

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2017 Guest Lenten Ministers

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

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 Shepherd's Pie, Irish Soda Bread, and Salad Bar. Kids Menu: Chicken Nuggets and Tater Tots. The Sunday School class that is hosting is Spiritual Growth. **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).**

Cookies for Kairos for Lieber Prison Ministry

Kairos Cookies for Lieber Prison Ministry is Apr. 5-8. Homemade cookies are a tangible example of Agape love and are used to display Christ's love through His servants to the prisoners at Lieber Correctional Institute. The cookies and prayers are looked upon by participants as tangible evidence of God's love as strangers took their time to pray and bake cookies for them and the ministry!

Please consider baking some homemade cookies for this wonderful ministry. Cookies must be packaged in non-metal containers such as shoe and pizza boxes. Please deliver baked goods to the Fellowship Hall by 6 p.m. on Wed., April 4. Prayers are also needed for the weekend. **Prayer vigil sign-up sheets will be distributed to Sunday school classes.** Please consider being a part of the Kairos Ministry by baking cookies and/or participating in prayer vigil. For more information about the Kairos Prison Ministry, contact Ed Hickey at 843.864.6723 or hckybug91@sc.rr.com.

Easter Sunday Ribbon Dancers

We would love for your child to be a Ribbon Dancer on Easter Sunday! Children will dance to the hymn 'I Danced in the Morning' in the Sanctuary— no dance experience necessary. If you are interested please come to our rehearsal on Wed., March 28 at 5:45 P.M. Forms can to your Sunday School Teacher or the Children's Ministry Office.

Easter Egg Hunt

Please join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, Mar. 25 at 2 P.M. Hunts will start promptly at 2 P.M., so don't be late! Up to 4 years old will hunt on the playground, graded Kindergarten – 2nd grade will hunt in Azalea Park right beside our parking lot, and 3rd – 5th graders will have a special activity at the Youth House.

We will all gather on the playground after the hunts, to have refreshments and look for the Easter Bunny to visit, so bring your cameras to take pictures! This is always a special time for fellowship! In the event of rain, it will be cancelled.

Rolling River Rampage-VBS Registration Now Open

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 is now open to members. Registration to the public opens March 15. We are asking for a \$15 donation to help offset the costs. Register online at www.bethany-umc.com. If you need assistance, please contact the Children's Ministries office.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, March 11

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
10 AM Ecuador 2018 Global Missions Mtg., Conf. Room
11:15 AM WORSHIP, Sanctuary
3 PM Confirmation
5 PM Ascend Youth

Monday, March 12

6:30 PM Singers of Summerville, Music Room
7 PM Youth Council, 214
7:30 PM AA, Open Discussion, FC

Tuesday, March 13

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga class, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
5:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 787
6 PM Girl Scouts 197
6:30 PM Technical Ministries Mtg., 213
7 PM Alpha Omega, 236
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous, Cottage
7 PM UMW- Exe. Board, 118

Wednesday, March 14

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 15

Sticky Fingers Fundraiser
Bethany Beacon Deadline
8:30 AM \$5 Yoga class, GYM
9:30 AM Covenant Bible Study, 118
6 PM NAMI Support Group, 125

Friday, March 16

9 AM Ladies Bible Study, 239

Saturday, March 17

7:30 PM Singers of Summerville Concert, Sanctuary

Deadline Correction

Information for the April *Beacon* newsletter is March 15 **NOT** April 15. There was an editor's error in the March *Beacon*. We apologize for the confusion.

Altar Flowers Needed

Altar flowers are a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one. Flowers are needed for 2018. Dates available – April 15, 29, May 6, June 24, July 1, 15. 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**.

Artificial Christmas Trees Needed!

Children's Ministries needs Christmas trees for VBS. 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.

UMW General Meeting

The UMW General Meeting is on March 20 at 11 A.M. in Friendship Circle.

March 11, 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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Congregation and a Welcoming Church.*

CALLED TO CARE

March 11, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fourth 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 *O God of Mercy, God of Light* D. Cherwien

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. 529**

How Firm a Foundation Foundation

Prayer of Confession (to be prayed in unison)

Most loving God, we praise you for the light you have sent into our world. Help us, we pray, to come to that light. We do not want to live in fear of the truth. We are weary of denying from you and others the sins we have committed. Forgive us Lord for sinning against you. Help us remember you came to save the world and not condemn it. Heal us through your grace. 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.

Reception of New Members

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

*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 3:21-26 NT Pg. 154

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Offertory *Prayer* C. Kreutzer

Michael López, organ

* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

* **Doxology, No. 94**

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

* **Hymn of Assurance, No. 732**

Come, We That Love the Lord St. Thomas

(8:45 am 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 Luke 10:25-37 NT Pg. 71

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

(8:45) *And Can It Be* by Dan Forrest

Bethany Men's Ensemble

(11:15) *God So Loved the World* by Bob Chilcott

Chancel Choir; Meagan Carlson, soloist

Sermon Road to Jerusalem...Jericho Rev. Mitch Houston

* **Affirmation of Faith** Hymnal Pg. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 the third day he rose from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

* **Gloria Patri, No. 70** *Meineke*

* **Hymn of Dedication, No. 297**
Beneath the Cross of Jesus St. Christopher

* **Blessing of the People**

* **Postlude** *Postlude* F. Mendelssohn

* 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 Sehart, 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 worshippers, 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 by Eileyn Sobeck-Bador in memory of her Mother, Carolyn McKinney who died on March 8, 2014.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Larry Bailey

11:15 – Jack and Karen Sehart

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

Liturgist

8:45 – Mr. Casey Canonge

11:15 – Mr. Casey Canonge

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Stewardship is being loyal to your commitment through presence, prayers, service and gifts.

Gifts (*Figures for March 4, 2018. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions36,876.92

*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....284,518.11

*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....35,887.00

Capital Campaign (Figures for March 4, 2018)

*Capital Campaign Contributions3,040.00

*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date27,715.01

Presence (March 4, 2018)

8 am Spell Worship – 37; Word & Table Worship – 334; Sanctuary Worship – 686;

Ascend (youth) - 72; Sunday School – 546