

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to our 2018 Confirmands and Graduates!

Plastic Containers Needed for VBS!

We still need clean, used, small plastic containers for a mission project. Some examples are plastic take-out containers, lunch meat containers, butter, cream cheese or sour cream containers. *All other supply needs have been met.* Thank you!

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.

Teacher Snacks Needed for VBS

Please consider bringing an appetizer, snack or 2-liter soda to our volunteer table during the week of VBS during the week of June 11. Volunteers get a short break in the day to get refreshments. This a great way to support all our volunteers!

Calling All Men...

We need YOU to join the Men's Choir for our Annual Patriotic Anthem during worship services on July 1! Join us at our first rehearsal on June 3 in the Sanctuary immediately following the 8:45 service. Contact vbullock@bethany-umc.com with questions.

We Need Your Old Eye Glasses!

Mary and Martha Circle is collecting used glasses for Eye Care for the needy. These glasses will be taken by eye doctors on mission trips to Africa. Prescription glasses, readers, and sunglasses are needed. There is a box in the Welcome Center for donations.

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.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, May 20

Confirmation Sunday

Graduation Sunday

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
5:30 PM Senior Dinner/ ASCEND, Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 21

7:30 PM AA, Open Discussion, FC

Tuesday, May 22

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 23

6:15 PM Beyond the Broken Heart,

Thursday, May 24

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga class, GYM
6:30 PM Family Support Group, 240

Friday, May 25

12 PM Happy Hearts' Luncheon

Saturday, May 26

No Activities Scheduled

Memorial Day

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 28 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, May 29, at 8:30 A.M.

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: July 15, September 2, 16, October 7, 14, 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.

Recording/Photography

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

Wi-Fi Access

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



May 20, 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 20, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Pentecost Sunday
Graduation and Confirmation Sunday

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 Emma Lou Diemer
Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart
 Michael Lopez, 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. 61** *Italian Hymn*
Come, Thou Almighty King

* **Prayer for Pentecost** (pray in unison)
Gracious God, through your Spirit the church was born. We thank you for your Spirit of healing, hope and joy. May your spirit light our hearts a flame so this day we may desire to worship you in this place. And as we leave be witnesses to our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Graduate Recognition

Call to Prayer
 Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
 Minister: Let us pray.

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 *By His Hand* arr. Jason Krug
 Imogene Williams Handbell Ensemble

* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

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

* **Hymn of Assurance, No. 62** *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*
All Creatures of Our God and King (vss. 1-4)
 (8:45 am. At the beginning of this hymn, children may leave for Children's Church ages K5 thru 2nd grade 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 (selected passage)
 Minister: The word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
 (8:45) *I Am His Child* arr. Moses Hogan
 Youth Choir

(11:15) *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* arr. Mark Hayes
 Chancel Choir; Kelsey M. Gunter, trumpet

Sermon "An Important Question" Rev. Mitch Houston

Service of Confirmation (11:15)

* **Hymn of Dedication, No. 413** *Boylston*
A Charge to Keep I Have

* **Blessing of the People**

* **Postlude** *Festal Fanfare* June Nixon

* For those who are able, please stand.

Confirmation Class of 2018

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| <i>Aubrey McCoy Baucom</i> | <i>Julia Gray Nye</i> |
| <i>Hayden Aubrey Charpia</i> | <i>Daniel Landon O'Brien</i> |
| <i>McCoy Henderson Collier</i> | <i>Amelia Mae Pezza</i> |
| <i>Ansley Grace Cook</i> | <i>Kristin Iris Powitchko</i> |
| <i>Alayna Grace Crafton</i> | <i>Amelia Ann Rodgers</i> |
| <i>Samuel Daughtry DiMuzio</i> | <i>Ashton Elizabeth Shirley</i> |
| <i>James Lee Hashley</i> | <i>Zayden James Sieg</i> |
| <i>Ethan Joseph Jones</i> | <i>William Jennings Smoak</i> |
| <i>Campbell Gage McCurry</i> | <i>Elena Rosa Stopar</i> |
| <i>Gavin Wesley Mitchell</i> | <i>John Dean Swartzwelter</i> |
| <i>Tucker Alan Mullinax</i> | <i>Anne Rebekah Tanner</i> |
| <i>Georgia Katherine Murrie</i> | <i>Shaun Edward Tumbleston, II</i> |
| <i>Randall Jahnz Myers</i> | <i>Christopher William Wimberly, Jr.</i> |

2018 Graduates

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| <i>Katie Batten</i> | <i>Jayce Caldwell</i> | <i>Jordan Carlson</i> |
| <i>Madison Farrell</i> | <i>Gracie Fulcher</i> | <i>Abigail Gill</i> |
| <i>Ann Myers Gary</i> | <i>Tina Graham</i> | <i>James Grant</i> |
| <i>Harrison Green</i> | <i>Kendall Guyer</i> | <i>Madison Harrison</i> |
| <i>Claire Jenkins</i> | <i>Lilly Knox</i> | <i>Jayson McAmis</i> |
| <i>Graham McCurry</i> | <i>Olin McCurry</i> | <i>Taylor Mitchum</i> |
| <i>Grayson Mobley</i> | <i>Austin Muscott</i> | <i>Julia Rick</i> |
| <i>Christopher Muckenfuss</i> | <i>Taylor Reynolds</i> | <i>Parris Rizzo</i> |
| <i>Hannah Rodgers</i> | <i>James Rowe</i> | <i>Blake Simokat</i> |
| <i>James Smithwick</i> | <i>Matthew Tanner</i> | <i>Jonathan Terry</i> |
| <i>Jackson Varner</i> | | |

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 of 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 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 are given to the glory of God in honor of our 2018 Graduates and Confirmands by the Youth.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

- Greeters**
8:45 – Rich and Cindylee Thorington
11:15 – Jay and Marsha Humphreys
- 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 & 11:15 – Ms. Rachel 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 May 13, 2018. These figures are unverified.)
- *Budget Contributions 25,168.03
 - *Budget Funds Contributed to Date..... 672,628.48
 - *Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....107,190.58
- Capital Campaign** (Figures for May 13, 2018)
- *Capital Campaign Contributions 2,247.00
 - *Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date 59,725.57
- Presence** (May 13, 2018)
- 8 am Spell Worship – 56; Word & Table Worship – 265; Sanctuary Worship – 631; Sunday School – 403