

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, March 29- Sanctuary 7 p.m.

Good Friday, March 30- Youth lead worship service in Spell Chapel at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 1-

- 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

The Flowering Cross

The flowering cross is an especially striking and beautiful way to represent the new life that emerges from the death of Christ on Good Friday. Please help us adorn the cross with flowers on Easter Sunday, as we celebrate the transformation on the rugged cross into a symbol of life and a new beginning. All children's Sunday School classes will visit the cross during the Sunday School hour.

Please join us on Easter morning in adorning the cross outside the Sanctuary by bringing cut flowers. As you come to church, place the flowers on the cross to affirm with all of us that Christ has conquered death and is alive. We look forward to celebrating God's great gift with you on Easter.

Bethany NOW

Bethany NOW returns with meals and classes on Wednesday, April 11.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

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

The Flowertown Festival is right around the corner in our "backyard", April 6-8. 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 monetary donation in the offering plate, on the sign up table in the hallway or in the church office. Please clearly mark your check for "**Living Water**". *Volunteers are also needed to help hand out the water, pray with folks and to help be on the clean-up team in our booth area.* Sign-up 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. For more information contact Tom Veneziano at 843.851.5343.

Easter Egg Hunt TODAY!

Please join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt TODAY. Hunts will start promptly at 2 P.M., so don't be late! In the event of rain, it will be cancelled.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday

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
2 PM	Egg Hunt
3 PM	Confirmation
5 PM	Ascend Youth

Monday, March 26

6 PM	Care Team, 237
7 PM	Local Missions, Conf. Room
7:30 PM	AA, Open Discussion, FC

Tuesday, March 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
6:30 PM	SPRC, Parlor
7 PM	Alpha Omega, 236
7 PM	Narcotics Anonymous, Cottage

Wednesday, March 28

No Activities Scheduled

Thursday, March 29

Holy Thursday

8:30 AM	\$5 Yoga class, GYM
9:30 AM	Covenant Bible Study, 118
7 PM	Holy Thursday Service, Spell Chapel

Friday, March 30

Good Friday

9 AM	Ladies Bible Study, 239
7 PM	Good Friday Service, Spell Chapel

Saturday, March 31

8 AM	Technical Ministries Work Day
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Wi-Fi Access

To connect to Wi-Fi while on church property, please use the guest connection and password guest2015.

Office Closed

Please note that the church office will be closed on Friday, March 30 and Monday, April 2, in observance of Easter. We will resume normal office hours on Tuesday, April 3.

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**.

VBS Registration Now Open

Rolling River Rampage VBS is June 11-15 from 9 AM - 12:30 PM. VBS is for children ages three (currently attending 3K) through those children who have just completed sixth grade. You can register quickly and easily online at www.bethany-umc.com. We are asking for a \$15 donation to help offset the costs. We strongly encourage early registration as classes will fill up fast.

We still need teachers and assistants in classrooms to fill our volunteer roster.

If you are interested in helping out, contact Stephanie Mitchum at smitchum@bethany-umc.com

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 Mary Kay Wrenn 843.821.3123, Denis Tsukalas 843.871.0381 or Carmie Wagaman 843.414.7026

Easter Ribbon Dancers

We would love for your child to be a Ribbon Dancer on Easter Sunday-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.

March 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

March 25, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Palm Sunday

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.

Prelude and Fugue in C Major J.S. Bach

Welcome and Parish Concerns

(8:45) *Ho-Ho-Hosanna, Peace Like a River* Traditional
 Cherub Choir

* **Procession of the Palms and Hymn, No. 280** *St. Theodulph*
All Glory, Laud and Honor

Prayer of Confession (pray in unison)

Lead on O King Eternal and help us to follow with love and praise. May we never join the crowd of jealousy, gossip and betrayal but forever keep our hearts in you. Thank you for embracing us despite our sins and forgive us as you call us to forgive. Lord Jesus you suffered and died that we, and all the world, might be reconciled to our God, and all may be redeemed by the blood of your suffering. We thank you on this Holy Sunday for loving us and hearing our prayers. In Jesus name, Amen.

Words of Assurance

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 Philippians 2:5-11 NT. Pg. 197

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.*

Offertory

(8:45) *Children Get Ready!* L. Bailey & B. Mayo
 Melody and Wesley Choirs

(11:15) *The Crucifixion* Samuel Barber
 Shelby Krallman, mezzo soprano

* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

* **Doxology, No. 95** *Old 100th*

* **Hymn of Assurance, No. 277** *Stories of Jesus*
Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

(8:45 - 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 attach a Children's Church sticker to your child and pick them up ASAP.)

* **The Gospel Lesson** Luke 19:28-40 NT Pg. 83
 Minister: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

(8:45) *Hosanna to the Son of David* O. Gibbons
 Chamber Singers

(11:15) *Ride On, King Jesus* L. Shackley
 Chancel Choir; Michael López and Anne Poole, accompanists

Sermon Road to Jerusalem...Jerusalem 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. 287** *Selena*
O Love Divine, What Has Thou Done

* **Blessing of the People**

* **Postlude** *Send Forth Your Spirit* C. Tambling

* 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 loving memory of Gary C. Banks, Jr. by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Fenn & Janet Stallsmith

11:15 – Jordi 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

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

8:45 – Piper Redick and Paige Redick

11:15 – Tucker Mullinax

Liturgist

8:45 & 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 18, 2018. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions 27,001.04

*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....367,603.50

*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date..... 51,515.00

Capital Campaign (Figures for March 18, 2018)

*Capital Campaign Contributions1,981.00

*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date35,134.01

Presence (March 18, 2018)

8 am Spell Worship – 48; Word & Table Worship – 291; Sanctuary Worship – 609;
 Ascend (Youth) -75; Sunday School – 556.