

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 BBQ, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw and Salad Bar. The Sunday School class that is hosting is Searchers.

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).

Transform a Child's Future

Each year, Epworth Children's Home provides care to children in our own communities who have experienced abuse, neglect, and loss. Epworth's care breaks the destructive cycle and encourages children to aim higher in life. The physical, emotional, academic, and spiritual care they receive transforms lives. On Sunday, May 13, our congregation will support Epworth by collecting the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering. We invite you to give generously to the children who call Epworth home. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information, please visit Epworth online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

Rolling River Rampage

Volunteers: If you are serving in any area of VBS, there will be a training session on May 5 from 10 A.M.- 12 P.M. This one-time session will provide a review of our curriculum and plans for crafts, snacks, recreation, discovery and more. Child care will be available. Mark your calendars and plan to attend! Teen helpers do not need to attend, we will have a separate training for them at a later date.

VBS Needs: Clean, empty plastic water bottles with lids and used, clean plastic food storage containers with lids. Also snacks for the volunteers every day (breakfast foods, 2-Liter drinks, cookies, chips, dips).

Registration: Registration is still open, but classes are filling up quickly. If you haven't already, please register your children by May 1. We will begin to look at class placements soon after this. Register easily on-line at bethany-umc.com

Graduation Sunday, May 20

If you have a 2018 high school graduate, please email your students name, high school, college attending, and parent contact information to Rachel Carter at rcarter@bethany-umc.com.

Memorial Day "Poppy Sunday"

The Friendship Circle Sunday School Class will honor our Veterans on Memorial Day Sunday, May 27, with baskets of Poppies. Proceeds will benefit the Fisher House Charleston. Fisher House Charleston is a home away from home for loved ones whose families are receiving care. The contributions of Poppy Day will supply food, laundry, cleaning & toiletry necessities, paper goods and taxi rides to the VA Medical Center for those families who do not have transportation. Checks may be written as such and ALL donations are tax deductible. We are providing this opportunity under the auspices of American Legion Post #166. Thank you all for your continued support in this worthy project.

Thank you!

Joe and June Wilson, David Powell, Pastor Mushtaq, Jerry and Sharon Miner wish to convey their heartfelt and sincere thanks to all who graciously attended Pastor Mushtaq's presentation last Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Thank you so much for your support of the team who is truly in the Lord's work in transforming people into true Disciples of Christ in South Asia.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, April 29

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
11:15 AM WORD & TABLE, FH
3 PM Confirmation Class, Youth Wing
5:30 PM Ascend, Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 30

6:30 PM GIC Meeting, Conf. Room
6:30 PM Singers of Summerville, Music Room
7:30 PM AA, Open Discussion, FC

Tuesday, May 1

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 Alpha Omega, 236
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous, Cottage

Wednesday, May 2

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, May 3

National Day of Prayer
8:30 AM \$5 Yoga class, GYM
9:30 AM Covenant Bible Study, 118
6:30 PM Stewardship Committee, Conf. Room
6:30 PM Family Support Group, 240

Friday, May 4

9 AM Ladies Bible Study, 239

Saturday, May 5

10 AM VBS Training, 213 & 214

National Day of Prayer

The Spell Chapel will be open from 7:30 AM-6 PM on Thursday, May 3 for National Day of Prayer.

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.

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.

Treasure Island

The Melody and Wesley Children's Choirs will present a Musical, Treasure Island, in the Sanctuary on Sunday May 6 at the 11:15 am service.

Altar Flowers Needed!

Altar flowers are a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one. The following dates are the openings we have for the rest of 2018. May 6, 20, July 1, 15, September 2, 9, 16, 30, October 7, 14, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25, and Dec. 16, 30. Please contact Donna Crowe at dcrowe@bethany-umc.com or 843.873.1230 ext. 14 to reserve a date.

April 29, 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

April 29, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fifth 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. 89**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn To Joy

*** 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

Psalm 23

OT Pg. 501

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.*

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:15 am)

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 he 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 Beckett, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Offertory

Michael López, organ

*** Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

*** Doxology, No. 94**

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*** Hymn of Assurance, No. 381**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Bradbury

(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

John 10:1-18

NT Pg. 103

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

(8:45)

Sing an Alleluia to the Lord

Douglas E. Wagner

Youth Choir

(11:15)

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

arr. Eugene Butler

Lindsay Webb, guest conductor

Sermon

A Good Shepherd

Rev. Mitch Houston

***Easter Affirmation**

This is the Good News which we have heard, upon which we base our lives, and by which we are set free from the power of death to experience life: Christ was crucified, according to the scriptures. But death could not hold Him. He experienced resurrection by the power of God. His living presence has been and is experienced by many. We too, affirm today His presence in us and with us. We believe in God's Love, which gives us victory over sin and death, and makes new and eternal life possible. Amen.

*** Gloria Patri, No. 70**

Meineke

*** Hymn of Dedication, No. 529**

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

*** Blessing of the People**

*** Postlude**

Michael López, organ

* For those who are able, please stand.



He will stand and
 shepherd his flock
 in the strength
 of the LORD ...

Micah 5:4, NIV

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.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Robin Mallue

11:15 – Tim and Mary K. Shepherd

Acolytes

8:45 - Ashton Shirley and Aubrey Baucom

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. Casey Canonge

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Beckett Roland Wilson* will receive the Sacrament of Baptism during 11:15 am service. Beckett is the son of Brandon Wilson and Ansley Steward Wilson.

Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Keith Stewart of Marion, SC, Mr. & Mrs. Danny Renew of Lexington, SC and Mr. & Mrs. Russell Wilson of Hopkins, SC.

**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 April 22, 2018. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions..... 20,358.25

*Budget Funds Contributed to Date..... 535,273.21

*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date..... 84,088.96

Capital Campaign (Figures for April 22, 2018)

*Capital Campaign Contributions 1,745.50

*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date 50,180.08

Presence (April 22, 2018)

8 am Spell Worship – 42; Word & Table Worship – 204; Sanctuary Worship – 593;
 Ascend (Youth) 73; Sunday School – 579