

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Family

Sympathies: We would like to extend our Christian sympathies to Mary Allison and family at the death of her mother, Mary Ann Inabenit on March 27.

We would like to extend our Christian sympathies to Sharon Smith and family at the death of her sister, Beverly Adams on March 31.

We would like to extend our Christian sympathies to Karen Fleischauer and family at the death of her father, Harold McKenzie on April 7.

We would like to extend our Christian sympathies to John Lyons and family at the death of his brother, Paul Lyons in Columbia.

We would like to extend our Christian sympathies to Steve Jolly and family at the death of his mother, Edith Jolly on April 16.

Bethany NOW Spring Schedule

Join us for our Wednesday night activities with classes for everyone. NOW begins with a meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5 P.M. The meal for this week will be Pork BBQ, Potato Salad and Cole Slaw. Meals are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12, with a family maximum of \$20. (Immediate family consists of parents and children only.) The Sunday School support will be Connections/Lift.

Vacation Bible School- Register TODAY!

Join us for Hero Central June 12-16 from 9 AM- 12:30 PM. Classes are filling up fast!! Register today before it's too late. 3K is currently full and there are only 150 spots left in all the other grade levels. You can register quickly and easily online at www.bethany-umc.com. 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

Baptism Class

There will be a baptism class offered on Wed., May 3 beginning at 6:15 PM, in the conference room. This class is for parents wishing to have their children baptized. Parents must attend a baptism class before their child is baptized. The only exception is for parents who have previously attended a class for another child baptized at Bethany. To attend, please RSVP by registering online at www.bethany-umc.com. Look for the link under the worship tab. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Brown at ebrown@bethany-umc.com.

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.

Happy Hearts' Luncheon

The next luncheon meeting of Bethany Happy Hearts' will be on Friday, April 28 at 12:00 noon. Our guest will be Peggy Sineath, A local resident, singing Gospel, Sacred, and Contemporary Christian Music.

All Bethany members are invited to attend and bring a guest with you. Our menu for this meeting includes Fried Pork Chops, Mac & Cheese, Carrots, Cole Slaw, Lemon Pie, Rolls/Butter, and Tea/Water, with Lemon. The cost of the meal is \$6 per person. Please make a reservation no later than Wednesday, April 26. Call Linda Field at 843.832.9925 or email her at fieldmw@hotmail.com.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, Apr. 23

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, Apr. 24

6 PM Care Team, 237
6:30 PM Singers of Summerville, Music Room
6:45 PM Local Missions, Conf. Room
7:30 PM AA, Open Discussion, FC

Tuesday, Apr. 25

10 AM Quilters, Blue House
6 PM Global Impact Celebration Planning, 240
7 PM Alpha Omega, 126, 128
7 PM Stephen Ministries Training, 118
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous, Cottage

Wednesday, Apr. 26

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)
6:45 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. 27

6:30 PM Evangelistic Outreach Meetings, 237

Friday, Apr. 28

12 PM Happy Hearts' Luncheon

Saturday, Apr. 29

No Activities Scheduled

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.

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.

Bethany Annual Golf

Tournament

The Annual Bethany Golf Tournament will be held on May 6 at Miler Country Club of Summerville. All members of Bethany and their friends are invited to participate in a day of golf, good food and fellowship. There is a shot gun start at 8 AM and the format is Captain's Choice. The price is \$50 for Miler members and \$55 for non-members. The price includes golf, pulled pork and prizes! To make reservations, please call 843.873.1230 or 843.873.7261.

April 23, 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

April 23, 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday of Easter

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 and Fugue in F J.S. Bach
 Michael López, organ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Time of Friendship

* **Hymn in Procession, No. 304** *Regent Square*
Easter People, Raise Your Voices

* **Collect for the Day** (pray in unison)

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson I Peter 1:3-9 NT Pg. 232

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 *Day By Day* arr. C. Courtney

(in the style of Frederic Chopin)
 Michael López, piano

* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

* **Doxology No. 94** *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

* **Hymn of Assurance, No. 662** *St. Michael*

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

(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** John 20:19-23 NT Pg. 115

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

(8:45) *Easter Anthem* W. Billings
 Chamber Singers

(11:15) *The Majesty and Glory* T. Fettke
 Chancel Choir

Sermon "O What a Beautiful Morning" Rev. Houston

* **Easter Affirmation**

This is the Good News which we have heard, upon which we base our lives, and by which we are set free from the power of death to experience life: Christ was crucified, according to the scriptures. But death could not hold Him. He experienced resurrection by the power of God. His living presence has been and is experienced by many. We too, affirm today His presence in us and with us. We believe in God's Love, which gives us victory over sin and death, and makes new and eternal life possible. Amen.

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

* **Hymn of Dedication, No. 707** *Promise*
Hymn of Promise

* **Blessing of the People**

* **Postlude** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. H. Hopson

* 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 Sehr, 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 FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Donabelle Myers Brandenburg and Hazel and Joe Melia by Annette and Joe Meachum.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Phil and Deb Richardson

11:15 – Sunny and Linda Grant

Ushers

8:45 a.m. – Team Leader – Billy Hay. Laurence Clair, Wayne Courtney, Stuart Courtney, Jack Cross, Steve Davis, 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 – Anne Tanner

11:15- Elijah Hughes and Lizzie Farrell

Liturgist

8:45 – Mr. Cam Hembree

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 16, 2017. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions for April 16.....38,616.72

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

*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date31,055.00

Capital Campaign (Figures for April 16, 2017)

*Capital Campaign Contributions for April 163,201.00

*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date44,871.00

Presence (April 16, 2017)

Easter Sunrise – 220; 8 am Spell Worship – 54; Word & Table Worship – 516;

Sanctuary Worship – 1339; Sunday School – 422.