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COVENANT

These are John Wesley's own words ...

“Dearly beloved, the Christian life, to which we are called, is a life in Christ, redeemed from sin, and through him consecrated to God. Upon this life we have entered, having been admitted into that New Covenant of which our Lord Jesus Christ is mediator, and which he sealed with his own blood, that it might stand for ever.

On one side the Covenant is God's promise that he will fulfill in and through us all that he declared in Christ Jesus, who is the Author and Perfecter of our faith. That his promise still stands we are sure, for we have known his goodness, and proved his grace in our lives day by day.

On the other side we stand pledged to live no more unto ourselves, but to him who loved us and gave himself for us, and has called us to serve him that the purpose of his coming might be fulfilled.

From time to time, we renew our vows of consecration, especially when we gather at the Lord's Table: but on this day we meet expressly, as generations of our fathers have met, that we may joyfully and solemnly renew the Covenant which bound them and binds us to God.

Let us then, remembering the mercies of God, and the hope of his calling, examine ourselves by the light of his Spirit, that we may see wherein we have failed or fallen short in faith and practice, and, considering all that this Covenant means, may give ourselves anew to God.”

Welcome to Buncombe Street United Methodist Church. You may find additional information at either of the Information Centers or on our website at www.bsumc.com. One center is in the office lobby by Sisk Hall, and the other center is in the main lobby just behind the Sanctuary. The centers are open before and after each of the worship services. Information about Sunday school is available at each center. If you would like to become a member of our church family, contact Stacy Phillips in the church office at 864-371-6084. We are happy to help you find your place here!

8:45AM & 11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP (SANCTUARY) 8:45AM & 11:00AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP (SISK HALL) 10:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ushers

8:45 AM John Korybski, Steve Thrailkill, Ken Troutman, Noland Meyers
11:00 AM Jim Patterson, Miles Loretta, Jeannette Roberts, Steve Roberts

Offering Tellers

Curtis Bull, William Luce, Van Price

Offering Steward

8:45 AM David Cearley

Preparation of the Sanctuary Lord's Table

Carrie Gordon, Sarah Cleveland

Crucifer

8:45 AM Michael Jopling
11:00 AM Riley McDermott

Acolytes

8:45 AM Wylie Jopling, Olivia Spadavecchia
11:00 AM Clark Sponseller, Davis Sponseller

Children's Nursery

BSUMC's nursery, staffed by paid, trained, & caring employees, depends on church member volunteers to assist in each room during each of the services. Contact Gayle Quay (gayle.quay@bsumc.com, 864-371-6089).

ONLINE GIVING

Manage your *giving to God* through the church from the church website and the Online Giving tab (<https://secure.accessacs.com/access/login.aspx>).

DECEMBER 31, 2017

Total Morning Attendance 794
Sunday School Attendance..... 405

MIDWEEK DINNER — JANUARY 10, 2018

Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese, Broccoli Florets, Yeast Rolls, Chicken Noodle Soup, & Ice Cream. Chicken Tenders for the Children. Servers: Joy Class.



Enduring Gifts. Endless Returns.

Life insurance is a way to make a larger gift to your church than you might otherwise be able to afford. Consider naming your church as a beneficiary of any life insurance policy. For more information about **BSUMC's Endowment Fund**, contact Julia Sibley-Jones (864-720-1634 ; julia.sibley-jones@bsumc.com), or visit the church website.

THIS WEEK AT BSUMC

Sunday, January 7, 2018

10:00 AM Confirmation Class (217)
12:00 PM High School Mission Trip Interest Meeting (222)
2:00 PM Basketball Practice (Sisk, Drake)
5:15 PM Confirmation Class (217)
5:15 PM K5-2nd Grade Celebration Choir (Choir Room)

Monday, January 8, 2018

9:00 AM MOPS (Various)
10:00 AM Worship Staff (115)
12:00 PM Nominations and Leadership Development (102)
4:00 PM Rushingbrook Children's Choir (Choir Room)
5:30 PM Basketball (Sisk)
6:00 PM Staff-Parish Relations Committee (102)
6:15 PM Rushingbrook Singers (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

9:00 AM Nan Ivester Fellowship Group (100, 101)
9:30 AM Well-Balanced for Seniors (Drake)
10:30 AM CDC Chapel (Memorial Chapel)
10:30 AM Program Staff (102)
1:15 PM Well-Balanced for Seniors (Drake)
3:00 PM Music for K3 and K4 (Trinity Campus)
5:30 PM Basketball Practice (Sisk, Drake)
6:00 PM Jesus & The Gospels Study (Trinity Campus)
7:00 PM Young Adults Dinner (One Plaza)
8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (217)

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

9:30 AM Archives Committee (Archives)
9:45 AM CDC 3K Music (Choir Room)
10:30 AM CDC 4K Music (Choir Room)
2:00 PM Staff Book Study (Orders Parlor)
4:00 PM Psalms Bible Study (Truluck)
5:30 PM Carillon Choir (Handbell Room)
6:00 PM 3rd-5th Grade Joyful Noise Choir (Choir Room)
6:00 PM Koinonia: Grounded in Prayer (Sisk)
6:00 PM Troop 9 Daisies (Scout)
6:15 PM 3s/4s Music and Movement (LL09)
6:15 PM K-2nd Grade (209)
6:30 PM 2nd-5th Grade (217)
6:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7:30 PM Basketball Practice (Drake)

