

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 PM. The meal for this week will be Cheese Stuffed Pasta, Salad bar, Broccoli and Garlic Bread. 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 Friendship Circle.

Epworth Children's Home - Next Sunday!

Next week is Mother's Day. We will buy flowers, call the mothers in our lives and remember those mothers who have impacted our lives in the past. Most of the children at Epworth Children's Home will not be celebrating Mother's Day with their mothers. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff and volunteers who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional and physical support. Consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who call Epworth home. Epworth does not receive denominational funding (apportionments). This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

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 or 843.873.1230 ext. 27 to reserve a date.

Memorial Day - "Poppy Sunday"

The Friendship Circle Sunday School Class will honor our Veterans on Memorial Day Sunday, May 28 with baskets of Poppies. Proceeds will benefit the Fisher House Charleston. Checks may be written as such and ALL donations are tax deductible. We are providing this opportunity under the auspices of American Legion Post #166. Thank you all for your continued support in this worthy project.

The Mary and Martha Circle

The New UMW circle now has a name- The Mary and Martha Circle. We chose this name in hopes to embody the best characteristics of these two women; Mary with her passion for listening to the words of Jesus and Martha with her willingness to do hands-on work.

The next meeting will be on May 15 at 6 PM at the home of Anita Owen, 107 Deer Str. in Summerville. We will have a light dinner and work on crafts for Mission u. Mission u is a time of study at Spartanburg Methodist College in July. There is a craft room where items are sold to benefit 5 mission projects in South Carolina. Contact Tina Waters for details twaters2@sc.rr.com, 843.906.7301.

We Want Your Paper Towel Rolls!

Children's Ministries is collecting empty paper towel tubes. We need 450 of them! You can place empty, clean tubes in a box at the bottom of the stairs by the VBS display. We do NOT need toilet paper tubes, only long ones from paper towels. Thanks for your help with this project!!

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, May 7

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, May 8

6 PM SPRC, Conf. Room
6 PM Leiber Kairos Advisory Board, 126
6:30 PM Singers of Summerville, Music Room
7 PM Youth Council, 214
7:30 PM AA, Open Discussion, FC

Tuesday, May 9

10 AM Quilters, Blue House
6 PM Technical Ministry Meeting, 213
7 PM UMW Executive Board, Conf. Room
7 PM Alpha Omega, 236
7 PM Stephen Ministries Training, 118
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous, Cottage

Wednesday, May 10

8:30 AM Disciple I, 118
5 PM Bethany NOW Meal, FH
6 PM Bethany Basics
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 11

6:30 PM Trustees, Conf. Room
7 PM Global Missions, 237

Friday, May 12

11 AM Happy Hearts' Game Day, 118

Saturday, May 13

8:30 AM Lowcountry Emmaus Walk Board Mtg., Friendship Circle

Wi-Fi Access

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

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 if you are willing to help.

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 Sobek-Bador (843.873.1230, ebador@bethany-umc.com), otherwise attendance implies consent.

