

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Family

We would like to extend our Christian sympathies to Rhea Boyd and family at the death of her brother Kenneth Walter Carle, on June 24 in Durham, NC.

We would like to extend our Christian sympathies to Mitchell Harp and family at the death of his father, Leslie Victor Hutchins, Jr., on July 6.

Will You Pray?

Please stop by the GIC prayer board (located outside of the Fellowship Hall) to sign-up for a time to pray for our GIC Committee! You can pray anytime, anywhere, any way you would like...just pray intentionally for the GIC, for the speakers who will be coming forward, for our clergy, for yourself and your mission for full support & participation of our membership.

Musician Opportunities

The Word and Table Praise Band would like to invite other musicians in the church that are interested in playing or singing, to prayerfully consider and explore the requirements and needs of our worship service. Currently, our need is for male vocalists and additional bass and guitar players, however, we would gladly speak with anyone who plays an instrument and is interesting in sharing in the ministry of contemporary Christian music. Please call or text Christi Smoak at 843.452.8691 or Michael Brown at 843.614.2842 for more information.

Hands of Christ Supplies

Bethany's Local Missions Team plans to provide school supplies to over 1,700 DD4 and DD2 school children for the 2017 – 2018 school year. Please prayerfully consider helping our Local Missions Team by bringing in supplies by Wed., Aug. 2. For a full list of items needed, please see this week's edition of Bethany Links or the July *Bethany Beacon*. If you are unable to purchase supplies, but would like to assist, a monetary donation is always welcome. Supplies can be placed in the shopping cart at the bottom of the wooden stairs.

Happy Hearts' Luncheon

The next luncheon meeting of Bethany Happy Hearts will be on Friday, July 28 at 12 p.m. The Speaker will be Genie Gore, author of "Soaring Above All". Genie uses her incredible story of a traumatic event in her family to show how God moves when we trust him. This is the story of her family surviving an awful car accident that threatened the lives of her husband and daughter. Come join us to see how powerful God is and how His Words can completely revolutionize your life events and pull you above it all.

Bethany Happy Hearts Luncheon is always open to all Bethany Members and their guests that would like to attend, but reservations are required by Wed., July 26. Our menu for the July meeting includes Pork Loin, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Salad, Yellow Cake, Rolls, and Tea/Lemonade/Water, with Lemon. The cost of the meal is \$8 per person.

Please make reservations by Wed., July 26. For this month only, please call Dot Prevatte at 843.970.8634, or email her at dmprevatte@yahoo.com.

Church Pictorial Directory

Come get your picture taken and receive a FREE 8x10. We need YOU to make our Church Directory complete! Mark your calendars for Aug. 15-19, Aug. 22-26 from 2-8:40 p.m. (No time slots for Aug 23, in hopes all will support the GIC). ONLINE Registration is NOW OPEN.

(<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/9rj6dcce/>)

For those members who do not have computer access you will be able to register on Sunday mornings July 16, 23 and 30 outside of the Fellowship Hall.

Additional information will be provided in the *Bethany Beacon* and in the weekly Bethany E-links.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, July 16

Camp Meeting Style Worship
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

Monday, July 17

12 PM Upcycling, 239
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous,
Friendship Circle

Tuesday, July 18

10 AM Quilters, Blue House
5:45 PM \$5 Zumba Class, Gym
7 PM Alpha Omega, 236
7 PM Stephen Ministries Training,
235
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous,
Cottage

Wednesday, July 19

No Activities Scheduled

Thursday, July 20

No Activities Scheduled

Friday, July 21

5 PM Friends Ascend Zumba

Saturday, July 22

No Activities Scheduled

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.

Thank you!

The UMM and Local Missions would like to thank everyone who came out to support the Blood Drive on July 3. Their expectations were exceeded and they were 60% above the original goal of 24 donors! God is good!

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), 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's Card Team

A personal letter in "snail mail" is becoming a rarity! Bethany's card team extends recognition and support to our church family during times of celebration, challenge and sorrow. The Card Ministry offers a quiet way to make a difference in others' lives. This ministry is a way to encourage and comfort those who are hurting and celebrate with those who are celebrating. We serve Christ by sending cards to our members and attendees in recognition and support to build each other up and to promote fellowship through Christ. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please call the church at 843.873.1230, or Phyllis LaFerte at 843.875.4755.

