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BETHEL/RUFFIN	8	11/10/2013	
TABOR	0		
ST JOHNS/RUFFIN	0		

F. What is your church's specific plan to reach new people for Jesus Christ? What tools are you using to foster growth? (i.e. Natural Church Development, Vital Congregations, SHIFT, Ken Callahan's "Twelve Keys to an Effective Church")

BETHEL/RUFFIN Witness through personal contacts with people not churched or looking for a church home

Prayer and witness through personal relational contacts.

TABOR Witness through personal contacts with people not churched or looking for a church home

Prayer and witness through personal relational contacts.

ST JOHNS/RUFFIN Witness through personal contacts with people not churched or looking for a church home

Prayer and witness through personal relational contacts.

G. Does your church have an adequate visitation of members? Adequate visitation of persons served in mission? Adequate visitation of newcomers? Adequate visitation in hospitals, nursing homes, and with the homebound?

Church	An Adequate Program of Visitation			
	of Members	of Persons Served in Mission	of Newcomers	in Hospitals, Nursing Homes, and with the Homebound
BETHEL/RUFFIN	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
TABOR	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
ST JOHNS/RUFFIN	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

Indicate the number of visits in an average week with...

Church	Members			Persons Served in Mission			Newcomers		
	Pastoral	Lay	Total	Pastoral	Lay	Total	Pastoral	Lay	Total
BETHEL/RUFFIN	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
TABOR	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
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JOHNS/RUFFIN	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
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II. Outreach

A. How is your church reaching out in service to the community and the world?

BETHEL/RUFFIN Ministry through our Caring & Sharing group, through UMM, food bank, work teams to Salkehatchie Loris camp, involvement of adult members in Walterboro Salkehatchie camp, love offerings for those in need as we are made aware of them.

TABOR Food collection, Caring & Sharing, Salkehatchie Summer Service support, love offerings.

ST JOHNS/RUFFIN Food collection, Caring & Sharing, Salkehatchie Summer Service support, love offerings.

B. Million Book Effort: How many books did your church collect? Does your church plan to build on the Million Book Effort by connecting in ministry with local schools, mentoring programs, literacy, etc? If so, briefly share your plans?

Church	Collected Books	Plan on Connecting to Through Ministry
BETHEL/RUFFIN	30	Yes
	Involvement in the past will be continued and increased as we are able, providing reading and school supplies to local schools.	
TABOR	0	No
	Involvement in the past will be continued and increased as we are able, providing reading and school supplies to local schools.	
ST JOHNS/RUFFIN	30	No
	Involvement in the past will be continued and increased as we are able, providing reading and school supplies to local schools.	

III. Connectionalism and Community

Has your church engaged in ministry with other United Methodist Churches, with ecumenical partners, and in cross racial/cultural experiences (i.e. pulpit or choir exchanges, joint projects, dialogues)? How did these experiences impact the mission and ministry of your church?

We have not had such experiences during the past year, but we are looking toward projects along this line for the coming year, and look forward to some positive experiences.

IV. Submit the following:

A. Report of the Church Council (Oral composite report; plus any other written reports such as

- UMW, UMM, UMYF)
- B. Report of the Pastor (including Continuing Education Report)
- C. Reports of other clergy and applicable Continuing Education Reports (all categories)
- D. Report of Trustees
- E. *Report of the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development (include PPRC Roster, Lay Member(s) to 2015 Annual Conference, Official Roll and Attendance Record for 2015)
- F. *Recommended Ministerial Support
- G. Accountable Reimbursement Policy
- H. 2015 Budget
- I. Treasurer's Report
- J. Report of the Committee on Finance
- K. Parsonage Report
- L. Report of Local Church(es) Safe Sanctuary Policy (Attach Copies)
- M. Epworth Children's Home Local Church Representative Form
- N. 2014-15 High School Juniors and Seniors List
- O. Conference or District Nomination forms (if applicable)

*Vote required at charge conference

V. Personnel

1. Who are recommended by the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee: (*v = vote, *v 2/3 = two thirds vote)
 - a. as candidates for ordained ministry (§§ 258.2(g)9, 311.1(e)) (*v 2/3)?

Name	Address	Telephone
b. for continuation as candidates for ordained ministry (§§ 258.2(g)9, 312.1) (*v)?		

Name	Address	Telephone
2. List the names of the persons this church has given to the United Methodist Ministry?		

Name	Address	Telephone
3. Who are recommended as certified lay servants (§ 268) (*v)?		

a. New:

Name	Address	Telephone
George Hudson	111 Morrall St. Walterboro SC 29488	843.542.9625
Amaryllis Scoggins	PO Box 64 Ruffin SC 29475	843.562.2102

b. Recertified:

Name	Address	Telephone
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4. Who are recommended as local church lay servants (§ 267) (*v)?

a. New:

Name	Address	Telephone
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b. Recertified:

Name	Address	Telephone
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VI. Stewardship

One way the local church participates in the world wide mission of the church is through apportionments (§ 247.14).

BETHEL/RUFFIN

- A. What percent of apportionments were paid in 2013? 100
What do you expect to pay in 2014? 100 Year-to-date paid is 50.76%.
- B. If you are not paying 100% of your apportionments, please explain why, and what are your plans to move toward 100% payment?
- C. Are you up to date on Direct Billing? Yes
If not, what is your current balance and plan to address it?

Do you plan to enroll in the new Conference Forgiveness Plan? No
- D. Has a 2013 Audit been completed and report submitted to the District Office? Yes

ST JOHNS/RUFFIN

- A. What percent of apportionments were paid in 2013? 25
What do you expect to pay in 2014? 100 Year-to-date paid is 50.00%.
- B. If you are not paying 100% of your apportionments, please explain why, and what are your plans to move toward 100% payment?
- C. Are you up to date on Direct Billing? Yes
If not, what is your current balance and plan to address it?

Do you plan to enroll in the new Conference Forgiveness Plan? No
- D. Has a 2013 Audit been completed and report submitted to the District Office? Yes

TABOR

- A. What percent of apportionments were paid in 2013? 100

What do you expect to pay in 2014? 100 Year-to-date paid is 100.00%.

B. If you are not paying 100% of your apportionments, please explain why, and what are your plans to move toward 100% payment?

C. Are you up to date on Direct Billing? Yes
If not, what is your current balance and plan to address it?

Do you plan to enroll in the new Conference Forgiveness Plan? No

D. Has a 2013 Audit been completed and report submitted to the District Office? Yes

E. Person(s) in each church to be bonded (name, address, telephone):

Name	Address	Telephone
Mazie Adams	211 Peachtree St. Walterboro SC 29488	843.549.1382
Pete Adams	211 Peachtree St. Walterboro SC 29488	843.549.1382
Kathy Babb	21876 Lowcountry Hwy. Ruffin SC 29475	843.562.8697
Carolyn Breland	537 Spencer Dr. Ruffin SC 29475	843.866.2168
Jamie Bryan	402 Enoch Dr. Ruffin SC 29476	843.866.2952
Debra Crosby	386 Azalea Patch Rd. Ruffin SC 29475	843.866.7390
Bobby Dunn	3099 Red Root Rd. Ruffin SC 29475	843.866.7181
Gary Herndon	8743 Bells Hwy. Ruffin SC 29475	843.866.7242
Royden Hudson	40 Independent Ln. Walterboro SC 29488	843.538.3202
Bonnie Newton	1874 Scuffletown Rd. Ruffin SC 29475	843.866.7012
Keith Newton Sr.	1874 Scuffletown Rd. Ruffin SC 29475	843.866.7012
Cherry Smyly	987 Smyly Rd. Ruffin SC 29475	843.562.8451
Wayne Thomas	1144 Thomas Rd. Ruffin SC 29475	843.866.7223
Mildred Ulmer	6933 Hudson Mill Rd. Ruffin SC 29475	843.866.2137
Charles Valentine	1433 Smyly Rd. Ruffin SC 29475	843.562.2508

Presiding Elder

Secretary

Minutes of the Charge Conference, 2014

The Charge Conference for the **RUFFIN CT** Charge of the **Walterboro** District of the South Carolina Annual Conference was held **November 2, 2014** at **Bethel UMC** chaired by .

A devotional service was conducted by .

The following members were present (see attached sheet)

I. Mission: The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Achieving a bold mission requires setting intentional goals. Please be prepared to dialogue about the following questions at Charge Conference.

A. What were your key goals for the past year?

Ensuring a biblical and spiritual worship experience;

Exploring innovative ways to evangelize;

Seeking to coordinate and share with other local churches in an effort to enhance and expand opportunities;

Continuing to create an environment where all people can live out their passion for Jesus Christ by caring, forgiving, and loving one another;

Increasing our involvement in Missions and Justice through local and global outreach ministries, with emphasis on inclusion and meeting the needs of the physically challenged;

Seeking to establish bonds with the local community in support of literacy, education and prison support ministries;

Actively nurturing our church family, including all age groups;

Reinvigorating our church social programs to increase attendance.

B. How are you making progress towards reaching these goals?

Confirmation class, food bank giving, Strength for Service, Samaritan's Purse, Salkehatchie Summer Service, Million Book Effort, school supplies collection,

C. Among these goals, what are you most excited about?

The new directions that the youth group is being taken, involvement in outreach ministries, youth trip to Ronald McDonald House with contribution.

D. What is your average worship attendance, membership, average Sunday School attendance, and current Sunday School enrollment since last Charge Conference?

Church	Avg Worship Attendance	Membership	Avg Sunday School Attendance	Sunday School Enrollment
BETHEL/RUFFIN	57	185	30	61
TABOR	21	66	5	11
ST JOHNS/RUFFIN	10	79	0	0

E. How many people have joined on Profession of Faith since last Charge Conference, when did you last conduct a Confirmation Class for youth and new member/new believer class for adults?

Church	Joined on Profession of Faith	Last Confirmation Class for Youth	Last New Member Class for Adults

Minutes of the Charge Conference, 2017

The Charge Conference for the RUFFIN CT Charge of the Walterboro District of the South Carolina Annual Conference was held Bethel at Ruffin, SC chaired by Rev. Thomas Pearson.

A devotional service was conducted by .

