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.

Promotion Sunday is Aug. 20

Promotion Sunday is coming! On Sunday, August 20, all preschool and schoolaged children will progress to the next grade level for their Sunday school class. Preschool classes (3 or 4 by Sept. 1) will gather in room 102 for a large group and then break into their small groups. Kindergarten and 3rd graders will sign-in directly in their rooms. Kindergarten is in room 244, 3rd grade in room 242. 3rd graders will begin KEY Class curriculum.

1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th grades will gather in room 215 for a large group and then break into smaller groups. *We are still looking for people to be a part of a Sunday School teaching team!* We have two teams per grade, so it is not an every week commitment, and all curriculum and supplies are provided for you. If you would like to help teach a Sunday school class, please contact Children's Ministries at 843.873.1230 or email at smitchum@bethany-umc.com or evick@bethany-umc.com.

KEY Class Begins Aug. 20

All 3rd graders are invited to participate our KEY Class program that is designed to prepare them for meaningful worship with their families. This year KEY Class will be held during the Sunday school hour. The KEY Class: Knowledge Empowers You will unlock the meaning of worship and discuss the impact it can have on their lives. The KEY Class will begin Promotion Sunday, Aug. 20 and end on Sept. 24. Students will learn about key aspects of worship, how to use their bibles, and develop their relationship with Christ. Students will be signed in and out in room 242, they will not go to the large group during KEY Class. It is our hope that all our loved little ones will experience the love of Jesus and chose to continue a life filled with Christ. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please contact Children's Ministries at 843.873.1230.

Bethany NOW Kick-Off Aug. 30

The fall session of Bethany NOW will begin with a kick-off dinner on Wed., Aug. 30. We will be serving meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans and cookies, and there will be no charge. Following dinner, there will be a brief devotion and an overview of upcoming classes. A nursery will be available and the gym will be opened for elementary aged children. Classes begin Sept. 6. Find more info in the August edition of the *Bethany Beacon*.

Membership Directory Reminder

Come get your picture taken and receive a FREE 8x10. Previous photos from older directories can NOT be used. The new dates and time slots are as follows: Sept. 19-23, Oct. 17- 21 and Oct 24- 28 from 2-8:40 p.m. ONLINE Registration is NOW OPEN. (https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/9rj6dcce/) For those members who do not have computer access please call the church office at 843.873.1230. Volunteers are needed for the newly added dates and times!

New Women's Bible Study

A new ladies Bible study will begin Fri., Sept. 8 at 9 a.m. in Room 239. The study is entitled, "Finding I AM" by Lisa Terkeurst. The class meets every Friday from 9-11a.m. Join us in this 6 week Bible study as we explore the seven I AM statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Following this study we will be led by Tony Evans in a study called "Detours: The Unpredictable Path to Your Destiny" which is also a 6 week study. Please contact Karen Halley at 843.345.0644 or Marcia McElheny at 843.345.5885 to reserve a book for the first study or to ask questions. Everyone is welcome!

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, Aug. 13

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, Aug. 14

6 PM SPRC, Conf. Room
6:30 PM W&T Leadership,
Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM GIC Planning, 239
7 PM Youth Council, 214
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous,
Friendship Circle

Tuesday, Aug. 15

Beacon Deadline Pictorial Directory

10 AM Quilters, Blue House 5:45 PM \$5 Zumba Class, Gym 6:30 PM Finance, Conf. Room 7 PM Alpha Omega, 236 7 PM Narcotics Anonymous, Cottage

Wednesday, Aug. 16

Pictorial Directory

9 AM Disciples I Follow Up, Parlor

Thursday, Aug. 17

Pictorial Directory

7 PM Church Council, Youth Wing

Friday, Aug. 18

Pictorial Directory

Saturday, Aug. 19

Pictorial Directory

8:30 AM Chancel Choir Kick-Off, Friendship Circle

Church Office Hours-Aug.21

The church office will close at noon on Monday, Aug. 21 due to the solar eclipse.

GIC-Begins Aug. 23

Save the date for GIC- August 23-27. This event will celebrate the many ways we are the Hands & Feet of Jesus Christ in the World! You will NOT want to miss this!

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.

Autumn Tea Room and Gift Shop is Coming Soon!

