

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Family: Sympathies: *Our Christian sympathies to Nita Ackerman on the death of her daughter, Linda.*

Our Christian sympathies to Louise Beckmann on the death of her husband, Cecil Beckmann, who died on March 10.

2017 Guest Lenten Ministers

Service will be in Spell Chapel and will begin at 6:15 PM.
March 21 – Rev. Robert Harper – Knightsville UMC, Summerville

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 Parmesan, Garlic Toast, and Caesar Salad. The Sunday School class that is hosting is Charles Peace/Friends in Faith. **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).**

Holy Week Worship Times

Bethany offers many special worship services during the Lenten season and Holy Week. It is a time of reflection and a reminder of God's grace and love for us all.

Maundy Thursday- Sanctuary 7 p.m.

Good Friday- Youth lead worship service in Spell Chapel at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday

- 6:45 AM Sunrise Service at Azalea Park* – please bring your lawn chair
*(in case of rain we will move to Spell Chapel)
- 8 AM Worship in Spell Chapel
- 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**
- 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM Word and Table Contemporary Services in the Fellowship Hall**

** A Nursery will be provided

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 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 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, March 19

10 AM Brooks Swicegood Circle, 125
12 PM Upcycling, 239
6:30 PM Singers of Summerville, Music Room
5:30 PM UMM, Fellowship Hall
6 PM SPRC, Conf. Room
7:30 PM AA, Open Discussion, FC

Tuesday, March 20

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

Wednesday, March 21

9 AM Disciples 1 Follow up Mtg., Parlor
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 22

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga class, GYM
9:30 AM Covenant Bible Study, 118
6 PM NAMI Support Group, 125
7 PM Church Council, Youth Wing

Friday, March 23

9 AM Ladies Bible Study, 239
11 AM Happy Hearts' Luncheon
7 PM Living Water, 127

Saturday, March 24

8 AM Technical Ministries Work Day

Wi-Fi Access

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**.

Easter Egg Hunt Next Sunday!

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! This is always a special time for fellowship! In the event of rain, it will be cancelled.

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. If you would like to help, please contact Stephanie Mitchum at smitchum@bethany-umc.com. Registration is now open to everyone. 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.

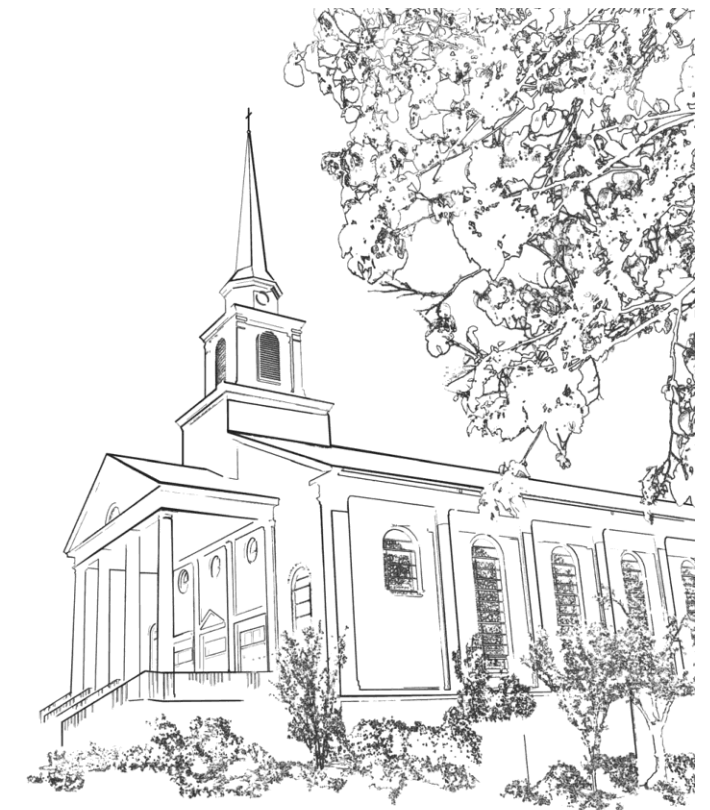
Easter Sunday Ribbon

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 interested, please come to our rehearsal on Wed., Mar. 28 at 5:45 P.M. For more information please see your child's Sunday School teacher or the Children's Ministry Office.

March 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

March 18, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fifth 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 Love, That Wilt Not Let Me Go* 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 of Procession, No. 159** *Crucifer*

Lift High the Cross

* **Prayer of Confession** (pray in unison)

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Lesson Psalm 7:10-13 OT Pg. 491

Leader: The word of the Lord.

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

*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 Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Commendation and Welcome

Pastor: Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care this child, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that she may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our savior Jesus Christ?

People: With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Audrey, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Offertory *The Majesty and Glory* arr. Bill Ingram

Imogene Williams Handbell Ensemble

* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

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

* **Hymn of Assurance, No. 301** *Near The Cross*

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

(8:45 ONLY - At the beginning of this hymn, children may leave for Children's Church K5 ~ 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** John 12:1-11 NT Pg. 106

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

(8:45) *Amazing Grace* arr. Russell Mauldin

Youth Choir

(11:15) *What Wondrous Love Is This?* arr. Peter P. Stearns

Chancel Choir

Sermon The Road to Jerusalem...Bethany Rev. 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** *St. Christopher*

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

* **Blessing of the People**

* **Choral Response**

* **Postlude** *Toccata on Come Thou Fount* arr. E. Deimer

* 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.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 GREENS

The altar greens are given to the glory of God and in memory of A. C. Holler by his loving wife, Beth and family.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Rich and Cindylee Thorington 11:15 – Bill and Connie Figard

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. Kevin Carter
 11:15 – Mrs. Linda Huffman

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Audrey Rebecca Dunham* will receive the Sacrament of Baptism during 11:15 am service. Audrey is the daughter of Ray and Jennifer Dunham. Grandparents are Chris and Glenna Osier of Columbia, SC and Patrick and Monica Dunham of La Mesa, CA.

**Please, refrain from flash photography during the Worship service.*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for March 11, 2018. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions56,084.35
 *Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....340,602.46
 *Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....44,196.00

Capital Campaign (Figures for March 11, 2018)

*Capital Campaign Contributions5,438.00
 *Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date33,153.01

Presence (March 11, 2018)

8 am Spell Worship – 52; Word & Table Worship – 230; Sanctuary Worship – 589;
 Ascend (youth) – 68; Sunday School – 524