

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Family: (as of May 9)

Hospitals: MUSC- Don Hudson Roper- Ed Chinnis

Epworth Mother's Day Offering

Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering to provide loving care for the children at Epworth Children's Home. Please find information about Epworth and the Mother's Day Offering on the bulletin insert. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org where you can also choose to make a secure credit card donation or enroll for monthly contributions.

VBS Update- Rolling River Rampage

Registration: Registration for VBS will close at midnight today, May 13. If you have not already, please register your children today.

VBS Needs: We still need clean, used, small plastic containers for a mission project. We have enough of all other supplies, thanks! We need your support during the week of VBS, by providing snacks for the over 120 volunteers who are giving their time. Drop any breakfast items, appetizers, chips and dips or two liter drinks in the kitchen any morning of VBS.

Technical Ministries Work Day

Technical Ministries is having a workday at the church on Saturday, May 19 from 8:30 A.M.- 3 PM. No experience necessary! We will be pulling wire and other "Non-Technical" things that doesn't require experience. If you have any questions, please contact Danny Trump at techsupport@bethany-umc.com.

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 by Sunday May 20.

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

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.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, May 13

Happy Mother's Day

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 14

7:30 PM AA, Open Discussion, FC

Tuesday, May 15

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 Narcotics Anonymous,
 Cottage

Wednesday, May 16

9 AM Disciples 1, Parlor
6:15 PM Beyond the Broken Heart
 Bereavement Group, 240

Thursday, May 17

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga class, GYM
9:30 AM Covenant Bible Study, 118
6:30 PM Family Support Group, 240

Friday, May 18

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, May 19

No Activities Scheduled

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

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](#).

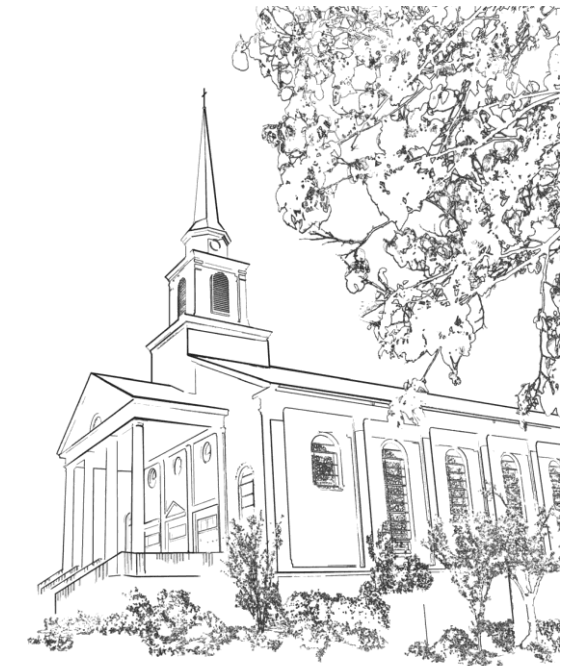
Stephen Ministry

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.

May 13, 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

May 13, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Ascension Sunday/Mother's Day

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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. M. López
As the prelude begins, let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer and prepare for worship.

(8:45) *Jesus Loves Me and Deep and Wide*
 Cherub Choir

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Time of Friendship

* **Hymn in Procession, No. 92** Dix
For the Beauty of the Earth

* **Collect** (to be prayed in unison)
 O God of Creation, bind together in your all-embracing love every family on earth. Banish anger and bitterness within them; nourish forgiveness and peace. Bestow upon parents such wisdom and patience that they may gently exercise the disciplines of love, and call forth from their children their greatest virtue and their highest skill. Instill in children independence and self-respect that they may freely obey their parents and grow in the joys of companionship. Open ears to hear the truth within the words another speaks; open eyes to see the reality beneath another's appearance and make the mutual affection of families a sign of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Lesson Ephesians 1:15-23 NT Pg. 192
 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.

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 arr. M. Ham
Were you there?/Crown Him with Many Crowns
 Anne Poole, piano

* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

* **Doxology, No. 94** *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

* **Hymn of Assurance, No. 157** Duke Street
Jesus Shall Reign

(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 Gospel Lesson Acts 1:1-11 NT Pg. 118
 Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
 (8:45) *If Ye Love Me* Thomas Tallis
 Chamber Singers

(11:15) *Children of the Heavenly Father* Dan Forrest
 Chancel Choir

Sermon "Left Behind" Rev. Richard Hogue

* **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.

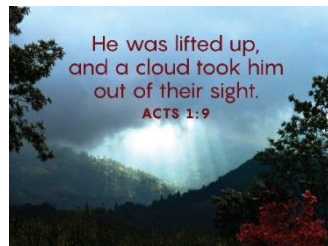
* **Gloria Patri, No. 70** *Meineke*

* **Hymn of Dedication, No. 580** *Lancashire*
Lead On, O King Eternal

* **Blessing of the People**

* **Postlude** *Festival Fanfare* C. Tambling
 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 and in memory of my mother Betty Slack by Kevin and Beth Slack, Whitney and Erin.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Larry Bailey
 11:15 – Bill and Connie Figard

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. Dave Braddon

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for May 9, 2018. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions.....77,747.86
 *Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....647,460.45
 *Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....93,070.43

Capital Campaign (Figures for May 9, 2018)

*Capital Campaign Contributions 5,154.00
 *Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date57,478.58

Presence (May 9, 2018)

8 am Spell Worship – 41; Word & Table Worship – 241; Sanctuary Worship – 656;
 Ascend (Youth) 60; Sunday School – 570