

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Bethany Family:

*Sympathies: Our Christian sympathies to Mark Fentress on the death of his stepmother who died on Feb.23 in Kentucky.*

### 2017 Guest Lenten Ministers

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

**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 Chicken Wings (buffalo, garlic, and parmesan), Cole Slaw, Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, and Salad Bar. The Sunday School class that is hosting is Sam Woods. *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).*

### Technical Ministries-Volunteers Needed

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

### Global Missions Spaghetti Dinner

Please support the Global Missions Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Thursday, Apr. 5 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. All donations will help defray the costs on the 2018 Ecuador trip.

### 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.

### Local Missions All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

The Local Missions Committee will host its annual All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Apr. 7 in the Fellowship Hall from 7 - 10 AM. Tickets are \$5 each and are available in the church business office, from Local Missions Committee members, or at the door. Join us to enjoy pancakes, sausage, coffee and milk. Proceeds will benefit Bethany’s Local Missions Team. Kitchen volunteers are welcome, we’d love for you to be a part of this fun and rewarding event. For more information contact Tom Veneziano at 843.851.5343.

## THIS WEEK...

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

### Sunday, March 4

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, March 5

9 AM Upcycling, 122  
6:30 PM Singers of Summerville,  
Music Room  
7:30 PM AA, Open Discussion, FC

### Tuesday, March 6

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

### Wednesday, March 7

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, March 8

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga class, GYM  
9:30 AM Covenant Bible Study, 118  
6:30 PM Trustees, Conf. Room  
7 PM Global Missions, 237

### Friday, March 9

9 AM Ladies Bible Study, 239  
11 AM Happy Hearts’ Game Day,  
118

### Saturday, March 10

*No Activities Scheduled*

### 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. 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.

### Singers of Summerville

Join the Singers of Summerville for “The Great American Songbook” featuring music from Irving Berlin, George & Ira Gershwin, Cole Porter and more! Saturday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets at \$10 at the door or you can purchase online at singersofsummerville.org.

March 4, 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**

March 4, 2018  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
*Third 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** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. E. Deimer

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

**Welcome and Parish Concerns**

**Time of Friendship**

\* **Hymn in Procession, No. 694**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* St. George's Windsor

**Prayer of General Confession** (to be prayed in unison)

God of the Risen Christ, we lay before you everything that keeps us from rising with Christ to new life in you. We confess the burden of our self-righteousness that keeps us from sharing the good news with people we judge unworthy. We confess the burden of our apathy that keeps us from lifting the burdens of others. Enlighten our souls by the radiance of your Risen Son that we may let your light shine through us. Amen.

**Pardon**

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**All: Glory to God. Amen.**

**The First Lesson** 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 NT Pg. 166

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Call to Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Offertory** *O God Our Help* arr. Charles Callahan  
*Susan Bocook, horn*

\* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

\* **Doxology, No. 94**

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

\* **Hymn of Assurance, No. 127**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM Rhondda

(8:45 am only: At the beginning of this hymn, children may leave for Children's Church ~ ages K5 thru 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** John 9 NT Pg. 102

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "The Road to Jerusalem-A Blindman" Rev. Houston

**Anthem**

*Be Thou My Vision*  
Chancel Choir; Susan Bocook, horn

arr. Paul Basler

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We life them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Holy are you, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ, in whom your Word became flesh and came to dwell among us. Through Jesus' suffering and death you destroyed the power of sin and death. You raised from the dead this same Jesus, who now reigns with you in glory, and poured upon us your Holy Spirit, making us the people of your new covenant.*

*On the night before meeting with death Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

*When the supper was over Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

*And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.*

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that in unity we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by Christ's blood, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at your table for ever. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.*

**The Giving**

(The ushers will direct the congregation to the table.)

**Music for the Breaking of the Bread and the Taking of the Cup**

**Prayer after Receiving**

\* **Gloria Patri, No. 70**

*Meineke*

\* **Hymn of Dedication, No. 400**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* *Nettleton*

\* **Blessing of the People**

\* **Postlude**

*Postlude on Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

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 Sehr, Membership Director, at jsehrt@bethany-umc.com or 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 are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Kent and Donna Brasher by Brian, Charity, Kelli, Grant and Reid.

**SERVING THIS SUNDAY**

**Greeters**

**8:45** – Will and Cathy Wilbur

**11:15** – Jordie Graffis

**Ushers**

**8:45** - Team Leader: Bill Phillips; Ron Clayton, Jim Emery, Bob Iannace, Tim McConnell, Ed Muckenfuss, Marion Thompson, Scott Muckenfuss

**11:15** – Team Leader: David Morris; Bart Burford, Greg Elliott, Chris Glaze, Jimmy Jackson, Elliott Locklair, Bob Minus, Steve Wilson, Justin Goethe

**Communion Servers**

**8:45** – Will and Cathy Wilbur

**11:15** – Dave and Becky Powell

**Liturgist**

**8:45** – Rev. Dave Mills

**11:15** – Mr. Jack Sehrt

**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 25, 2018. These figures are unverified.)

\*Budget Contributions .....22,088.81

\*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....247,641.19

\*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....33,001.00

**Capital Campaign** (Figures for February 25, 2018)

\*Capital Campaign Contributions .....1,930.50

\*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date .....24,675.01

**Presence** (February 25, 2018)

8 am Spell Worship – 49; Word & Table Worship – 284; Sanctuary Worship – 526;

Ascend (youth) - 80; Sunday School – 505