

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please welcome our new Associate Pastor, Rev. Narcie Jeter.

All Men's Mass Choir Performance

Please welcome our Mass Men's Chorus today singing our anthem and the service music. These men come from all areas of Bethany United Methodist Church and many have been rehearsing every Sunday since June 3 between services to present this music celebrating our country's upcoming Independence Day. Additionally, we are joined by professional musicians from Charles Towne Brass and Percussion.

Give Blood. Help Save Lives

The Red Cross will be in the Fellowship Hall tomorrow, July 2 from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please prayerfully consider giving the gift of life. To schedule an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org (Sponsor Code: BethanyUMC) or call Rodney McKanna at 843.709.0953 or the church office 843.873.1230.

All presenting donors will receive a FREE Red Cross T-Shirt and a FREE box of Girl Scout Cookies!

Church Office Closed July 4

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. The office will reopen on Thursday, July 5, at 8:30 a.m.

Needed: Sunday Slide Operator

In Word & Table the Sermons are accompanied by Scripture Slides. We are in need of a couple of volunteers who are able to sit in the sound booth and advance the slides during the Sermon. Training will be provided.

To learn more please email techsupport@bethany-umc.com.

Donations for Hands of Christ School-Supply Ministry

The Hands of Christ school supply ministry needs your donations! This ministry provides schools supplies to children in several Dorchester District 2 and a couple of Dorchester District 4 schools, including Williams Memorial Elementary and Harleyville-Ridgeville Elementary. Please have supplies to the church no later than **Sunday, July 29**. If you are unable to purchase supplies a monetary donation is always appreciated.

Requested items are per student:

24 pencils	6 dry erase markers
3 highlighters	6 glue sticks
1 sticky note pad	1 box 24 ct. Crayola crayons
1 box Crayola colored pencils	1 box Crayola markers
1 pencil box	1 pair of scissors
5 – 3-inch three ring binder	2 spiral notebooks
2 – 2-inch three ring binder	2 - sets of 5-subject dividers
1 Package erasers for pencil tips	2 packages of index cards
2 Packages of wide-ruled notebook paper	
4 Composition notebooks (black and white marble)	
2 each - red, yellow, green, blue, orange, purple folders with pockets and prongs	

Donations can be placed in the collection box at the bottom of the wooden stairs.

Camp Meeting Returns: July 15

The Camp Meeting dates back to the early 19th century. This a special time at Bethany UMC, as we recognize our time honored roots in the Christian faith dating back to the 19th Century. This is a time we can relax and be less formal. So dress comfortably and casually.

Children's Church is on a summer break. Busy Bags are available in the Narthex.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, July 1

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, July 2

9 AM Upcycling, Room 122
12:30 PM Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Friendship Circle

Tuesday, July 3

10 AM Quilters, Blue House
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous, Cottage

Wednesday, July 4

*Independence Day
Church Office Closed
No Activities Scheduled*

Thursday, July 5

9:30 AM Covenant Bible Study, 118
6:30 PM Family Support Group, 240

Friday, July 6

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, July 7

No Activities Scheduled

Summer Sports Camp

Go online to bethanygym.siplay.com and check out our last Summer Sports Camp! You can register today! Coach Elliot's Co-Ed Basketball Camp (ages 6-13) July 9-13.

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.

Summer Help Needed

Our welcome center volunteers answer & direct phone calls, help staff worship bulletins as needed, and offer visitors a warm and friendly greeting. We need a few extra smiling faces to help serve on a rotational basis when folks are out traveling or not feeling well. For more information call Karen at 843.729.0170.

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**.

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 Denis Tsukalas 843.871.0381, Mary Kay Wrenn 843.323.2130 or Carmie Wagaman 843.414.7026.

