

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2017 Guest Lenten Ministers

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

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

Mission Team Spaghetti Dinner

The Ecuador 2017 Mission Teams are sponsoring a spaghetti dinner again this year on Mar. 30 at 5:30 PM. Dinner will be done cafeteria style or take out and will cost \$10.00/person. All proceeds will go towards covering the cost of the trip June 16-July 1, 2017. Come and enjoy dinner with the team.

God is working hard through this the team this year as we are blessed with having more family units (8) than we have had in the past. We also have 7 youth going this year.

Global Missions has established an 'Online Giving' account that would allow the congregation or public to go to Bethany UMC website and directly contribute to support all Global Mission Ministries.

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.

Living Water Ministry

We would like to invite everyone to join hands with the Summerville Family YMCA in celebrating their annual Flowertown Festival Mar. 31-Apr. 2. During the festival, Bethany will again provide a restful location with live Christian music; a free bottle of water and a complimentary koozie, for visiting our "Picnic/Oasis Area".

You may be a part of this outreach ministry by making a donation in one of the following ways: the offering plate, church office, or in the container on the display table near the kitchen entrance to the Fellowship Hall. Please clearly mark your check for "Living Water".

Volunteers are needed to welcome our guests, hand out the "Living Water", answer questions, and to keep the Oasis/Picnic Area tidy and neat. Signup sheets are on the Flowertown Festival display table. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Richard Spencer at 843.821.7570.

Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper"

Bethany UMC will present The Living Dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's 'The Last Supper, during Holy Week.

The presentation is a moving drama, meant to help people better understand the passion of Christ in the events leading up to His crucifixion.

Two presentations are planned:

- **Holy Thursday, April 13, at 7:30 PM.**, in the Fellowship Hall
- **Good Friday, April 14, at 7:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall

Communion will be served. The drama is recommended for adults and youth, and a nursery will be provided for children under age four.

Admission is free, but tickets are required. Tickets will be available begging Mar. 19 on the first floor outside of the Fellowship Hall.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, Mar. 19

Third Sunday in Lent

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. 20

6:30 PM Singers of Summerville, Music Room
7:30 PM AA, Open Discussion, FC

Tuesday, Mar. 21

10 AM Quilters, Blue House
11 AM UMW, Fellowship Hall
7 PM Alpha Omega, 126, 128
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous, Cottage
7 PM Stephen Ministries Training, 118

Wednesday, Mar. 22

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, Spell
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. 23

No Activities Scheduled

Friday, Mar. 24

12 PM Happy Hearts' Luncheon
5 PM Bridges Respite, F. Circle

Saturday, Mar. 25

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.

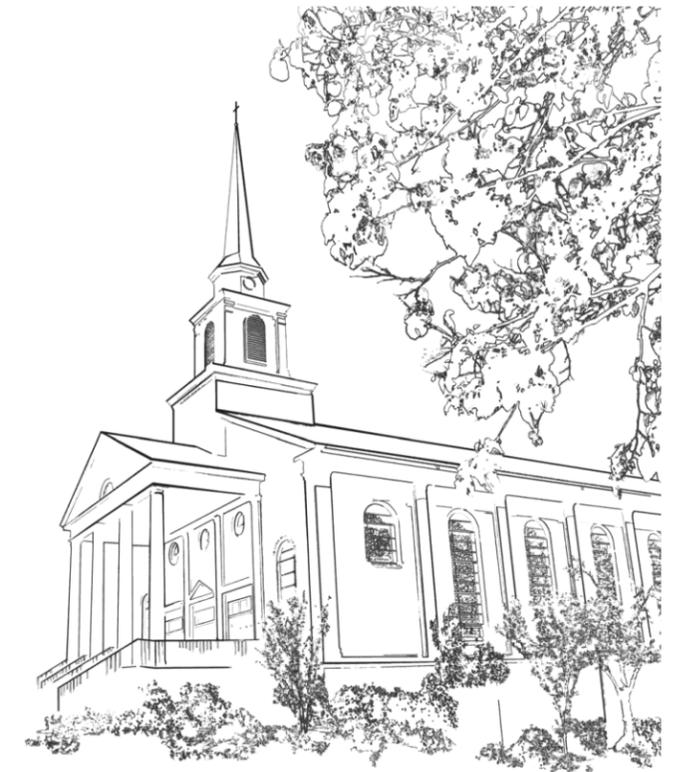
Emergency Phone

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 19, 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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Congregation and a Welcoming Church.*

CALLED TO CARE

March 19, 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Third 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. 160** Marion
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

* **Prayer of Confession** (pray in unison)
 Compassionate and Merciful God, we call upon you this day with wonder at the extent of your love, grateful for your presence with us in our daily living. We come knowing you welcome us as we are: persons who know both good and bad influences, effects, and choices. We come desiring to be closer to you, we ask that you answer us and help us to walk closer with you. Bless our worship and our prayer and our song – that you may be glorified and that we may be strengthened, forgive our sins and failures, we ask it in the name of Christ Jesus 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 Romans 5:1-11 NT Pg. 155

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 Marlana, 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. 452** *Olivet*
My Faith Looks Up to Thee

(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 4 (selected verses) NT Pg. 94

Minister: The word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

(8:45) *Lord, for thy Tender Mercies Sake* R. Farrant
 Chamber Singers

(11:15) *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* R. Price
 Chancel Choir

Sermon "Samaritan" 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. 297** *St. Christopher*
Beneath the Cross of Jesus

* **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 third Sunday in Lent, is taken from John 4. The vessel on the altar is suggestive of the vessel used by the woman at the well when she responded to the request by Jesus for water. But the water, the living water, provides a perpetual spring within, that satisfies our thirst for eternal life, forever.

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 A.C. Holler by the Holler family.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Gillis and Martha McAllister

11:15 – Sandy Hyduk

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 – Rachel Parrish and Evan Parrish

11:15 – Emma Barnes

Liturgist

8:45 – Mr. Will Thompson

11:15 – Dr. Richard Hogue

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Marlena Kay Rice* will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during the 8:45 service. Marlena is the daughter of Mathew and Marissa Rice. Grandparents are Petra Rice of Goose Creek, Ron & Karen Rice of Summerville and Harrell McGuire and Sandra Engle 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 12, 2017. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions for March 1237,682.89

*Budget Funds Contributed to Date387,007.25

*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date7,944.00

Capital Campaign (Figures for March 12, 2017)

*Capital Campaign Contributions for March 12 3,213.50

*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date.....37,471.00

8 am Spell Worship – 31; Word & Table Worship – 287; Sanctuary Worship – 551
 Ascend (UMYF-Sunday evening) – 101; Sunday School – 446.