

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Family:

Sympathies: Our Christian sympathies to Pat Murray on the death of her mother, who died on Feb. 6.

Our Christian sympathies to Jessica Zoltanski on the death of her father, Robert Hoffman, who died on Feb. 7.

Our Christian sympathies to Janie Banks on the death of her brother, who died on Feb. 9.

Confirmation Classes start today

Confirmation is a very important part in the spiritual development of our young people. Classes begin today from 3-5 p.m. in the Youth Wing. Confirmation is for seventh grade students and those older students who have never been confirmed. If you have questions, please contact Rachel Carter at rcarter@bethany-umc.com or Emily Vick at evick@bethany-umc.com.

Living Water Ministry

We would like to invite everyone to join hands with the Summerville Family YMCA in celebrating their annual Flowertown Festival Apr. 6-8. During the festival, Bethany will again provide a restful location with live Christian music; a free bottle of water and a complimentary koozie, for visiting our "Picnic/Oasis Area".

You may be a part of this outreach ministry by making a donation in one of the following ways: the offering plate, church office, or in the container on the display table near the kitchen entrance to the Fellowship Hall. Please clearly mark your check for "Living Water".

Volunteers are needed to welcome our guests, hand out the "Living Water", answer questions, pray, and to keep the Oasis/Picnic Area tidy and neat. Signup sheets are on the Flowertown Festival display table outside of the Fellowship Hall.

Bethany NOW

Join us on Wednesday nights for dinner and continued classes and activities for the children. We encourage the adults to attend the Lenten Services at 6:15 p.m. in Spell Chapel. NOW begins with a meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5 P.M. The meal for this week is Chicken Divan with Biscuits and Salad Bar. The Sunday School class that is hosting is Searchers. *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).*

New Members Class- Bethany Basics

Our New Member Class is coming up on Tuesday, Feb. 27. "Bethany Basics" will be held at 6 p.m. in Spell Chapel. If you are interested or know someone who may want to join Bethany UMC, please email jsehrt@bethany-umc.com.

Happy Hearts' Luncheon

The next luncheon meeting of Bethany Happy Hearts will be on Friday, Feb. 23 at 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest will be Michael Viljac, Musician. Michael grew up with Country Music. Come join us and enjoy the music. The menu will be Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Cabbage, Fruit Salad, Apple Pie, Rolls/Butter, Iced Tea with Lemon & Water. Bethany Happy Hearts Luncheon is open to any adult regardless of age that would like to attend, but reservations are required. To make reservations for the Feb. 23 luncheon, please call Linda Field 843.832.9925 or email her at fieldmw@hotmail.com by Tuesday, Feb. 20.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, Feb. 18

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
3 PM Confirmation
5 PM Ascend Youth

Monday, Feb. 19

5:30 PM UMM, Fellowship Hall
6 PM SPRC, Conf. Room
6:30 PM Singers of Summerville, Music Room
7:30 PM AA, Open Discussion, FC

Tuesday, Feb. 20

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga class, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
5:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 787
6 PM Girl Scouts 197
6 PM Kindred Hearts, 122
6:30 PM Finance, Conf. Room
7 PM Alpha Omega, 236
7 PM Living Water Ministry, 127
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous, Cottage

Wednesday, Feb. 21

5 PM Bethany NOW Meal, Fellowship Hall
6 PM NOW Children's Programs
6:15 PM Lenten Service, Spell Chapel
6:15 PM NOW Youth Programs

Thursday, Feb. 22

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

Friday, Feb. 23

9 AM Ladies Bible Study, 239
11 PM North Charleston UMC Tea Room
12 PM Happy Hearts' Luncheon

Saturday, Feb. 24

11 PM North Charleston UMC Tea Room

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.

Prayer Shawls

Prayer Shawls are available in Room 119 after the 11:15 service. If you know someone who would like a tangible handmade gift which shows the love that we have for them, please pick one up for that person.

Christmas Trees Needed

Have an old artificial 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.

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 Soback-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.

February 18, 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
Mrs. Emily Vick, Director of Children's Ministries
Mrs. Stephanie Mitchum, Children's Program Director
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

February 18, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP
First Sunday in Lent/Baptismal Reaffirmation

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.

Tantum Ergo J. Nixon

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Time of Friendship

* **Hymn in Procession, No. 269** *Land of Rest*
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Prayer for Confession (to be prayed in unison)

O God, your glory is always to have mercy. Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you
People: And also with you.

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.*

The First Lesson Romans 5:12-19 NT Pg. 156

Minister: The word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Offertory *Toccata on King's Weston* Matthew Compton
 Imogene Williams Handbell Ensemble

* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

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

* **Hymn of Assurance, No. 723** *Hanson Place*
Shall We Gather at the River

(8:45 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.)

The Gospel Lesson Matthew 4:1-11 NT Pg. 3

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

(8:45) *Lord for Thy Tender Mercies Sake* Richard Farrant
 Chamber Singers

(11:15) *Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs* Messiah, G. F. Handel
 Chancel Choir

Sermon

Rev. Mitch Houston
 "The Way to Jerusalem-The Wilderness"

Service of Congregational Reaffirmation

Hymnal Pg. 50

(Please follow along in your hymnal)

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Through the reaffirmation of our faith we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy church.

The Reaffirmation of Faith

(The ushers will direct the congregation to the baptismal font.)

- * **Gloria Patri, No. 70** *Meineke*
- * **Hymn of Dedication, No. 378**
Amazing Grace *Amazing Grace*
- * **Blessing of the People**
- * **Choral Response**
- * **Postlude** *Allegro* from Symphony No. 6 C.M. Widor

* 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 jsehrt@bethany-umc.com or 843-873-1230, 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 and in memory of Opal Hostetter by Bill Hostetter and Lynn and Eric Munson.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Gillis and Martha McAllister
11:15 – Sandy Hyduk

Ushers

8:45 - Team Leader: Jeremy Dunlap; Jason Baucom, Steve Chellis, Greg Horres, Frank Monterisi, Justin Murrie, Cory Rogers, Michael Wood
11:15 – Team Leader: Mike Field; Kevin Dubis, Linda Field, Bob Fusarini, Bill Jones, Chip Rogers, Toni Skidmore

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 February 11, 2018. These figures are unverified.)

- *Budget Contributions37,925.27
- *Budget Funds Contributed to Date..... 193,915.59
- *Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date24800.00

Capital Campaign (Figures for February 11, 2018)

- *Capital Campaign Contributions3,666.67
- *Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date 18,398.01

Presence (February 11, 2018)

- 8 am Spell Worship – 38; Word & Table Worship – 245; Sanctuary Worship – 633;
- Ascend (Youth) 88; Sunday School – 546