

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Family: Hospitals- No one that we are aware of. Please call the church office if you know of a Bethany member that is in the hospital.

Sympathies: Our Christian sympathies to Barbara Koester on the death of her mother, Johnnie Clark.

Our Christian sympathies to the family of Douglas Hetzel who died on Dec. 4.

Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve Worship Services

- Christmas Eve Sunday Morning Services will be at 8 a.m. in Spell, 8:45 a.m. Word and Table, and one traditional service in the Sanctuary at 10 a.m. There will be no Sunday school, nursery, or Children's Church.
- New Year's Eve Sunday Morning Services will be at 8 a.m. in Spell, 8:45 a.m. Word and Table, and one traditional service in the Sanctuary at 10 a.m. There will be no Sunday school, nursery, or Children's Church.

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.

Christmas Healing Service

Bethany's Christmas Healing Service is for the broken-hearted and the grief-stricken. It is for those whose souls are weary and in need of a word of hope. Join us on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 3 p.m. in Spell Chapel. The Christmas season can be a difficult time for someone experiencing grief and loneliness. Added stress of unemployment or an illness can take away from the joy many feel this time of year. The Christmas Healing Service will minister to those in our community who may be dealing with these feelings. Our pastors and Stephen Ministers will be available to support you. Join us and rediscover the Light that helps us endure the difficult times. A nursery will be provided.

Bethany NOW Advent Worship Services and Activities

Each Wednesday during Advent a worship service will be held at 6:15 p.m. in Spell Chapel. For a current schedule of children's activities during Advent, please contact Emily Vick or Stephanie Mitchum at 843.873.1230.

Dec. 13: dinner will be offered at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall prior to worship. Christian Family & Sue Knight Sunday School classes are hosting

The meal menu is Chicken Marsala on a bed of roasted potatoes and salad with rolls. NOW Wednesday night classes and activities for children and youth will be held. This will be the last night of NOW classes. We will resume after the Holidays on Jan. 10 with new children's and adult classes. Full information will be in the December Beacon.

Happy Hearts' Luncheon

The next luncheon meeting of Bethany Happy Hearts' will be on Friday, Dec. 15 at 12 P.M. The speaker will be Tim Lowry, storyteller. Our menu for the December meeting includes Country style cube steak w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, mexican corn, carrot salad, red velvet cake, rolls/butter, and tea/water, with lemon. The cost of the meal is \$8 per person. Please RSVP by Dec. 13 to Linda Field at 843.832.9925, or email her at fieldmw@hotmail.com.

Melody and Wesley Choirs

On Dec. 13, the Melody and Wesley choirs will meet in the Sanctuary for a short rehearsal at 6 p.m. then head to Mrs. Robyn's house for a Christmas party.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, Dec. 10

Second Sunday of Advent

8 AM **WORSHIP**, Spell Chapel
8:45 AM **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary
8:45 AM **WORD & TABLE**, FH
10 AM Sunday School
10 AM Ecuador 2018 Global Missions Mtg., Conf. Room
11:15 AM **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary
5 PM Ascend Youth

Monday, Dec. 11

9 AM Upcycling, 239
6 PM SPRC, Conf. Room
6:30 PM Singers of Summerville
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Friendship Circle

Tuesday, Dec. 12

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga Class
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
5:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 787
7 PM Alpha Omega, 236
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous, Cottage
7 PM UMW Exec. Board Mtg., 118

Wednesday, Dec. 13

6:15 PM **ADVENT WORSHIP**, Spell Chapel
6 PM Bethany NOW Children's Activities

Thursday, Dec. 14

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga Class
6:30 PM Trustees, Conf. Room
7 PM Global Missions, 237, 127

Friday, Dec. 15

Beacon Deadline
12 PM Happy Hearts' Luncheon

Saturday, Dec. 16

No Activities Scheduled

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**.

Last Chance: Make up Day for Pictures!

If you missed having your membership photo taken for the church directory schedule your photo now for: **Thursday, Dec. 21. Noon to 7pm.** Register through your Bethany Links email or call the church office.