The following members were present (see attached sheet).

I. Mission

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Achieving a bold mission requires setting intentional goals. Please be prepared to dialogue about the following questions at Charge Conference. If your church doesn't have formal goals, then discuss programs/ministries that fulfill the mission of the church.

- A. What were your key goals for making and nurturing disciples for this past year?
To provide many opportunities to welcome people into God's Kingdom on earth.
- B. How are you making progress towards reaching the goals stated above?
This past year we offered two different Bible Studies. We have a combined youth group that meets each Sunday evening with approximately 15 in attendance. We began a Little Methodist class to teach the children and youth about the Methodist church and how we worship. We hold a monthly "Girl's Nigh Out" for girls of all ages with dinner, a movie, and devotion. Our Lunch Bunch group continues to meet monthly. This past summer we started holding a Praise and Worship service twice a month that began each Sunday evening with a meal followed by Praise music and a message that was brought by youth and adults.
- C. Among these goals, what are you most excited about?
Our Praise and Worship service has been a great outreach to the community.

Church Vitality

D. While numbers are not the only factor of vitality, they are helpful in providing clarity of our church's present reality. The numbers below were reported in your 2016 Statistical Tables, also available at available at http://www.umcsc.org/data/wp_stats2016.php.

E.

Church	Avg Worship Attendance (Question 10)	Membership (Question 9)	Avg Sunday School Attendance (Question 20)	Total number of People in Christian Formation Groups (Question 19)
BETHEL/RUFFIN	75	167	26	56
ST JOHNS/RUFFIN	20	80	0	1
TABOR/RUFFIN	30	75	10	8

F.

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Church	Joined on Profession of Faith (Question 2a)	Number in Youth Confirmation Class (Question 14)	Last New Member Class for Adults
BETHEL/RUFFIN	3	0	
ST JOHNS/RUFFIN	1	0	
TABOR/RUFFIN	4	0	

G. Tools for Planning

What is your church/charge's specific plan to reach new people for Jesus Christ?
 What tools are using to foster growth (i.e. Forward Focus, Natural Church Development, SHIFT, Ken Callahan's "Twelve Keys to an Effective Church", etc.)? New Sunday School Classes
 Little Methodist
 Adult Bible School

II. Nurture

- A. Does your church/charge have a visitation program? Please describe.
No
- B. Does your church/charge have a congregational care program (i.e. Stephen's Ministry, divorce care, counseling center, grief group, etc.)? Please describe.
No

III. Outreach and Witness

- A. How is your church/charge reaching out in service to the community and the world?
 Food Drive
 Teddy Bears to local missions
 School Supplies
 Health Kits for Houston
 Love Offering for Tennessee Fire Victims
 What is the number of persons engaged in mission (Table 1, Question 28)

Church	# Engaged in Mission
BETHEL/RUFFIN	20
ST JOHNS/RUFFIN	1
TABOR/RUFFIN	0

- B. How has your church/charge engaged in ministry with children, youth, and young adults beyond your local church this year (i.e. Scouts, Child Care, Basketball League, school partnerships, campus ministry, etc.)?
 Back to School Breakfast
 Local Food Bank
 School Supplies
- C. Has your church/charge engaged in ministry with out United Methodist Churches, with ecumenical partners, and in cross racial/cultural experiences (i.e. pulpit or choir exchanges, joint projects, dialogues, etc.)? How did these experiences impact the mission and ministry of your church/charge?

IV. Submit the following:

- A. Report of the Church Council (Oral composite report; plus any other written reports such as UMW, UMM, UMYF)
- B. Report of the Pastor (State of Church, ¶ 340 BOD 2016, Continuing Education Report)
- C. Reports of other clergy and applicable Continuing Education Reports (all categories)
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 - a. as candidates for ordained ministry (¶¶ 258.2(g)9, 310.1(e)) (*v 2/3)?
 - b. for continuation as candidates for ordained ministry (¶¶ 258.2(g)9, 310.1(e)) (*v)?

Cheryl Yates

- 2. List the names of the persons this church has given to the United Methodist Ministry?

George Hudson

- 3. Who are recommended as Certified Lay Servants (¶ 266) (*v)?

a. New:

Name	Address	Email/Telephone
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b. Recertified:

Name	Address	Email/Telephone
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- 4. Who are recommended as Certified Lay Speakers (¶ 267) (*v)?

a. New:

Name	Address	Email/Telephone
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b. Recertified:

Name Address Email/Telephone

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Do you plan to enroll in the Conference Forgiveness Plan? No
- D. Has a 2016 Audit been completed and report submitted to the District Office? Yes

ST JOHNS/RUFFIN

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Do you plan to enroll in the Conference Forgiveness Plan? No
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Presiding Elder



MEMBERSHIP & PARTICIPATION

Table 1 of the Local Church Report to the Annual Conference
The General Council on Finance and Administration of The United Methodist
Church 2017-2020 Quadrennium

Alignment Number _____

GCNO 271855

Employer ID No. (Federal Tax ID No.) 57-1116683

State SC

Pastor Larry Stocker

County _____

Church BETHEL

Charge RUFFIN CT

District WALTERBORO

Reports for the year ending December 31, 2021

or for the period _____

		<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	
Professing Membership				
1	Total professing members reported at the close of last year	164	170	3% Increase
2a	Received this year on Profession of Faith through confirmation	2	0	Current Year is 0
2b	Received this year on Profession of Faith other than confirmation	0	0	No Change
2c	Membership restored by Affirmation of Faith	0	0	No Change
2d	Added by correction	0	0	No Change
2e	Transferred in from another United Methodist Church	0	0	No Change
2f	Transferred in from a non-United Methodist Church	4	0	Current Year is 0
3a	Removed by Charge Conference Action	0	0	No Change
3b	Withdrawn from Professing Membership	0	0	No Change
3c	Removed by Correction	0	3	Previous Year was 0
3d	Transferred out to another United Methodist Church	0	0	No Change
3e	Transferred out to a non-United Methodist Church	0	0	No Change
3f	Removed by death/deceased	0	3	Previous Year was 0
4	TOTAL PROFESSING MEMBERS reported at the close of this year	170	164	3% Decrease
Membership Ethnicity				
5a	Asian	0	0	No Change
5b	Black	0	0	No Change
5c	Hispanic/Latino	0	0	No Change
5d	Native American	0	0	No Change
5e	Pacific Islander	0	0	No Change
5f	White	170	164	3% Decrease
5g	Multiracial	0	0	No Change
5	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP ETHNICITY (5a+5b+5c+5d+5e+5f+5g = 5 = 4)	170	164	3% Decrease
Membership Gender				
6a	Female	97	83	14% Decrease
6b	Male	73	81	10% Increase
6c	Non-Binary	0	0	No Change
6	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP GENDER (6a+6b+6c = 6 = 4)	170	164	3% Decrease
7	Average attendance at all weekly worship services	30	27	10% Decrease
7a	Number of persons who worship online	132	130	1% Decrease
8a	Number of persons baptized this year (0-12 Years)	0	0	No Change
8b	Number of persons baptized this year (ages 13 or older)	0	0	No Change
8	Total number of persons baptized this year (sum of 8a+8b)	0	0	No Change
9	Total Baptized Members who have not become Professing Members	0	0	No Change
10	Number of other constituents of the church	0	0	No Change

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PARTICIPANTS IN CHRISTIAN FORMATION GROUPS (CFG), including Sunday School, educational classes, and other small group ministries				
11a	Number of CHILDREN CFG participants and leaders (ages 0-11)	2	0	Current Year is 0
11b	Number of YOUTH CFG participants and leaders (ages 12-18)	7	0	Current Year is 0
11c	Number of YOUNG ADULTS CFG participants and leaders (ages 19-30)	2	0	Current Year is 0
11d	Number of OTHER ADULT CFG participants and leaders (ages 31+)	11	15	36% Increase
11	TOTAL Christian Formation Group Participants (Total of lines 11a-d)	22	15	31% Decrease
Other Classes and Education				
12	Total enrolled in confirmation preparation classes this year	2	0	Current Year is 0
13	Average weekly attendance (all ages) in Sunday Church School or other weekly education classes	12	0	Current Year is 0
Note: Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our Sunday School classes were suspended. There have been no plans to resume in the near future.				
14	Number of participants in Vacation Bible School	82	65	20% Decrease
15	Number of ongoing Sunday Church School Classes offered	2	0	Current Year is 0
Note: We are not currently holding any Sunday School classes due to the ongoing pandemic & the age of our church population.				
16	Number of ongoing small groups, support groups, or classes offered (other than Sunday Church School)	6	1	83% Decrease
Note: Our youth groups, UMM, or UMW did not meet in 2021 due to the pandemic. The only group that currently meets is our Bible study group called "Supper & Scripture."				
17	Number of support groups or small groups offered for a short term only	0	1	Previous Year was 0
Note: Since we held both an Easter cantata & Christmas cantata in 2021, our singing group met during those seasons.				
18a	Membership in United Methodist Men	5	0	Current Year is 0
18b	Amount paid for projects (UMM)	500	0	Current Year is 0
19a	Membership in United Methodist Women	0	13	Previous Year was 0
19b	Amount paid for local church and community work (UMW)	0	0	No Change
Mission Engagement				
20a	Number of UMVIM teams sent from this local church	0	0	No Change
20b	Number of persons sent out on UMVIM teams from this local church	0	0	No Change
21	Total Number of community ministries for outreach, justice, and mercy offered by this local church	3	3	No Change
21a	Of the ministries counted in Line 21, how many focus on global/regional health?	0	0	No Change
21b	Of the ministries counted in Line 21, how many focus on engaging in ministry with the poor/socially marginalized?	3	0	Current Year is 0
22	Number of persons from your congregation serving in mission/community ministries	0	0	No Change
23	Number of persons served by community ministries for outreach, justice, and mercy	0	0	No Change



CHURCH ASSETS & EXPENSES
Table 2 of the Local Church Report to the Annual Conference
 The General Council on Finance and Administration of The United Methodist
 Church 2017-2020 Quadrennium

