

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Family: Hospitals- LifeCare: Bob Lesch,
Roper-St. Francis: Jack Harrison

Camp Meetings Continue through Feb. 4

Bethany is holding a series of Camp Meetings that continues through Feb. 4. 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.

Bethany NOW

Join us on Wednesday nights for activities and classes for everyone. NOW begins with a meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5 P.M. The meal for this week is Baked Ziti and Meatballs, Garlic Toast and a full Salad Bar. The Sunday School class that is hosting is Charles Peace and Friends in Faith.

Meals are \$7 for Adults, \$5 for Seniors & \$4 for Children, with a family maximum of \$20 (2 parents and children under 12 that live in the same household).

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

Children's Ministries is trying something new for the children at the 11:15 a.m. 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. Thank you!

Happy Hearts' Luncheon

The next luncheon meeting of Bethany Happy Hearts will be on Friday, Jan.26 at noon. The guests will be the Hans Schmidt German Band. Bethany Happy Hearts Luncheon is always open to all Bethany Members and their guests who would like to attend, but reservations are required. Both members and guests must call Linda Field at 843.832.9925, or email her at fieldmw@hotmail.com to make reservations by Wed., January 24.

Our menu for the January meeting includes Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Apple Salad, Apple Cobbler, Rolls, and Tea/Lemonade/Water, with Lemon. The cost of the meal is \$8 per person.

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 or you may sign up on the Flower sheet that is in the Narthex today.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, Jan. 21

8 AM **WORSHIP**, Spell Chapel
8:45 AM **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary
8:45 AM **WORD & TABLE**, FH
9:50 AM New Member Class, 215
10 AM Sunday School
11:15 AM **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary
5 AM Ascend Youth
6 PM Technical Ministries Mtg., 213

Monday, Jan. 22

6 PM Care Team, 127
6:30 PM Singers of Summerville,
Music Room
7:30 PM AA, Open Discussion, FC

Tuesday, Jan. 23

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga class, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
5:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 787
7 PM Alpha Omega, 236
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous,
Cottage
7 PM Living Water Ministry, 127

Wednesday, Jan. 24

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. 25

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga class, GYM
9:30 AM Covenant Bible Study, 118

Friday, Jan. 26

9 AM Ladies Bible Study, 239
12 PM Happy Hearts' Luncheon

Saturday, Jan. 27

6:45 PM Local Missions Meeting,
Conf. Room

VBS Save the Date!

Save the date to experience the ride of a lifetime with God! Rolling River Rampage June 11-15.

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.

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**.

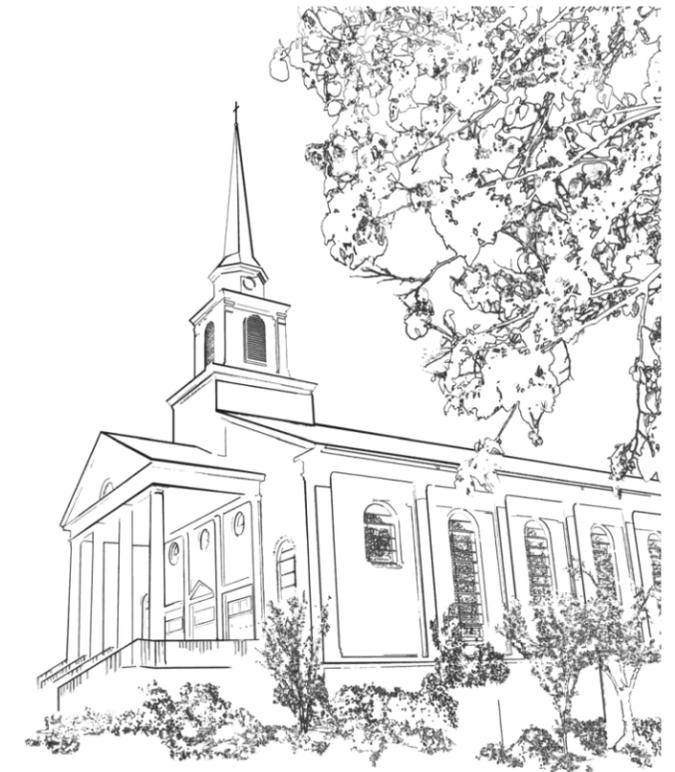
2018 Offering Envelopes

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.

January 21, 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

Ms. Rachel Carter, Director of Student Ministries

Dr. Valerie Bullock, Director Minister of Music

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

January 21, 2018

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 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. M. Arison
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** UM Hymn #370
Victory in Jesus

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory, how he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me; I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning, then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

Refrain: O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever! He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood; he love me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him; he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about his healing, of his cleansing power revealing, how he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see; and then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit," and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory. *Refrain.*

I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory, and I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea; about the angels singing and the old redemption story, and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory. *Refrain.*

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offertory *Amazing Grace* arr. H. Dean Wagner
Imogene Williams Handbell Ensemble

* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

(8:45 am - At the beginning of the Hymn of Assurance, 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.)

* Hymn of Assurance

Bringing In the Sheaves

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness, sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve; waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping, we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Chorus: Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves, we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows, fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze; by and by the harvest, and the labor ended, we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Chorus.

The Church In The Wildwood

There's a church in the valley by the wildwood, no lovelier spot in the dale; no place is so dear to my childhood as the little brown church in the vale.

Refrain: Come to the church in the wildwood, oh, come to the church in the vale.

Oh, come to the church in the wildwood, to the trees where the wild flowers bloom, where the parting hymn will be chanted, we will weep by the side of the tomb. *Refrain.*

From the church in the valley by the wildwood, when day fades away into night, I would fain from this spot of my childhood wing my way to the mansions of light. *Refrain.*

* **The Gospel Lesson** Matthew 5:38-45 NT Pg. 5
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
(8:45) *Down by the Riverside* arr. Joyce Eilers Bacak
Youth Choir
(11:15) *Blessed Assurance* arr. Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

Sermon *Is Getting Even-Christian?* Rev. Mitch Houston

* **Hymn of Dedication** UM Hymn # 536
Precious Name
Take the name of Jesus with you, child of sorrow and of woe; it will joy and comfort give you; take it then, where'er you go.

Refrain: Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven. Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

Take the name of Jesus ever, as a shield from every snare; if temptations round you gather, breathe that holy name in prayer. *Refrain.*

O the precious name of Jesus! How it thrills our souls with joy, when his loving arms receive us, and his songs our tongues employ! *Refrain.*

At the name of Jesus bowing, falling prostrate at his feet, King of kings in heaven we'll crown him, when our journey is complete. *Refrain.*

* Blessing of the People

* **Postlude** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. E. Deimer

* 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 Sehrt, Membership Director, at jsehrt@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.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Fenn and Janet Stallsmith
11:15 – Jordi Graffis

Ushers

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

Liturgist

8:45 – Mr. David Powell
11:15 – Mr. David 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 January 14, 2018. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions41,398.37
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date56,234.13
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date1,895.00

Capital Campaign (Figures for January 14, 2018)

*Capital Campaign Contributions 5,025.51
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date.....6,014.51

Presence (January 14, 2018)

8 am Worship – 37; Word & Table Worship – 243; Sanctuary Worship – 575;
Sunday School – 516