September 12

A live worldwide simulcast event for women called Living Proof Live with Beth Moore will be hosted by Beulah United Methodist Church on Saturday, September 12, 2015. This event is sponsored by Kenneth Shuler Schools of Cosmetology and joins women from around the world to encourage a deeper understanding of the Word of God. Living Proof Live is a fun-filled Bible study, teaching, and worship experience to enrich the mind, soul, and spirit. Bible teacher Beth Moore brings a fresh Word from God to each Living Proof Live event - no two are the same. As she explores the Bible and how it applies to real life, women will be encouraged by her own experiences as a believer and will be inspired to magnify and strengthen their own relationship with God.



Doors open for registration and fellowship at 9:00 a.m. The simulcast will begin at 10:30 a.m. and conclude at 5:15 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance/\$30 at the door and are available

for purchase at www.beulahunitedmethodistchurch.org via PayPal. Payment by check will also be accepted and can be mailed to the church along with the registration form (online and at church). The ticket price includes access to the event and listening guide; a light Continental breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack; and a welcome bag. Seating is limited, so get your tickets early!

Companions in Christ, Part I - Embracing the Journey

New Six Week Covenant Bible Study
Orientation Meeting from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm in the Social Hall on Wednesday, Sept. 2.

Open to everyone, this study is a basic exploration of spiritual formation as a journey toward wholeness and holiness, individually and in community, through the grace of God. Participants will explore the potential of Christian community as an environment of grace and mutual guidance through the Holy Spirit. You are invited to join us as we study the scriptures and reflect on our relationship with one another and with God. This is

the same study offered by Helen Edens about 2 years ago that everyone thought was great.

The study has 6 daily readings or exercises (around 30 minutes) and a weekly group discussion (2 hours) centered on Christian spiritual formation which is the process of being transformed to the image of Christ. Through Bible reading, prayer, and group discussions we will seek why and how the Holy Spirit leads us to a closer walk with God in our daily lives.

Come join us! All are welcome to participate whether you have joined a small study group before or if this is your first time. We will

enjoy good fellowship and discussions as we become "Companions in Christ." Please let us know ASAP (church office 892-2842 or Joan Fraley 892-2924) if you plan to attend. Books will be distributed at the first meeting.



Calendar for September 2015

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:30 am Bible Study - Conf. Room
6:30 pm Weight Loss Support
7:00 pm REFIT Class - FLC

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

10:00 am Weight Watchers - SH
2:30 pm Companions in Christ - SH
6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:30 pm Praise Choir

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:00 am Mother's Morning Out (until noon)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
9:40 am Sunday School
10:30 am Traditional Worship Service
4:00 pm J.A.M.
Aftershock
5:00 pm Youth
6:00 pm Bible Study

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:30 am Bridge - SH
6:30 pm Apostle Paul

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:30 am Bible Study - Conf. Room
6:30 pm Weight Loss Support
7:00 pm REFIT Class - FLC

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

10:00 am Weight Watchers - SH
2:30 pm Companions in Christ - SH
6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

10:30 am Fun, Food, & Fellowship
7:30 pm Praise Choir - FLC

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:00 am Mother's Morning Out (until noon)
8:00 pm Square Dance - SH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

10:30 am Beth Moore Simulcast

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
9:40 am Sunday School
10:30 am Traditional Worship Service
6:00 pm Bible Study

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:30 am Bridge - SH
6:30 pm Apostle Paul

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:30 am Bible Study - Conf. Room
6:30 pm Weight Loss Support
7:00 pm REFIT Class - FLC

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

10:00 am Weight Watchers - SH
2:30 pm Companions in Christ - SH
6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

6:00 pm UMW Meeting
7:30 pm Praise Choir

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:00 am Mother's Morning Out (until noon)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Homecoming - Bring a Friend
8:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
9:40 am Sunday School
10:30 am Traditional Worship Service
11:30 am Potluck
4:00 pm J.A.M.
Aftershock
5:00 pm Youth
6:00 pm Bible Study

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:30 am Bridge - SH
6:30 pm Apostle Paul

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:30 am Bible Study - Conf. Room
1:30 pm Flu Shots - SH (until 2:30)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

10:00 am Weight Watchers - SH
2:30 pm Companions in Christ - SH

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:30 pm Praise Choir

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:00 am Mother's Morning Out (until noon)
8:00 pm Square Dance Open House

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

BBQ Boy Scouts - FLC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:00 am UMM
8:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
9:40 am Sunday School
10:30 am Traditional Worship Service
Noon Koon Reunion - SH
Kaminer Reunion - FLC
4:00 pm J.A.M.
Aftershock
4:30 pm Youth Road Trip
6:00 pm Bible Study
Gospel Singing

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:30 am Bridge - SH
6:30 pm Apostle Paul

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:30 am Bible Study - Conf. Room
6:30 pm Weight Loss Support
7:00 pm REFIT Class - FLC

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

10:00 am Weight Watchers - SH
2:30 pm Companions in Christ - SH
6:30 pm Choir Practice

Bring a Friend!

