Stories to See By—Week 3
Six Week Summer Series
We are invited to remain seated for the reading of

*Exodus 3: 1-6*

*Moses at the Burning Bush*

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then He said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

*From the Pastor*

**Stories to See By — A Summer Series — (June 23-July 28)**

Have you ever noticed how many stories there are in scripture about seeing and sight? Sometimes it is a physical seeing and sometimes a spiritual one, yet at the core they are stories about looking at life through the lens of faith. For the next six weeks, we will be looking at some of these stories in the hopes that they will inspire and guide our own seeing.

**June 23—Sacred Signs and Holy Ground — Genesis 28: 10-22**

**June 30—God is at Work for Good — Genesis 37: 12-28**

**Today—July 7—Remember to Turn Aside and Look — Exodus 3: 1-6 (Moses and the Burning Bush)**

Today: When Moses had retreated to the back side of Midian with his flocks, there was a bush that was burning but didn’t burn up. Moses decided to turn aside and look. In his choice to do that, he encountered the spirit of God. In this encounter, Moses is called to a greater good beyond his comfort or imagining! Together we will remember the power of turning aside and being attentive.

**July 14—Bartimaus’ Request Perhaps Most Helpful of All — Mark 10: 46-52**

**July 21—The Gathering of the Ones Who Saw — Matthew 25: 31-40**


*July Bible Study with Rev. Leonard begins this Wednesday*

*Each Wednesday night we will be looking together at the upcoming scripture text for Sunday and mining it for treasures. These are stand alone sessions, so feel free to come to any or all!*

*Wednesdays: July 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st at 6:30—Fellowship Hall ~ Nursery available ~*

*Welcome!*

We hope you feel at home. Thank you for joining us at Bethel, Charleston today. We’re so glad you are here. We invite you to share a record of your time with us today by completing a visitor card (pew rack) then dropping it into the offering plate. You are also invited to sign our Guest Registry in the vestibule.

If you live in Charleston we invite you to make Bethel your church home.

*Open hearts, open minds, open doors. The people of the United Methodist Church welcome you.*
GATHERING MUSIC  Variants on an Iona Community Melody  
Freely Improvised

WORDS OF WELCOME  
The Rev. Susan Leonard

PRELUDE (9:00) Aria on a Theme by G. P. Telemann (German, 1681-1757)  
Freely Improvised

(11:15) Hymnfest  
Michael Helman, American, 1998

CHORAL INTROIT (11:15) Let this day praise Thee, O Lord God, and so let all our days;  
And O let heaven’s eternal day be Thine eternal praise.  
Text: John Mason, English, c.1640; Music: Richard Farrant, English, c.1525-1580

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 
Lift High the Cross  
Hymnal, Page 159

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—Hymnal, Page 881  
Garrison Pollock, Youth Director

*GLORIA PATRI  
Hymnal, Page 90

CHILDREN’S SERMON  
Nova Duncan, Children’s Ministries Director  
(Children ages 3 years—2nd grade are invited to attend Children’s Church)

COMMISSIONING OF THE SIERRA LEONE MISSIONS TEAM

PASTORAL PRAYER  
To remember: Briggs Family, Mimi Cannon, Anne Chapple (Kaye Nance’s sister), Guy McMahon, Keith Purdy, and Virginia Varn

THE OFFERING OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY (9:00) Taste and See That the Lord Is Good  
Text: Psalm 34:1-8; Music: Lloyd Larson, American, 2012

(11:15) Alleluia  
Text & Music: J. S. Bach, German, 1685-1750

Alleluia, Alleluia! O praised be God. All raise your voices, sing with thankful voices.  
Thou God today hast given us joy. Hold fast to Him and praise His name eternal.

*DOXOLOGY  
Hymnal, page 95

*HYMN  
Take, O Take Me As I Am (To Be Sung Three Times)  
Printed Below

Take, O take me as I am. Summon out what I shall be.  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.  
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*THE SCRIPTURE: READING  
EXODUS 3:1-6  
Linda Starr, Max Mahaffee

SERMON  
Remember to Turn Aside and Look  
The Rev. Susan Leonard
Communion Assistants: Garrison Pollock with Rick and Kathy Day (9:00); Will and Joyce Felts (11:15)

Ours is an open Communion. On behalf of Christ’s Church, all who love God, who earnestly repent of their sin, and who seek to live in peace with one another are invited to God’s Table. Kindly follow the ushers’ prompting, using the center aisle.