Thursday, January 11, 2018

9:30 AM Well-Balanced for Seniors (Drake)
10:00 AM Living Love When We Disagree (217)
12:00 PM Jeremiah Bible Study (217)
1:15 PM Well-Balanced for Seniors (Drake)
4:00 PM Rushingbrook Children's Choir (Choir Room)
5:15 PM Crop Walk Meeting (102)
5:30 PM Basketball Practice (Sisk, Drake)
6:30 PM Circles Resource Team (115)
7:00 PM Choir Practice (Trinity Campus)

Friday, January 12, 2018

5:30 PM Basketball Practice (Sisk, Drake)
8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (217)

Saturday, January 13, 2018

8:00 AM Basketball (Drake)
8:00 AM Basketball (Sisk)
8:00 AM Scout Training (217, 301, 302, 303)
4:00 PM Worship Set-Up (Sisk)

To learn more about future events planned at BSUMC, visit our website at www.bsumc.com and click on the calendar link.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Ann Bettis**.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The **Middle School Night for 7th to 8th Grade In-House Groups** will meet at the church **tonight** from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Bring \$5 for pizza. Contact Cody Puck for additional information (cody.puck@bsumc.com; 864-371-6091).

It's time to sign up for **Adult Winter and Spring Studies!** Check out the many offerings on the church website (www.bsumc.info/winter-spring-2018-adult-studies).

BSUMC's Singles Ministry is for all singles, whether single or single-again. All are welcome. The group meets at 12:00 PM on the **second Sunday of the month** at Groucho's Restaurant located downtown on Coffee Street.

Attention, Men. The **2018 Annual Men N Ministry Retreat** will be held **February 16-18** in Myrtle Beach. Visit the conference website for all of the details and to register (www.mennministrysc.org).

A **class for parents of children to be baptized at BSUMC** will be offered on **Sunday, January 14, 2018**, at 6:00 PM in Room 115. Childcare will be provided. If you have not attended a baptism class in the past, we encourage participation in order to understand the meaning, purpose, and practice of baptism in the United Methodist Church. Contact Stacy Phillips (864-371-6084) to register for this one-hour meeting.

Join Rob Davis for a seven-week study of Adam Hamilton's book, **Revival**, about John Wesley's message and his faith calling for a revival of our hearts and souls. The class will be held at the Trinity Campus (Merritt Room) at 6:30 PM beginning **Monday, January 15, 2018**.

All B-Street women are invited to the **Winter Drop-In** on **Thursday, January 18**, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Stone Lake Clubhouse. This will be a time of fun and fellowship while learning about upcoming B-Street Women's activities.

On **Sunday, January 28**, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM, we will have our second **Parent Hot Topic (PHT)**. January's topic will be handling pressures, anxiety, and depression. Remember, at the same time as the Parent Hot Topic, there will be a Youth Mystery Night for students.

Recalling the season of giving, please consider donating blood and join in **BSUMC's first Blood Drive** of 2018. You may call the church office (864-232-7341) to schedule a convenient time. The drive will be held on **Wednesday, January 31**, from 2:00 to 7:00 PM in Orders Parlor.

The church is looking for **servant leader volunteers** who have a desire or passion to help build relationships and community through the small group ministry. If you would like additional information about this volunteer position, contact Rev. Roy Mitchell (roy.mitchell@bsumc.com; 864-371-6096).

Rev. Ben Burt resumes his weekly gatherings on **Tuesdays** from 7:45 AM until 8:45 AM at the **Mug and Muffin Cafe & Catering** on Augusta Street. Everyone is invited to join him.

Registration is underway for the two-session **Compass class** for prospective new members and those wishing to learn more about the church. Visit the church website for complete details (www.bsumc.info/compass).

BSUMC has a **new fitness room and two new fitness trainers**, Ken Stribling and Aimee Aird Powell. The fitness room includes exercise and workout equipment and space for classes that will be offered. Ken and Aimee will soon offer training, group classes, fitness camps, and more. Contact Tom Buchanan (864-373-6461) or Ken (864-346-2698; wkstribling@gmail.com) and Aimee (864-320-2277; aimeeairdpowell@gmail.com) for information.

Asbury Hills Camp and Retreat Center seeks nurses to serve for a week or weeks during the summer camping program. Call Sarah Moseley (864-836-3711), or visit their website (www.asburyhills.org).

The **Wednesday night Koinonia Tables** are beginning a new series this month called "Grounded in Prayer." In this basic six-week course on prayer, we will use the Lord's Prayer as our example. Rev. Justin Gilreath and Rev. Roy Mitchell will facilitate the study from 6:00 to 7:00 PM in Sisk Hall following the midweek meal.

