

Blessing of the Inlet Artisan Rules and Information

Come Join Us for the Twenty-Eighth Annual “**Blessing of the Inlet**” on Saturday May 4, 2024 at Belin Memorial United Methodist Church, Murrells Inlet, South Carolina. This event combines worship, art, crafts, food, and family fun.

1. All work must be **ORIGINAL**, 100% Handcrafted and be attributable solely to the displaying artist or crafter. Craft items can not include any type of ready to eat food or beverage. We reserve the right to remove any exhibit if it does not reflect our standards. We reserve the right to limit the number and types of entries.
2. Our spaces are approximately 12X12 feet outside at a cost of **\$100.00**. 10% percent of your application fees will be donated to our chosen charity this year.
3. You may set up your canopy, table and chairs the night before after 6 pm. You **MUST** secure your canopy with weights (cement blocks, etc.). Your weights for your canopy **MUST BE** heavy enough to hold your tent stable and must be on all 4 corners. We are not responsible for any damage you incur or cause by your tent blowing over. Please consider your neighbor crafters and have the proper weights. **Unfortunately we cannot provide assistance in loading/unloading.**
4. A South Carolina Retail Tax License is required. Participating vendors’ license information will be reported to South Carolina of Revenue. Each vendor must have their license available at the Blessing for examination. You will not be able to show at the Blessing without a license. (License is not required if you are exempt or have filed an Affidavit that declares you only conduct retail sales once in a 24-month period). **License must be on file for application to be accepted.** The Blessing of the Inlet is a Special Event Tax Event.
5. Applications will be processed as received. A notification email will go out once a week (usually Sunday night). Include a check or money order made payable to: Belin Memorial United Methodist Church. Please include pictures of your exhibits and a copy of the retail license. We do keep previous submissions on file. If you have provided a copy of your license and photos in previous years, you **DO NOT** have to submit them again. **Spaces will be assigned upon receipt of application AND payment. You may request a particular space but there is NO PROMISE that it will be assigned. This year we are incorporating our non-profits among the craft vendors so some spaces may not be available. We will get you as close as we can within reason. Emails will be sent out closer to the event date regarding Friday setup, parking, & traffic directions, etc.**
6. Sorry, we do not provide tables, chairs or electricity. Generators are **NOT** allowed and pets must be leashed.
7. This event will **NOT** be canceled or postponed in case of inclement weather. No refunds will be made on the day of the event. Refunds will only be considered if requested before April 1, 2024 on a case by case basis. **Applications/fees will not be carried over to the following year in case of a cancellation.**
8. **Hours for exhibit will be from 9 am – 3 pm.** Exhibitors **MUST** be set up **by 8:05 am**. Due to large amount of vehicles and the confined spaces, vendors must unload their vehicles and **PROMPTLY** move their vehicles to the parking area designated. Vehicles will not be allowed in after **8:00 am**. Golf cart volunteers will drive you back to your exhibit.
9. You **MUST** maintain a display for the entire day. Please do not break down your exhibit before 3 pm. To help facilitate setting up and breaking down booths/exhibits, Hwy 17 Bus road closure will be from 8:15 am til 4 pm.
10. Belin UMC is not responsible for any loss or injury to the exhibitor, their associates or goods.
11. No alcohol or smoking will be permitted on the church campus at any time.
12. Mail your application, pictures, copy of retail license (unless already on file) and fees to: **Belin Memorial UMC, Attn: BOI – Lara, PO Box 528, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576.**
13. All communication will be by email. Please provide an ACCURATE and LEGIBLE email address.

Questions and concerns? Contact larab@belinumc.org