

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Day - "Poppy Sunday"

The Friendship Circle Sunday School Class will honor our Veterans today with baskets of Poppies. Proceeds will benefit the Fisher House Charleston. 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.

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!

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!

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.

Bethany Happy Hearts' Games Day- Friday, June 8

Bethany Happy Hearts' Games Day will meet on Friday, June 8 in Room 118 from 11:30 a.m. until ...Bring a lunch and beverage, so we can eat together before we begin playing games. We play several different games "Hand and Foot", "Rummy Cube", "Mexican Train", "Pegs and Jokers", "Skip-Bo", and we have other games available, but if you have a special game you would like to play, bring it with you. Don't worry if you don't know how to play these games, someone will teach you. The object is to have fun! Everyone that enjoys playing cards or board games is welcome! If you have questions, please call Bob or Bethann Erwin at 843.291.2892 or 843.291.1666.

June 3- New Summer Schedule

Beginning June 3, Children's Church will be on hold for both services to give our volunteers a much needed break. There will be busy bags located in the Narthex.

Bethany Basics- New Member Class June 19

Have you thought about joining Bethany UMC? Do you have questions about our ministries? Do you want to learn more about how to get involved? Please join this obligation free meeting on Tuesday, June 19 in Spell Chapel from 6-8 P.M. To reserve your seat, please call Jack Sehrt our Membership Director, 843.873.1230 or email jsehr@bethany-umc.com.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, May 27

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

Monday, May 28

Church Office Closed
7:30 PM AA, Open Discussion, FC

Tuesday, May 29

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 30

6:15 PM Beyond the Broken Heart,

Thursday, May 31

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

Friday, June 1

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, June 2

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.

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

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.

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 Denis Tsukalas 843.871.0381, Annette Goins 843.761.1866 or Mary Kay Wrenn 843.323.2130.

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

Coming Soon...

Hands of Christ School Supply drive. Be on the look-out for more details!

May 27, 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 27, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP
First Sunday after Pentecost/Trinity 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 *Prelude and Fugue in B Flat Major* J.S. Bach

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. 64** *Nicaea*
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Prayer for Trinity (to be prayed in unison)

Everlasting God: You have revealed yourself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and ever live and reign in the perfect unity of love. Grant that we may always hold firmly and joyfully to this faith, and, living in praise of your divine majesty, may finally be one in you; who are three persons in one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson Romans 8:12-17 NT Pg. 158
 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 Johann Sebastian Bach
Arioso from Cantata BWV 156
 Micah Gangwer, Violin soloist

* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

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

* **Hymn of Assurance, No. 696** *Materna*
America the Beautiful

(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 door. 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 3:1-17 NT Pg. 93

Minister: The word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Tell My Father* arr. Andrea Ramsey
 Men of the Chancel Choir
 Micah Gangwer, Violin soloist

Sermon "Heirs to a Kingdom" Rev. Mitch Houston
 Hymnal Pg. 881

* **Affirmation of Faith**

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. 539** *Forest Green*
O Spirit of the Living God

* **Blessing of the People**

* **Postlude** *Holy, Holy, Holy!* arr. M. Arison

* For those who are able, please stand.



THREE IN ONE

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 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 in honor of Friendship Circle Sunday School Class.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Phil and Deb Richardson
11:15 – Denis and Karen Tsukalas

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 – Rev. Dave Mills
11:15 – Mr. Jack Sehrt

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 20, 2018. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions \$ 28,748.00
 *Budget Funds Contributed to Date..... 701,376.48
 *Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date 108,970.58

Capital Campaign (Figures for May 20, 2018)

*Capital Campaign Contributions 1,662.00
 *Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date 61,387.58

Presence (May 20, 2018)

8 am Spell Worship – 40; Word & Table Worship – 208; Sanctuary Worship – 852
 Sunday School – 485