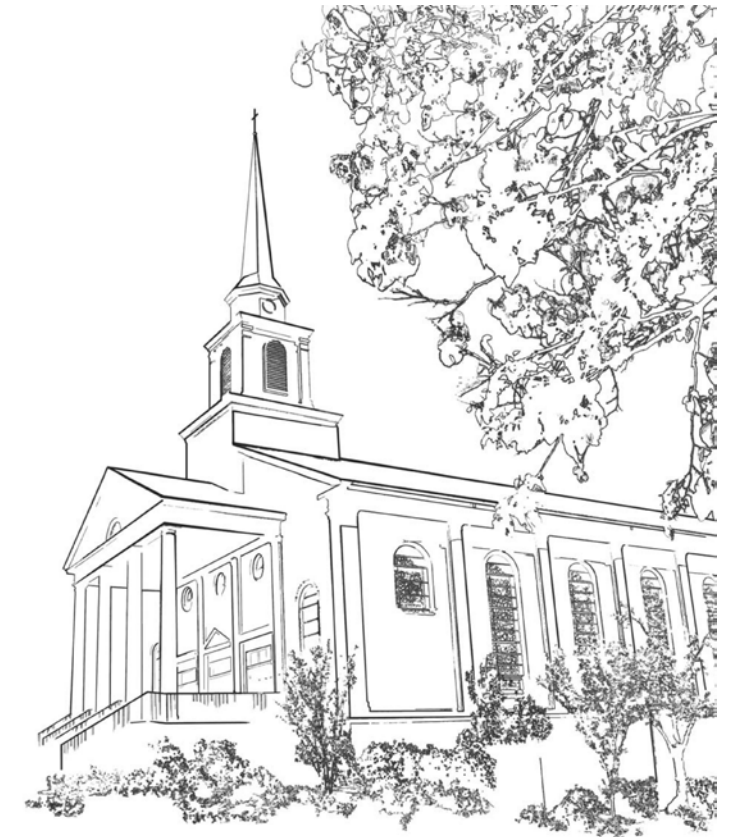
Emergency Phone

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.

May 7, 2017
8:45 a.m. Worship Service

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

May 7, 2017

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Easter / Care Team 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."

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

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

Welcome and Parish Concerns

* **Hymn in Procession, No. 158** Spanish Hymn
Come, Christians, Join to Sing

* Invitation to Communion

Prayer of General Confession (to be prayed in unison)

God of the Risen Christ, we lay before you everything that keeps us from rising with Christ to new life in you. We confess the burden of our self-righteousness that keeps us from sharing the good news with people we judge unworthy. We confess the burden of our apathy that keeps us from lifting the burdens of others. Enlighten our souls by the radiance of your Risen Son, that we may let your light shine through us. Amen.

Pardon

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 Acts 2:42-47 NT Pg. 120
Minister: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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. 396** Angel's Story
O Jesus, I Have Promised

(At the beginning of this hymn, children may leave for Children's Church ~ 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 Second Lesson Jeremiah 18:1-11 OT Pg. 720
Minister: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem The Majesty and Glory of Your Name T. Fettke
Chancel Choir

Sermon "Clay in the Hands of a Mighty God" Rev. Adams

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Lift up your hearts.

WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE HIM THANKS AND PRAISE.

Blessed are you, O God, who with your Word and Holy Spirit created all things and called them good. From the earth you bring forth bread and create the fruit of the vine. You formed us in your image, delivered us from captivity, and made covenant to be our sovereign God. You fed us manna in the wilderness, and gave grapes to evidence the promised land. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Please join in singing: Hymnal pg. 28

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory! Glory be to thee, O Lord most high! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

Holy are you, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ, in whom your Word became flesh and came to dwell among us. Through Jesus' suffering and death you destroyed the power of sin and death. You raised from the dead this same Jesus, who now reigns with you in glory, and poured upon us your Holy Spirit, making us the people of your new covenant.

On the night before meeting with death Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Please join in singing: Hymnal pg. 24

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that in unity we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by Christ's blood, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at your table for ever. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Giving (The ushers will direct the congregation to the table.)

Music for the Breaking of the Bread and the Taking of the Cup
Prayer after Receiving

* **Hymn of Dedication, No. 421** Diademata

Make Me a Captive, Lord

* **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 Sehart, Membership Director, at jsehart@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 honor of the Bethany Care Team.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Rich and Cindylee Thorington

Ushers

8:45 a.m. - Team Leader - Rett Fowler. Jerry Bateman, Kevin Carter, William DeLong, Rick Farthing, Mark Mitchum, Paskel Pye, Gene Smith, and David Zoellner.

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

8:45 – Brianna Fuller and Abigail Fuller

Liturgist

8:45 – Rev. Mitch Houston

Communion Assistants

8:45 – David and Becky Powell

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 30, 2017. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions for April 30.....33,914.27

*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....621,909.54

*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....37,073.00

Capital Campaign (Figures for April 30, 2017)

*Capital Campaign Contributions for April 303,006.50

*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date57,369.00

Presence (April 30, 2017)

8 am Spell Worship – 67; Word & Table Worship – 242; Sanctuary Worship – 559;
Ascend (UMYF-Sunday evening) – 79; Sunday School – 514.