

## 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.

### Temporary Sunday School Update

The roof repairs are moving along quickly. As a result of this project, the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Sunday school classroom hallway and stairwell will be closed and under construction sooner than expected. In lieu of separate Sunday School classes for adults, there will be a joint Sunday School gathering in Spell Chapel at 10:00 AM led by Sam Wood. This will be for May 21 and May 28. On June 4, we should move back to our regular scheduled rooms.

Also, Fellowship Hall will be without A.C. for the next two weeks.

First-floor classrooms can meet as scheduled, but they will not have A.C.

Thank you for your understanding as we are all very excited about this project being completed, and thrilled that we are moving ahead faster than expected.

### Memorial Day - "Poppy Sunday"

The Friendship Circle Sunday School Class will honor our Veterans today 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.

### Celebrating Pastor Adriane

Please join us as we honor and thank Rev. Adriane Burgess for her many years of dedicated service on Wednesday, June 7 from 6-8 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments will be served and casual attire recommended. Cards and letters to Pastor Adriane can be dropped off in the Welcome Center during normal church business hours or on Sunday mornings. The box will be given to Adriane on June 7. *(If you would like to contribute a Love Offering please mark your gift and place in the offering plate, or drop by the office "Attn: Dana Wells."*

### Love Offering

You are invited to provide a love offering for Adriane and her family as they embark on this new journey. We encourage you to remit a special offering by placing in the offering plate and mark the envelope "Love Offering" or, to our Church Secretary, Dana Wells. Your donation will be added to the gifts from other individuals and will help us send her with loving words and financial gifts.

### Stephen Ministry

If you would like to speak to someone about Stephen Ministry for yourself, or for someone you know, (please get their permission), contact one of the following: Denis Tsukalas 843.871.0381, MaryKay Wrenn 843.821.3123, Annette Goins 843.863.1868, or any of the Pastors.

### Altar Flowers Needed!

Dates are available to help honor or remember a loved one. Several dates are open through the summer and fall. The following dates are available: Sept. 3, 10 & 24; Oct. 1 & 29; Nov. 19 & 26; Dec. 31. Please contact Dana Wells at [dwells@bethany-umc.com](mailto:dwells@bethany-umc.com) or 843.873.1230.

### June 18- New Summer Schedule

We will begin a new summer schedule beginning June 18. Children's Church is on hold for both services to give our volunteers a much needed break.

Also, there will be one Word & Table Contemporary Worship at 8:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Traditional Services will still be in the Sanctuary 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

## THIS WEEK...

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

### Sunday, May 28

8 AM **WORSHIP**, Spell Chapel  
8:45 AM **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary  
8:45 AM **WORD & TABLE**, FH  
10 AM Sunday School (Spell Chapel) & 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
11:15 AM **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary  
11:15 AM **WORD & TABLE**, FH  
5:30 PM Ascend, Fellowship Hall

### Monday, May 29

*Memorial Day-Office Closed*

### Tuesday, May 30

10 AM Quilters, Blue House  
7 PM Alpha Omega, 127  
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous, Cottage

### Wednesday, May 31

8:30 AM Disciple I, 118  
6:15 PM Men's Ensemble Sanctuary  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Sanctuary

### Thursday, June 1

8:30 AM Disciple I 118  
9 AM TOPS Cottage

### Friday, June 2

*No Activities*

### Saturday, June 3

*No Activities*

### Paint Brush Donations

We need 1,200 (yes 1,200) 1" foam paint brushes. These can be purchased at discount mass retailers in the craft departments, and other craft retailers. They can be dropped off at the VBS table by the stairs.

### Recording/Photography

Portions of Worship services are recorded and made available for viewing on our web site. As a worshiper, you will not be identified in the recording/photos 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](#).

### 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.

### Teacher Snacks Needed for VBS

Please consider bringing an appetizer, snack or 2 liter soda to our volunteer table during the week of VBS during the week of June 12. Volunteers get a short break in the day to get refreshments. This a great way to support all our volunteers!

### A Little Job for Jesus

Do you have a few extra minutes in the week to do a little job for Jesus? Volunteers are needed to help prepare the Sanctuary and Spell for Sunday worship.

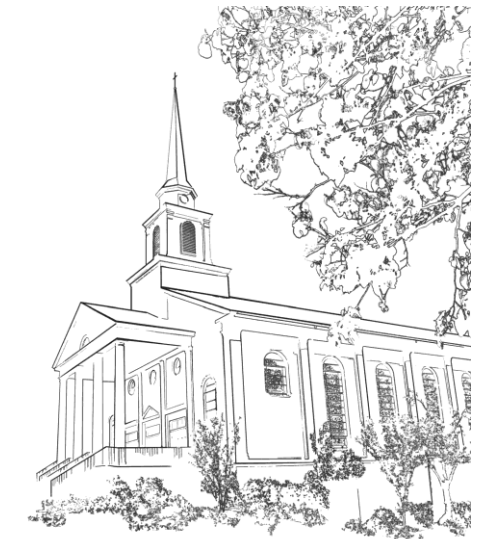
The job is to replace offering envelopes & pencils in the pews, check attendance registration pads and put up hymn numbers in Spell Chapel.

Call Dana at 843.873.1230 or email her at [dwells@bethany-umc.com](mailto:dwells@bethany-umc.com) for more information.

May 28, 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**

**Mr. Will Thompson, Pastor of Student Ministry**

**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 28, 2017  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
*Ascension 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.

*Prelude in C Major* J.S. Bach

**Welcome and Parish Concerns**

**Time of Friendship**

\* **Hymn in Procession, No. 545** Aurelia  
*The Church's One Foundation*

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

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen**

**The First Lesson** Isaiah 60:1-6 OT Pg. 690

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

**Offertory** *It Is Well With My Soul* arr. M. López

\* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

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

\* **Hymn of Assurance, No. 325** *In Babilone*  
*Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus*

(At the beginning of this hymn, children may leave for Children's Church / ~ 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** 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 NT Pg. 181

Minister: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

(8:45) *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* arr. B. Treharne  
Bethany Men's Ensemble

(11:15) *With a Voice of Singing* M. Shaw  
Chancel Choir

**Sermon** "Living on Mission" Mr. Will Thompson

\* **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. 548** *McKee*  
*In Christ There Is No East or West*

\* **Blessing of the People**

\* **Postlude** *Fugue in B flat* J.S. Bach

\* 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](mailto: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 Thomas Tryon by Bob and Miriam Tryon.

**SERVING THIS SUNDAY**

**Greeters**

**8:45** – Larry Bailey

**11:15** – Marsha and Jay Humphreys

**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** – Emily Busby

**11:15** – Mary Ruth Horres, Piper Redick

**Liturgist**

**8:45** – Laura Allison

**11:15** – Paige Redick

**Audio/Video Support**

Technical Ministries Team

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

Autumn Gray Cullipher \* will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during the 11:15 service. Autumn is the daughter of Tom and Ally Cullipher. Grandparents are Thomas and Dottie Cullipher and William and Michelle Pendergraph all of Summerville.

\*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 21, 2017. These figures are unverified.)

\*Budget Contributions for May 21 ..... 30,161.57

\*Budget Funds Contributed to Date ..... 732,588.39

\*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date ..... 71, 297.90

**Capital Campaign** (Figures for May 21, 2017)

\*Capital Campaign Contributions for May 21 ..... 3,132.50

\*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date ..... 66,270.33

**Presence** (May 21, 2017)

8 am Spell Worship – 52; Word & Table Worship – 246; Sanctuary Worship – 802;

Ascend– 130; Sunday School – 413.