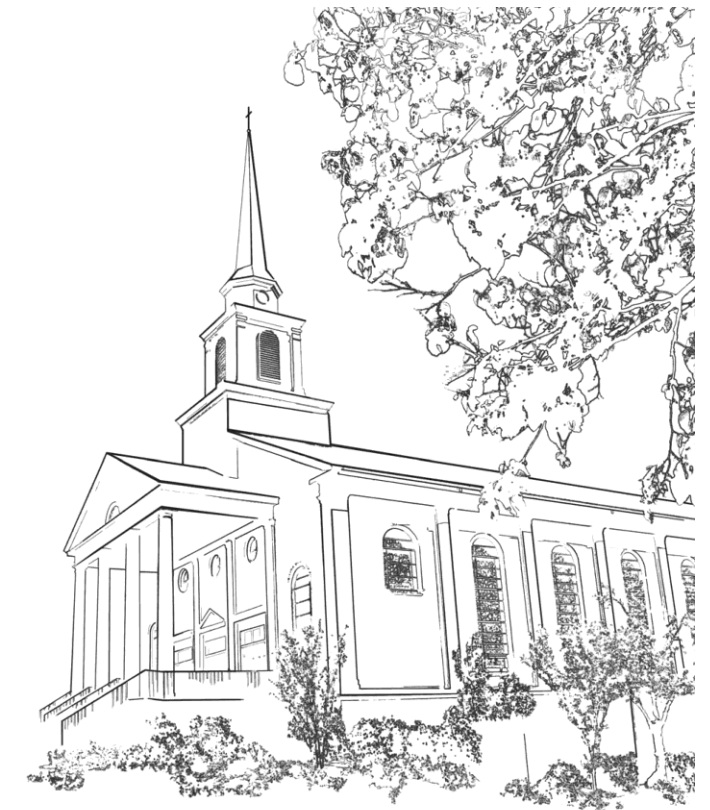
CDC Music Teacher Needed

Bethany Child Development Center is looking for a part time Music Teacher to lead music classes for children ages 18 months-5K. Additional responsibilities include leading music at monthly chapel dates and directing Christmas and end of the year music programs. Interested candidates should contact Vicki Englert at venglert@bethany-umc.com.

July 16, 2017
8:45 and 11:15 a.m. Worship Services

BETHANY

United Methodist Church



Rev. Mitch Houston, Senior Pastor

Rev. Scott Adams, Associate Pastor

Mr. Will Thompson, Pastor Student Ministry

Dr. Valerie Bullock, Interim Minister of Music

Michael López, Organist

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*We are a Stephen Ministry Church, a Safe Sanctuaries
Congregation and a Welcoming Church.*

CALLED TO CARE

July 16, 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Camp Meeting

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 *O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go* arr. E. Deimer
Michael López, organ

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

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Time of Friendship

Scripture Call to Worship

* **Opening Hymn** UM Hymn #514

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Stand Up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory his army shall he lead,
Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict, in this his glorious day.
Ye that are brave now serve him against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty call or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song.
To those who vanquish evil a crown of life shall be;
They with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.

The First Lesson I John 3:11-22 NT Pg. 240

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer 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 *Shall We Gather at the River* arr. J. Krug (piano)

* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

* **Doxology, No. 95**

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

* **Hymn of Assurance**

UM Hymn #170

O How I Love Jesus

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

Refrain: O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free; it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea. *Refrain*

It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe; who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below. *Refrain*

* **The Gospel Lesson** Matthew 7:8-11 NT Pg. 7

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* **Congregational Response** UM Hymn #601

Thy Word Is a Lamp

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me, and nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

I will not forget your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering. Jesus, be my guide, and hold me to your side, I will love you to the end.

Anthem arr. Robert De Cormier

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child

Diane Rodwell, Soloist

Sermon **THE GOLDEN RULER** Rev. Mitch Houston

* **Hymn of Dedication** UM Hymn #133

Leaning on Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain.*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain.*

* **Blessing of the People**

* **Postlude** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. E. Deimer

* 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 the Fellowship Hall, near the kitchen. If you would like more information about Bethany or becoming a member of our church, please contact Jack Sehrt, 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 pagers before the worship service begins. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our 50th wedding anniversary by Jack and Karen Sehrt.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Jack & Karen Sehrt

11:15 - Tim and Mary Kay Shepherd

Ushers

8:45 - Team Leader - Tom Brown; Ernie Brockman, Ken Hinson, Jim Hunter, Bob Johnson, Larry McKeenan, Jim Parrish, Hank Sieling, Tom Tatum.

11:15 – Team Leader - Sam Dorr; Buford Boyd, Ken Buchanan, Harold Robinson, Claude Rowe, Tim Rowe, Rob Walters.

Liturgist

8:45 –

11:15 – Mr. Brian Collier

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Stewardship is being loyal to your commitment through presence, prayers, service and gifts.

Gifts (*Figures for July 9, 2017. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions41,669.42

*Budget Funds Contributed to Date989,600.93

*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date110,578.77

Capital Campaign (Figures for July 9, 2017)

*Capital Campaign Contributions 4,186.67

*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date.....88,606.80

Presence (July 9, 2017)

8 am Worship – 38; Word & Table Worship – 188; Sanctuary Worship – 556;

Sunday School – 461