As we prepare for Holy Communion, parents will find their children with the Children’s Ministry Leaders in the vestibule. Returning from Children’s Church, they are waiting here to join with their families for Holy Communion as we come forward.

*CLOSING HYMN  Lord Speak to Me, That I May Speak  Hymnal, page 463

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE  Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Congregation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Music: Gregory Murray, American, 1958

*TOMASO ALBINONI, ITALIAN, 1651-1751

*Congregation is invited to stand as able

Please see ushers for hearing devices

When greeting church friends and new faces after worship, please remember that we are invited to enjoy coffee and pastries in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. Lemonade in the courtyard at 12:15– Clyburn Class are our hosts.

Next week Lemonade Hosts: Celebration Class

The flowers that Grace the Altar this morning
are given to the Glory of God in honor of our pastors, by Max and Sue Mahaffee

July 7 WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ushers at 9:00— Greg Porter, Fred Huggins, Robert Gurley, Dan Altman, Joe DaPore, Nick Saltmarsh

Musicians at 9:00—New Century Choir

Ushers at 11: 15—David Cassidy, Burney O’Cain, Ben Pooser, Lee Hinton

Musicians at 11:15—The Bethel Bell Choir, The Bethel Chancel Choir, Dr. William Cook, Trumpet

Next Sunday’s Lay Readers: Dan Altman, Morelle Jones

Happy Birthday this week to:

Mac McCray, Chad Plunckett, Lee Hinton, Shelley Brown . . . July 7
Sherry Cook, Caitlin Detlgen, Callie Detlgen, Sam Eberly, Patrick Shore . . . July 8
Thea Williams . . . July 10
Reid Nelson, Michael Johnson, Ansley Beman, Sanders Ramsey . . . July 11
Rutherford Green, Randy Robbins . . . July 12
Carl Smith, Rosemary Giesy . . July 13

If we failed to list your birthday, please call the office, or drop an email admin@bethelcharleston.com

YOUNG ADULTS & NEW COLLEGE GRADS—Please join us for Dinner & Devotional with Rev. Leonard
2nd Thursdays at 6:30 at 931 Paul Revere Drive, James Island (Bryan and Kari Cribb) and
4th Thursdays at 6:30 at 10 Isle of Hope, Mt Pleasant (Gary and Paulette Headden) text: Kari (843)270 -3710
VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT to help us live stream our services every Sunday. A 20-minute lesson and a hands-on training with Garrison is all it takes. Thanks for helping!

FRESH XPRESS is this Saturday, July 13th from 10-12. Come help us if you can, and please remember that we don’t park overnight at Bethel on Friday, June 12th. Join us to greet friends and neighbors on the 13th.

SIERRA LEONE Mission Initiative received $5,840.00 in June. We’ll use funds for medical supplies in July.

AUGUST 25th—SPEAKER AT BETHEL

We are all invited to view the documentary "Priscilla’s Legacy" on Sunday, August 25th at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The documentary will be shown with time for a Q&A with Ms. Polite, the presenter for the event. What is Bethel’s connection? We are a partner church with Helping Children Worldwide who are in mission in Sierra Leone, West Africa; Bethel will be sending a team in July. Sierra Leone is where we built two wells in honor of the ministry of The Rev. Dr. Scott Wachter - - Mary Ann Gilkeson

MISSION OF THE MONTH for JULY—School uniforms and supplies—3 Ways to Help

1. Donations will be received from now until July 28 to purchase uniforms for Charleston children who need help. Checks made payable to Bethel UMC, re: HALOS

2. Volunteers are needed to be shoppers for the clothing. How it works: You contact Sally Lawrence at sallyblawrence@gmail.com or (843) 810-0515 to volunteer to take a portion of our shopping list (sizes for tops, pants, skirts), You shop at the recommended stores for School Uniforms (Target, Walmart, JC Penney, etc). You bring your shopping bags to Bethel on the designated day and help place the uniforms you purchased into the tagged backpacks with other donated school supplies. You present your receipt for reimbursement.

