

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Bethany Family

The church office is unaware of anyone at this time. If you know of a Bethany member that is hospitalized, please let the office know, and we will follow up.

### 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 Salmon Cakes, Wild Rice, Roasted asparagus, and for the kids: Fish Sticks and Tator Tots. 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 Daily Bread/Providence.

### 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](http://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](mailto:ebrown@bethany-umc.com).

### National Day of Prayer

The Spell Chapel will be open from 7 AM-6 PM on Thursday, May 4 for National Day of Prayer.

### Vacation Bible School- Registration Extended May 8!

Join us for Hero Central June 12-16 from 9 AM- 12:30 PM. Classes are filling up fast!! Registration ends May 8. 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](http://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](mailto:smitchum@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.

### Bethany Basics- New Member Class

Are you a new member or a visitor wanting to learn more about our church? Join us on Wed, May 10 at 6 PM for Bethany Basics. This introductory session helps you learn more about your new church family & home. For more information, please contact Membership Director, Jack Sehart at 843.873.1230 or [jsehart@bethany-umc.com](mailto:jsehart@bethany-umc.com)

### Graduation Sunday, May 21

If you have a 2017 high school graduate, please email your students name, high school, college attending, and parent contact information to Will Thompson at [wthompson@bethany-umc.com](mailto:wthompson@bethany-umc.com)

### Altar Flowers Needed!

Altar flowers are a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one.

The following dates are the openings we have for the rest of 2017.

June 4, July 9 & 23, Aug. 13 & 20, Sept. 3, 10 & 24, Oct. 1, 15 & 29, Nov. 19 & 26, Dec. 3, 17 & 31. Please contact Dana Wells at [dwells@bethany-umc.com](mailto:dwells@bethany-umc.com) or 843.873.1230 ext.27 to reserve a date.

## THIS WEEK...

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

### Sunday, Apr. 30

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

### Monday, May 1

6:30 PM Singers of Summerville, Music Room  
7 PM Prayer Shawl, 119  
7:30 PM AA, Open Discussion, FC

### Tuesday, May 2

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

### Wednesday, May 3

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, May 4

*National Day of Prayer*  
6:30 PM Stewardship, 118

### Friday, May 5

*No Activities Scheduled*

### Saturday, May 6

9:30 AM Upcycling Class, 239

### 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](mailto: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](#).

### 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.

### Technical Ministries Work Day

Technical Ministries is having a workday at the church on Saturday, May 20 from 9 AM – 2 PM. No experience necessary! Please confirm by email by May 17 to Danny Trump at [techsupport@bethany-umc.com](mailto:techsupport@bethany-umc.com) if you are willing to help.

April 30, 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**

April 30, 2017  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
*Third 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.

*Partita on Lancashire* K. Hildebrand  
 1. Theme  
 2. Intrada  
 3. Duet  
 4. Scherzo  
 5. Fugue/Finale  
 Michael López, organ

**Welcome and Parish Concerns**

**Time of Friendship**

\* **Hymn in Procession, No. 303** *Lancashire*  
*The Day of Resurrection*

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

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *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.*

**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 they 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 Zoey, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

**Offertory** *Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* arr. C. Courtney  
 (in the style of Johannes Brahms)  
 Michael López, piano

\* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

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

\* **Hymn of Assurance, No. 88** *Diademata*  
*Maker, in Whom We Live*

(At the beginning of this hymn, children may leave for Children's Church / J.A.M ~ ages K5 thru 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Second Lesson** Romans 8:5-13 NT Pg. 157

Minister: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

(8:45) *One Faith, One Hope, One Lord* C. Courtney  
 Bethany Men's Ensemble

(11:15) *Crown Him with Many Crowns* C. Courtney  
 Chancel Choir

**Sermon** *"The Power of Faith at Work"* Rev. Burgess

\* **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. 310** *Ackley*  
*He Lives*

\* **Blessing of the People**

\* **Postlude** *Let All Creation Dance* 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 jsehr@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 Gus Moody by the Moody Family.

**SERVING THIS SUNDAY**

**Greeters**

**8:45** – Mike and Linda Field

**11:15** – Henry and Martha Proctor

**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** – Mary Ruth Horres and Piper Redick

**Liturgist**

**8:45** – Mr. Will Thompson

**11:15** – Mr. David Powell

**Audio/Video Support**

Technical Ministries Team

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

**Zoey Sanfrey Parker\*** will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during the 8:45 service. Zoey is the daughter of Scott and Julie Parker. Grandparents are Bob & Sandy Young and Jim & Stephanie Parker all 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 April 23, 2017. These figures are unverified.)

\*Budget Contributions for April 23.....27,557.88

\*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....587,995.27

\*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date .....34,823.00

**Capital Campaign** (Figures for April 23, 2017)

\*Capital Campaign Contributions for April 23 .....2,340.00

\*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date .....54,362.50

**Presence** (April 23, 2017)

8 am Spell Worship – 50; Word & Table Worship – 387; Sanctuary Worship – 606;  
 Ascend (UMYF-Sunday evening) – 59; Sunday School – 519.