

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2017 Guest Lenten Ministers

All services are in Spell Chapel and will begin at 6:15 PM

March 15 – Rev. Len Ripley, III – McClellanville UMC, McClellanville, SC

March 22 – Rev. Narcie Jeter – Point Hope UMC, Mt. Pleasant, SC

March 29 – Rev. Jeffrey Salley – Canaan/SandHill UMC, Ridgeville, SC

April 5 – Rev. Mitch Houston

Lenten Offering

The Lenten Season is one of the most important seasons in the Christian faith. It is a period of 40 Days, beginning Ash Wednesday and ending at Easter. During this period, Christians around the world participate in a season of penitence, prayers, fasting and self-denial, just as Jesus did when he spent 40 days in the wilderness. (Matt. 4:1-25 and Luke 4: 1-13)

A part of Bethany's participation in the Lenten season is the giving of a special offering as a church that is above and beyond our regular tithes and offerings. This year's Lenten offering will be split into different areas; 50% to Ecuador Mission, 25% to Wesley Foundation and 25% to Food and Missions. Please notate "Lenten" on your check or on an envelope for all donations made to the Lenten offering.

Cookies for Kairos for Lieber Prison Ministry

Kairos Cookies for Lieber Prison Ministry is Mar. 30 – Apr. 2.

Homemade cookies are a tangible example of Agape love and are used to display Christ's love through His servants to the prisoners at Lieber Correctional Institute. The cookies and prayers are looked upon by participants as tangible evidence of God's love as strangers took their time to pray and bake cookies for them and the ministry!

Please consider baking some homemade cookies for this wonderful ministry. Cookies must be packaged in non-metal containers such as shoe and pizza boxes. Please deliver baked goods to the Fellowship Hall by 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Mar. 29. Prayers are also needed for the weekend. Prayer vigil sign-up sheets will be distributed to Sunday school classes. Please consider being a part of the Kairos Ministry by baking cookies and/or participating in prayer vigil.

For more information about the Kairos Prison Ministry, contact Ed Hickey at 843.864.6723 or hckybug91@sc.rr.com.

Local Missions All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

The Local Missions Committee will host its annual All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Apr. 1 in the Fellowship Hall from 7 - 10 AM. Tickets are \$5 each and are available in the church business office, from Local Missions Committee members, or at the door. Join us to enjoy pancakes, sausage, coffee and milk. Proceeds will benefit Bethany's Global Missions Team. Kitchen volunteers are welcome, we'd love for you to be a part of this fun and rewarding event. For more information, contact Tom Veneziano at 843.851.5343.

Children's Mission Class Needs Your Help

The Children's Ministry will be hosting a mini mission class on Wednesday nights for grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. In this class, the children will be working hard to collect toiletries, small stuffed animals and pocket change for Low Country Orphan Relief. This wonderful organization supplies children with basic needs during transition to foster care and in times of crisis. We will have boxes downstairs in the main hallway available to collect any toiletries you may like to donate. Items needed: Toothbrushes, toothpaste, bars of soap, deodorant, travel sized shampoos and conditioners, travel sized brushes and combs. Gently used clean small or medium stuffed animals are also being collected. If you would like to donate change please let our children's ministry team know. Thank you for your support!

THIS WEEK...

Not all activities are included here. Look for the most up-to-date calendar posted throughout the church.

Sunday, Mar. 12

Second Sunday in Lent

Daylight Savings Time Begins

8 AM **WORSHIP**, Spell Chapel
8:45 AM **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary
8:45 AM **WORD & TABLE**, FH
10 AM Sunday School
11:15 AM **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary
11:15 AM **WORD & TABLE**, FH
3 PM Confirmation Class, Youth Wing
5:30 PM Ascend, Fellowship Hall

Monday, Mar. 13

6 PM SPRC Committee, Conf. Room
6:30 PM Singers of Summerville, Music Room
7:30 PM AA, Open Discussion, FC

Tuesday, Mar. 14

10 AM Quilters, Blue House
6:30 PM Finance Committee
7 PM Alpha Omega, 126, 128
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous, Cottage
7 PM Stephen Ministries Training, 118

Wednesday, Mar. 15

8:30 AM Disciple I, 118
5 PM Bethany NOW Meal, FH
6 PM Cherub Choir, Friendship Circle
6 PM Melody Choir, Sanctuary or Art, Art Room (K-2nd)
6 PM Missions, 213 (3rd-5th)
6:15 PM Lenten Service, Sanctuary
6:45 PM Missions, 213 (K-2nd)
6:45 PM Bible Story (Preschool), 102
6:45 PM Wesley Choir, Sanctuary or Art, Art Room (3rd-5th)

Thursday, Mar. 16

6:30 PM Trustees, Conf. Room
7 PM Church Council

Friday, Mar. 17

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, Mar. 18

No Activities Scheduled

Wifi Access

If you would like to connect to Wi-Fi while on church property, please use the guest connection and password guest2015.

