

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Family: Sympathies- *Our Christian sympathies to Dana & Larry Wells on the death of his mother, Ellen Wells who died Nov. 10.*

Consecration Sunday

Today we offer and dedicate our time, talent and gifts to God's service. We are asking everyone to please turn in their commitment card to doing God's work in our church, community, and the world for 2018.

Charge Conference- Date Change!

The annual Charge Conference will be held on Monday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited to attend.

Each ministry area at Bethany UMC was encouraged to provide a brief re-cap as to what they have worked on in the past year and what they hope to accomplish in the upcoming year. The 2017 Charge Conference will cover the happenings at Bethany from Oct. 1, 2016 thru Sept. 30, 2017.

Living Christmas Story

Casting: We are excited that the Living Christmas Story is less than a month away. The casting sign-up boards still have a lot of white space. Please continue to sign up on the casting board downstairs. Even if you have always been there in the past and think we know you are coming, it helps to have it filled out in advance.

Orientation: For those that are new or just need a refresher on what to expect, we will be holding informal orientations on Nov.19, 26 and Dec.3. The orientations will be in Spell from 9:45 to 11:15 a.m. Stop by before or after your church service or during Sunday School and we will let you know what to expect and answer any questions you have.

Sets: We continue to work on getting the sets ready. On Nov. 25 and Dec. 2 we will work from 8 a.m.- 12 p.m. Dec. 3 we will complete the sets, starting as soon as the 11:15 church service is over. At 5 p.m. we will have a soup dinner for all workers outside the Fellowship Hall.

Please contact Matt Bates at 803-767-8891 or mbates992@hotmail.com with any questions!

Festival of Carols Dec. 17

Our second annual Festival of Carols on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m. will feature all of the Bethany music ensembles joining together to celebrate Christ's birth. All of the selections will be interspersed with scripture read by members of the Bethany Music Ministry and members of the Bethany staff and clergy. In addition, selected hymns will be sung by everyone. We hope you will join us for this wonderfully festive concert.

Advent Worship Services and Wednesday Night Activities

Each Wednesday during Advent a worship service will be held at 6:15 p.m. in Spell Chapel. On Nov. 29, Communion will be held at The Living Christmas Story manger at the conclusion of worship. Dinner will not be offered on Nov. 29 due to LCS dress rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall. On Dec. 6 and 13, dinner will be offered at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall prior to worship.

On Dec. 6, the Melody and Wesley Choirs will have a combined practice from 6-7:30 p.m. On Dec. 13, the Melody and Wesley choirs will have their Christmas party at Mrs. Robyn's house from 5-7:30 p.m. All other classes will be as usual both nights. Bethany NOW will resume on Jan. 10 with new children's and adult classes.

No Thanksgiving Eve Service

There will be no Thanksgiving Eve Service this year.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, Nov. 19

Consecration Sunday

- 8 AM **WORSHIP**, Spell Chapel
8:45 AM **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary
8:45 AM **WORD & TABLE**, FH
10 AM Sunday School
10 AM LCS Orientation Training, Spell Chapel
11:15 AM **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary
5 PM LCS Committee Mtg., Conf. Room
5 PM Ascend Youth
5 PM Thanksgiving Basket Stuffing, Fellowship Hall

Monday, Nov. 20

- 12 PM Upcycling, 239
6:30 PM Singers of Summerville
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Friendship Circle

Tuesday, Nov. 21

- 8:30 AM \$5 Yoga Class
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
5:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 787
6 PM Kindred Hearts, 122
6:30 PM Finance, Conf. Room
7 PM Alpha Omega, 236
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous, Cottage

Wednesday, Nov. 22

No Activities Scheduled

Thursday, Nov. 23

Happy Thanksgiving- Office Closed

Friday, Nov. 24

Office Closed

Saturday, Nov. 25

- 9 AM Technical Ministries Sound Board Training

Thanksgiving Holiday Office Hours

The church office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The church office will reopen on Monday, Nov. 27 at 8:30 a.m.

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**.

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.

New Member Class- Dec. 5

New Member Class is coming up on Dec. 5. "Bethany Basics" will be held from 6-7 p.m. If you are interested or know someone who may want to join Bethany UMC, please email jsehrt@bethany-umc.com.

Flood Buckets

Bethany delivered 118 filled flood buckets to the conference office on Friday, Nov. 3. We raised \$6,750 in support of UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). Special thanks to Jim Griffin for collecting the necessary supplies and the Global Missions committee for packing the buckets. Thanks to all of you.

Thanksgiving Basket Packing

Everyone is invited to stop by today at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to help Local Missions pack donated items for this year's Thanksgiving Baskets.

November 19, 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

Rev. James Alewine, Pastor Emeritus

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Congregation and a Welcoming Church.*

CALLED TO CARE

November 19, 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Consecration 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."

Prelude *Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal* arr. Susan T. Nelson
 Imogene Williams Handbell Ensemble
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. 92** *For the Beauty of the Earth* Dix

Collect
 Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully, grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The First Lesson II Corinthians 8:8-15 NT Pg. 183
 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
*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 *Shall We Gather At the River* arr. Jason Krug
 Imogene Williams Handbell Ensemble

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology, No. 94** *Lasst Uns Erfreuen* arr. John Ferguson

***Hymn of Assurance, No. 694** *St. George's Windsor*
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

(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 6 (selected verses) NT Pg. 5
 Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
 (8:45) *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* arr. James Koerts
 Bethany Youth Choir

(11:15) *The Mighty Power of God* arr. Mark Hayes
 Chancel Choir

Sermon *Practicing What We Promise* Rev. Mitch Houston

Consecration of Our Time, Talents and Treasure
Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God lives a cheerful giver.
 2 Corinthians 9:7

Please prayerfully consider filling out your pledge card. While the music is playing, walk up to the altar railing to place your card. You may kneel in prayer for as long as you like. As you finish, please reverently and silently exit the sanctuary.

*** Postlude**
 * 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 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 in memory of Mark N. Brown in celebration of what would have been his 80th birthday by his family.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

- Greeters**
8:45 – Rich and Cindylee Thorington
11:15 – Ben and Dennis Brown
- Ushers**
8:45 – Team Leader – Narvie Bilbray, Jr.; Jim Barrier, Dennis Bradshaw, Jody Dillard, David Kresge, Kevin Slack, Fenn Stallsmith, James Vinson
11:15 – Team Leader – Kerry Farmer; Bill Eiser, Hal Hess, Al Jackson, Barbara Jackson, Gillis McAllister, Mark Phillips, Jason Whitehead
- Acolytes and Cross Bearers**
8:45 – Jack Bradshaw, Cate Brouwer
- Liturgist**
8:45 – Mr. Jack Sehart
11:15 – Mrs. Linda Huffman
- Audio/Video Support**
 Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for November 12, 2017. These figures are unverified.)
 *Budget Contributions.....53,834.67
 *Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....1,607,859.87
 *Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date172,593.83

Capital Campaign (Figures for November 12, 2017)
 *Capital Campaign Contributions 4,153.17
 *Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date.....141,101.64

Presence (November 12, 2017)
 8 am Worship – 43; Word & Table Worship –159; Sanctuary Worship – 714;
 Ascend (Youth) – 80; Sunday School – 520