3. We will be collecting BACK TO SCHOOL supplies during the month of July. Simply bring them to church. There will be collection bins in the Education Building. Crayons, paper, pencils, glue, etc.

BETHELDERS meet again in August for an organ concert in the Sanctuary. Luncheon follows.

WHOSE CAR IS THAT?!? The TRUSTEES have allowed neighbors who are having their parking lot resurfaced Tue (July 9), Wed. (July 10), and Thur (July 11) to leave their cars in our gravel lot for these three days. The cars have temporary BETHEL passes displayed on the dashboard for these three days.

FLOWERS FOR 2020—Below are the available dates to place flowers in the Sanctuary for 2020. All orders must be accompanied by cash or a check. Please select the date you want to reserve and write your dedication (in HONOR / MEMORY) on the envelope (available in the pews.) Thank you.

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**Wednesday Bible Study**

**Lunch with our International Mission Teams**

**Parents’ Night Out**

- **July 10, 17, 24, 31**
  Fellowship Hall with Rev. Leonard at 6:30

- **Sunday, August 4 at 12:15**
  Plan to be here.
  Lunch is on us!

- **Friday, July 19th at 5:30**
  *Covered Dish Lunch*
  Sunday, July 21 at 12:15***

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**PROMOTION SUNDAY**

- **& Backpack Blessing**
  Sunday, August 18th

- **Sierra Leone Mission Trip**
  July 13th . . .

  *“Priscilla’s Legacy”*
  Presentation: Sunday, August 25th at 10:00

- **YOUTH!**
  Mission Trip to Chicago July 20-28

  Rising 6th Graders’ Youth Event on Sunday, August 18th

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**Bethel Concert Series**

- **Friday Night**
  August 23rd at 7

  Reception Follows

- **ORGAN CONCERT**
  for BethElders in August

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  **MEN’S BREAKFAST**
  Friday, August 2nd at 9:00

- **FRESH XPRESS**
  - July 13
  - August 10
  - September 14

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  **HALOS Back to School Donations of School Supplies in July**

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***Covered Dish Luncheon—After church on Sunday, July 21st. (12:15) Church provides ham and drinks. *Church Family Ministries* asks that we bring a large covered dish to share. (Optional dessert dishes should brought as an extra dish and addition to your savory dish.)***
**BETHEL’S EVENT CALENDAR**

Most Committees have cancelled their JULY meetings. Please check with your chair for sure. : )

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**OUR SOUND TEAM**

Below names the volunteers we have for our audio/visual ministry on Sunday mornings. Live Streaming and sound management during our worship times. More volunteers are needed as our team cannot be here every Sunday. Help us keep Bethel worship, music, and the Word in the ears of the world each week. For a simple training session and to volunteer for a Sunday, please contact Garrison Pollock youth@bethelcharleston.com or (336) 406-0919

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**LUNCH WITH THE MISSIONERS**

Our International Missioners will have returned . . . from South America and Africa!

Come join them (as their guests) for lunch after worship in appreciation for your help.

Sunday, August 4th (Fellowship Hall) 12:15
SEEKING TO HIRE

FROM THE SPRC—Bethel is seeking to hire a Church Sexton:  Full Time (35 hrs, including Sundays), vacation days, and paid holidays.  Compensation is $30,000.  Interested persons should write to admin@bethelcharleston.com for an application or contact the church office at 843 723 4587.

ON LINE GIVING

Are you interested in making your contributions to Bethel through Realm, Bethel’s online giving platform?  If so, please email the Treasurer (finance@bethelcharleston.com) to receive an email invitation to join the Realm community. After responding to the invitation, you can set up recurring donations through the Bethel website. After setting up your login information, you can manage and review your contributions throughout the year.

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Garrison Pollock, Youth Director: youth@bethelcharleston.com
Nova Duncan, Director of Family Ministries: sundayschool@bethelcharleston.com
Lindy Hoel, Nursery Coordinator: nursery@bethelcharleston.com
Sue Bennett, Church Administrator: admin@bethelcharleston.com
John Williams, Custodian