Graduation Sunday

If you have a 2017 high school graduate, please email wthompson@bethany-umc.com with student name, high school, college attending, and parent contact information.

Communications Submissions

In an effort to make sure your event is as well publicized as possible, please email any and all information to communications@bethany-umc.com, 30 days prior to your event. Thank you for support.

Sunday School- Help Needed!

Our 1st grade Sunday school teaching team needs an additional teacher. We provide all the curriculum and supplies. Because we will have two teams, this is not a weekly commitment. Please consider volunteering with us! It is a wonderful way to help our children develop their faith, have great fellowship with other teachers, and be a part of the Children's Ministries team. Questions? Email smitchum@bethany-umc.com.

Videotaping

Our worship services are videotaped and made available for viewing on our web site. As a worshiper, you will not be identified in the video unless you are a speaker using our public address system. No close-up shots will be used of the congregation, allowing you privacy in your worship experience. If you wish to not have your image or voice used in our worship video, please notify Eileyn Sobeck-Bador (843.873.1230, ebador@bethany-umc.com), otherwise attendance implies consent.

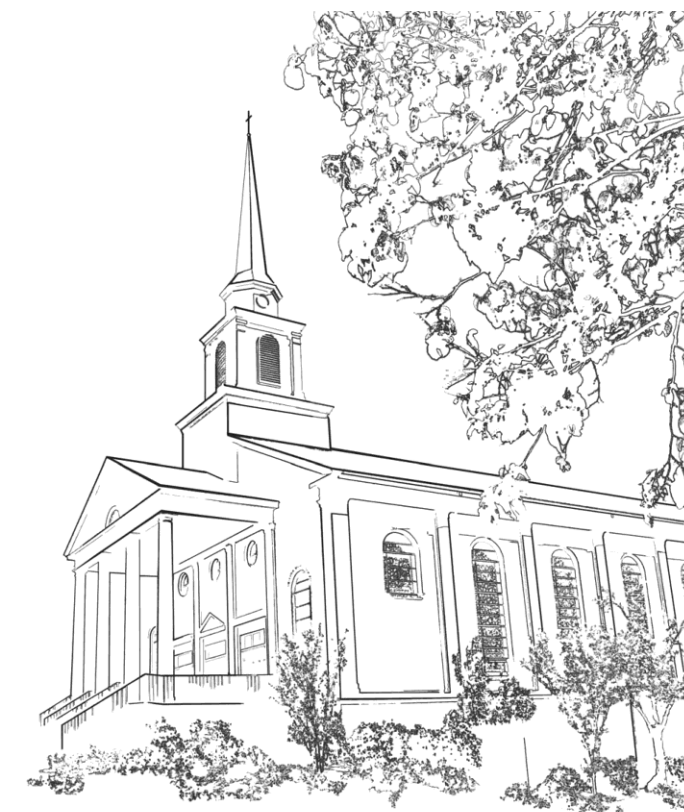
Emergency Phone

A minister is on call for pastoral emergencies after normal business hours during the week, as well as on weekends and holidays. If you have an emergency for which you need pastoral care, call the church emergency number, 843.425.1069.

March 12, 2017
8:45 and 11:15 a.m. Worship Services

BETHANY

United Methodist Church



Rev. Mitch Houston, Senior Pastor

Rev. Scott Adams, Associate Pastor

Rev. Adriane M. Burgess, Associate Pastor

Dr. Valerie Bullock, Director of Music Ministries

Michael López, Organist

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*We are a Stephen Ministry Church, a Safe Sanctuaries
Congregation and a Welcoming Church.*

CALLED TO CARE

March 12, 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday in Lent

Gathering
As the congregation gathers, please take a moment to speak to people sitting around you whom you may not know. Hebrews 13:2 (KJV) says, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unaware."

Prelude
As the prelude begins, let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer and prepare for worship.

Prelude in E minor J. S. Bach
 Michael López, organ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

* **Hymn in Procession, No. 384** Hyfrydol
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

* **Prayer of Confession** (pray in unison)
 Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your loving kindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
All: Glory to God. Amen.

The First Lesson Genesis 12:1-4 OT Pg. 10

Minister: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
 Minister: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (8:45)

Commendation and Welcome

Pastor: Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care this child, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that he may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our savior Jesus Christ?

