

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Bethany Family:**

*Sympathies:* We would like to extend our Christian sympathies to the family of Alice Kinsey, who passed away Sept.10.

We would like to extend our Christian sympathies to the family of Nancy Vanderford, who passed away Sept.12.

We would like to extend our Christian sympathies to Gloria McCoy on the passing of her mother, Gloria Guinta, on Sept. 12.

### **Epworth Children's Home Offering**

Today we invest in the lives of the children who call Epworth home through our generous financial gifts. God has entrusted these children to us during their time at Epworth, and it is our call and responsibility to ensure they receive all the tools and care necessary to live lives of self-respect, responsibility and productivity.

### **Flood Buckets**

A special thank you to Casey Canonge for taking the lead on the Flood Buckets in response to the Hurricane(s). Bethany UMC's minimum goal is 100 buckets collected. You will learn more about the challenge later on next week. However, estimated costs are \$50. If you would rather donate the \$50 instead of collect the supplies and buckets with lids yourselves, you can make a donation and ear mark it "Flood Buckets." Thank you very much.

### **Join Us For Bethany NOW Fall Session**

The fall session of Bethany NOW has started and all are welcome to join in! Dinner begins at 5 p.m. with a classes for everyone to follow at 6:15 p.m. 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). Meals are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children, with a family maximum of \$20.

### **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.

### **Softball Prison Ministry**

Do you love Softball? Do you love sharing the Gospel? **Breakloose Prison Ministry** is a Sports Prison Ministry that is providing us with that opportunity! This is an awesome opportunity to make a difference and change lives, while having fun! The deadline for participation is Sept. 22. Contact Corey Johnson for details at [cjohnson@bethany-umc.com](mailto:cjohnson@bethany-umc.com).

### **Global Impact Celebration-Thank You!**

Thank you for the response to everyone who participated in the Global Impact Celebration. The Financial Promise received was an incredible response of \$74,000! You are welcome to start fulfilling your promise September to September. Thank you again for all you have done!

### **Critter Casting Call**

Sheep, donkeys, horses, mules, or any livestock animal that would have been in the era of Jesus's birth are needed for this year's Living Christmas story. If you are willing to loan your critters for this very important outreach effort of Bethany, please contact Greg Soyka or call 843.709.5205.

## THIS WEEK...

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

### **Sunday, Sept. 17**

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. 18**

5:30 PM UMM, Fellowship Hall  
6 PM SPRC, Conf. Room  
6:30 PM Singers of Summerville  
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Friendship Circle

### **Tuesday, Sept. 19**

#### *Pictorial Directory*

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga Class  
10 AM Quilters, Blue House  
3 PM UMW General Meeting, Fellowship Hall  
6 PM Kindred Hearts, 122  
6:30 PM Finance Mtg., Conf. Room  
7 PM Alpha Omega, 236  
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous, Cottage

### **Wednesday, Sept. 20**

#### *Pictorial Directory*

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

### **Thursday, Sept. 21**

#### *Pictorial Directory*

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga Class  
9:30 AM Covenant Bible Study, 118  
7 PM Church Council, Youth Wing

### **Friday, Sept. 22**

#### *Pictorial Directory*

9 AM Bible Study, "Finding I Am", 239  
12 PM Happy Hearts' Luncheon  
6 PM Respite Night

### **Saturday, Sept. 23**

#### *Pictorial Directory*

### **Wifi Access**

If you would like to connect to Wi-Fi while on church property, please use the guest connection and password guest2015.

### **Stephen Ministry**

If you are hurting, in need of a hand to hold on to or talk thru an issue or problem we are a Stephen Ministry Church and have Stephen Ministers ready to be with you.

Contact Denis Tsukalas 843.871.0381, Annette Goins 84.863.1868 or Mary Kay Wrenn 843.323.2130.

### **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**.

### **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.

### **Spring 2018 Emmaus Walks**

The Walk to Emmaus Men's Walk will be Mar. 8-11. The Ladies Walk will be Mar. 15-18. Applications are now being accepted. Contact Von at 843.696.6828 or Tom 843.697.4429 Thurman, DeeDee Rackleff 843.323.2292 or Wilhemina Hearne 843.729.9858 for more information.

September 17, 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 17, 2017  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
15<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**                      *How Firm a Foundation*                      arr. B. Childers  
Immogene Williams Handbells

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. 577**    *CWM Rhondda*  
*God of Grace and God of Glory*

**Prayer of General Confession** (pray in unison)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain in the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.**

**Reception of New Members**

**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism** (11:15)

Commendation and Welcome

**Pastor:** Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care these persons, 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 these persons surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

**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.*

**Offertory**                      *Meditations of the Theme of Peace*                      *K. Haykes*  
Immogene Williams Handbells

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

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

\* **Hymn of Assurance, No. 561**    *St. Agnes*  
*Jesus, United by Thy Grace (vs. 1-4)*

(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.)

**The Gospel Lesson**                      Matthew 8:23-27    NT Pg. 8  
Minister: The word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**  
(8:45)                      *Laudate nomen Domini\**    *Christopher Tye*  
Chamber Singers

(11:15)                      *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*                      arr. Mark Hayes  
Chancel Choir, Kelsey McIntyre, trumpet

**Sermon**                      *Calming the Storm*    Rev. Mitch Houston

\* **Affirmation of Faith**    Hymnal Pg. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
and from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

\* **Hymn of Dedication, No. 144**    *Terra Beata*  
*This Is My Father's World*

\* **Blessing of the People**

\* **Postlude**                      *The Bishop's Fanfare*    *C. Tambling*

\* For those who are able, please stand.

\*The translation for the 8:45 anthem is paraphrased from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> verses of Psalm 112:  
*Praise the name of the Lord, you servants of the Lord; from the rising of the sun to its setting. The decrees of God are just, and delight the heart: praise God, rulers and all people.*

**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 Sehr, 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 other electronic devices before the worship service begins. Thank you.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Julie Jett by Bob, Pat and Brad Jett.

**SERVING THIS SUNDAY**

**Greeters**

**8:45** – Larry Bailey

**11:15** – Jay and Marsha Humphreys

**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

**Acolyte**

**8:45** – Anne Turner

**Liturgist**

**11:15** – Linda Huffman

**Audio/Video Support**

Technical Ministries Team

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

**Paige Yvonna Danner\*** will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during the 8:45 am service. Paige is the daughter of Joel and Christina Danner. Grandparents are Lee Danner and the late Yvonna Danner of Kingwood, TX and Phillip Hutchins of Summerville and Alexandra Bailey of Brunswick, Ohio.

**Summer Peacher, James Connor Peacher, Chelsea Ruth Peacher and Addison Skye Peacher\*** will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Brian Peacher will reaffirm his baptism during the 11:15 am service. The children's grandparents are James and Sheryl Peacher of Summerville and Alan and Diana Spooner of Los Angeles, CA.

\*Please, refrain from flash photography during the Worship service.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

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

The stewardship report from September 10 will be in next Sunday's bulletin.