Alignment Number _____
 GCNO 271855
 Employer ID No. (Federal Tax ID No.) 57-1116683
 State SC Pastor Larry Stocker
 County _____ Church BETHEL
 Charge RUFFIN CT District WALTERBORO
 Reports for the year ending December 31, 2021 or for the period _____

		<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	
Assets and Debt				
24	Market value of church-owned land, buildings, vehicles and equipment	1,789,100	1,789,100	<i>No Change</i>
25	Market value of financial and other liquid assets	226,000	224,400	<i>Less than 1% Decrease</i>
26	Debt secured by church physical assets	0	0	<i>No Change</i>
27	Other debt	0	0	<i>No Change</i>
Church Expenditures				
Benevolent Giving				
37	Total amount given directly to United Methodist causes (not sent to Conference)	0	0	<i>No Change</i>
38	Total amount given to non-United Methodist benevolent and charitable causes	0	0	<i>No Change</i>
Clergy and Staff				
Pension and Health				
SC Conference Note				
Compensation Instructions				
41a	Base compensation paid to/for the Senior Pastor or other person assigned or appointed in the lead pastoral role to the church (this person could be anyone, as long as he/she is assigned or appointed to the lead pastor role).	22,822	21,227	<i>6% Decrease</i>
41b	Base compensation paid to/for all Associate Pastor(s) and other pastoral staff assigned or appointed to the church. Include deacons and other clergy in this role.	0	0	<i>No Change</i>
41c	Base compensation paid to/for any Deacons not included in 41a or 41b.	0	0	<i>No Change</i>
42a.1	Total amount paid to lead pastor for housing allowance in lieu of parsonage	0	0	<i>No Change</i>
42a.2	Total paid by church on behalf of lead pastor for parsonage expenses, such as utilities, yard service, cleaning, etc.	3,000	3,000	<i>No Change</i>
42a	Housing benefits paid to/for Lead Pastor or person in lead pastoral role as described in 41a. This field is calculated for you as the sum of 42a.1 and 42a.2.	3,000	3,000	<i>No Change</i>
42b.1	Total amount paid to associate pastor(s) for housing allowance in lieu of parsonage	0	0	<i>No Change</i>
42b.2	Total paid by church on behalf of associate(s) for parsonage expenses, such as utilities, yard service, cleaning, etc.	0	0	<i>No Change</i>
42b	Housing benefits paid to/for all Associate Pastor(s) and other pastoral staff assigned or appointed to the church. Include deacons and other clergy in this role. This line is calculated for you as the sum of 42b.1 and 42b.2.	0	0	<i>No Change</i>
42c.1	Total amount paid to deacon(s) for housing allowance in lieu of parsonage and not reported in 42a or 42b.	0	0	<i>No Change</i>

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42c.2	Total paid by church on behalf of deacon(s) for parsonage expenses, such as utilities, yard service, cleaning, etc.	0	0	No Change
42c	Housing benefits paid to/for any Deacons not included in 41a or 41b. This line is calculated for you as the sum of 42c.1 and 42c.2.	0	0	No Change
43	Total amount paid to pastor and associate(s) for accountable reimbursements	3,200	3,200	No Change
44	Total amount paid to pastor and associate(s) for any other cash allowances (non accountable)	0	0	No Change
45	Total amount paid in salary and benefits for all other church staff and diaconal ministers	0	0	No Change
Program and Operating Expenses				
46	Total amount spent for local church program expenses	23,600	23,600	No Change
47	Total amount spent for other local church operating expenses	31,000	31,000	No Change
Debt Payments and Building Improvements				
48	Total amount paid for principal and interest on indebtedness, loans, mortgages, etc.	0	0	No Change
49	Total amount paid on capital expenditures for building, improvements, and major equipment purchases	0	0	No Change
50	TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES (Sum of Lines 29a through 49)	109,048	82,027	24% Decrease



CHURCH INCOME
Table 3 of the Local Church Report to the Annual Conference
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 Church 2017-2020 Quadrennium

Alignment Number _____
 GCNO 271855
 Employer ID No. (Federal Tax ID No.) 57-1116683
 State SC Pastor Larry Stocker
 County _____ Church BETHEL
 Charge RUFFIN CT District WALTERBORO
 Reports for the year ending December 31, 2021 or for the period _____

		<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	
51	Number of giving units	54	47	12% Decrease
52	Received for Annual Budget/Spending Plan			
52a	Amount received through pledges	0	0	No Change
52b	Amount received from non-pledging, but identified givers	86,481	98,210	13% Increase
52c	Amount received from unidentified givers	3,276	781	76% Decrease
52d	Amount received from interest and dividends and/or transferred from liquid assets	2,546	595	76% Decrease
52e	Amount received from Sale of Church Assets for Budget	0	0	No Change
52f	Amount received through building use fees, contributions, and rentals	5,642	200	96% Decrease
52g	Amount received through fundraisers and other sources	7,905	1,455	81% Decrease
52t	Total income for annual budget/spending plan	105,850	101,241	4% Decrease
53	Received for Capital Campaigns and other designated special projects			
53a	Capital campaigns	0	0	No Change
53b	Memorials, endowments, and bequests	600	15,345	2457% Increase
53c	Funds from other sources and projects, including sale of buildings	0	0	No Change
53d	Amount received for Special Sundays, General Advance Specials, World Service Specials, Conference Advance Specials and other forms of directed benevolent (charitable) giving	200	870	335% Increase
53t	Total income for designated causes including capital campaign and other special projects	800	16,215	1926% Increase
	Note: In 2021, we had three longtime members die. Therefore, we had over \$15,000 given in memory of these three church members. This accounts for the larger amount in line 53b which resulted in this increase over 2020.			
54	Income from Connectional Funds or other external sources			
54a	Equitable Compensation Funds received by Church or Pastor	0	0	No Change
54b	Advance Special, apportioned, and connectional funds received by church	0	0	No Change
54c	Other grants and financial support from institutional sources	0	0	No Change
54t	Total income from connectional and other institutional sources outside the local church	0	0	No Change
55	TOTAL CHURCH INCOME (Sum of Lines 52 + 53 + 54)	106,650	117,456	10% Increase

Comments:



MEMBERSHIP & PARTICIPATION

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GCNO 271855

Employer ID No. (Federal Tax ID No.) 0

State SC

Pastor Cheryl Yates

County _____

Church BETHEL

Charge RUFFIN CT

District WALTERBORO

Reports for the year ending December 31, 2021

or for the period _____

		<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Professing Membership			
1	Total professing members reported at the close of last year	164	170
2a	Received this year on Profession of Faith through confirmation	2	_____
2b	Received this year on Profession of Faith other than confirmation	0	_____
2c	Membership restored by Affirmation of Faith	0	_____
2d	Added by correction	0	_____
2e	Transferred in from another United Methodist Church	0	_____
2f	Transferred in from a non-United Methodist Church	4	_____
3a	Removed by Charge Conference Action	0	_____
3b	Withdrawn from Professing Membership	0	_____
3c	Removed by Correction	0	_____
3d	Transferred out to another United Methodist Church	0	_____
3e	Transferred out to a non-United Methodist Church	0	_____
3f	Removed by death/deceased	0	_____
4	TOTAL PROFESSING MEMBERS reported at the close of this year	170	_____
Membership Ethnicity			
5a	Asian	0	_____
5b	Black	0	_____
5c	Hispanic/Latino	0	_____
5d	Native American	0	_____
5e	Pacific Islander	0	_____
5f	White	170	_____
5g	Multiracial	0	_____
5	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP ETHNICITY (5a+5b+5c+5d+5e+5f+5g = 5 = 4)	170	_____
Membership Gender			
6a	Female	97	_____

6b	Male	73	_____
6c	Non-Binary	0	_____
6	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP GENDER (6a+6b+6c = 6 = 4)	170	_____
7	Average attendance at all weekly worship services	30	_____
7a	Number of persons who worship online	132	_____
8a	Number of persons baptized this year (0-12 Years)	0	_____
8b	Number of persons baptized this year (ages 13 or older)	0	_____
8	Total number of persons baptized this year (sum of 8a+8b)	0	_____
9	Total Baptized Members who have not become Professing Members	0	_____
10	Number of other constituents of the church	0	_____

PARTICIPANTS IN CHRISTIAN FORMATION GROUPS (CFG), including Sunday School, educational classes, and other small group ministries

11a	Number of CHILDREN CFG participants and leaders (ages 0-11)	2	_____
11b	Number of YOUTH CFG participants and leaders (ages 12-18)	7	_____
11c	Number of YOUNG ADULTS CFG participants and leaders (ages 19-30)	2	_____
11d	Number of OTHER ADULT CFG participants and leaders (ages 31+)	11	_____
11	TOTAL Christian Formation Group Participants (Total of lines 11a-d)	22	_____

Other Classes and Education

12	Total enrolled in confirmation preparation classes this year	2	_____
13	Average weekly attendance (all ages) in Sunday Church School or other weekly education classes	12	_____
14	Number of participants in Vacation Bible School	82	_____
15	Number of ongoing Sunday Church School Classes offered	2	_____
16	Number of ongoing small groups, support groups, or classes offered (other than Sunday Church School)	6	_____
17	Number of support groups or small groups offered for a short term only	0	_____
18a	Membership in United Methodist Men	5	_____
18b	Amount paid for projects (UMM)	500	_____
19a	Membership in United Methodist Women	0	_____
19b	Amount paid for local church and community work (UMW)	0	_____

Mission Engagement

20a	Number of UMVIM teams sent from this local church	0	_____
20b	Number of persons sent out on UMVIM teams from this local church	0	_____
21	Total Number of community ministries for outreach, justice, and mercy offered by this local church	3	_____

21a	Of the ministries counted in Line 21, how many focus on global/regional health?	0	_____
21b	Of the ministries counted in Line 21, how many focus on engaging in ministry with the poor/socially marginalized?	3	_____
22	Number of persons from your congregation serving in mission/community ministries	0	_____
23	Number of persons served by community ministries for outreach, justice, and mercy	0	_____

