Subject: **BUMC - Please Be Alert: Email Scam Using Pastor Spencer's Name**

Dear Bethlehem Family,

I want to make you aware of an email scam that targeted our church this morning.

Someone sent an email pretending to be me from **pastoroffice269@gmail.com** (though the address line might read, **Rev. Spencer Broce)**. That is **not** my email address. The message looked convincing, and a copy of our church directory was sent before we realized it was a scam.

Because the sender may now have names and contact information from the directory, please be especially careful with unexpected emails or messages that appear to come from me, our staff, or someone from Bethlehem.

A few things to remember:

- **Check the actual email address**, not just the name that appears.
- Be cautious about unexpected requests for money, gift cards, personal information, or church information.
- If a message seems unusual, **do not respond right away**. Contact the person another way to make sure it is really them.

My church email is **spencerbroce@vaumc.org**. You can also call the church office at **540-297-7957** if you are unsure about a message.

These scams can be very convincing. Taking an extra moment to check can make a big difference.

Thank you for helping us look out for one another.

Grace and peace,
Spencer



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