People: With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Hartford, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Offertory *What Wondrous Love is This* Traditional

* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

* **Doxology, No. 95** *Old 100th*

* **Hymn of Assurance, No. 454** *Open My Eyes*
Open My Eyes, That I May See
 (8:45 & 11:15 - At the beginning of this hymn, children may leave for Children's Church / J.A.M ~ K5 – 2nd grade ~ **in room 214 of the Youth Wing.** Please remember to attach a J.A.M. sticker to your child and pick them up ASAP.)

* **The Gospel Lesson** John 3:15-17 NT Pg. 94
 Minister: The word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

(8:45) *And Can It Be* D. Forrest
 Bethany Men's Ensemble

(11:15) *Drop, Drop Slow Tears* R. Martin
 Chancel Choir

Sermon "God So Loved" Rev. Houston

* **Affirmation of Faith** Hymnal Pg. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 the third day he rose from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

* **Gloria Patri, No. 70** *Meineke*

* **Hymn of Dedication, No. 421** *Diademata*
Make Me a Captive, Lord

* **Blessing of the People**

* **Postlude** *Fugue in C major* J. S. Bach

* For those who are able, please stand.

ALTAR SYMBOLISM

During Lent, the black cloth is used to represent the darkness of sin and Satan. The burlap represents us, because we are yet unfinished and still rough around the edges. The white linen cloth represents the purity and refinement of our Lord.

The symbolic interpretation of scripture, on the altar, this second Sunday in Lent, is taken from John 3:15-17. "For God so loved the world", is represented by the globe. The black cloth surrounding the globe is suggestive of Satan and the sin, the evil that is ever present. As the burlap (representing us) approaches the white linen cloth, we are reminded of the walk through the wilderness of this world, (toward the cross) leading to the glory of the world to come.

WELCOME

We welcome all guests to our service today. If you are visiting with us, please allow us to further acknowledge your presence by signing the attendance registration pad when it is passed to you. A nursery is available for infants and toddlers in our Child Development Center on the first floor. An usher will be happy to give you directions. Also, please ask about our Sunday School hour at 10 a.m. with classes for all ages. Join us for complimentary coffee from 8:45 to 10:00 a.m. every Sunday outside of the Fellowship Hall, near the kitchen. If you would like more information about Bethany or becoming a member of our church, please contact Jack Sehart, Membership Director, at jsehrt@bethany-umc.com or 873-1230, ext.30.

HEARING DEVICES AND CELL PHONES

Hearing devices are available for our members and guests who are hearing impaired. If you need help hearing the worship service, please ask an usher for a hearing device.

In order to not distract your fellow worshipers, please **turn off** cell phones and other electronic devices before the worship service begins. Thank you.

ALTAR GREENS

The altar greens are given to the glory of God and in memory of Beth Whitfield by Liz Williams and family.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters
8:45 – Rick and Teri Reule
11:15 – Rob and Kerry Walters

Ushers
8:45 a.m. – Team Leader - Bill Phillips. Ron Clayton, Brian Collier, Jim Emery, Bob Iannace, Tim McConnell, Ed Muckenfuss, and Marion Thompson.
11:15 a.m. – Team Leader – David Morris. Bart Burford, Greg Elliott, Chris Glaze, Jimmy Jackson, Elliott Locklair, Bob Minus, and Steve Wilson.

Acolyte and Cross Bearer
8:45 – Laura Allison and Emily Allison
11:15 – Rachael Parrish and Evan Parrish

Liturgist
8:45 – Mr. Will Thompson
11:15 – Dr. Richard Hogue

Audio/Video Support
 Technical Ministries Team.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Hartford Dunham Bergeron* will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during the 8:45 service. Hartford is the son of Shawn and Laura Bergeron. Grandparents are Michael Bergeron of Summerville, Paul & Deb Steely of N. Charleston and Cecil & Gay Buddin of Bethany.
**Please, refrain from flash photography during the Worship service.*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Stewardship is being loyal to your commitment through presence, prayers, service and gifts.

Gifts (*Figures for March 5, 2017. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions for March 556,948.05
 *Budget Funds Contributed to Date349,324.36
 *Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date4,497.00

Capital Campaign (Figures for March 5, 2017)

*Capital Campaign Contributions for March 5 6,105.50
 *Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date.....34,257.50

8 am Spell Worship – 55; Word & Table Worship – 344; Sanctuary Worship – 656;
 Ascend (UMYF-Sunday evening) – 101; Sunday School – 563.