

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Family: Sympathies:

We would like to extend our Christian sympathies to Erik Pieper and family on the death of his mother.

We would like to extend our Christian sympathies to Debbie Dominianni and family on the death of her husband, Jimmy Dominianni, on September 22.

Autumn Tea Room Set Up and Gift Shop Open House Today

We will be setting up the dining room for the Autumn Tea Room beginning at 10 a.m. this morning. Please stop by the Fellowship Hall throughout the morning to lend a hand. The Tea Room Gift Shop will also hold an Open House from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today in Room 118. There will be no pre-selling or reserving, but take a minute to walk through to see the layout and plan your purchases!

Oct. 4 and 11 Bethany NOW Dinners

On Oct. 4 and 11, during the Autumn Tea Room and Gift Shop, the NOW dinners will be a take-out meal. The cost will be \$6 and there will not be a family discount. Please place your order by calling the church office at 843.873.1230 by Monday at noon of each week. It is VERY important to make reservations during this time, we will not be ordering extras.

Bethany's Autumn Tea Room Begins Tomorrow

Bethany's Autumn Tea Room, Gift Shop and Fresh Market starts tomorrow! Our sincere thanks to all who have already volunteered, however there are still some very important positions that need volunteers to make this a success and there is still time to sign up and get involved! Keep the Bethany tradition of giving alive and take part in this worthy event! The Tea Room is open the following dates: Oct. 2-6, Mon.- Fri., and Oct. 9-13, Mon.- Fri., from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please take a moment to sign up this morning! Sign-up boards are located outside of the Fellowship Hall.

No Word and Table Service Sunday Oct. 8

Due to the Tea Room set up, there will be no Word and Table service on Sun. Oct 8. Please join us in Spell Chapel at 8 a.m., or in the Sanctuary at 8:45 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. to worship.

Bethany Ball Registration

Registration for the public will open Mon., Oct. 2. 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.

UMW New Hope Circle

The United Methodist Women's New Hope Circle will be meeting on Tuesday night, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. at the home of Lou Minus, 105 Tallow St., Summerville. Speaker will be Pam Christ, a board member of the Dorchester County Community Outreach which operates Home of Hope, Summerville's shelter for homeless men. She will share with us their plans to open Hope's House, a shelter for homeless women. This meeting is open to all women. Contact Donna Waite at 843.879.3395 or donnabwaite@aol.com for more information.

Wednesday Weed Warriors!

Join the team on Wednesday mornings 8 am to 10 am to help keep the grounds looking sharp and welcoming. No experience needed, just willing to help pull weeds, plant flowers, trim bushes and more. Bring your gloves & water, and get ready to rage the war on our weeds.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, Oct. 1

Tea Room set-up
Gift Shop Open House
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
3:45 PM Youth Choir
5 PM Ascend Youth

Monday, Oct. 2

Autumn Tea Room & Gift Shop
6:30 PM Singers of Summerville
6:30 PM Bridges Meeting, Conf. Room
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Friendship Circle

Tuesday, Oct. 3

Autumn Tea Room & Gift Shop
8:30 AM \$5 Yoga Class
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
5:30 PM Stephen Ministry Leader Mtg., 235
7 PM Alpha Omega, 236
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous, Cottage

Wednesday, Oct. 4

Autumn Tea Room & Gift Shop
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, Oct. 5

Autumn Tea Room & Gift Shop
8:30 AM \$5 Yoga Class
9:30 AM Covenant Bible Study, 118
6:30 PM Stewardship Committee, 118

Friday, Oct. 6

Autumn Tea Room & Gift Shop
9 AM Bible Study, "Finding I Am", 239

Saturday, Oct. 7

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 843.761.1866 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.

KidsCare Scarecrow

KidsCare at Bethany-UMC will again be erecting a Scarecrow display in Hutchinson Square the end of Oct. This year's theme will be Noah's Ark. Votes may be turned in at Guerin's Pharmacy or Cuppa Manna Café. Due to all the votes last year we took first place in the Civic category. Please help us win first place again by voting, voting, voting often!!