Do your part

**Invite
Someone
Today!**

Pray every day and look for someone to invite to Worship Service on September 20th. Invite them to come hear about the love of Jesus Christ, and Beulah is a great place to do just that!

Everyone is encouraged to invite guests to our Homecoming Sunday Worship Service on Sunday, September 20th. Please pray about who you could invite to church! The top four persons who bring the most friends will receive a nice hand-crafted birdhouse. Birdhouses will be on display soon. This year, National Back to Church Sunday is on September 20th when millions of people who do not regularly attend church are invited and welcomed to a church near them. Research shows that "82% of the unchurched are likely to attend church if invited... yet only 2% of church members invite."



United Methodist Women (UMW)

Ladies, Please put on your calendars and plan to meet on **Thursday, Sept. 17 at 6:00pm** in the meeting room in the Family Life Center. Since I haven't had much of a response as to actual UMW membership, I thought that we would plan our meetings around supporting (not necessarily financially) either one or two local missions. Please bring with you ideas about which areas you would like to help with. Do you have a talent that you'd like to

share? If you like to knit or crochet, I'm sure that there is a women's shelter that would love to give hats or scarves to their tenants. Samaritan's Well, a women's shelter in Lexington, asks for new pillows to give out to the ladies that stay with them. I'm sure that there are other organizations around that help the less fortunate get back on their feet. I will be looking for your help in finding just the right mission for our group and as we

begin this endeavor, we will also be serving the UMW.

Please plan on meeting each 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00pm. All women of the church are welcome! I look forward to seeing you all on Sept. 17!

Blessings,
Diane Crosby
UMW President
Beulah UMC-Gilbert
[\(843\)729-2038](tel:(843)729-2038)-cell

[\(803\)996-3917](tel:(803)996-3917)-home

“Autumn Song”

Now's the time when children's noses
All become as red as roses
And the color of their faces
Makes me think of orchard places
Where the juicy apples grow,
And tomatoes in a row.

Come then, find your ball and racket,
Pop into your winter jacket,
With the lovely bear-skin lining.
While the sun is brightly shining,
Let us run and play together
And just love the autumn weather.

—Katherine Mansfield



Fear and faith, together

“I have a lot of faith and a lot of fear a lot of the time,” writes Anne Lamott in *Small Victories: Spotting Improbable Moments of Grace* (Riverhead Books). As usual, the author tells it like it is.

In Mark 9:14-27, Jesus does that too, spewing frustration about his disciples' inability to heal a boy riddled with convulsions: “You faithless people! ... How long must I put up with you?” Jesus pulls no punches.

When Jesus tells the boy's father, “All things can be done for the one who believes,” the man is also surprisingly frank. Had I been desperate for my child's healing, I probably would've fallen all over myself professing more belief than I actually had. But this father replies, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief.” And Jesus heals the boy.

God doesn't expect us to have 100-percent-certain belief all the time. I suspect he finds our honest mix of fear and faith refreshing. And it might reassure other Christians who are struggling, as well.

—Heidi Mann



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Fun, Food, and Fellowship

September 10, 2015

We would like to invite you to Fun, Food and Fellowship. We meet every second Thursday at 10:30 am (except for November, when we

have the Senior Thanksgiving Dinner). We hope you will come have lunch and get together with all your friends and make new friends.

Invite all your neighbors to come with you. We would be glad to have you attend. Any questions, please call the church office at 892-2842 or Theresa George at 803-397-3798.



Square Dance Open House

September 25, 2015

The Dixie Strutters Square Dance club will be having an OPEN HOUSE on September 25 beginning at 8 pm. This is for anyone who is curious about square dance and may be interested. Square dance is a family activity open to children from 6 years old through 96 :-), and beyond. It is known as friendship set to music. Many of us who have two left feet enjoy this activity! It is light exercise, but, of course, we serve food, as well.

We thank everyone for letting us use your facilities and hope you'll join us. For more information, call Donna Shealy at 730-2116.