

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Family:

Sympathies: We would like to extend our Christian sympathies to the family of Rebecca Donkle upon her passing on August 10.

Promotion Sunday is TODAY

Today, all preschool and school-aged 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 Today

All 3rd graders are invited to participate in 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 today and end on Sept. 24. Students will be signed in and out in room 242, they will not go to the large group during KEY Class.

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!

Seamstress Needed

The Chancel Choir is growing and our robes are in need of some minor repairs so that we will have access to all of them. If you are interested in helping, please contact Valerie Bullock at vbullock@bethany-umc.com.

Bethany Brass Choir

If you have experience playing one or more of the following instruments – trumpet, horn, baritone, trombone or tuba – and are interested in joining the Bethany Brass Choir, our first rehearsal will be Thur. Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. Subsequent rehearsals will be the first Thursday of each month (except September).

Autumn Tea Room Oct. 2-7 & Oct. 9-13

It's that time of year once again to "Think Tea"! Six weeks from now, Bethany's 12th annual Autumn Tea Room will open its doors to the community and there are so many ways to help, even if you can't be there during Tea Room hours. The information center/sign-up boards are now on display in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall.

Our motto: Funding Through Fellowship. All profits go to missions! We invite the entire community to help in this fundraising effort by inviting them to come dine and shop with their friends, family and co-workers.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, Aug. 20

Promotion Sunday

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
5 PM LCS Planning Mtg., Conf. Room
5 PM Ascend Youth

Monday, Aug. 21

Church Offices closes at 12pm-Eclipse

11 AM KidsCare Eclipse Program
5:30 PM UMM, Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM GIC Planning, 239
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Friendship Circle

Tuesday, Aug. 22

Pictorial Directory

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

Wednesday, Aug. 23

Pictorial Directory

GIC Kick-Off

Thursday, Aug. 24

Pictorial Directory

GIC Celebration

Friday, Aug. 25

Pictorial Directory

12 PM Happy Hearts' Luncheon
5:30 PM GIC Food Fight, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, Aug. 26

Pictorial Directory

6 PM Bridges Respite Night

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

GIC will be held Aug. 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! Free food, free nursery, no reservations needed, ALL are welcome!

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.

Dessert Recipes Wanted!

Send in your favorite dessert recipe for a new "Best Tea Room Desserts" type booklet. Send to communications@bethany-umc.com by Sept. 1. If you have a favorite dessert recipe please pass it along!

Loving Hands Ministry

If you are called to serve, we have the perfect opportunity for you as part of our Loving Hands Ministry. You will be asked to prepare a dish that will serve 12 people when we have a death within our Bethany family. We use our team members on a rotating basis. This is a very rewarding way to minister to love ones who are grieving. For more information please call Martha Bailey @ 843.871.4604.

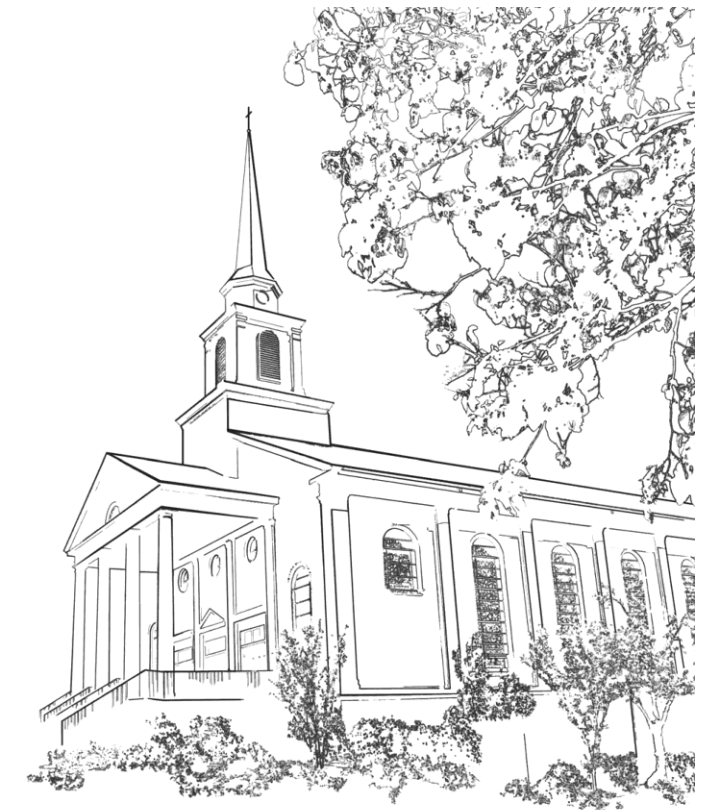
LCS Planning Meeting

There will be a planning meeting for the Living Christmas Story today, Aug. 20 at 5 p.m. in the Conference Room. We have several leadership positions that need to be filled. If you are interested in helping with this outreach, please attend the meeting. If you cannot attend, but would like to help, please contact Matt Bates at 803.767.8891 or mbates992@hotmail.com.

August 20, 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 López, Organist

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

CALLED TO CARE

August 20, 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 *Oh How He Loves You and Me* arr. M. Arison
 Michael López, 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** *We're Marching To Zion*

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known,
 Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord,
 and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

Refrain: We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
 We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
 But children of the heav'nly King, but children of the heav'nly King,
 May speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad. *Refrain*

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
 before we reach the heav'nly fields, before we reach the heav'nly
 fields,
 or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets. *Refrain*

Then let our songs abound, and ev'ry tear be dry;
 we're marching thro' Immanuel's ground, we're marching thro'
 Immanuel's ground,
 to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high. *Refrain*

Faith Promise Moment

Recognition of New Music Ministry Staff

The First Lesson Psalm 100 OT Pg. 552
 Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.
 People: Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offertory *The Sings My Soul* arr. G. Lanier
 Allison Clayton, saxophone; Michael López, piano

* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

* **Doxology, No. 95** Old 100th

* **Hymn of Assurance** *O How I Love Jesus*
 (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 Children's Church sticker to your child and pick them up ASAP.)

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 13 (selected verses) NT Pg. 13
 Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.
 People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem (8:45) *Old Time Religion* arr. Moses Hogan
 Chamber Singers

(11:15) *Blessed Assurance* arr. Mark Hayes
 Chancel Choir

Sermon *Heaven on Earth* Rev. Mitch Houston

* **Hymn of Dedication** *Love Lifted Me*

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
 Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;
 But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,
 From the water lifted me, now safe am I.

Refrain: Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
 When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling,
 In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing.
 Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs;
 Faithful, loving service, too, to Him belongs. *Refrain.*

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;
 He will lift you by His love Out of the angry waves.
 He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey;
 He your Savior wants to be—Be saved today. *Refrain*

* **Blessing of the People**

* **Postlude** *When We All Get to Heaven* arr. M. Arison

* 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.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 with thankful hearts as we celebrate our 50 years of marriage by Dave and Sandy Mills.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Mike and Linda Field
11:15 – Rob and Kerry Walters

Ushers

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

8:45 - Dr. Jonathan Sircy

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 13, 2017. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions30,058.92
 *Budget Funds Contributed to Date1,155,875.33
 *Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date118,106.77

Capital Campaign (Figures for August 13, 2017)

*Capital Campaign Contributions3,704.83
 *Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date.....106,199.13

Presence (August 13, 2017)

8 am Worship – 61; Word & Table Worship –194; Sanctuary Worship – 648
 Sunday School – 502