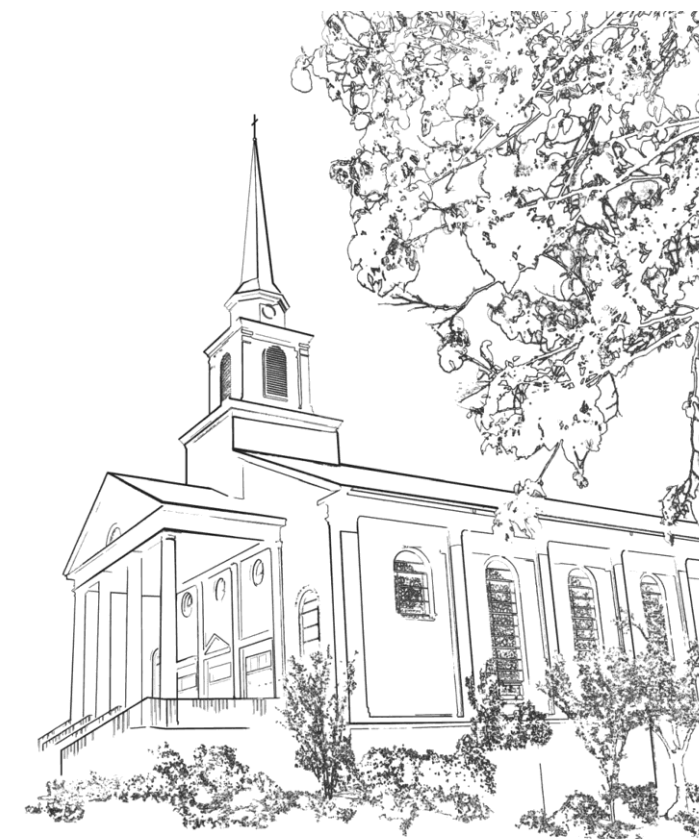
Directory Photographs

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.

October 1, 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

October 1, 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP
World Communion Sunday

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.”

As the prelude begins, let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer and prepare for worship.

Prelude *Partita on This Is My Father’s World* arr. R. Haan
Michael López, organ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

***Hymn in Procession, No. 698** *National Hymn*
God of the Ages

Parade of the Nations

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 *Let Us Break Bread Together* arr. Moses Hogan
Matt Pedelty

*** Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

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

***Hymn of Assurance No. 529** *Foundation*
How Firm a Foundation

(At the beginning of the hymn, children may leave for Children’s Church~ K5 thur 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 22:23-40 NT Page 25
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem R. Vaughan Williams
Let All the World in Every Corner Sing
Chancel Choir

Sermon “Keeping Love Alive” Rev. Houston

The Great 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You created for yourself a world filled with diversity and blessed by your breath of life. Rainbow colors bloom in spring, summer breezes bring garden delight, and now as Autumn comes our way we see the work of your paintbrush upon every face and tree.

And so, with all your people on earth in every place where two or more are gathered in your name and all the company of heaven who have gone before us we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Please join in singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

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.

Please join in singing:

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 we, together as a new creation and a new community around the globe may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit help the body of Christ be one. Help the left hand and the right hand work as one in ministry to all the world. Help the eyes and the ears sense your present and coming kingdom.

Bring the blessing of the diversity of the body to bear fruit until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Taking of the Cup

The Giving

Prayer after Receiving

***Hymn of Dedication, No. 157** *Jesus Shall Reign* *Duke Street*

***Blessing of the People**

***Postlude** *Psalms 29* *B. Marcello*
Michael López, organist

* For those who are able, please stand.

Country

Represented By

Argentina	Olivia Field
Chile	Ansleigh Carter & Ruthie Thompson
Germany	Michelle Travers
India	Caroline Rogers
Mexico	Aubrey Carter & Ellis Cate Rogers
Panama	GG Lyons
Spain	Mary Maxwell Whitehead

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.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 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 honor of Lois Scully on her 92nd birthday by Alan and Shirley Scully.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Fenn and Janet Stallsmith

11:15 – Ben and Denise Brown

Ushers

8:45 am – Team Leader – Billy Hay; Laurence Clair, Wayne Courtney, Stuart Courtney, Jack Cross, Steve Davis, Mike Lykins, Jim McElheny, Jonathan Patterson

11:15 am – Team Leader - David Huffman; Marty Eubanks, Ed Hickey, Sandy Hickey, Tom Venezino

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

11:15 – Meredith Bassett and Emma Bassett

Liturgist

8:45 – Mr. Will Thompson

11:15 – Mrs. Linda Huffman

Communion Assistants

8:45 – Lloyd and Ruth Ann Ivey

11:15 – David and Becky 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 September 24, 2017. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions.....30,487.69

*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....1,339,461.99

*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date151,358.33

Capital Campaign (Figures for September 24, 2017)

*Capital Campaign Contributions 3,517.00

*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date.....118,940.80

Presence (September 24, 2017)

8 am Worship – 31; Word & Table Worship – 188; Sanctuary Worship – 756;
Ascend (Youth) – 121; Sunday School – 539