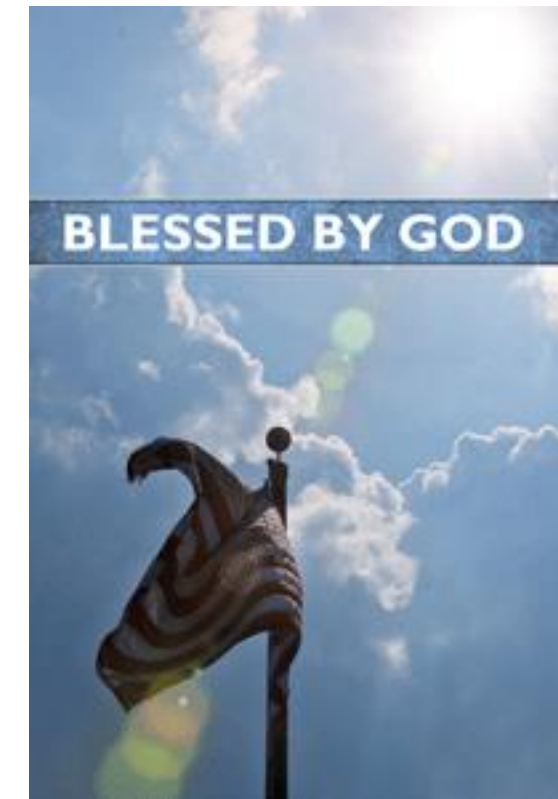
Eagle Scout Invite

All Eagle Scouts from Troop 787 are invited to attend the 65th Anniversary of Troop 787 on Saturday, Aug. 4 from 11 AM – 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please spread the word to any Eagle Scouts from 787. Please contact Lisa Baer at 843.830.2191 if you are an Eagle Scout from 787.

July 1, 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

July 1, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Patriotic Sunday

Gathering

As the congregation gathers, please take a moment to speak to people sitting around you who you may not know. Hebrews 13:2 (KJV) says, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unaware."

Prelude *Simple Gifts* transcribed by Jari A. Villanueva
Charles Towne Brass

As the prelude begins, let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer and prepare for worship.

Welcome and Parish Concerns

***Posting of the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance**

Greeting

***Hymn of Procession, No. 698** *NATIONAL*
God of the Ages

***Collect (Prayer for the Nations)**

Lord God Almighty, who hast made all the peoples of the earth for thy glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with thy gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson Lamentations 3:23-33 OT Pg. 766
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Call to Prayer

Minister: 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 *America the Beautiful* Samuel Ward, arr. Arnold Sherman
Imogene Williams Handbell Ensemble
with Charles Towne Brass

***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

***Doxology, No 94** LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Imogene Williams Handbell Ensemble
with Charles Towne Brass

***Hymn of Assurance** (insert) MELITA
Eternal Father Strong to Save
Congregation, Charles Towne Brass and Organ

The Gospel Lesson John 15:10-17 NT Pg. 109
Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *God Bless America* Irving Berlin, arr. J. Martin
Men's Mass Choir
Charles Towne Brass and Percussion
Please stand and join us in singing when directed:

"God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her through the night, with a light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans, white with foam.
God bless America; my home sweet home."

Sermon "Sacrifice" Rev. Mitch Houston

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;
and 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. 697** *AMERICA*
America (My Country 'tis of Thee)
Charles Towne Brass and Percussion

***Blessing of the People**

***Postlude** *Acclamation* Chris Tambling
Michael López, Organ

* For those who are able, please stand.

Charles Towne Brass and Percussion

Susan Messersmith, trumpet Kyle Lane, trumpet
Michelle Beck, horn Tom Joyce, trombone
Justin Clarkson, tuba Josh Bohl, percussion
Nicholas Holland, percussion

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 Sehart, Membership Director, at jsehart@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 today are given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents Ron and Susan Wheat and Sam and Peggy Greer by Ryan and Margaret Wheat.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Robin Mallue
11:15 – Tim and Mary Kay Shepherd

Ushers

8:45 - Team Leader: Tom Brown; Ernie Brockman, Jim Hunter, Bob Johnson, Larry McKeegan, Jim Parrish, Hank Sieling, Tom Tatum
11:15 – Team Leader: Sam Dorr; Buford Boyd, Ken Buchanan, Harold Robinson, Claude Rowe, Tim Rowe, Rob Walters.

Liturgist

8:45 – Rev. Dave Mills
11:15 – Rev. Narcie Jeter

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Financial figures will be updated in next week's bulletin as financial secretary is out of town.

Presence (June 24, 2018)

8 am Spell Worship – 51 Word & Table Worship – 207; Sanctuary Worship – 656;
Sunday School – 556