

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Bethany Family:

*Sympathies:* Our Christian sympathies to Shell Martin on the death of his wife, Beverly Martin.

### 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 and Rice Gumbo, Biscuits and Salad Bar. The kids menu is Chicken Tenders and Tots. The Sunday School class that is hosting is Christian Family/Sue Knight.

*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).*

### Don't Forget Your Mothers or Epworth Children's Home Next Sunday!

Next week is Mother's Day. We will buy flowers, call the mothers in our lives and remember those mothers who have impacted our lives in the past. Most of the children at Epworth Children's Home will not be celebrating Mother's Day with their mothers. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff and volunteers who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional and physical support. Consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for 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 about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).

### Rolling River Rampage

**VBS Needs:** Used, clean plastic food storage containers with lids and ½ gallon milk jugs. 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! We have closed registration for 3K, Kindergarten and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. If you haven't already, please register your children ASAP. Register easily on-line at [bethany-umc.com](http://bethany-umc.com)

**Decorations:** We still need people to prep decorations at home, as well as help decorate the building. If you can help in any way, please contact [evick@bethany-umc.com](mailto:evick@bethany-umc.com).

### Habitat Missions Work Day

The congregation is invited to participate in a Habitat mission workday on Saturday May 12 from 8 A.M.-12 P.M. The house is located at 326 Rambo Dr. in Summerville. No skills are necessary and everyone ages 16 and over is invited to participate. If unable to participate, we have also set up a Habitat for Humanity account enabling church members to donate funds to help buy supplies. If you would be able to attend, please contact Barney Duncan at [bduncan1008@gmail.com](mailto:bduncan1008@gmail.com) or call 843.224.1898.

### Happy Hearts' Luncheon

The next luncheon meeting of Bethany Happy Hearts will be on Friday, May 25 at 12 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest will be Ralph "Stoney" Bates, Sr. Major (Ret.) Bates served in Vietnam as a lieutenant, as a small unit infantry leader, and as the commander of a criminal investigations detachment. The menu will pork chops, cheesy potato casserole, stewed tomatoes and okra, peach cobbler, rolls/butter, iced tea with lemon, coffee & water. Bethany Happy Hearts Luncheon is open to any adult regardless of age that would like to attend, but reservations are required. To make reservations, please call Linda Field 843.832.9925 or email her at [fieldmw@hotmail.com](mailto:fieldmw@hotmail.com) by Sunday May 20.

## THIS WEEK...

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

### Sunday, May 6

8 AM WORSHIP, Spell Chapel  
8:45 AM WORSHIP, Sanctuary  
8:45 AM WORD & TABLE, FH  
10 AM Sunday School  
10 AM Ecuador Global Missions, Conf. Room  
11:15 AM WORSHIP, Sanctuary  
11:15 AM WORD & TABLE, FH  
5:30 PM Ascend, Fellowship Hall

### Monday, May 7

7:30 PM AA, Open Discussion, FC

### Tuesday, May 8

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 Exec. Board, 118  
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous, Cottage

### Wednesday, May 9

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 10

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga class, GYM  
9:30 AM Covenant Bible Study, 118  
6:30 PM Trustees, Conf. Room  
6:30 PM Family Support Group, 240  
7 PM Global Missions, 237

### Friday, May 11

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

### Saturday, May 12

8 AM Lowcountry Emmaus Board Meeting, Friendship Circle

### 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](mailto:rcarter@bethany-umc.com)

### Wifi Access

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

### Memorial Day "Poppies"

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. 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 for your support.

### 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](mailto: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**.