**CHURCH ASSETS & EXPENSES**

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		<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Assets and Debt			
24	Market value of church-owned land, buildings, vehicles and equipment	1,789,100	_____
25	Market value of financial and other liquid assets	226,000	_____
26	Debt secured by church physical assets	0	_____
27	Other debt	0	_____
Church Expenditures			
Benevolent Giving			
37	Total amount given directly to United Methodist causes (not sent to Conference)	0	_____
38	Total amount given to non-United Methodist benevolent and charitable causes	0	_____
Clergy and Staff			
Pension and Health			
SC Conference Note			
Compensation Instructions			
41a	Base compensation paid to/for the Senior Pastor or other person assigned or appointed in the lead pastoral role to the church (this person could be anyone, as long as he/she is assigned or appointed to the lead pastor role).	22,822	_____
41b	Base compensation paid to/for all Associate Pastor(s) and other pastoral staff assigned or appointed to the church. Include deacons and other clergy in this role.	0	_____
41c	Base compensation paid to/for any Deacons not included in 41a or 41b.	0	_____
Housing Allowance			
42a.1	Total amount paid to lead pastor for housing allowance in lieu of parsonage	0	_____
42a.2	Total paid by church on behalf of lead pastor for parsonage expenses, such as utilities, yard service, cleaning, etc.	3,000	_____
42a	Housing benefits paid to/for Lead Pastor or person in lead pastoral role as described in 41a. This field is calculated for you as the sum of 42a.1 and 42a.2.	3,000	_____
42b.1	Total amount paid to associate pastor(s) for housing allowance in lieu of parsonage	0	_____

42b.2	Total paid by church on behalf of associate(s) for parsonage expenses, such as utilities, yard service, cleaning, etc.	0	_____
42b	Housing benefits paid to/for all Associate Pastor(s) and other pastoral staff assigned or appointed to the church. Include deacons and other clergy in this role. This line is calculated for you as the sum of 42b.1 and 42b.2.	0	_____
42c.1	Total amount paid to deacon(s) for housing allowance in lieu of parsonage and not reported in 42a or 42b.	0	_____
42c.2	Total paid by church on behalf of deacon(s) for parsonage expenses, such as utilities, yard service, cleaning, etc.	0	_____
42c	Housing benefits paid to/for any Deacons not included in 41a or 41b. This line is calculated for you as the sum of 42c.1 and 42c.2.	0	_____
43	Total amount paid to pastor and associate(s) for accountable reimbursements	3,200	_____
44	Total amount paid to pastor and associate(s) for any other cash allowances (non accountable)	0	_____
45	Total amount paid in salary and benefits for all other church staff and diaconal ministers	0	_____
Program and Operating Expenses			
46	Total amount spent for local church program expenses	23,600	_____
47	Total amount spent for other local church operating expenses	31,000	_____
Debt Payments and Building Improvements			
48	Total amount paid for principal and interest on indebtedness, loans, mortgages, etc.	0	_____
49	Total amount paid on capital expenditures for building, improvements, and major equipment purchases	0	_____
50	TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES (Sum of Lines 29a through 49)	109,048	_____

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		<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
51	Number of giving units	54	_____
52	Received for Annual Budget/Spending Plan		
52a	Amount received through pledges	0	_____
52b	Amount received from non-pledging, but identified givers	86,481	_____
52c	Amount received from unidentified givers	3,276	_____
52d	Amount received from interest and dividends and/or transferred from liquid assets	2,546	_____
52e	Amount received from Sale of Church Assets for Budget	0	_____
52f	Amount received through building use fees, contributions, and rentals	5,642	_____
52g	Amount received through fundraisers and other sources	7,905	_____
52t	Total income for annual budget/spending plan	105,850	_____
53	Received for Capital Campaigns and other designated special projects		
53a	Capital campaigns	0	_____
53b	Memorials, endowments, and bequests	600	_____
53c	Funds from other sources and projects, including sale of buildings	0	_____
53d	Amount received for Special Sundays, General Advance Specials, World Service Specials, Conference Advance Specials and other forms of directed benevolent (charitable) giving	200	_____
53t	Total income for designated causes including capital campaign and other special projects	800	_____
54	Income from Connectional Funds or other external sources		
54a	Equitable Compensation Funds received by Church or Pastor	0	_____
54b	Advance Special, apportioned, and connectional funds received by church	0	_____
54c	Other grants and financial support from institutional sources	0	_____
54t	Total income from connectional and other institutional sources outside the local church	0	_____
55	TOTAL CHURCH INCOME (Sum of Lines 52 + 53 + 54)	106,650	_____

Church **BETHEL**
 City, State **Ruffin, SC**
 Pastor **Cheryl Yates**
 Conf Church # **27185**
 GCFA Church # **271855**
 Conference **SOUTH CAROLINA (741)**

#	QUESTION	2021	2022	% Δ
TABLE 1				
PROFESSING MEMBERSHIP				
1	Total professing members reported at close of last year (See Instructions) (This line is auto-filled from line 4 of the previous year)	170	<input type="text" value="164"/>	-4%
2a	Received this year on Profession of Christian Faith	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>	
2b	Received this year on Profession of Faith through confirmation	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>	
2c	Restored by affirmation (or correction to previous years report)	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>	
2d	Correct previous year's reporting errors of total professing membership numbers by addition	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>	
2e	Received from other United Methodist Churches	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>	
2f	Received from other denominations	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>	
3a	Removed or corrected by Charge Conference action	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>	
3b	Withdrawn	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>	
3c	Correct previous year's reporting errors of total professing membership numbers by subtraction	3	<input type="text" value="0"/>	
3d	Removed by transfer to other United Methodist Churches	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>	
3e	Removed by transfer to other denominations	0	<input type="text" value="2"/>	
3f	Removed by death	3	<input type="text" value="3"/>	0%
4	Total professing members at close of this year Sum of all Answers to Questions from #2 minus the sum of Answers to Questions #3	164	<input type="text" value="159"/>	-3%

MEMBERSHIP ETHNICITY			
5a	Asian	0	0
5b	African American/Black	0	0
5c	Hispanic	0	0
5d	Native American	0	0
5e	Pacific Islander	0	0
5f	White	164	159 -3%
5g	Multi Racial	0	0
5	Total Membership Ethnicity	164	159 -3%
MEMBERSHIP GENDER			
6a	Number of female members	83	82 -1%
6b	Number of male members	81	77 -5%
6c	Number of non-binary members	0	0
6	Total Membership Gender	164	159 -3%
ATTENDANCE & BAPTISMS			
7	Average attendance at the principal weekly worship service(s)	27	22 -19%
7a	Number of persons who worship online	130	75 -42%
8a	Number of persons baptized this year (0-12 Years)	0	0
8b	Number of persons baptized this year (ages 13 or older)	0	0
8	Number of persons baptized this year (all ages)	0	0
9	Total baptized members who have not become professing members	0	0
10	Number of persons on constituency roll (230.3)	0	0
CHRISTIAN FORMATION GROUPS			
11a	Number of CHILDREN in all Christian formation groups and other small group ministries Ages 0-11	0	0
11b	Number of YOUTH in all Christian formation groups and other small group ministries Ages 12-18	0	0
11c	Number of YOUNG ADULTS in all Christian formation groups and other small group ministries Ages 19-30	0	0
11d	Number of OTHER ADULTS in all Christian formation groups and other small group ministries Ages 31+	15	12 -20%
11	TOTAL number of persons participating in Christian formation groups	15	12 -20%

CLASSES, VBS, AND OTHER GROUPS

12	Total enrolled in confirmation classes this year	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>	
13	Average attendance in Sunday church school (all ages)	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>	
	Number of participants in Vacation Bible School			
14	ATTENTION: More than a 75% decrease from last year. Please update your Answer or enter an Explanation. <i>Our three-church charge did not offer a vacation Bible school in 2022. Therefore, there was no VBS</i>	65	<input type="text" value="0"/>	
15	Number of ongoing classes and other small groups (all ages) in Sunday Church School	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>	
	Number of ongoing classes and other small groups (all ages) other than Sunday Church School			
16	ATTENTION: More than a 75% decrease from last year. Please update your Answer or enter an Explanation. <i>Sunday School has not been resumed after Covid at Bethel UMC</i>	1	<input type="text" value="0"/>	
17	Number of short-term classes and groups (all ages)	1	<input type="text" value="1"/>	0%

UNITED METHODIST MEN

18a	Membership in United Methodist Men	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>	
18b	UMM amount paid for projects	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>	

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

19a	Membership in United Methodist Women	13	<input type="text" value="13"/>	0%
19b	UMW Amount paid for local church and community work	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>	

MISSION

20a	Number of UMVIM teams sent from this local church	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>	
20b	Number of church members participating in any UMVIM team	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>	
21	Total Number of community ministries for outreach justice and mercy offered by this local church	3	<input type="text" value="4"/>	33%
21a	Of the ministries counted in Line 21 how many focus on global/regional health?	0	<input type="text" value="1"/>	
21b	Of the ministries counted in Line 21 how many focus on engaging in ministry with the poor/socially marginalized?	0	<input type="text" value="3"/>	
22	Number of persons from your congregation engaged in mission/community ministries	0	<input type="text" value="20"/>	
23	Number of persons served by community ministries for outreach justice and mercy	0	<input type="text" value="50"/>	

TABLE 2**ASSETS**

24	Market value of church-owned land buildings and equipment	1789100	<input type="text" value="1789100"/>	0%
25	Market value of other assets (cash securities other property etc)	224400	<input type="text" value="241180"/>	7%

DEBT

26	Indebtedness on items 33 34 35 at end of year	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>	
27	Other indebtedness (current expenses etc)	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>	

