

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Family: Hospitals- MUSC: Bob Lesch

Sympathies: Our Christian sympathies to Leslie Burford's on the death of her sister, Paige Killeen, in Valdosta, Ga.

Camp Meetings Continue through Jan. 22

Bethany is holding a series of Camp Meetings that continues through Jan. 22. Camp Meetings will be held periodically in recognition of the United Methodist Church's tradition that dates back to the 1800's. Worship services during Camp Meetings are informal and less ceremonial than usual, so lose the tie and come as you are on Camp Meeting Sundays.

Church Office Closed Tomorrow

The church office will be closed tomorrow, Jan. 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr., Day. The office will reopen on Jan. 16 at 8:30 a.m.

Child Development Center Registration

Registration for the 2087-2019 school year will begin soon. Bethany uses a mail-in registration system in order to be as fair as possible. Registration forms will be available to first time Bethany families on Jan.11. **They should not be postmarked before Jan.16.** For more information and registration, forms please contact the CDC office at 843.821.1946.

Bethany NOW

Wednesday night activities resume on Jan. 10 with a new class for everyone. NOW begins with a meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5 P.M. The meal for this week is meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, country style green beans, rolls and salad bar with chicken nuggets for the kids. The Sunday School class that is hosting is Spiritual Growth. Find more info in the January edition of the Bethany Beacon or online at www.bethany-umc.com.

2018 Confirmation

Confirmation 2018 will begin February 18. Confirmation is traditionally for current 7th graders and other students that desire to participate and have not previously been confirmed. Confirmation is a special time for students as they engage in deeper knowledge of their relationship with Jesus Christ. More information will come out soon. For now, please sign up if your student will be participating in Confirmation. Important dates: Confirmation Retreat: May 4-6 at Lake Junaluska (very important part of Confirmation, cost TBD.) Confirmation Sunday: May 20, 2018. 11:15 Traditional Service. To sign up, please visit

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d44adad2fa1ff2-confirmation3>.

Contact Rachel Carter at rcarter@bethany-umc.com or Emily Vick at evick@bethany-umc.com.

Children's Church

Beginning January 14, we are trying something new for our kids at the 11:15 worship service. In place of Children's Church, there are Busy Bags in the Narthex. These bags have drawing supplies, coloring sheets, and a couple of other things to keep our kindergarteners through second graders occupied during worship. If you would like a bag, they are in a basket in the Narthex. Please return them to the Narthex after the service.

Are you a New Member?

Bethany now offers a 12 week class once a quarter to new members with the purpose of helping them find classes, studies, and other opportunities within the Bethany community to encounter God's word in the Bible. The class is also open to current Bethany members. There are six spots available to current Bethany members for the class starting on Jan. 21. The class meets in room 215 from 9:50-10:50 AM. Please contact Pat Hartman (pdhartman@sc.rr.com) or Pete Horlbeck (pete.horlbeck@gmail.com) to let them know of your interest in this class.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, Jan. 14

8 AM **WORSHIP**, Spell Chapel
8:45 AM **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary
8:45 AM **WORD & TABLE**, FH
10 AM Sunday School
10 AM Ecuador Global Missions Meeting, Conf. Room
11:15 AM **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary
5 AM Ascend Youth
6 PM Technical Ministries Mtg., 213

Monday, Jan. 15

MLK Holiday- Office Closed

Happy Birthday, Pastor Mitch!

Beacon Deadline

6:30 PM Singers of Summerville, Music Room
7:30 PM AA, Open Discussion, FC

Tuesday, Jan. 16

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga class, Gym
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, Jan. 17

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, Jan. 18

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga class, GYM
9:30 AM Covenant Bible Study, 118
6 PM NAMI Support Group, 125
7 PM Church Council, Youth Wing

Friday, Jan. 19

9 AM Ladies Bible Study, 239
11 AM MS Support Group, FC

Saturday, Jan. 20

8 AM Charleston UM District Meeting Event, Fellowship Hall

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.

Wi-Fi Access

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

Altar Flowers Needed

Altar flowers are a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one. Flowers are needed for 2018. Please contact Donna Crowe at dcrowe@bethany-umc.com or 843.873.1230 ext.14 to reserve a date.

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 Sobek-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**.

2018 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are ready for pick up in the hallway near the Welcome Center. Please help us be a good steward of our finances by picking your envelopes up today.

Available Prayer Shawls

Prayer Shawls will be available after the 11:15 service in Room 119. If you know someone who could use one, please stop by.

January 14, 2018
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

Rev. James Alewine, Pastor Emeritus

Dr. Valerie Bullock, Director of Music Ministries

Mr. Michael López, Organist

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Congregation and a Welcoming Church.*

CALLED TO CARE

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Camp Meeting

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 *Over in the Glory Land*
Long Term Survivors

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

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Scripture Call to Worship

* **Opening Hymn** *Just A Closer Walk With Thee* Traditional

I am weak but thou art strong. Jesus, keep me from all wrong.
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Refrain: Just a closer walk with thee, grant it Jesus is my plea,
Daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Refrain*

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more.
Guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.
Refrain.

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offertory *Get To Be Redeemed* Jane Bowers
Long Term Survivors

* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

* **Doxology, No. 95** Old 100th

* **Hymn of Assurance**

(8:45 am only. 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.)

Love Lifted Me James Rowe and Howard E. Smith
I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more.
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.

Refrain: Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me. Love lifted me. When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.

All my heart to him I give, ever to him I'll cling,
In his blessed presence live, ever his praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs.
Faithful loving service, too, to him belongs. *Refrain*

Souls in danger, look above. Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by his love out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea, billows his will obey;

He your Savior wants to be -- be saved today. *Refrain*

* **The Gospel Lesson** John 1:4-13 NT Pg. 91
Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

* **Congregational Response** UM Hymn #601

Thy Word Is a Lamp
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Anthem *Oh, What A Beautiful City* Traditional
Long Term Survivors

Sermon *Light and Darkness* Rev. Mitch Houston

Sacrament of Holy Communion

* **Hymn of Dedication** Robert Lowry
Beautiful River

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever, flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river.
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

On the bosom of the river, where the Savior King we own,
We shall meet, and sorrow never, 'neath the glory of the throne.
Refrain

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.
Refrain

Soon we'll reach that shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
Refrain

* **Blessing of the People**

* **Postlude** *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* arr. M. Arison

* 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 jsehart@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 pagers before the worship service begins. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God in honor of Martha Houston by her children on the celebration of her birthday.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Rich and Cindylee Thorington
11:15 – Bill and Connie Figard

Communion Assistants

8:45 – Tom and Pam Jeffries
11:15 – Sunny and Linda Grant

Liturgist

8:45 – Mr. Jack Sehart
11:15 – Mr. Casey Canonge

Ushers

8:45 - Team Leader: Tom Brown; Ernie Brockman, Jim Hunter, Bob Johnson, Larry McKeehan, Jim Parrish, Hank Sieling, Tom Tatum
11:15 – Team Leader: Sam Dorr; Buford Boyd, Ken Buchanan, Harold Robinson, Claude Rowe, Tim Rowe, Rob Walters

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for January 7, 2018. These figures are unverified.)

Budget Contributions for January 7\$14,835.76
Budget Funds Contributed to Date14,835.76
Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date480.00

Capital Campaign (Figures for January 7, 2018)

Capital Campaign Contributions for January 7 989.00
Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date.....989.00

Presence (January 7, 2017)

10:00 am service - 356