

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Bethany Family

Sympathies: *Our Christian sympathies to Charles Davis on the death of his mother, Alice Davis, on April 9.*

### Red Cross Blood Drive Today

The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive today from 8 A.M. to 1 P.M. The Bloodmobile will be in the parking lot outside of the Fellowship Hall. Please consider giving the gift of life.

### Bethany NOW Spring Schedule

Wednesday night activities begins with a meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5 P.M. The meal for this week is chicken burritos, salsa, Mexican rice and black bean salad. The Sunday School class that is hosting is Daily Bread/Providence.

*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).*

### Sign-up TODAY! 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.

**Deadline to register is April 23 at NOON!**

### 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.

### Vision for the Kingdom

Bishop Mushtaq from the Vision for the Kingdom in Pakistan will be here on Sunday, April 22 to talk about the work he is doing there.

VFK relies on the support of Bethany, and we are pleased that he is able to be here in person to give us an update. Bishop Mushtaq will be in the Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m., during the Sunday School hour. Please join him for an informative talk about how our support is growing God's kingdom.

### Thank You

Thank you to everyone who had a hand in helping with the multiple fundraisers that were held over the weekend at Flowertown Festival. The youth raised approximately \$8400 with parking, and Local Missions raised approximately \$1700.00 with the Pancake Breakfast. Results will be posted soon for the Spaghetti Dinner.

### Summer Sports Camp

Go online to bethanygym.siplay.com and check out our Summer Sports Camps! You can register today!

Coach Kurt's Basketball Camp (ages 6-13) June 4-8: Co-Ed  
Coach Leonard's Volleyball Camp (grades 4th-9th) June 18-22  
Coach Elliot's Basketball Camp (ages 6-13) July 9-13: Co-Ed

## THIS WEEK...

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

### Sunday, April 15

#### *Beacon Deadline*

#### *Blood Drive*

8 AM Blood Drive, Parking Lot  
8 AM **WORSHIP**, Spell Chapel  
8:45 AM **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary  
8:45 AM **WORD & TABLE**, FH  
10 AM Sunday School  
11:15 AM **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary  
3 PM Confirmation  
5 PM Ascend Youth

### Monday, April 16

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

### Tuesday, April 17

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 PM Kindred Hearts (Widow Support Group), 122  
6:30 PM Finance, Conf. Room  
7 PM Alpha Omega, 236  
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous, Cottage

### Wednesday, April 18

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 19

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

### Friday, April 20

9 AM Ladies Bible Study, 239  
5 PM Emmaus Gathering, Spell Chapel & Fellowship Hall, Friendship Circle

### Saturday, April 21

8 AM Stewardship Conference

### 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 this Sunday, April 15 and next Sunday, April 22 during the Sunday School hour.

### 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.

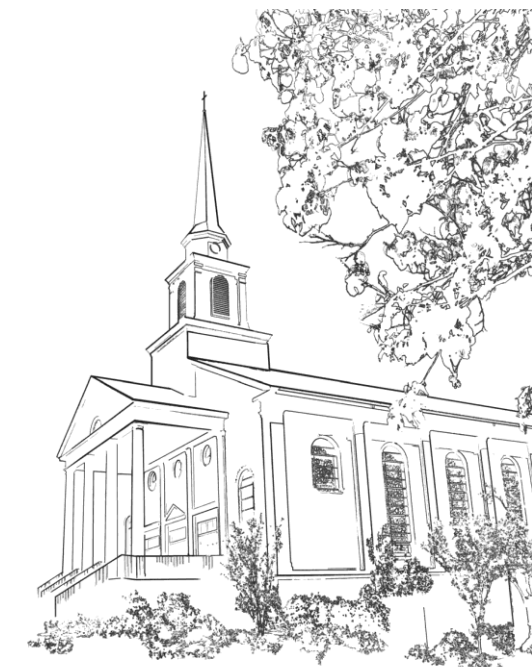
### Upcycling/Plarning Needs

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

April 15, 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 15, 2018  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
*Third 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. 62** Lasst Uns Erfreuen  
*All Creatures of Our God and King (vss. 1-5)*

\* **Collect** (to be prayed in unison)  
 O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**The First Lesson** Acts 3:11-21 NT Pg. 120  
 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** *Down by the Riverside* arr. Arnold Sherman  
 Imogene Williams Hanbell Ensemble

\* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

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

\* **Hymn of Assurance, No. 307** *Christ Is Risen* W. Zlobie Lezy  
 (8:45 only- At the beginning of this hymn, children may leave for Children's Church- ages K5 thru 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** Luke 24:36-42 NT Pg. 91  
 Leader: The word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

(8:45) *O Sing Joyfully* by Adrian Batten  
 Chamber Singers

(11:15) *The Day of Resurrection* by Thomas Matthews  
 Chancel Choir

**Sermon** Wrong Thinking and Redemption 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. 400** *Nettleton*  
*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

\* **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 worshippers, 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.

**SERVING THIS SUNDAY**

**Greeters**

8:45 – Rick and Teri Reule  
 11:15 – Dennis and Margaret Kaltenbach

**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

**Acolyte**

8:45 – Mary Ruth Horres  
 11:15 – Krissy Powitchko

**Liturgist**

8:45 – Mr. Jack Sehrt  
 11:15 – Mrs. Linda Huffman

**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 8, 2018. These figures are unverified.)

\*Budget Contributions.....37,239.53  
 \*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....484,923.68  
 \*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....65,001.50

**Capital Campaign** (Figures for April 8, 2018)

\*Capital Campaign Contributions ..... 4,386.74  
 \*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date ..... 46,469.58

**Presence** (April 8, 2018)

8 am Spell Worship – 29; Word & Table Worship – 172; Sanctuary Worship – 492;  
 Ascend (Youth) - 45; Sunday School – 336