Coat Collection for Brownsville Community

The Connections Sunday School class has started collecting warm coats & blankets again. If you would like to donate a coat or blanket for the homeless or those who are in need, please drop off to Room 239 or to the Welcome Center during regular church office hours. Adults & children's sizes. The items will be taken to the Brownsville Community Church. This will be ongoing through the colder months.

Angel Tree

If you selected an angel off the tree, please be sure to have gifts in by **TODAY!** Please sign the log book (located near the tree) beside your angel's number with your name and contact information. Gifts should have the angel tag securely attached. Thank you for opening your hearts to help a child have a Merry Christmas.

December 10, 2017
8:45 and 11:15 a.m. Worship Services

BETHANY

United Methodist Church



Rev. Mitch Houston, Senior Pastor

Rev. Scott Adams, Pastor of Congregational Care

Rev. James Alewine, Pastor Emeritus

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

December 10, 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday of Advent

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

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

Savior of the Nations, Come J. S. Bach
 Michael López, organist

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Call to Worship

* **Hymn in Procession, No. 203** Ellacombe
Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – PEACE

8:45 – Ken and Susan Richter
 11:15 – Gregory and Meredith Rutland

Gracious God, we live in a world of war. War of the nations. War in the emotions of our lives. In the conflicts of our lives we need the Peace of the Christ Child. Prince of Peace come. Prince of Peace come into our hearts. Amen.

Congregational Response

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel. (Sing twice.)

The First Lesson Isaiah 40:1-5 OT Pg. 667
 Minister: The Word God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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 *she* 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.

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

(8:45) *Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming* arr. M. Hayes
 Michael López, piano
 (11:15) *Patiently from Christmas Oratorio*
 by Camille Saint-Saëns
 Shelby Krallman, solo

* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

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

* **Hymn of Assurance, No. 236** *Christmas*
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

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** Luke 2:7-17 NT Pg. 58

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem (8:45) *The Yearning* by Craig Courtney
 Bethany Men's Ensemble

(11:15) *Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts* from *Christmas Oratorio*
 by Camille Saint-Saëns
 Chancel Choir

Sermon *Shepherds and Sheep* Rev. 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. 238** *Gloria*
Angels We Have Heard on High

* **Blessing of the People**

* **Postlude** *My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord* J. Pachelbel
 Michael López, organist

* 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 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 worshipers, please **turn off** cell phones and other electronic devices before the worship service begins. Thank you.

ALTAR GREENS

The altar greens are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lawrence and Delores Kaltenbach and Walter and Marion Haynesworth by Dennis, Margaret and Melissa Kaltenbach.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Mike and Linda Field
11:15 – Dennis and Margaret Kaltenbach

Liturgist

8:45 – Mr. David Powell
11:15 – Mr. David Powell

Ushers

8:45 - Team Leader - Rett Fowler; Jerry Bateman, Kevin Carter, William DeLong, Rick Farthing, Gene Smith, David Zollner, Webb Charpia
11:15 – Team Leader – Roger Swick; Ben Brown, Henry Thompson, Tim Shepherd, Mary K. Shepherd, Gil Hager

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Brynlee Carol-Jean James will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during the 8:45 am service. Brynlee is the daughter of Michael and Kathryn James. Grandparents are Rod and Carolyn Weader of N. Charleston and Deseree Gregory of Texas.

Hattie Lynn Rutland will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during the 11:15 am service. Hattie is the daughter of Gregory and Meredith Rutland. Grandparents are David and Barbie Chinnis and George and Tammy Rutland all of Summerville.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for December 3, 2017. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions 43,131.78
 *Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....1,707,445.35
 *Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....179,835.83

Capital Campaign (Figures for December 3, 2017)

*Capital Campaign Contributions3,108.00
 *Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date.....162,445.64

Presence (December 3, 2017)

8 am Worship – 37; Word & Table Worship – 193; Sanctuary Worship – 604;
 Ascend (UMYF-Sunday evening) 90; Sunday School – 519