Travel with your church family **April 3-5** to Williamstown, Kentucky, to visit a **life-sized replica of Noah's Ark**. Trip details including cost are available from the church website (www.bsumc.info/ark-encounter). A deposit of \$150 by **January 15** will reserve your place. Contact Tom Buchanan (864-363-2422) to make your reservation.

8:45AM & 11:00AM TRADITIONAL SERVICES

JOHN WESLEY COVENANT SERVICE

As you begin your worship, you are invited to study the bulletin for persons and activities to include in your silent prayers of intercession and thanksgiving. Remember the volunteers and staff members who make our corporate action possible: ushers, acolytes, custodial and support staff, musicians, clergy, and yourself, so that in our common worship, God may be glorified.

PRELUDE

GREETING

CHIMING THE HOUR

VOLUNTARY

Chorale on "Praise to You, Jesus Christ"

Pachelbel

We ask for your prayerful silence during the Voluntary as you prepare your hearts for worship.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH 57

The cross symbolizes the Gospel message, Christ crucified and risen.

Fire and light are Biblical symbols for the presence of God, here present with his people.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Let us worship our Creator, the God of love. God continually preserves and sustains us; we have been loved with an everlasting love. Through Jesus Christ we have been given complete knowledge of God's glory.

You are God; we praise you; we acknowledge you to be the Lord.

Let us glory in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, for our sakes he became poor. He was tempted in all points as we are, but he was without sin. He went about doing good and preaching the gospel of the kingdom.

He accepted death, death on the cross; he was dead and is alive for ever. He has opened the kingdom of heaven to all who trust in him. He sits in glory at the right hand of God; he will come again to be our Judge.

You, Christ, are the King of Glory.

Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life. Through the Spirit we are born into the family of God, and made members of the body of Christ.

The witness of the Spirit confirms us; the wisdom teaches us; the power enables us; the Spirit will do far more for us than we ask or think.

All praise to you, Holy Spirit.

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

KIDS.COMM (11:00 AM)

kids.Comm is for children K5/6 through 2nd grade and is held in Memorial Chapel. Parents meet their children in the Chapel following the service.

*OFFERTORY HYMN

Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine

UMH 606

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

New Year

Rutter

Turn your eyes to the light; cast away the works of darkness, let them go: turn your eyes to the light.

Turn your face to the sun; feel the warmth, the hope of new beginnings with each new year.

The light was always there, if we could but see it; and warmth was in the air, if we'd known how to feel.

Turn your eyes to the light; turn your face to the sun: new light, new hope, new year.

Turn your ears to the sound; somewhere near, a voice is calling: hear the news, turn your ears to the sound.

Turn your heart to the love; Christ is come to bring the world new life, to bring new life.

The voice is always there, if the world will hear it; and love is always there, if you search in your heart.

Turn your ears to the sound; turn your heart to the love: new life, new love, new year.

New life, and love, and light, and hope, this good New Year.

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

“Baptism as Ordination”

Dr. Howell

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins to God. O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibilities in our service, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

Let each of us in silence make confession to God.

SILENT CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Now the message that we have heard from God’s Son and announce is this: God is light, and there is no darkness at all in him. If we live in the light - just as he is in the light - then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from every sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and there is no truth in us. But if we confess our sins to God, he will keep his promise and do what is right; he will forgive us all our wrongdoing.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

THE COVENANT

In the old covenant, God chose Israel to be a special people and to obey the law. Our Lord Jesus Christ, by his death and resurrection, has made a new covenant with all who trust in him. We stand within this covenant and we bear his name.

On the one side, God promises in this covenant to give us new life in Christ. On the other side, we are pledged to live not for ourselves but for God. Today, therefore, we meet to renew the covenant which binds us to God.

The people stand.

Friends, let us claim the covenant God has made with his people, and accept the yoke of Christ. To accept the yoke of Christ means that we allow Christ to guide all that we do and are, and that Christ himself is our only reward.

Christ has many services to be done; some are easy, others are difficult; some make others applaud us, others bring only reproach; some we desire to do because of our own interests; others seem unnatural.

Sometimes we please Christ and meet our own needs, at other times we cannot please Christ unless we deny ourselves. Yet Christ strengthens us and gives us the power to do all these things. Therefore let us make this covenant of God our own.

Let us give ourselves completely to God, trusting in his promises and relying on his grace.

I give myself completely to you, God. Assign me to my place in your creation. Let me suffer for you. Give me the work you would have me do. Give me many tasks or have me step aside while you call others. Put me forward or humble me. Give me riches or let me live in poverty.

I freely give all that I am and all that I have to you. And now, Holy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. May this covenant made on earth continue for all eternity. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Before the mountains were brought forth or you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting you alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

THE GIVING

The ushers will direct the congregation to the table.

MUSIC FOR THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE TAKING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

A Charge to Keep I Have

UMH 413

The cross and light lead us out — God's presence going with us to proclaim the Gospel.

*BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*CHIMING THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Carillon on "Come, All Ye Shepherds"

setting, Young

8:45AM & 11:00AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICES

"We Have to Build It"

Rev. Justin Gilreath

Genesis 6:9-22