APPORTIONMENTS**UMC GIVING****SPECIAL SUNDAYS**

DIRECT GIVING			
37	Total amount given directly to United Methodist causes (not sent to AC Treasurer)	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>
38	Total amount given to non-United Methodist benevolent and charitable causes	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>
PENSION/ HEALTH			
BASE COMPENSATION			
41a	Base compensation paid to/for the Senior Pastor or other person assigned or appointed in the lead pastoral role to the church	21227	<input type="text" value="20613"/> -3%
41b	Base compensation paid to/for all Associate Pastor(s) and other pastoral staff assigned or appointed to the church.	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>
41c	Base compensation paid to/for any Deacons not included in 41a or 41b.	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>
HOUSING BENEFITS			
42a.1	Total amount paid to lead pastor for housing allowance in lieu of parsonage ---> Maps to GCFA Question #42a.1: PASTHOUS		<input type="text" value="3000"/>
42a.2	Total paid by church on behalf of SENIOR Pastor for parsonage expenses, such as utilities, yard service, cleaning, etc. ---> Maps to GCFA Question #42a.2: PASTHOUS		<input type="text" value="0"/>
42a	Housing-related allowances and utilities paid to/for Pastor (Sum of 42a.1 and 42a.2)	3000	<input type="text" value="3000"/> 0%
42b.1	Total amount paid to associate pastor(s) for housing allowance in lieu of parsonage ---> Maps to GCFA Question #42b.1: ASSCHOUS		<input type="text" value="0"/>
42b.2	Total paid by church on behalf of associate(s) for parsonage expenses, such as utilities, yard service, cleaning, etc. ---> Maps to GCFA Question #42b.2: ASSCHOUS		<input type="text" value="0"/>
42b	Housing-related allowances/utilities paid to/for Associate (Sum of 42b.1 and 42b.2)	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>
42c.1	Total amount paid to deacon(s) for housing allowance in lieu of parsonage and not reported in 42a or 42b. ---> Maps to GCFA Question #42c.1: DEACHOUS		<input type="text" value="0"/>
42c.2	Total paid by church on behalf of deacon(s) for parsonage expenses, such as utilities, yard service, cleaning, etc. ---> Maps to GCFA Question #42c.2: DEACHOUS		<input type="text" value="0"/>
42c	Housing benefits paid to/for any Deacons not included in 41a or 41b. (Sum of 42c.1 and 42c.2)	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>
OTHER BENEFITS			
43	Total Accountable reimbursements paid	3200	<input type="text" value="3200"/> 0%
44	Total Other Cash Allowances paid to/for pastor/associate	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>
STAFF			
45	Total amount paid in salary and benefits for all other church staff and diaconal ministers	0	<input type="text" value="0"/>
OPERATIONS & PROGRAMS			
46	Total amount spent for local church program expenses	23600	<input type="text" value="23800"/> 1%
47	Total amount spent for other local church operating expenses	31000	<input type="text" value="31000"/> 0%

DEBT & CAPITAL PAYMENTS

[48](#) Total amount paid for principal and interest on indebtedness loans mortgages etc. 0

[49](#) Total amount paid on capital expenditures for building improvements and major equipment purchases 0

[50](#) **TOTAL AMOUNT PAID BY THE LOCAL CHURCH ON ALL EXPENDITURES** 104848 -22%
SUM OF LINES 29a through 49

TABLE 3

UNITS

51	Number of households giving to the local church	47	35	-26%
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BUDGET / SPENDING PLAN

52a	Amount received through pledges	0	0	
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52b	Amount received from non-pledging but identified givers	98210	97181	-1%
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52c	Amount received from unidentified givers	781	396	-49%
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52d	Amount received from interest and dividends and/or transferred from liquid assets	595	32	-95%
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52e	Amount received from Sale of Church Assets	0	0	
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52f	Amount received through building use fees contributions and rentals	200	465	133%
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52g	Amount received through fundraisers and other sources	1455	0	
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52	Total income for annual budget/spending plan Total sum of 52a + 52b + 52c + 52d + 52e + 52f + 52g	101241	98074	-3%
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CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS AND OTHER DESIGNATED PROJECTS

53a	Capital campaigns	0	0	
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53b	Memorials endowments and bequests	15345	13215	-14%
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53c	Funds from other sources and projects including sale of buildings	0	0	
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53d	Amount received for Special Sundays General Advance Specials World Service Specials and other forms of directed benevolent (charitable) giving	870	9376	978%
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53	Total income for designated causes including capital campaign and other special projects Total sum of 53a + 53b + 53c + 53d	16215	22591	39%
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OTHER SOURCES / CONNECTIONAL FUNDS

54a	Equitable Compensation Funds received by Church or Pastor	0	0	
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54b	Advance Special apportioned and connectional funds received by church	0	0	
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54c	Other grants and financial support from institutional sources	0	0	
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54	Total Support from other institutions Total sum of 54a + 54b + 54c	0	0	
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-- GRAND TOTAL--

55	Total income from connectional and other institutional sources outside the local church. (SUM OF LINES 52 + 53 + 54)	117456	120665	3%
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AGENDA – Church Council Meeting (March 27, 2022)

Bethel UMC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Larry Stocker Alice Sherry
Jan Ulmer Royden Hudson
Mike Crosby Patty Hudson
Myra Crosby Athelda Dunn
Tim Jones Bobby Dunn
Keith Ulmer

I. Call to order with prayer – Royden opened with prayer

II. Reports (treasurer, trustees, PPRC) – Treasurer’s report was shared. When reviewing the capital improvements, Jan shared Jim Benton’s email re: the ladies’ restroom. The council discussed the changes. The recommendation was made for Mike Crosby & the trustees to look at the restrooms for updates, upgrades & improvements. Tim Jones will look at the restrooms and recommend changes for the toilets & handles.

Trustees’ report: Steeple has had some repairs. The roof & doors have been replaced. Mike inquired about the point-of-contact from the trustees re: the fellowship hall. Athelda & Alice will handle this together.

PPRC: Jan gave an update on the last meeting (Jan. 9th). Another meeting will be held on May 1st.

III. Old Business:

*Revisit the vote about withholding apportionments – The Council voted in December 2021 to withhold apportionments. Mr. Royden brought up that those apportionments are part of being a member of the UM Conference. And the money is in CD’s that would support both paying apportionments and giving to missions projects. Mike stated that even though we have money in the bank right now, in the future, we may need to dip into those savings. A vote was taken to resume paying apportionments. The council voted unanimously to pass the motion.

IV. New Business:

*Further capital improvements on building & grounds – Trustees are going to look at restrooms.

*Facebook Live streaming of worship services - continue or curtail. Council discussed & voted to continue the online streaming services. Tim added that there are a few people who listen to the radio broadcast each week.

*Ukraine UMCOR relief – Pastor Larry opened discussion of the Ukraine offering through UMCOR. Jan made a motion for the church to match whatever funds are collected toward this cause. The motion carried unanimously. Whatever is collected next week will be added to the total. Melissa will then write a check which reflects our donations plus the matching amount from Bethel.

*Missions -- Pastor Larry would like for Bethel to have a steadier mission project(s). There was discussion about In His Name and Ukrainian refugees & possibly sponsoring a family. Jan brought up Epworth Children’s Home and the fact that we have not supported it lately like we had in the past. Athelda pointed out that we have a few members in nursing facilities that need our care and attention. Pastor Larry asked Tim about the feasibility of a mission for the nursing home facility. Tim said that we could buy bird feeders and flowers for the residents. Athelda had an idea for “nursing home Sunday” during which we conduct a love offering & use this donation for supplies and activities for the residents. Tim stated that the activity fund at Pruitt is

limited. Again, the church could match the donations. On May 1st, we will have a love offering for our nursing homes where we have members (Pruitt and The Oaks).

*Revival services – Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, May 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Bethel – Sunday night (George Hudson)

Tabor – TBA

St. John – TBA

Ed Stiltz, Justin Ritter, Scarlet

*Other action items – Alice Sherry brought up the Salkehatchie mission. New chairperson – interim council chair volunteer until nominating committee meets. Tim Jones has volunteered to be our interim.

*Royden inquired about the Methodist split. He asked the pastor to send us updates regarding the matter. Pastor Larry gave a brief update. General Conference has been postponed until 2024 in Philippines.

V. Adjournment with prayer – Tim Jones closed with prayer.

Bethel/Ruffin (271855) on the RUFFIN CIRCUIT (271855) in the Walterboro District

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Add/Edit Minutes Church

I. Mission

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A. What were your key goals for making and nuturing disciples for this past year?

Since I took over as pastor July 1, 2021, my goal has been and continues to be to establish relationships with the members at all three churches on the charge.

B. How are you making progress towards reaching the goals stated above?

On a weekly basis, I meet with members before and after worship services. In addition, I meet and socialize with members during our weekly "supper and study" on Wednesday nights. I plan and conduct a Bible study for that event, and members enthusiastically participate.

C. Among these goals, what are you most excited about?

I am most excited about increasing an open line of communication between members and myself. Members are becoming more comfortable and willing to email, text, or call me more often.

D. Church Vitality

While numbers are not the only factor of vitality, they are helpful in providing clarity of our church's present reality. Below is the reported data from your church's last two year-end Statistical Tables.

Year	Avg. Worship Attendance	Total Professing Members	Avg. Sunday School Attendance	Total Number of People in Christian Formation Groups	Rec'd on Profession of Faith Through Confirmation	Rec'd on Profession of Faith (not in Confirmation)
2021	27	164	0	15	0	0
2020	30	170	12	22	2	2

E. Tools for Planning

What is your church's specific plan to reach new people for Jesus Christ? What tools are you using to foster growth (i.e. Forward Focus, Natural Church Development, SHIFT, Ken Callahan's "Twelve Keys to an Effective Church", etc.)?

We are going to explore Instagram and enhancing our Facebook outreach with a "boost" program in which all people within a 20 mile radius of our parsonage would receive an advertisement promoting worship services all three of our churches on the Ruffin Circuit. The hope would be to reach someone who may be interested in finding a new/different church to attend.

II. Nurture

A. Does your church have a visitation program? Please describe.

Bethel does not have a formal visitation program as of right now. This does need to be organized and improved because of the older church population that we have (many are shut-in & need ministering).

B. Does your church have a congregational care program (i.e. Stephen's Ministry, divorce care, counseling center, grief group, etc.)? Please describe.

Not at this time. The small size of our congregation doesn't lend itself to this as of now, plus the members have close relationships and confidentiality may be an issue.

III. Outreach and Witness

A. How is your church reaching out in service to the community and the world?

Due to Covid-19, Bethel has not engaged in its normal missions (Salkehatchie Summer Service, Colleton County Food Bank, etc). However, we are looking at supporting the local mission In His Name more consistently in the coming months. Currently, Bethel does not support any international missions.

The number of persons from your church serving in mission/community ministries reported in your church's last year-end Statistical Tables.

