

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week with 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.

Limited tickets are available on the first floor outside of the Fellowship Hall.

Easter Worship Opportunities

Easter Sunday, April 16

- 6:45 AM Sunrise Service at Azalea Park* – please bring your lawn chair *(in case of rain we will move to Spell Chapel)
- 8 AM Worship in Spell Chapel
- 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**
- 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM Word and Table Contemporary Services in the Fellowship Hall**

** A Nursery will be provided

Vacation Bible School- Register TODAY!

Put on your cape and mask...it's time for Hero Central VBS- June 12-16 9 AM - 12:30 PM. VBS is for children ages three (currently attending 3K) through those children who have just completed sixth grade. You can register quickly and easily online at www.bethany-umc.com. We strongly encourage early registration as classes will fill up fast. ***We still need teachers and assistants in classrooms to fill our volunteer roster.*** If you are interested in helping out, contact Stephanie Mitchum at smitchum@bethany-umc.com

The Flowering Cross

The flowering cross is an especially striking and beautiful way to represent the new life that emerges from the death of Christ on Good Friday. Please help us adorn the cross with flowers on Easter Sunday, as we celebrate the transformation on the rugged cross into a symbol of life and a new beginning. All children's Sunday School classes will visit the cross during the Sunday School hour.

Please join us on Easter morning in adorning the cross outside the Sanctuary by bringing cut flowers. As you come to church, place the flowers on the cross to affirm with all of us that Christ has conquered death and is alive. We look forward to celebrating God's great gift with you on Easter.

Children's Mission Class Needs Your Help

The Children's Mission class on Wednesday night is collecting basic toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, brush, comb, etc.) and new or very gently used stuffed animals to donate to Lowcountry Orphan Relief. The children will be sorting and packing the items to give to this organization, who passes them on to children who are in situations where they do not have access to these items. Please help our kids by purchasing some items and placing them in donation boxes located downstairs near the elevator.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, Apr. 9

Palm Sunday

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
12:30 PM "Last Supper" Set Up
3 PM Confirmation Class, Youth Wing
5:30 PM Ascend, Fellowship Hall

Monday, Apr. 10

6 PM SPRC, Conference Room
6:30 PM Singers of Summerville, Music Room
7 PM Youth Council Mtg., 214
7:30 PM AA, Open Discussion, FC

Tuesday, Apr. 11

10 AM Quilters, Blue House
6:45 PM "Last Supper" Dress Rehearsal, FC, FH
7 PM Alpha Omega, 126, 128
7 PM UMW Executive Board, Conference Room
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous, Cottage

Wednesday, Apr. 12

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, Apr. 13

Maundy Thursday

Beacon Deadline

6:30 PM Trustees, Conference Room
7 PM Global Missions, 214
7:30 PM "The Last Supper", Fellowship Hall

Friday, Apr. 14

Good Friday- Office/Campus closed

7:30 PM "The Last Supper", Fellowship Hall

Saturday, Apr. 15

No Activities Scheduled

Office Closed on April 14 & 17

Please note that the church office will be closed on Friday, April 14 and Monday, April 17, in observance of Easter. We will resume normal office hours on Tuesday, April 18.

Recording/Videotaping

Worship services are recorded/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**.

Wifi Access

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

April 9, 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

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

CALLED TO CARE

April 9, 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Palm Sunday

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.

All Creatures of Our God and King arr. D. Bish
 Michael López, organ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

* **Hymn in Procession, No. 280** *St. Theodulph*
All Glory, Laud and Honor
 Congregation, Cherub, Melody and Wesley Choirs

Prayer of Confession (pray in unison)

Lead on O King Eternal and help us to follow with love and praise.
 May we never join the crowd of jealousy, gossip and betrayal but forever keep our hearts in you. Thank you for embracing us despite our sins and forgive us as you call us to forgive. Lord Jesus you suffered and died that we, and all the world, might be reconciled to our God, and all may be redeemed by the blood of your suffering. We thank you on this Holy Sunday for loving us and hearing our prayers. In Jesus name, 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 Philippians 2:5-11 NT Pg. 197

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 forever. Amen.

Offertory *All Glory, Laud and Honor* arr. C. Tambling
 Michael López, organ

* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

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

* **Hymn of Assurance, No. 277** *Stories of Jesus*
Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

(8:45 and 11:15 - At the beginning of this hymn, children may leave for Children's Church / J.A.M ~ ages K5 thru 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** Matthew 27:45-54 NT Pg. 23

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

(8:45) *Hosanna! Hosanna!* arr. N. Sleeth
 Melody and Wesley Choirs

(11:15) *Ride On, King Jesus* L. Shackley
 Chancel Choir; Michael López and Anne Poole, piano

Sermon "This Man Is the Son of God" 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. 287** *Selena*
O Love Divine, What Has Thou Done

* **Blessing of the People**

* **Postlude** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. E. Deimer

* For those who are able, please stand.



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.31.

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 Gary C. Banks, Jr. by his children, grandchildren and great grandson.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Rich and Cindy Lee Thorington

11:15 – Bill and Connie Figard

Ushers

8:45 a.m. – Team Leader – Billy Hay. Laurence Clair, Wayne Courtney, Stuart Courtney, Steve Davis, Mike Lykins, Jim McElheny, and Jonathan Patterson

11:15 a.m. – Team Leader - David Huffman. Marty Eubanks, Ed Hickey, Sandy Hickey and Tom Venezino

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

8:45 – Olivia Bates-Pendleton and Brianna Fuller

11:15- Emma Bassett and Meredith Bassett

Liturgist

8:45 – Mr. David Powell

11:15 – Rev. Scott Adams

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for April 2, 2017. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions for April 2..... 38,616.72

*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....476,661.28

*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date..... 31,055.00

Capital Campaign (Figures for April 2, 2017)

*Capital Campaign Contributions for April 23,201.00

*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date44,871.00

Presence (April 2, 2017)

8 am Spell Worship – 39; Word & Table Worship – 265; Sanctuary Worship – 525;
 Ascend (UMYF-Sunday evening) – 52; Sunday School – 465.