

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany NOW Spring Schedule

Wednesday night activities resume on April 11. NOW begins with a meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5 P.M. The meal for this week is breakfast for dinner! The Sunday School class that is hosting is Connection/Lift.

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).

Happy Hearts' Game Day

Bethany Happy Hearts' Games Day will meet Friday, April 13 in Room 118 at 11:30 a.m. Bring a lunch and beverage, so we can eat together before we begin playing games. We play several different games "Hand and Foot", RummyCube", "Mexican Train", "Pegs and Jokers", "Skip-Bo", and we have other games available, but if you have a special game you would like to play, bring it with you. Don't worry if you don't know how to play these games, someone will teach you. The object is to have fun. Everyone that enjoys playing card or board games is welcome to join us. If you have questions, please call Bob or Bethann Erwin at 843.291.2892/843.291.1666. Come join the fun.

VBS Registration Now Open

Rolling River Rampage VBS is June 11-15 from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 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.

Grief Support Group

You are invited to attend Bethany's Bereavement Support Group, "Beyond the Broken Heart", starting this Wednesday from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in Room 240. You can contact Susan Keifer with any questions 843.830.6314.

Bethany Annual Golf Tournament

The Annual Bethany Golf Tournament will be held on April 28 at Miler Country Club of Summerville. All members of Bethany and their friends are invited to participate in a day of golf, good food and fellowship. There is a shot gun start at 8 AM and the format is Captain's Choice. The price is \$50 for Miler members and \$55 for non-members. The price includes golf, lunch and prizes! To make reservations, please call 843.873.1230.

We are also looking for prize donations as well as giveaway items for the golfer bags. Golfer giveaway ideas could include golf balls, pens, hydration bottles, sunscreen, protein bars, etc. Prize donations could include gift certificates, golf apparel, etc. Thank you for your support!

Upcycling/Planning Needs

For April, we are collecting *blue, yellow, and white* plastic shopping bags. Please drop off your clean and empty bags to the Welcome Center.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, April 8

Azalea Festival

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, April 9

7 PM Youth Council
7:30 PM AA, Open Discussion, FC

Tuesday, April 10

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

Wednesday, April 11

5 PM Bethany NOW Meal, Fellowship Hall
6 PM NOW Children's Programs
6:15 PM NOW Youth Programs
6:15 PM Beyond the Broken Heart Bereavement Group, 240

Thursday, April 12

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

Friday, April 13

9 AM Ladies Bible Study, 239
11:30 AM Happy Hearts' Game Day

Saturday, April 14

9 AM Technical Ministries Sound Board Training

Recording/Videotaping

Worship services are recorded/videotaped and made available for viewing on our web site. As a worshiper, you will not be identified in the video 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**.

Wifi Access

If you would like to connect to Wi-Fi while on church property, please use the guest connection and password [guest2015](#).

Graduation Sunday

If you have a 2018 high school graduate, please email rcarter@bethany-umc.com with student name, high school, college attending, and parent contact information.

Acolyte and Crucifers Needed!

We are in need of Acolytes and Crucifers. Youth in grades 5th-12th are invited to join in this service to the church! Training will be held in the Conference Room on Sunday, April 15 and Sunday, April 22 during the Sunday School hour.

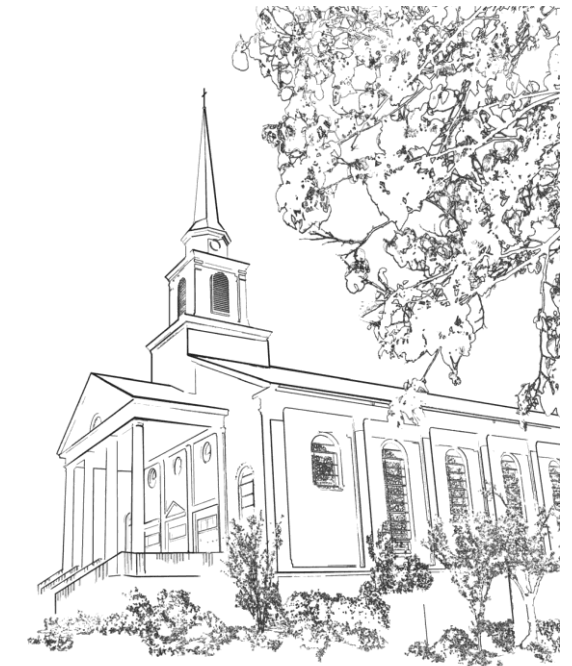
Family Support Group

Do you have a loved one with an addiction? Do you want to find other people going through similar situations? Bethany UMC is starting a Family Support Group to reach out to those people that are looking for hope, understanding and support. We will begin our weekly meetings on Thursday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m. in room 240. For more information, contact Greg Hallinan 843.323.2592 or ghallinan@sc.rr.com.

April 8, 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

April 8, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday of Easter

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

Michael López, organ

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. 304**

Regent Square

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

* **Collect** (to be prayed in unison)

O God, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth! The echoes of Easter still fill this place, and we are as certain as ever that Jesus is risen from the dead and alive. May the warm glow of that news, and the fiery presence of Your Holy Spirit set our hearts ablaze this morning with worship that glorifies You, and You alone. Open our hearts so that we might hear the clear and clarion call of Your voice into our lives. Amen.

The First Lesson

Acts 4:32-35

NT Pg. 122

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.

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

Michael López, organ

* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

* **Doxology, No. 94**

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

* **Hymn of Assurance, No. 306**

Victory

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

(8:45 only- At the beginning of this hymn, children may leave for Children's Church- ages K5 thru 2nd grade. Meet the volunteer at the lectern side doors. Children's Church is held 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 1 Corinthians 15:12-19
Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

NT Pg. 176

Anthem

(8:45) *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* Dan Forrest
Men's Ensemble

Michael López, and Allen Hunt, piano

(11:15) *Crown Him with Many Crowns* arr. Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir

Sermon

"Why Easter Matters"

Rev. Scott Adams

***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. 310**

He Lives

Ackley

* **Blessing of the People**

* **Postlude**

Michael López, organ

* 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 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 in loving memory of Arnette Kinley McDonald, daughter of T. J. and Kelly Polk McDonald and in honor of Maddox and Myers McDonald by Ginger and Bob Polk.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Mike and Linda Field

11:15 – Rob and Kerry Walters

Ushers

8:45 - Team Leader: Billy Hay; Laurence Clair, Wayne Courtney, Stuart Courtney, Jack Cross, Steve Davis, Jim McElheny, Jonathan Patterson

11:15 – Team Leader: David Huffman; Marty Eubanks, Tom Venezino

Liturgist

8:45 & 11:15 – Mr. David Powell

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for April 1, 2018. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions47,966.12

*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....447,684.15

*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date63,941.50

Capital Campaign (Figures for April 1, 2018)

*Capital Campaign Contributions 3,990.33

*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date 42,082.84

Presence (April 1, 2018) Easter

8 am Spell Worship – 57; Sunrise – 278; Word & Table Worship – 740;

Sanctuary Worship – 1,395; Sunday School – 476