### 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.

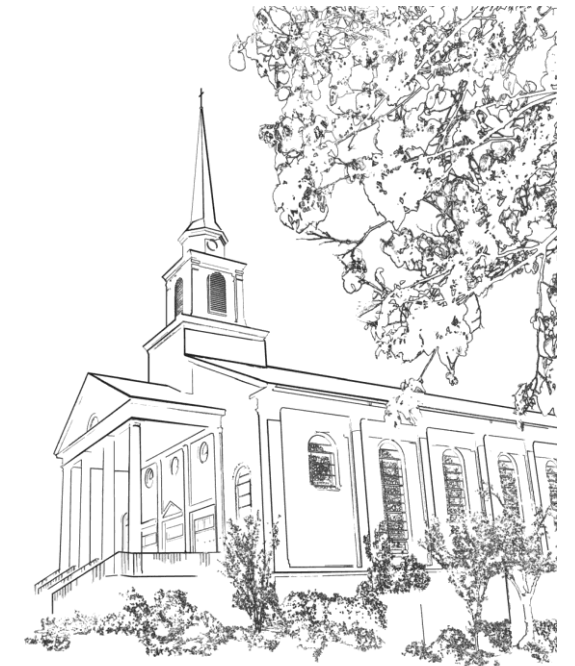
### Young Adults Needed

Attention Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers, are you looking for a way to serve at Bethany? We are in need of acolytes and cross bearers for the Traditional worship services. Parents, if your young adults are interested in serving, please contact Susie Wimberly at [susiewimberly@gmail.com](mailto:susiewimberly@gmail.com).

May 6, 2018  
8:45 am 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

May 6, 2018  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
*Sixth 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. 569**

Message

*We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

\* **Prayer of Confession** (to be prayed in unison)

*God of the Risen Christ, we lay before you everything that keeps us from rising with Christ to new life in you. We confess the burden of our self-righteousness that keeps us from sharing the good news with people we judge unworthy. We confess the burden of our apathy that keeps us from lifting the burdens of others. Enlighten our souls by the radiance of your Risen Son, that we may let your light shine through us. Amen.*

**Pardon**

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**

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**

**Offertory**

Michael López, organ

\* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

\* **Doxology, No. 94**

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

\* **Hymn of Assurance, No. 616**

Hursley

*Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast*

(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 Gospel Lesson**

John 10:11-18

NT Pg. 103

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

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

**Anthem**

*The Majesty and Glory*

Tom Fettke

Chancel Choir

**Sermon "Hireling-Wolf-and a Shepherd"** Rev. Mitch Houston

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory! Glory be to thee, O Lord most high! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! Amen.*

Holy are you, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ, in whom your Word became flesh and came to dwell among us. Through Jesus' suffering and death you destroyed the power of sin and death. You raised from the dead this same Jesus, who now reigns with you in glory, and poured upon us your Holy Spirit, making us the people of your new covenant.

On the night before meeting with death Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

*Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that in unity we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by Christ's blood, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at your table for ever. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The Giving** (The ushers will direct the congregation to the table.)

**Music for the Breaking of the Bread and the Taking of the Cup**

**Prayer after Receiving**

\* **Hymn of Dedication, No. 421**

*Diademata*

*Make Me a Captive, Lord*

\* **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](mailto: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 by Kevin and Brenda Byrd in honor of the birth of their grandson Otis Arthur Byrd, born April 27, 2018. Proud parents are Grayson and Jordan Byrd and brother, Henry. Glory be to God!

**SERVING THIS SUNDAY**

**Greeters**

8:45 – Will and Cathy Wilber

11:15 – Jordi Graffis

**Communion Servers**

8:45 – Rich & Cindylee Thorington

**Ushers**

8:45 - Team Leader: Narvie Bilbray, Jr.; Jim Barrier, Dennis Bradshaw, Jody Dillard, David Kresge, Kevin Slack, Fenn Stallsmith, James Vinson

11:15 – Team Leader: Kerry Farmer; Bill Eiser, Hal Hess, Al Jackson, Barbara Jackson, Gillis McAllister, Mark Phillips, Jason Whitehead

**Liturgist**

8:45 - Mr. Kevin Carter

**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 29, 2018. These figures are unverified.)

\*Budget Contributions..... 34,439.38

\*Budget Funds Contributed to Date..... 659,712.59

\*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date..... 84,768.96

**Capital Campaign** (Figures for April 29, 2018)

\*Capital Campaign Contributions ..... 2,144.50

\*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date ..... 52,324.58

**Presence** (April 29, 2018)

8 am Spell Worship – 52; Word & Table Worship – 223; Sanctuary Worship – 665; Youth 65; Sunday School – 490