

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.

Today We Give to the Epworth Mother's Day Offering

Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering to provide loving care for the children at Epworth Children's Home. Please find information about Epworth and the Mother's Day Offering on the bulletin insert. Epworth does not receive denominational funding (apportionments). This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org where you can choose to make a secure credit card donation or enroll for monthly contributions.

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!!

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. 20, Sept. 3, 10 & 24, Oct. 1, 15 & 29, Nov. 19 & 26, Dec. 17 & 31. Please contact Dana Wells at dwells@bethany-umc.com or 843.873.1230 ext.27 to reserve a date.

Calling All Men...

We need YOU to join the Men's Choir for our Annual Patriotic Anthem during worship services on July 2! Join us at our first rehearsal on June 4 in the Sanctuary immediately following the 8:45 service

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, May 14

Happy Mother's Day

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
5:30 PM Ascend, Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 15

Beacon Deadline

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

Tuesday, May 16

10 AM Quilters, Blue House
7 PM Alpha Omega, 126, 128
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous,
Cottage

Wednesday, May 17

8:30 AM Disciple I, 118
6:30 PM Lay Leadership, Conf.
Room

Thursday, May 18

6:30 PM Trustees, Conf. Room
7 PM Church Council, Sanctuary

Friday, May 19

6 PM Bridges- Respite

Saturday, May 20

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, May 21

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 Confirmation Service,
Sanctuary
11:15 AM WORD & TABLE, FH
5:30 PM Ascend, Fellowship Hall

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](#).

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.

Directory Volunteers Needed

Mark your calendars for August 15-19 and 22-26. We are gearing up for an updated Church Pictorial Directory!

We are looking for volunteers who will help check-in families when they come in for their pictures. Times will be in 3.5 hour shifts:

Tues-Fri: 2 -5:30 PM & 5:30 - 9 PM
Saturday 9:30 AM – 12:45 PM & 12:45 PM – 4 PM.

Two people are needed for each time frame. Please email ebador@bethany-umc.com.

Church Council

The Bethany Church Council will meet on Thursday, May 18 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Thank you for your attendance and please note the change of location of the meeting.

May 14, 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

May 14, 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Mother's Day

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.

With Sounding Timbrel C. Nordman
 Michael López, organ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Time of Friendship

Call to Worship (8:45) Traditional
Deep and Wide
 Cherub Choir

* **Hymn in Procession, No. 89** Hymn to Joy
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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

O God of creation, bind together in your all-embracing love every family on earth. Banish anger and bitterness within them; nourish forgiveness and peace. Bestow upon parents such wisdom and patience that they may gently exercise the disciplines of love and call forth from their children their greatest virtue and their highest skill. Instill in children independence and self-respect that they may freely obey their parents and grow in the joys of companionship. Open ears to hear the truth within the words and another speaks; open eyes to see the reality beneath another's appearance and make the mutual affection of families a sign of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The First Lesson Psalm 23 Hymnal No. 137
 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 (11:15)

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

Offertory *Reverie* J. Denton
 Michael López, organ

* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

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

* **Hymn of Assurance, No. 381** *Bradbury*
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
 (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 Gospel Lesson** John 10:1-10 NT Pg. 103
 Minister: The word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

(8:45) *Children of the Heavenly Father* D. Forrest
 Bethany Men's Ensemble

(11:15) *For the Beauty of the Earth* J. Rutter
 Chancel Choir

Sermon "Of Sheep and Shepherds" 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. 189** *St. Elizabeth*
Fairest Lord Jesus

* **Blessing of the People**

* **Postlude** *Fanfare* T. Dubois

* 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 Rose McCurry by her family.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Gillis and Martha McAllister
11:15 – Sandy Hyduk

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.
11:15 a.m. – Team Leader - Jim Kahl. Ben Brown, Richard Spencer, and Henry Thompson.

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

8:45 – Rachael Parrish and Evan Parrish
11:15 – Meredith Bassett and Emma Bassett

Liturgist

8:45 and 11:15 – Mr. Larry McKeehan

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Ellington Emery Graffis* will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during the 11:15 service. Ellington is the daughter of Jordan and Jordi Graffis. Grandparents are Ken Graffis of Summerville; Mark & Kathy Jenkins of Gallatin, TN; and Brent and Carol Smith of Kenova, WV.

**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 May 7, 2017. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions for May 7.....51,200.27
 *Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....673,109.81
 *Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date59,083.90

Capital Campaign (Figures for May 7, 2017)

*Capital Campaign Contributions for May 73,386.33
 *Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date60,755.33

Presence (May 7, 2017)

8 am Spell Worship – 44; Word & Table Worship – 224; Sanctuary Worship – 750;
 Ascend (UMYF-Sunday evening) – 92; **Sunday School – 519.**