

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Bethany Family:**

As of Wednesday, Aug. 30 the church office did not know of any Bethany members in the hospital.

### **Bethany NOW Classes Begin Sept. 6**

The fall session of Bethany NOW will begin on Wed., Sept. 6. To find more details and class descriptions, please look in the September edition of the *Bethany Beacon* or online at [www.bethany-umc.com](http://www.bethany-umc.com). Join a class today.

#### **Bethany Now Schedule**

- 5-6:15 p.m. .... Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
- 6-7:30 p.m. .... Children's Programs
- 6:15-7:30 p.m. .... Youth Programs
- 6:15-7:30 p.m. .... Adult Classes

Meals are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children, with a family maximum of \$20.

### **Bethany Basics September 6**

We are taking reservations for the next "New Member" orientation class. The class will be September 6, at 6 p.m. in Spell Chapel. This is a great way for potential new members, repeat guests, or regular visitors to learn about ALL that Bethany UMC does to be the hands & feet of Jesus, and transform the world and make disciples for Christ. To reserve your seat today, please email Jack Sehart, membership director, [jsehart@bethany-umc.com](mailto:jsehart@bethany-umc.com) or call him 843.873.1230.

### **Epworth Children's Home Offering Next Sunday!**

Next week is the annual Work Day offering for Epworth Children's Home. This tradition dates back decades when Methodists were challenged to give a day's pay to the children at Epworth. While the emphasis has shifted a bit over the years, it is still important that we come together to provide spiritual, educational, emotional and physical support for the children at Epworth. As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children, remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. He embraces them, welcomes them, loves them and teaches them. Epworth is answering this call to let the little children come. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who call Epworth home. Epworth does not receive denominational funding (apportionments). This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them on the web at [ww.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://ww.epworthchildrenshome.org).

### **Membership Directory Volunteer- Help wanted.**

Volunteers are needed to help register & check in families during our pictorial directory days. Sept 19-Sept 23, Oct 17- Oct 21, Oct 24-Oct 28 on Tues.-Fri. times are 2 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays are 8:45 a.m. to Noon, and Noon to 4:30 p.m. Email [ebador@bethany-umc.com](mailto:ebador@bethany-umc.com) to sign up to serve.

Also, don't forget to sign up to get your portrait taken. You will receive a free 8x10! Registration is today ONLINE. (<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.

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

Bethany's 12th annual Autumn Tea Room will open its doors to the community beginning Oct. 2 and run through Oct. 13. Volunteers are needed to make this event a success. The information center/sign-up boards are now on display in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall. Gift Certificates are available in the Welcome Center.

## THIS WEEK...

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

### **Sunday, Sept. 3**

#### **Blood Drive**

- 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 Ascend Youth

### **Monday, Sept. 4**

- 9 AM Upcycling,  
6:30 PM Singers of Summerville  
6:30 PM Bridges Meeting, Conf. Room  
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Friendship Circle

### **Tuesday, Sept. 5**

- 8:30 AM \$5 Yoga Class  
10 AM Quilters, Blue House  
5:30 PM CDC Board Meeting, 239  
5:30 PM Stephen Ministry Leader Meeting, 235  
7 PM Alpha Omega, 236  
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous, Cottage

### **Wednesday, Sept. 6**

- 5 PM Bethany NOW Meal, Fellowship Hall  
6 PM NOW Children's Programs  
6:15 PM NOW Youth Programs  
6:15 PM NOW Adult Classes  
6 PM Bethany Basics, Spell Chapel

### **Thursday, Sept. 7**

- 8:30 AM \$5 Yoga Class  
9:30 AM Covenant Bible Study, 118  
6:30 PM Stewardship Committee, 118

### **Friday, Sept. 8**

- 9 AM Bible Study, "Finding I Am", 239  
11 AM Happy Hearts' Game Day

### **Saturday, Sept. 9**

*No Activities Scheduled*

### **Church Office Closed Sept. 4**

The church office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4, in observance of Labor Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 8:30 a.m.

### **Help Save Lives-Give Blood!**

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive today from 8 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Please consider giving the gift of life.