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B. How has your church engaged in ministry with children, youth, and young adults beyond you local church this year (i.e. Scouts, Child Care, Basketball League, school partnerships, dialogues, etc.)? How did these experiences impact the mission and ministry of your church?

Unfortunately, our attendance has declined within the past two years (Covid and other factors). Therefore, our younger population does not attend leaving us with no children or youth. We may look at a "Mothers Morning Out" program in the future.

C. Has your church engaged in ministry with other United Methodist Churches, with ecumenical partners, and in cross racial/cultural experiences (i.e. pulpit or choir exchanges, joint projects, dialogues, etc.)? How did these experiences impact the mission and ministry of your church?

In May 2022, we hosted a night of revival at Bethel UMC and invited George Hudson to speak (Bethel is George's "Home" church). Otherwise, Bethel does not engage in this ministry.

VI. Stewardship

A. What percentage of apportionments were paid in 2021?

100%

What do you expect to pay in 2022?

100%

B. If you are not paying 100% of your apportionments, please explain why, and what are your plans to move toward 100% payment?

N/A

C. Are you up to date on Direct Billing?

Yes No

If not, what is your current balance and plan to address it?

N/A

Do you plan to enroll in the Conference Forgiven Plan?

Yes No

D. Has a 2021 Audit been completed and report submitted to the District Office?

Yes No

Bethel UMC Church Council Minutes

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Call to Order: Ashley Ulmer, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM with nine members in attendance & opened with prayer.

Minutes from previous meeting: Jan Ulmer read minutes from the March 2022 meeting. Tim Jones made a motion to accept the minutes; Patty Hudson seconded – motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Reports:

- Jan shared 2022 Finance Report five page handout with all present. She highlighted certain areas, and attendees reviewed it. Since there were no questions, Jim Benton made a motion to accept the report; Athelda Dunn seconded and the motion carried unanimously with voice vote.
- Pastor's report – Pastor Stocker reported that the process of finding a new pastor had begun; will let the PPRC chair know when he hears any news.
 - Gave attendees a summary of withdrawal process from UM Conf.
 - Currently several churches are leaving the Conference
 - Nothing to discuss until General Conference in 2024 because the Book of Discipline has not changed yet
 - Discussion ensued about the Global Methodist Church
 - Ashley wants to have more information about the process
 - General Conference will be in 2024 in the Philippines
 - Ashley made motion to accept the pastor report. The attendees approved the report unanimously
- Trustees report – Tim Jones gave the report in chairman Mike Crosby's absence. The trustees met just prior to tonight's Council meeting.
 - New electrical outlet outside of church. It was discovered that this was needed during installation of our new handicap ramp for the church.
 - New ramp has been almost completed. The handrails will hopefully be finished & ready to use by next Sunday (March 5)
 - The trustees recommend a Saturday workday to clean up the church yard & to demolish the existing wooden ramp on the north side of the church.
 - Stained ceiling tiles in vestibule were addressed. This is a result of water leaks around our church steeple
 - Idea to remove steeple & be placed in church yard as a memorial park and place of prayer and/or reflection
 - Steeple has caused leaks over the years that have damaged roof & ceiling
 - Need to have a church meeting to decide where to place it & to give a presentation as to the reasons for removal of the steeple. The trustees may want a list of repairs & costs relating to the steeple damage over the past few years
 - The Council had discussion about potential cost of removal

- Patty Hudson recommended that the trustees need to get a presentation ready & have a church meeting regarding the steeple
- Headstone request from Jim & Barbara Benton was approved by the trustees.
- Ashley Ulmer made a motion to accept the trustees' report; Jan Ulmer seconded. The Council unanimously voted by voice to accept report.

Old Business:

- Athelda Dunn asked if the church wanted to do another nursing home love offering around the first part of May. The Council informally agreed.
- Pastor Stocker suggested a Council meeting in a couple months to discuss missions
 - Ashley Ulmer said he wants quarterly meetings but that he may be out-of-town for work responsibilities. Jan Ulmer suggested a vice chair & recommended Tim Jones; Pastor Stocker seconded. Tim agreed to the role, and the Council approved him as vice chair of the Church Council.
 - Next Council meeting will be May 7th at a time to be determined.

New Business:

- Discussion of the steeple continued. It was decided that the Trustees will announce a meeting & presentation so that the church body as a whole can be informed about the situation. Patty Hudson and Pastor Stocker reiterated that this issue cannot be “kicked down the road” and must be dealt with without too much delay. The Council members agreed.
- Ashley Ulmer wants to make sure we improve our community outreach, making sure our members who haven't been coming for whatever reasons still know that we care for them. Athelda also added that shut-ins are a concern. Billy & Loraine Breland were mentioned (since Billy has recurring health issues)
- Tim brought up an idea to get Sunday School re-started. There wasn't a lot of discussion about this topic at this point. The Council recalled several folks who were no longer with us or who are in poor health & cannot attend.
 - Royden shared some memories from the senior Sunday School class
- Pastor Stocker closed with prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:55 PM.

Present:

Ashley Ulmer (chair), Tim Jones (vice chair), Jan Ulmer (recording secretary), Larry Stocker (pastor), Athelda Dunn, Carolyn Breland, Patty Hudson, Royden Hudson, Jim Benton



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Report of the Church Council

November 24, 2021 – October 24, 2022

Bethel UMC of the Ruffin Circuit continued to face many challenges and blessings during the past year. Last November, we hosted a charge-wide Thanksgiving service which was, unfortunately, poorly attended. During December, we hosted a Christmas Cantata in which a choir of members of all three churches sang during one worship service. Sadly, in December, we also lost one of our most faithful members, Ben Evans.

January brought a council meeting during which our former chair, Matthew Bryan, officially resigned his position. The position was vacant until March when I agreed to be the interim chair of the church council until our nominating committee could appoint someone else for 2023. Supper and Study was suspended during the winter months, but it resumed in March here at Bethel. Supper and study rotates among the three churches, but attendance has decreased over the past year.

On the topic of attendance, our overall church attendance has declined over the past two years. One factor was Covid-19. We have had a “perfect storm” of sorts here at Bethel over the past year and a half. There was a pastor change in July 2021, and one negative side effect was that several people who had attended regularly stopped attending for a variety of reasons. Our once-vibrant youth program no longer exists. Most of the young people we had four to five years ago are now in post-secondary parts of their lives: college, trade school, or working. In other words, they have “aged-out” of our youth program. Our regular attendees each Sunday are all in their golden years (50 years and older).

In spite of the dwindling attendance, though, our finance committee reports that giving is steady. So far, Bethel UMC is solid financially. We have no issues paying our bills and supporting our existence. Our budget is not as large as it was a few years ago, so we continue to be blessed in this matter.

During April, we hosted a charge-wide Easter sunrise service, an Easter breakfast, and an Easter Cantata. All three were well-attended. In May, we held a charge-wide revival. Bethel hosted the first evening with George Hudson serving as the guest pastor.

We did have to make some repairs to our building during 2022. The trustees received bids and had a contractor repair some roof leaks in the rear of our building and replaced four of our exterior doors that had deteriorated over the years. In addition, we updated the ladies’

restroom in the church with new flooring and a new toilet. We have some other minor improvements to make in the coming months and in 2023.

Bethel UMC is proud to provide the online service weekly. We stream the service live on Facebook then post the video to YouTube later in the day so that members and non-members who are unable to attend (due to illness or distance) may view the worship service. We are very blessed to have the expertise of Jim Benton and Harley Hiott each Sunday to assistance in this important ministry. Barbara Benton also mails out bulletins and CD's to shut-ins who do not have access to the online services. We also have the capability to broadcast our services each Sunday through an FM receiver. Anyone who wishes to park at Bethel can tune in to 107.3 FM and hear the worship service in its entirety. We also serve Communion to anyone who chooses to attend in this way.

Finally, we are blessed to have our pastor, Larry Stocker, as our leader for another year. He delivers a moving, thought-provoking message each Sunday. Our music director, Jan Ulmer, works closely with him to provide music that supports and enriches our worship services weekly. Her talents are amazing and her musical selections are a blessing to our congregations each Sunday. Jan "wears many hats" around Bethel and keeps us going with her duties as financial secretary, lay delegate to Annual Conference, recording secretary, and S/PPRC chairperson in addition to being our music director.

As stated in the beginning, Bethel continues to face its challenges with the help of the Holy Spirit. We are also cognizant of the fact that we are richly blessed and that with God's help, we will continue to thrive as a church on the Ruffin Circuit in the coming year.

Report Submitted to Charge Conference 2022 on October 24, 2022 by Tim Jones, Interim Church Council Chairperson

Bethel United Methodist Church

Report of the Church Council

October 24, 2022 – October 31, 2023

Last year Bethel continued our programs and activities as usual.

- In December the sanctuary was decorated for the Advent season complete with our beautiful Christmas tree.
- As the new year began we continued to do God's will and spread the Good news of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- In February we held an Ash Wednesday service.
- In April we held an Easter Egg Hunt, Blood Drive, Sunrise Service, Breakfast, and Easter service.
- In May we celebrated our moms on Mother's Day.
- In June we said farewell to Pastor Larry and welcomed (welcomed back) Pastor Keith Yates
- In July we held a Circuit wide VBS
- In August we blessed our students and teachers as they went back to school and our hunters as hunting season started.
- We have started having monthly local Mission projects.
- In October we held our annual Trunk or Treat.

We are excited to see what blessings 2023 has in store Bethel UMC. Our attendance has increased and we hope that continues.

Ashley Ulmer
Chairperson, Church Council

Minutes of the Charge Conference

The Charge Conference for the RUFFIN CIRCUIT (271855) of the Walterboro District of the South Carolina Annual Conference was held. The Charge Conference for the RUFFIN CIRCUIT (271855) of the Walterboro District of the South Carolina Annual Conference was held October 24, 2022 at Tabor UMC chaired by Rev. Joey McDonald. A devotional service was conducted by Rev. Joey McDonald.

I. Mission

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A. What were your key goals for making and nuturing disciples for this past year?

Bethel/Ruffin (271855): Since I took over as pastor July 1, 2021, my goal has been and continues to be to establish relationships with the members at all three churches on the charge.

