

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Family:

Sympathies: Our Christian sympathies to Mark and Shawn Kahn on the death of their son, Ryan MacCluen, who died on Feb.15.

2017 Guest Lenten Ministers

All services are in Spell Chapel and will begin at 6:15 PM

Feb. 28 – Rev. John Hipp – District Superintendent Florence, SC

March 7 – Rev. Ray Litts – Hibben UMC Mt. Pleasant, SC

March 14 – Rev. Sandra Stevens-Poirel – District Superintendent Charleston, SC

March 21 – Rev. Robert Harper – Knightsville UMC Summerville, SC

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 Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn and Green Beans. The Sunday School class that is hosting is Christian Family/Sue Knight. **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).**

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.

Technical Ministries

We have several opportunities from Technical Ministries to help serve in March. No experience is necessary!

The week of March 19- the Fellowship Hall will be rewired for the audio side during the day and evenings hours. On March 24 our Technical Ministries team will be having a work day pulling cable and other small projects.

These are huge project to upgrade the backbone of the church network and improve the audio within the Fellowship Hall. Doing this will save the church a lot of money and a lot of it doesn't need the technical background for these activities. Any assistance you can help to do would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Danny Trump at techsupport@bethany-umc.com if you are interested. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School- Coming June 11-15

Preparation for Rolling River Rampage is in full swing. We still need volunteers to help in all grade levels- 3K through 6th grade. This is an awesome opportunity to help kids on their walk with Jesus. Please consider contributing your time and talent to this week of fun and blessings. If you would like to help, please contact Stephanie Mitchum at smitchum@bethany-umc.com. Registration will open March 1. Visit www.bethany-umc.com to register.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, Feb. 25

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. 26

6 PM Care Team, 127
6:30 PM Singers of Summerville,
Music Room
6:45 PM Local Missions, Conf. Room
7:30 PM AA, Open Discussion, FC

Tuesday, Feb. 27

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 Bethany Basics, Spell
Chapel
7 PM Alpha Omega, 236
7 PM Living Water Ministry, 127
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous,
Cottage

Wednesday, Feb. 28

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
7:15 PM Church Council Special
Meeting, Youth Wing

Thursday, Mar. 1

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

Friday, Mar. 2

9 AM Ladies Bible Study, 239

Saturday, Mar. 3

No Activities Scheduled

Prayer Shawl Meeting

There will be a Prayer Shawl Team meeting on March 5 at 7 pm in Room 119. If you would like to join the team, please come to the meeting or call Marge Veneziano at 843 607-4519 for further information.

Altar Flowers Needed

Altar flowers are a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one. Flowers are needed for 2018. Dates available –March 11, April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 20, 27. Please contact Donna Crowe at dcrowe@bethany-umc.com or 843.873.1230 ext.14 to reserve a date.

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**.

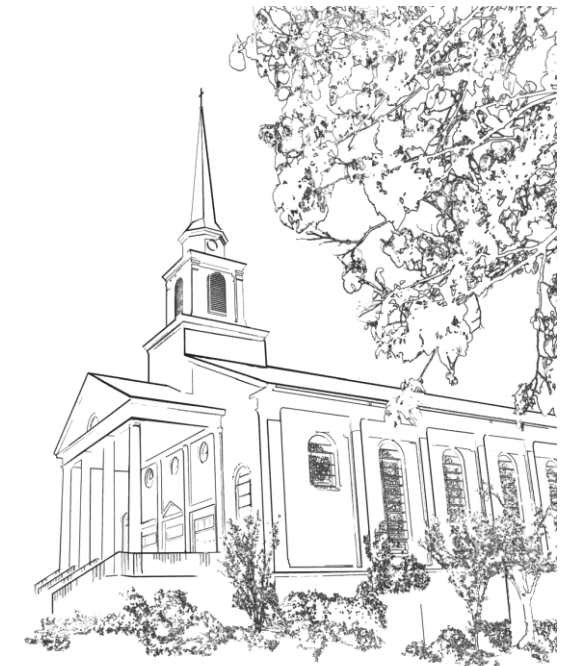
New Members Class- Bethany Basics

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.

February 25, 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 25, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday in Lent

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.

Rhosymedre Ralph Vaughan Williams
 Doug Ludlum, organist

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Time of Friendship

* **Hymn in Procession, No. 384**

Beecher

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Prayer for Confession (to be prayed in unison)

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your loving kindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call to Prayer

Leader: 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 8:28-30

NT Pg. 158

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Offertory

(8:45) *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot/All Night and All Day*
 Wesley Choir

(11:15) *Now Praise We God the Father* D. Buxtehude
 Doug Ludlum, organist

* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

* **Doxology, No. 94**

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

* **Hymn of Assurance, No. 454**

Open My Eyes

Open My Eyes, That I May See

(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 Second Lesson

Jeremiah 1:5

OT Pg. 698

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

(8:45) *Create in Me a Clean Heart* arr. Jeff Reeves
 Youth Choir

(11:15) *The Heavens Declare* Richard Shephard
 Chancel Choir

Sermon

"Answering to the Call"

Dr. Munashe Furusa

* **Gloria Patri, No. 70**

Meineke

* **Hymn of Dedication, No. 593**

Here I Am, Lord

Here I Am, Lord

* **Blessing of the People**

* **Choral Response**

Seven Fold Amen

Peter C. Latkin

* **Postlude**

Hornpipe
 Doug Ludlum, organist

G. F. Handel

* For those who are able, please stand.

Africa University – 25th Anniversary

The United Methodist Church has a long history of forming and supporting institutions of higher education. Africa University (AU) is the first and only fully-accredited university established by The United Methodist Church on the African continent. AU was approved by the 1988 General Conference and opened in 1992. Today AU has over 7,000 graduates with a current enrollment of over 1,500 students from 28+ African countries. The University offers over 50 undergraduate and graduate programs that focus on Africa's vital needs such as food supply, improved public health, peace, good governance and sustainable economic growth. It fosters intellectual, moral, ethical, and spiritual growth in its students. Graduates are in demand and often quickly rise to leadership positions. AU was recently ranked as the #2 university in Zimbabwe.

We are pleased to welcome Professor Dr. Munashe Furusa to Bethany this morning. Dr. Furusa, a Zimbabwean, is the Vice Chancellor (President/CEO) of Africa University. He assumed leadership of the university in July 2014 and has made fiscal accountability, the enhancement of the quality of life of students, and support for academics his top priorities.

Prior to joining Africa University, Prof. Furusa served as the Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities at California State University, Dominguez Hills. He was also the executive director of the California African American Political and Economic Institute. He is a respected scholar and prolific author. Prof. Furusa is a first-generation college graduate and the first in his family to earn a master's and a doctoral degree. He is passionate about providing an accessible and transformative educational experience to underprivileged individuals.

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 by the Sue Knight Sunday School Class in honor of Lloyd Ivey's faithful service of 18 years to the class.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Robin Mallue
 11:15 – Tim & MaryKay Shepherd

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. Dave Braddon
 11:15 – Mr. Dave Braddon

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 18, 2018. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions 31,636.79
 *Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....225,552.38
 *Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date 27,115.00

Capital Campaign (Figures for February 18, 2018)

*Capital Campaign Contributions4,346.50
 *Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date 22,744.51

Presence (February 18, 2018)

8 am Spell Worship – 41; Word & Table Worship – 248; Sanctuary Worship – 622;
 Ascend (Youth) 75; Sunday School – 512