

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Family:

Hospitals: SMC – Bethann Erwin

Sympathies: We would like to extend our Christian sympathies to Robert Brown and family on the passing of his mother, Judy Brown, in Evansville, IN on Sept. 3.

We would like to extend our Christian sympathies to Carol Cone on the passing of her husband, Harold E. Cone on Sept. 4.

We would like to extend our Christian sympathies to the family of James Crider on his passing on Sept. 14.

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 classes for everyone to follow at 6:15 p.m. To find more details and class descriptions, please look in the October edition of the Bethany Beacon or online at www.bethany-umc.com. Meals are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children, with a family maximum of \$20. The meal for this week is Roasted Chicken, Green Beans and Carrots and Wild Rice. The Sunday School support is Sam Woods.

Please Help Children's Ministries!

Children's Ministry is looking for another team for 4th grade Sunday school and one more person for 1st grade Sunday school. The Children's Ministry staff provides the lesson and all supplies needed. Each grade has at least 2 teams, so teaching is not an every week commitment. If you have questions, please email Stephanie at smitchum@bethany-umc.com.

KidsCare Needs

KidsCare is looking for at least three people to fill part-time positions Mon.-Fri., hours will vary week to week but they are open from 1:15- 6 p.m. It would be an added bonus if the candidates are CDL certificated. This is an ideal position for a college student with morning classes. Interested candidates should send their resume to kidscare@bethany-umc.com.

Volunteers are also need for an hour per day to help after schoolers with homework. The children return to Bethany from various schools and need some one on one attention in completing homework, math, reading, and language arts. You have the opportunity to influence the future generation in a very positive way! Please contact Wilhemna at 843.460.4837, 843.871.1230 extension 36.

Last Chance For Membership Directory Photographs

Mark your calendars for Oct. 17-21 and Oct. 24-28.

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 and ask for Eileyn, Jack, Mandy or Mary Dove.

Everyone receives a free 8x10. Don't forget to ask for your military discount, or senior discount!

If you've had your picture taken and have not received your complimentary 8x10, check in the Welcome Center. With questions about your photo order, please call 1-888-313-1746.

Bethany Ball

Registration is open for Bethany Ball! Register online at bethanygym.siplay.com. Bethany Ball is our community basketball league for boys and girls ages 6-12. We also have a youth league for boys and girls ages 13-18. \$80 per player, for 8 games and a tournament at the end of the season. Practice once a week, and games are on Saturdays.

If you are interested in coaching or volunteering contact Corey Johnson Cjohnson@bethany-umc.com.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, Sept. 24

8 AM WORSHIP, Spell Chapel
8:45 AM WORSHIP, Sanctuary
8:45 AM Bible Presentation
8:45 AM WORD & TABLE, FH
10 AM Sunday School
11:15 AM WORSHIP, Sanctuary
3:45 PM Youth Choir
5 PM Ascend Youth

Monday, Sept. 25

6 PM Care Team, 237
6:30 PM GIC Committee, 239
6:30 PM Singers of Summerville
6:45 PM Local Missions, Conf. Room
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Friendship Circle

Tuesday, Sept. 26

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga Class
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
6 PM Kindred Hearts, 122
7 PM Alpha Omega, 236
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous, Cottage

Wednesday, Sept. 27

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. 28

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga Class
9:30 AM Covenant Bible Study, 118
7 PM Evangelistic Outreach Committee, Conf. Room

Friday, Sept. 29

9 AM Bible Study, "Finding I Am", 239

Saturday, Sept. 30

No activities scheduled

Wi-fi 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), 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**.

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.

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 24, 2017
8:45 and 11:15 a.m. Worship Services

BETHANY

United Methodist Church



Rev. Mitch Houston, Senior Pastor

Rev. Scott Adams, Minister of Congregational Care

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 24, 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sixteenth 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 *On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand* arr. M. Burkhardt

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. 154** *Coronation*
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Collect

Gracious God, you have filled the world with beauty. Open our eyes to see your work in everything. Teach us to be thankful and rejoice in all things. Now may we this day worship in spirit and serve the Lord in gladness. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:15)

Commendation and Welcome

Pastor: Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care *this child*, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that *he* 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 *this child* surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

Presentation of Bibles (8:45)

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

(8:45) *Hear Us As We Pray* Matt Huesmann
Melody and Wesley Choir

(11:15) *Panis Angelicus* by César Franck
Anne Holmi, horn and Michael López, piano

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

* **Hymn of Assurance, No. 191** *Jesus Loves Me* *Jesus Loves Me*

(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 18:21-35 NT Pg. 20

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

(8:45) *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* arr. John Jay Hilfiger
Brass Quartet

(11:15) *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Paul Basler
Chancel Choir and Anne Holmi, horn

Sermon "Forgiveness" 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;
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. 297** *St. Christopher*
Beneath the Cross of Jesus

* **Blessing of the People**

* **Postlude** *Variations on St. Thomas* arr. R. Haan

* For those who are able, please stand.

BIBLE RECIPIENTS

<i>Sofia Ash</i>	<i>Reid Brasher</i>	<i>Aubrey Carter</i>
<i>Hudson Forsythe</i>	<i>Kendall Griffith</i>	<i>Caroline Hauck</i>
<i>Caroline Hightower</i>	<i>Hannah Jackson</i>	<i>William Jenkins</i>
<i>Sarafrances Kaser</i>	<i>Hudson Kostera</i>	<i>Gloria Lyons</i>
<i>Maurice McCants</i>	<i>Embry Miller</i>	<i>Anna Grace Mills</i>
<i>Mary Nye</i>	<i>Isabelle Pereira</i>	<i>Ava Penn</i>
<i>Virginia Ruple</i>	<i>Addison Ryan</i>	<i>Haylee Shoemake</i>
<i>Bryce Tucker</i>	<i>Jonah Willmarth</i>	<i>Harris Wimberly</i>
<i>James Young</i>		

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 jsehr@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 honor of our daughters Anna Blair and Delaney Stegall and in memory of David Mallard by Bart and Blair Stegall.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Rich and Cindylee and Rich Thorington

11:15 – Bill and Connie Figard

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 and Cross Bearer

8:45 – Mary Ruth Horres and Grace Bower

Liturgist

8:45 – Dave Braddon

11:15 – Dave Braddon

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Luke James Willison* will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during the 11:15 am service. Luke is the son of Daniel and Melody Willison. Grandparents are Kenneth and Lorie Willison of Summerville and Louise Lackie and Franklin, NJ.

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for Sept. 10 & 17, 2017. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions for Sept. 10 & 17.57,711.29

*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....1,308,974.30

*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....146,064.77

Capital Campaign (Figures for Sept. 10 & 17, 2017)

*Capital Campaign Contributions for Sept. 10 & 17.....5,783.17

*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date118,940.80

Presence (Sept. 17, 2017)

8 am Spell Worship – 48; Word & Table Worship – 230; Sanctuary Worship – 741;

Sunday School – 567; Ascend (youth) - 131