St Johns/Ruffin (272006): Since becoming pastor in July 2021, my main goal has been and continues to be to create and nurture relationships with the members at all three churches on the charge.

Tabor (271957): Since taking over as pastor in July 2021, my goal has been and continues to be to establish relationships with the members at Tabor and the other two churches on the charge.

B. How are you making progress towards reaching the goals stated above?

Bethel/Ruffin (271855): On a weekly basis, I meet with members before and after worship services. In addition, I meet and socialize with members during our weekly "supper and study" on Wednesday nights. I plan and conduct a Bible study for that event, and members enthusiastically participate.

St Johns/Ruffin (272006): On a weekly basis, I meet with members before and after worship services. Since St. John is the first church I preach at each Sunday, I can go a few minutes early and spend some extra time with those who attend. In addition, I plan and conduct a Bible study on Wednesday nights for our "supper and study" meetings. This time also allows me the opportunity to socialize with our members.

Tabor (271957): On a weekly basis, I meet with members before and after worship services. Since Tabor is the final worship service each Sunday, I am able to spend a little more time with them at the conclusion of the service. I also plan and conduct a Bible study for our weekly Wednesday night "Supper and Study" sessions. This enables me to have some additional socialization with them.

C. Among these goals, what are you most excited about?

Bethel/Ruffin (271855): I am most excited about increasing an open line of communication between members and myself. Members are becoming more comfortable and willing to

email, text, or call me more often.

St Johns/Ruffin (272006): I am most excited about continuing to develop my line of communication with members at St. John. I can tell that they are becoming more comfortable and willing to text me, email me, or call me with concerns.

Tabor (271957): I am most excited about having an increased line of communication between members and myself. I can see members becoming more comfortable and willing to text, email, or call me should concerns arise. In addition, Tabor hosted in 2021 and will host in 2022 our circuit's "Trunk or Treat" event which will be open to all three churches and to the community as a whole. Since Tabor has the largest amount of children and young people amongst the three churches, the hope is that it will also host a vacation Bible School next year.

D. Church Vitality

While numbers are not the only factor of vitality, they are helpful in providing clarity of our church's present reality. Below is the reported data from your church's last two year-end Statistical Tables.

Church	Year	Avg. Worship Attendance	Total Professing Members	Avg. Sunday School Attendance	Total Number of People in Christian Formation Groups	Received on Profession of Faith Through Confirmation	Received on Profession of Faith (not in Confirmation)
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	2020	30	170	12	22	2	2
St Johns/Ruffin (272006)	2021	12	57	0	7	0	0
	2020	12	79	20	9	0	0
Tabor (271957)	2021	19	66	10	15	0	0
	2020	22	76	15	15	0	0

E. Tools for Planning

What is your church's specific plan to reach new people for Jesus Christ? What tools are you using to foster growth (i.e. Forward Focus, Natural Church Development, SHIFT, Ken Callahan's "Twelve Keys to an Effective Church", etc.)?

Bethel/Ruffin (271855): We are going to explore Instagram and enhancing our Facebook outreach with a "boost" program in which all people within a 20 mile radius of our parsonage would receive an advertisement promoting worship services all three of our churches on the Ruffin Circuit. The hope would be to reach someone who may be interested in finding a new/different church to attend.

St Johns/Ruffin (272006): Each spring, St. John hosts a fund-raiser in which they invite the surrounding area to come be fed barbecue and dessert. Part of this is a bake sale as

well. This function also serves as a connection to the community. In addition, St. John in cooperation with the other two churches on our circuit will explore using a "boost" program with Instagram and Facebook whereby anyone with a cell phone, tablet, or computer within a 20 mile radius of our parsonage will receive an advertisement promoting worshipping at one of our three churches. The hope is that this will reach someone who may be interested in finding either a new or a different church (one of our three churches on the Ruffin Circuit).

Tabor (271957): We are going to explore an Instagram and/or a Facebook outreach with a "boost" program in which all people within a 20 mile radius of our parsonage would receive an advertisement promoting worship services at all three of our churches on the Ruffin Circuit. The hope is to reach any person with a cell phone, a computer, or a tablet who may be interested in finding a new/different church to attend.

II. Nurture

A. Does your church have a visitation program? Please describe.

Bethel/Ruffin (271855): Bethel does not have a formal visitation program as of right now. This does need to be organized and improved because of the older church population that we have (many are shut-in & need ministering).

St Johns/Ruffin (272006): St. John does not have a formal visitation program at this time. However, because this congregation is small and because Ruffin is such a tightknit community, members frequently check-in with each other & thus provides this need to its members.

Tabor (271957): Tabor does not have a formal visitation program as of right now. This does need to be organized and improved because of our older members who are shut-in and unable to attend church.

B. Does your church have a congregational care program (i.e. Stephen's Ministry, divorce care, counseling center, grief group, etc.)? Please describe.

Bethel/Ruffin (271855): Not at this time. The small size of our congregation doesn't lend itself to this as of now, plus the members have close relationships and confidentiality may be an issue.

St Johns/Ruffin (272006): St. John does not have a congregational care program much for the same reason listed in part A above.

Tabor (271957): Tabor does not any congregational care programs at this time. The small size of our congregation doesn't lend itself to this, plus the members have close relationships and confidentiality may be an issue.

III. Outreach and Witness

A. How is your church reaching out in service to the community and the world?

Bethel/Ruffin (271855): Due to Covid-19, Bethel has not engaged in its normal missions (Salkehatchie Summer Service, Colleton County Food Bank, etc). However, we are looking at supporting the local mission In His Name more consistently in the coming

months. Currently, Bethel does not support any international missions.

St Johns/Ruffin (272006): St. John collects stuffed animals for the local board of disabilities and special needs for distribution at Christmas. A member of ours coordinates this and has for several years. There are no global missions at this time.

Tabor (271957): Tabor does collect stuffed animals during Advent to give to the first responders in our county so that they can distribute to children who are in need of comfort because of a traumatic event. In addition, Tabor also collects food donations for the Bethel UMC (Walterboro) food bank. Tabor is open to supporting additional mission projects locally and globally.

The number of persons from your church serving in mission/community ministries reported in your church's last year-end Statistical Tables.

Bethel/Ruffin (271855): 0

St Johns/Ruffin (272006): 0

Tabor (271957): 0

- B. How has your church engaged in ministry with children, youth, and young adults beyond you local church this year (i.e. Scouts, Child Care, Basketball League, school partnerships, dialogues, etc.)? How did these experiences impact the mission and ministry of your church?

Bethel/Ruffin (271855): Unfortunately, our attendance has declined within the past two years (Covid and other factors). Therefore, our younger population does not attend leaving us with no children or youth. We may look at a "Mothers Morning Out" program in the future.

St Johns/Ruffin (272006): St. John has only one child who regularly attends at the moment. She is five years old.

Tabor (271957): Since Tabor has only four children and one high school student, there hasn't been much planned for this population. It is difficult to find volunteers to assist with this. The lack of youth & children charge-wide is a concern.

- C. Has your church engaged in ministry with other United Methodist Churches, with ecumenical partners, and in cross racial/cultural experiences (i.e. pulpit or choir exchanges, joint projects, dialogues, etc.)? How did these experiences impact the mission and ministry of your church?

Bethel/Ruffin (271855): In May 2022, we hosted a night of revival at Bethel UMC and invited George Hudson to speak (Bethel is George's "Home" church). Otherwise, Bethel does not engage in this ministry.

St Johns/Ruffin (272006): St. John hosted a night of revival in early May 2021. The Rev. James Grubb (former pastor) preached the sermon that evening. There have been no other partnerships within the last year.

Tabor (271957): Tabor hosted a revival night in early May 2022 and invited the Rev. Ed Stiltz to deliver the message and share his musical talents. They also hosted a

homecoming service in April at which former pastor Rev. Cheri Yates lead the morning worship service. Beyond these, there have been no other partnerships.

IV. Submit the following:

- A. Report of the Church Council (Oral composite report plus any other written reports such as UMW, UMM, UMYF)
- B. Report of the Pastor (State of the Church. ¶ 340 BOD 2016, Continuing Education Report)
- C. Reports of other clergy and applicable Continuing Education Reports (all categories)
- D. Report of Trustees
- E. *Report of the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development - print copies for members of Charge Conference
 - PPRC Roster
 - Lay Member to 2023 Annual Conference - do not print; submit names online
 - Official Roll and Attendance Record for 2023 - print copies for District Superintendent and Secretary for keeping roll at Council meetings
- F. *Recommended Ministerial Support
- G. Accountable Reimbursement Policy
- H. 2023 Budget
 - I. Treasurer's Report
 - J. Report of the Committee on Finance
- K. Parsonage Report
- L. Report of Local Church(es) Safe Sanctuary Policy (Attach copies)
- M. Epworth Children's Home Local Church Representative - do not print; submit name on Nominations and Leadership Report
- N. Conference or District Nominations form - do not print; submit names online
- O. 2022-23 High School Junior and Senior List and current college students (¶ 232 BOD 2016) - do not print, submit names online
- P. Local Church Policy on Sexual Misconduct (Attach copy, see sample here: [Sample-Local-Church-Policy-Statement-on-Misconduct-of-a-Sexual-Nature-2016.pdf \(umcsc.org\)](https://www.umcsc.org/Church-Policy-Statement-on-Misconduct-of-a-Sexual-Nature-2016.pdf))

*Vote required at charge conference

V. Personnel

1. Who are recommended by the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee: (*vote, *v 2/3 = two thirds vote)
 - A. as candidates for ordained ministry (¶¶ 258.2(g)9, 310.1(e)) (*v 2/3)?
 - B. for continuation as candidates for ordained ministry (¶¶ 258.2(g)9, 310.1(e)) (*v)?
2. List the names of the persons the church has given to the United Methodist Ministry?

George Palmer Hudson
3. Who are recommended as Local Church Lay Servants (¶ 266) (*v)?
 - A. New:
 - B. Renewed: Debra Crosby Tim Jones Amaryllis Scoggins
4. Who are recommended as Certified Lay Servants (¶ 266) (*v)?