Volunteers are needed to help transform Bethany UMC into a lovely Tea Room experience. Decorations are done. Your help is needed to complete the transformation on Sunday, Oct. 1. For more information please contact Kim Lucius klucius@sc.rr.com. Save the date! Bethany's Autumn Tea Room and Gift Shop dates are Oct. 2-7 and Oct. 9-14 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Stephen Ministry

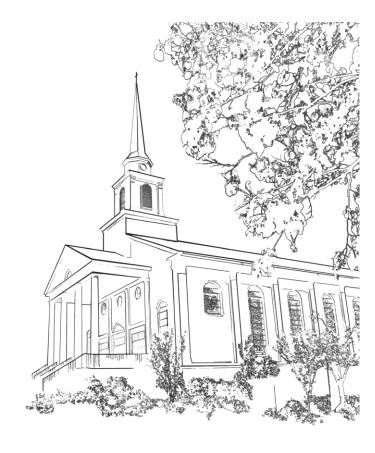
If you would like to speak to someone about Stephen Ministry for yourself, or for someone you know, (please get their permission), contact one of the following:

Denis Tsukalas 843.871.0381, MaryKay Wrenn 843.821.3123, Annette Goins 843.761.1866, or any of the Pastors.

August 13, 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 of Student Ministry
Dr. Valerie Bullock, Director of Music Ministries
Mr. Michael Lopez, Organist

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

CALLED TO CARE

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Camp Meeting/Communion

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 Voluntary in C J. Stanley

Michael Lopez, organist

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

* Opening Hymn Dwelling in Beulah Land

Far away the noise of strife upon my ear is falling; then I know the sins of earth beset on ev'ry hand: Doubt and fear and things of earth in vain to me are calling; none of these shall move me from Beulah Land.

Chorus: I'm living on the mountain, underneath a cloudless sky, I'm drinking at the fountain that never shall run dry; O, yes! I'm feasting on the manna from a bountiful supply, for I am dwelling in Beulah Land.

Far below the storm of doubt upon the world is beating, sons of men in battle long the enemy withstand; Safe am I within the castle of God's Word retreating; nothing then can reach me - 'tis Beulah Land. *Chorus*.

Faith Promise Moment

The First Lesson Romans 12:1-3

NT Pg. 161

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offertory There Is a Balm in Gilead

arr. A. Zabel

Handbell Trio

- * Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
- * Doxology, No. 95

Old 100th

* **Hymn of Assurance** Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone, at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand: Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

* **The Gospel Lesson** Matthew 13:1-9 NT Pg. 13

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem (8:45) His Eye is on the Sparrow arr. Jack Schrader Matthew Pedelty

(11:15) Give Me Jesus arr. Moses Hogan Shelby Krallman

Sermon Scatter the Seeds Rev. Mitch Houston

* **Hymn of Dedication** Bringing In The Sheaves

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness, Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve; Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping, We shall come rejoicing, bring in the sheaves.

Chorus: Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves, We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows, Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze; By and by the harvest, and the labor ended, We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. *Chorus*.

Going forth with weeping; sowing for the Master, Tho' the loss sustained our spirit often grieves; When our weeping's over, He will bid us welcome, We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. *Chorus*.

* Blessing of the People

* **Postlude** Now Thank We All Our God S. Karg-Elert

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.30.

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 before the worship service begins. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lillian Hardy Toy by her family.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 - Phil and Deb Richardson

11:15 – Sunny and Linda Grant

<u>Ushers</u>

8:45 - Team Leader: Jeremy Dunlap; Jason Baucom, Steve Chellis, Greg Horres, Frank Monterisi, Justin Murrie, Cory Rogers, Michael Wood

11:15 - Team Leader: Mike Field; Kevin Dubis, Linda field, Bob Fusarini, Bill Jones, Chip Rogers, Toni Skidmore

Liturgist

11:15 – Dr. Dave Braddon

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for August 6, 2017. These figures are unverified.)	
*Budget Contributions	44,844.71
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date	1,125,816.41
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date	117,186.77

Presence (*August* 6,, 2017)

8 am Worship – 58; Word & Table Worship –393; Sanctuary Worship – 537 Sunday School – 510

^{*} For those who are able, please stand.