

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Family: *Sympathies:* We would like to extend our Christian sympathies to Ollie Lesch at the death of her husband, Bob Lesch on Thursday, Jan. 18.

Souper Bowl of Caring

On Feb. 4 our 5th Grade Sunday School class will be collecting money for the Gregg Middle School Food Pantry. Children will be collecting at the 8:45 Traditional and Word and Table services as well as the 11:15 service. Look for our Souper Bowl of Caring Soup Pots! The GMS food pantry feeds families in our community and is now partnering with both Ashley Ridge High School and Summerville High School to meet the needs of kids in our community. Your donations make it possible to distribute food to those in need on a weekly basis.

Asbury Hills

A representative from Asbury Hills United Methodist Camp will be here on Sunday, Feb. 4. They will have information about this summer's programs and be available to answer questions. A display will be set up at the top of the staircase near the elevator the entire morning. During Sunday School, the reps will do a program for our elementary kids to talk to them about camp, play some camp games, sing songs and have a fun hour. Parents are welcome to join us in room 214 during the hour if they would like more information on Asbury Hills.

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 a Burrito Bar. The Sunday School class that is hosting is Connection and Lift. *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).*

KidsCare Volunteers Needed

KidsCare is in search of dedicated men and women who are willing to volunteer a few hours a week after school Mon.-Thurs. Help is needed to assist children with their Math, Spelling and Reading homework. Please contact KidsCare at 843.460.4837 if you can help with this ministry.

Happy Hearts' Game Day

Bethany Happy Hearts Games Day will be on Friday, Feb. 9 in room 118 at 11:30 a.m. Bring a lunch and beverage, so we can eat together before we begin playing games. Everyone that enjoys playing card or board games is welcome to join us. If you have questions, please call Bob or Bethann Erwin at 843.291.2892 or 843.291.1666. Come join the fun.

UMW New Hope Circle

The United Methodist Women's New Hope Circle will meet on Tues., Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. at the home of Pam Kahl, 117 Brownfield Dr. The program, entitled "Learning for a Lifetime: Developing Leaders", will focus on women leaders who have influenced us, as well as our responsibility to equip and mentor other women and girls for leadership. All women are welcome. Contact Donna Waite at 843.879.3395 or donnabwaite@aol.com for more info.

Christmas Trees Needed

Have an old Christmas tree you don't want? We will take them! Children's Ministries needs Christmas Trees for VBS this year. Our theme is Rolling River Rampage and we will be decorating the church to look like the woods. Contact us at evick@bethany-umc.com and let us know. We will even come pick it up.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, Jan. 28

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 PM Ascend Youth

Monday, Jan. 29

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

Tuesday, Jan. 30

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga class, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
5:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 787
6 PM Girl Scouts 197
7 PM Alpha Omega, 236
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous,
Cottage

Wednesday, Jan. 31

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, Feb. 1

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga class, GYM
9:30 AM Covenant Bible Study, 118
6:30 PM Stewardship Committee,
Conf. Room

Friday, Feb. 2

9 AM Ladies Bible Study, 239

Saturday, Feb. 3

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.

Wi-Fi Access

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

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.

Global Impact Celebration Pledge 2018

If you filled out a GIC pledge card for contributing funds above and beyond your tithing, you can submit your contributions starting NOW!

You may write "GIC" in the memo subject line & make your contribution weekly, monthly or in one amount.

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.

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**.

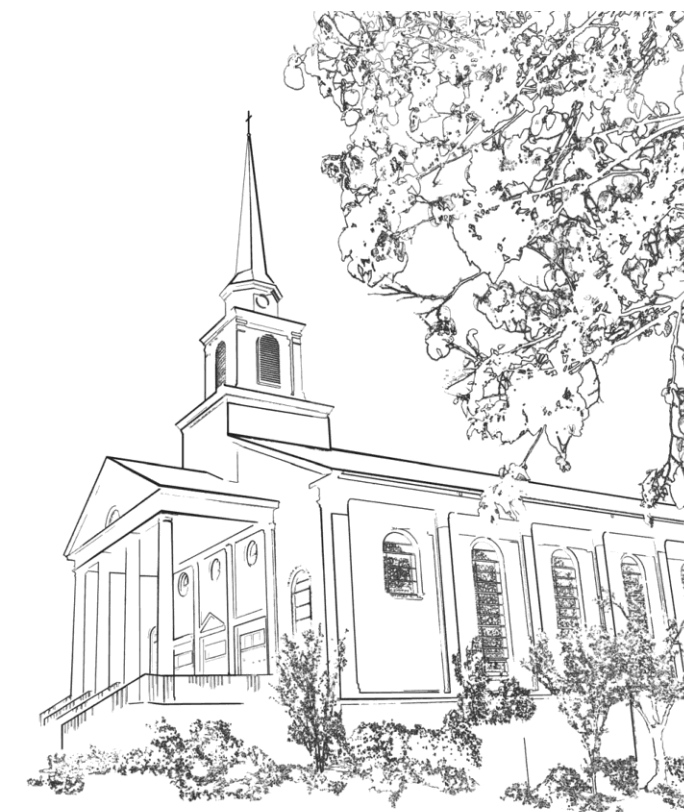
Altar Flowers Needed

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.

January 28, 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 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

January 28, 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

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

When Morning Gilds the Skies arr. V. Labenske

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Scripture Call to Worship

* **Opening Hymn** Hymn #368
My Hope Is Built

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

His oath, his covenant, his blood supports me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne! *Refrain*

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

(8:45) *Down in My Heart* arr. George W. Cooke
Melody Choir

(11:15) *My Lord, What a Morning* arr. Mark Hayes
Shelby Krallman, mezzo soprano

* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

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

(8:45 - 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** UM Hymn #191
Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." *Refrain*

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way, wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. *Refrain*

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone, at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

* **The Gospel Lesson** Matthew 18:21-33 NT Pg. 20
Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

* **Congregational Response** 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) *Do Lord* arr. Matt Huesmann
Wesley Choir

(11:15) *Walk Together, Children* arr. Moses Hogan
Chancel Choir

Sermon "It's Me, Oh Lord!" Rev. Mitch Houston

* **Hymn of Dedication** Hymn # 170

O How I Love Jesus

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

Refrain: O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free; it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea. *Refrain*

It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe; who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below. *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 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 are given to the glory of God and in honor of Sandy Hickey on the occasion of her January 30th birthday by Ed Hickey.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Phil and Deb Richardson

11:15 – Sunny and Linda Grant

Ushers

8:45 - Team Leader: Tom Brown; Ernie Brockman, Jim Hunter, Bob Johnson
Larry McKeenan, 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 – Rev. Dave Mills

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 January 21, 2018. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions30,065.50

*Budget Funds Contributed to Date86,299.63

*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date2,960.00

Capital Campaign (Figures for January 21, 2018)

*Capital Campaign Contributions 3,453.50

*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date.....9,468.01

Presence (January 21, 2018)

8 am Worship – 40; Word & Table Worship – 244; Sanctuary Worship – 763;

Ascend (UMYF-Sunday evening) - 112; Sunday School – 527.