A. New:

B. Recertified: Frankie Jo Evans

5. Who are recommended as Certified Lay Speakers (§ 267) (*v)?

A. New:

B. Recertified:

6. Who are recommended as Certified Lay Ministers (§ 268) (*v)?

A. New:

B. Recertified:

VI. Stewardship

One way the local church participates in the world wide mission of the church is through apportionments (§ 247.14).

Bethel/Ruffin (271855)

A. What percent of apportionments were paid in 2021? 100%

What do you expect to pay in 2022? 100%

B. If you are not paying 100% of your apportionments, please explain why, and what are your plans to move toward 100% payment?

N/A

C. Are you up to date on Direct Billing? Yes

If not, what is your current balance and plan to address it?

N/A

Do you plan to enroll in the Conference Forgiveness Plan? No

D. Has a 2021 Audit been completed and report submitted to the District Office? Yes

St Johns/Ruffin (272006)

A. What percent of apportionments were paid in 2021? 100%

What do you expect to pay in 2022? 100%

B. If you are not paying 100% of your apportionments, please explain why, and what are your plans to move toward 100% payment?

N/A

C. Are you up to date on Direct Billing? Yes

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N/A

Do you plan to enroll in the Conference Forgiveness Plan? No

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Tabor (271957)

A. What percent of apportionments were paid in 2021? 100%

What do you expect to pay in 2022? 100%

B. If you are not paying 100% of your apportionments, please explain why, and what are your plans to move toward 100% payment?

N/A

C. Are you up to date on Direct Billing? Yes

If not, what is your current balance and plan to address it?

N/A

Do you plan to enroll in the Conference Forgiveness Plan? No

D. Has a 2021 Audit been completed and report submitted to the District Office? Yes

Presiding Elder or District Superintendent

Secretary

Ruffin Circuit United Methodist Churches



St John
141 Double Churches Rd



Bethel
16147 Low Country Hwy



Tabor
7186 Bells Hwy

October 25, 2023

God truly blessed me when He by having me appointed to the Ruffin Circuit. Cheri and I were blessed to be here for six years, and I enjoyed my time here as the Pastor's husband and now to return as their Pastor is such an honor. I felt like I was coming home, and they welcomed me with open arms. I am looking forward to many years of growing God's Kingdom here in the Ruffin Circuit.

During these past few months, we have seen an increase in attendance and even added a couple of members to Bethel's church family. In the coming months we plan to take a look at our membership to see who is missing and make a plan to get them back in the pews. We also plan to work towards starting a committee that will provide "welcome" and "welcome back" packet to stray members and new people to the community.

We have increased our Supper and Scripture to twice a month instead of once a month with covered dish one week and I cook the other week. We have a Zoom Bible study that meets once a week and have plans for an in-person Advent Bible study. We held our annual Trunk or Treat and are looking forward to programs and activities for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

I look forward to what God has in store for the Ruffin Circuit in 2023 as we open more doors to invite people in and grow God's Kingdom.

Blessings,

Pastor Keith Yates

Report of Pastor 2022

The report of the pastor in charge shall include the names of all persons involved in the changes in membership and other items outlined in the 2016 Book of Discipline (§§ 234, 340). This report should cover as fully as possible the work of the pastor. Care should be taken not to duplicate the reports of the Church Council, committees, organizations, and officers of the charge.

Copies of this report should be filed with the recording secretary, pastor, district superintendent, and chairperson of witness or evangelism ministries.

Church <u>Bethel/Ruffin 271855</u>	Charge <u>RUFFIN CIRCUIT 271855</u>
District <u>Walterboro District</u>	Conference <u>South Carolina Conference</u>
For the period beginning 11/21/2021 and ending 10/24/2022.	

1. List those who have been received into baptized membership since last report (Record names and dates).

a. Infants baptized since last report

Name	Date
None	

b. All others: children, youth, and adults baptized since last report.

Name	Date
None	

2. List those who have been received into professing membership since the last report (Record names and dates).

a. On profession of faith or restored

Name	Date
None	

b. From other United Methodist churches.

Name	Date
None	

c. From other non-United Methodist churches.

Name	Date
None	

3. List those who have been removed from the professing membership since last report (Record names and dates).

a. By action of the Charge Conference, or trial court, or withdrawal

Name	Date
None	

b. By transfer to other United Methodist churches.

Name	Date
None	

c. By transfer to other non-United Methodist churches.

Name	Date
Lisa Breland	08/22/2022
Richard Breland	08/22/2022

d. By death.

Name	Date
Benjamin Evans	12/18/2021
Ronald M Hudson	09/07/2022

4. Have the membership rolls been audited? No

a. If not, why not?

The membership rolls were audited in 2016 by Mildred W. Ulmer.

b. Who has moved from your community since the last Charge Conference?

NA

c. What has been done to relate them to another church?

NA

5. The pastor shall give a report on the State of the Church (Please do not duplicate report of the Church Council or other committees. Only the highlights, from the pastor's perspective, the major issues or events related to the health of the church). (Attach as a supplement.)

6. The Pastor shall give an account of pastoral ministry as it relates to (§ 340): Elders, provisional elders, and local pastors have a fourfold ministry of Word, Sacrament, Order and Service. Please describe how you have fulfilled your calling this year in the following ways: (Attach as a supplement.)

a. Preach and teach the Word.

b. Provide pastoral care and counsel.

c. Administer the sacraments.

d. Order the life of the church for service in mission and ministry.

e. Include as a part of the report a statement outlining the pastor's program of continuing education and spiritual growth for the past year and plans for the year to come (§ 351).

Signed

Printed Name

Date

Annual Report of Trustees - 2022

The trustees are amenable to the Charge Conference and as such are required to make an annual report. Additional reports should be made as requested by the Charge Conference or Church Council.

Church Name: Bethel/Ruffin (271855) Charge Name: RUFFIN CIRCUIT

(271855) Town: Ruffin District: Walterboro District

To the Charge Conference October 24 for the year ending 2022

1. Organization for 2022 took place at a meeting on January 22, 2022 by electing the following officers:

Name	Term Expires
Chair Michael Crosby	12/31/
Member Michael Crosby	12/31/2023
Member Athelda Dunn	12/31/2024
Member Tim Jones	12/31/2022
Member Marshall Ryan	12/31/2023
Member Alice Sherry	12/31/2022
Member Keith Ulmer	12/31/2024

2. Number of church buildings 2; Number of parsonages 1.

3. Value of church...

Type	Name	How was value determined?	Value
Buildings	Bethel UMC Main Building		1,134,000.00
Buildings	Hudson Fellowship Hall (Bethel UMC)		285,000.00
Furnishings	Hudson Fellowship Hall furnishings & content		17,100.00
Land	Bethel UMC Land		7,500.00
Total			\$ 1,443,600.00

4. Value of parsonage(s)...

Type	Name	How was value determined?	Value
Buildings	Ruffin UMC Parsonage building		203,000.00
Furnishings	Ruffin UMC Parsonage furniture & content		22,000.00
Land	Ruffin UMC Parsonage Land		3,500.00
Total			\$ 228,500.00

5. Value of other assests (cash, investments, other property, etc...)

Type	Name	How was value determined?	Value
Other	Bethel UMC Main Building Furnishings & Equipment		117,000.00
Total			\$ 117,000.00

6. Incorporation of Local Church

- Is the local church incorporated? Yes Date Incorporated 05/21/2003
- Who is the church's registered agent on record with the SC Secretary of State? Michael Crosby (The Registered Agent should be the Trustee Chair.)
- Have the Articles of Incorporation been reviewed? No Articles of Incorporation Reviewed Date
- Have the By-laws been reviewed? No By-laws Reviewed Date

7. Name or names in which the title to each piece of property is recorded as shown by civil land records:

Item	Name	Where Filed?	Book	Page
Bethel UMC Land (all)		Colleton County Clerk of Court	108	519
Hudson Fellowship Hall		Colleton County Clerk of Court	108	519
Parsonage Land (all)		Colleton County Clerk of Court	11	234

8. Deeds

- a. Who is the custodian of the deeds and other legal papers? Bethel UMC Board of Trustees
Where are they kept? Lock box at Bank of the Lowcountry, Walterboro, SC
- b. Does each deed contain a trust clause? Yes
Has a current copy been submitted to the District Superintendent? No
If not, attach a copy of the deed to this report and complete the Quit Claim deed and attach a copy of it to this report.
- c. Is the title to church property held in the names of individual trustees or a local church cooperation? Local

9. Received during year for constructing and improving church building and parsonages, and how expended:

Received From	Amount	Disbursements	Amount
No records			

10. Present Indebtedness:

Item	Amount
No records	

11.

a. Insurance

Item Insured/Insurance	Replacement Value	Amount of Coverage	Type of Coverage	Company	Deductible	Expires When
Church Buildings	1,134,000.00	1,134,000.00	special	Church Mutual	1,000.00	08/31/2022
Church Furnishings and Equipment	117,000.00	117,000.00	special	Church Mutual	1,000.00	08/31/2022
General Liability	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	special	Church Mutual	1,000.00	08/31/2022
Cyber Liability and Data Breach	50,000.00	50,000.00	special	Church Mutual	1,000.00	08/31/2022

- b. Have the buildings been inspected for fire hazards within the past year? No
- c. When was the last appraisal made? 06/03/1987
- d. By whom? Thomas L. Berry
- e. Is the amount of insurance adequate? Yes
- f. Does the church's insurance cover professional liability? Yes Amount 50,000
- g. Does the church's insurance cover all programs that occur in the facilities (i.e. Scouts, community groups, AA, etc)? Yes
- h. Does your church sponsor a scouting ministry? No
If yes, please include identifying information:
Type of Troop: Number: Scout Council:
Attach copies of any signed agreements you have with Scouting entities.
Attach copies of any insurance policies that cover the church for scouting activities.
- i. Who is bonded?

12. Detailed list of income producing property and permanent funds:

Item	Date Received	Amount	Where Invested	Income	How Income is used for Ministry

No records

Attach supplement if needed for "How Income is used for Ministry" entry.

13. Has an annual accessibility audit for the church been conducted? No

Date:

Signed
Chair or Secretary, Trustees