#### **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](#).

#### **Prayer Shawl Meeting**

For the month of Sept. and Oct. the Prayer Shawl Committee will NOT meet on the first Monday. They will be meeting during NOW classes on Wednesday nights.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation**

As part of faith development here at Bethany, we present our Third Graders with their very own bible. This will be at the 8:45 traditional service on Sept. 24. If you have a third grader, or a fourth or fifth grader who has not previously received a bible, please contact Children's Ministries at [evick@bethany-umc.com](mailto:evick@bethany-umc.com) or [smitchum@bethany-umc.com](mailto:smitchum@bethany-umc.com) to make sure they have your child on the list. We need all names no later than Sept. 10.

September 3, 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**

September 3, 2017  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
*13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

**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** *Doxology* arr. M. Arison  
 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**

\* **Hymn in Procession, No. 694**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* St. George's Windsor

**Prayer of General Confession** (to be prayed in unison)

God of the Risen Christ, we lay before you everything that keeps us from rising with Christ to new life in you. We confess the burden of our self-righteousness that keeps us from sharing the good news with people we judge unworthy. We confess the burden of our apathy that keeps us from lifting the burdens of others. Enlighten our souls by the radiance of your Risen Son, that we may let your light shine through us. Amen.

**Pardon**

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People:** In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**All:** Glory to God. Amen.

**The First Lesson** Romans 12:9-21 NT Pg.162

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God

**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**

**Offertory** *Deep River* Traditional Spiritual  
 Shelby Krallman arr. by Moses Hogan

\* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

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

\* **Hymn of Assurance, No. 127**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM Rhondda

(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 Children's Church sticker to your child and pick them up ASAP.)

**The Gospel Lesson** Matthew 16:21-28 NT Pg. 18

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon** "Do Good" Rev. Mitch Houston

**Anthem** *River in Judea* arr. by John Leavitt  
 Chancel Choir  
 Barbara Bassett, Conductor

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*The Lord be with you.*

**AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE HIM THANKS AND PRAISE.**

*Holy are you, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ, in whom your Word became flesh and came to dwell among us. Through Jesus' suffering and death you destroyed the power of sin and death. You raised from the dead this same Jesus, who now reigns with you in glory, and poured upon us your Holy Spirit, making us the people of your new covenant.*

*On the night before meeting with death Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

*When the supper was over Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

*And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.*

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that in unity we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by Christ's blood, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at your table for ever. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.*

**The Giving**

(The ushers will direct the congregation to the table.)

**Music for the Breaking of the Bread and the Taking of the Cup**

**Prayer after Receiving**

\* **Gloria Patri, No. 70** *Meineke*

\* **Hymn of Dedication, No. 400**  
*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* *Nettleton*

\* **Blessing of the People**

\* **Postlude** *Variations on CWM Rhondda* arr. Mark Hayes

\* 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 Sehart, Membership Director, at jsehart@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 worshippers, 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 our parents by Jack and Donna Mobley.

**SERVING THIS SUNDAY**

**Greeters**

**8:45** – Gillis and Martha McAllister

**11:15** – Sandy Hyduk

**Ushers**

**8:45 a.m.** - Team Leader: Bill Phillips; Ron Clayton, Jim Emery, Bob Iannace, Tim McConnell, Ed Muckenfuss, Marion Thompson, Scott Muckenfuss

**11:15 a.m.** – Team Leader: David Morris; Bart Burford, Greg Elliott, Chris Glaze, Jimmy Jackson, Elliott Locklair, Bob Minus, Steve Wilson

**Communion Servers**

**8:45** – Tom and Pam Jeffries

**11:15** – Sunny and Linda Grant

**Liturgist**

**8:45** - David Powell

**11:15** – David Powell

**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 27, 2017. These figures are unverified.)

\*Budget Contributions for August 27 .....26,147.86

\*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....1,211,493.48

\*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date .....124,165.77

**Capital Campaign** (Figures for August 27, 2017)

\*Capital Campaign Contributions for August 27 .....1,305.50

\*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date .....1,086,710.13

**Presence** (August 27, 2017)

8 am Spell Worship – 37; Word & Table Worship – 280; Sanctuary Worship – 769;

Ascend 120; Sunday School – 468