

Announcements

Bethany Family:

Sympathies: We would like to extend our Christian sympathies to Larry and Martha Bailey on the death of their grandson, Rickey Cox who died August 5 in Charlotte, NC.

Sympathies: We would like to extend our Christian sympathies to Elizabeth Brown on the death of her brother, Charles Halsey who died August 6 in Columbia.

Living Christmas Story Positions Desperately Needed !!!

There are leadership positions that need to be filled in order for the LCS to happen this year! Please call the church office or Pastor Mitch at 843.873.1230 or Ann Bishop at 843.425.4556 to learn more. Many hands are needed for this three-day annual event. Please keep this ministry in prayer.

Promotion Sunday is Aug. 19

Promotion Sunday is Sunday, August 19. All preschool and school-aged children will progress to next grade level for their Sunday school class. Please sign your child in to the next grade level.

- Preschool 3's sign-in room 102 and sign-out in room 101
- Preschool 4's sign-in room 102 and sign out in room 102
- Kindergarten sign-in and out in room 244
- 1st grade sign-in room 214 and sign-out in room 245
- 2nd grade sign-in room 214 and sign-out in room 248
- 3rd grade sign-in room 214 and sign-out in room 242
- 4th grade sign-in room and out in room 214
- 5th grade sign-in and out in room 246

If you would like to teach a Sunday school class, please contact Children's Ministries at 873-1230 or email at smitchum@bethany-umc.com or evick@bethany-umc.com

Bethany NOW Kick-Off Aug. 29

The fall session of Bethany NOW will begin with a kick-off dinner on Wed., Aug. 29. We will be serving breakfast for dinner and the Sam Woods Sunday School class will be hosting. Following dinner, there will be an intro and sign-up for classes for children, youth and adults. Classes begin Sept. 5. Find more info in the August edition of the *Bethany Beacon*.

Bethany Autumn Tea Room-Sign-up Boards Coming Soon!

Imagine a menu with crisp and fresh ingredients intermingled with our long-standing delights such as "June's Famous Chicken Salad" & "Shrimp and Grits". The menu has been invigorated by the influence of a true essence of an autumn day in the Low Country. Be sure to share with everyone you know. Mark your calendars for Oct. 1-5 & Oct. 8-12 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Please consider volunteering. Sign-up boards are coming soon!

Backpack Blessings

Bring your backpacks to church on Sunday, August 19 and receive a special blessing before school starts for DD2 on August 20! Backpacks will be blessed in all services. This date is also Promotion Sunday; more information to follow.

Flood Buckets

Hurricane season is right around the corner and UMCOR is gearing up for the 2018 Flood Bucket campaign. The goal this year is to raise the funds to fill 150 buckets at a cost of \$50 per bucket by Sept. 16. If you would like to contribute funds to purchase an entire flood bucket you can make a contribution of \$50 and earmark the donation "Flood Bucket."

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, Aug. 12

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, Aug. 13

9 AM Upcycling/Plarning, 122
6 PM SPRC, Conf. Room
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Friendship Circle

Tuesday, Aug. 14

10 AM Quilters, Blue House
6:30 PM Cub Scouts, 121
7 PM UMW Executive Board Meeting, 118
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous, Cottage
7 PM Girl Scouts Troop 197, 242, 243, 244, 246, 248

Wednesday, Aug. 15

Beacon Deadline
6 PM Disciples I, 124

Thursday, Aug. 16

6:30 PM Family Support Group, 240

Friday, Aug. 17

11 AM MS Support Group,

Saturday, Aug. 18

5 PM Friendship Circle Social, Friendship Circle

Help Wanted: KidsCare

KidsCare is in need of at least three reliable, and caring people. These people need to be willing to work flexible hours and love kids. All applicants will be subjected to a ground check. The position will be helping with home work for children Kindergarten- 5th grade. Please send resumes to kidscare@bethany-umc.com.

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

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.

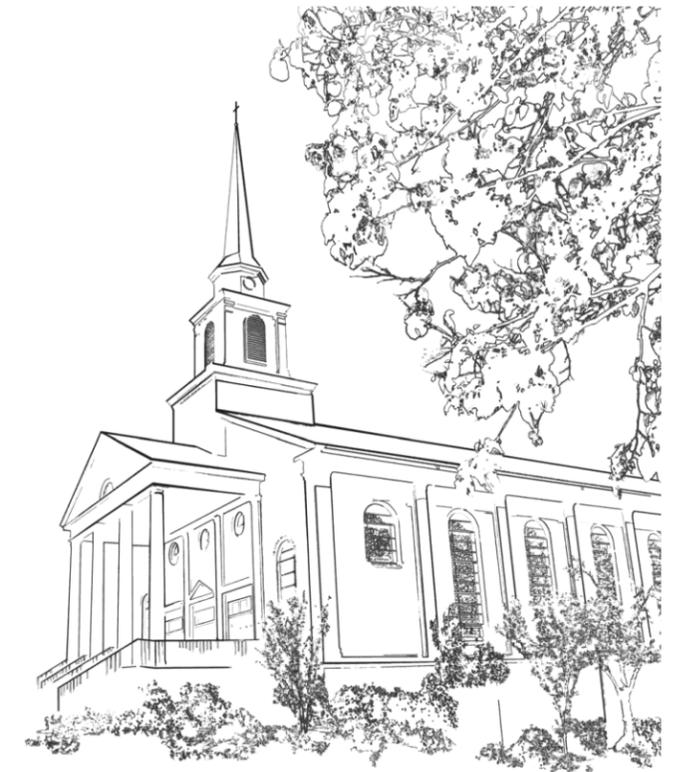
Chancel Choir Fall Kick-Off

Join the Bethany UMC Chancel Choir as we begin the fall with our Kick-Off on Saturday, Aug. 25 from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. We will rehearse the beautiful music will be sing this Fall as well as have a time of fellowship and luncheon. All events will take place on the Bethany campus.

August 12, 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. Narcie Jeter, Associate Pastor
Rev. James Alewine, Pastor Emeritus
Mrs. Emily Vick, Director of Children's Ministries
Mrs. Stephanie Mitchum, Children's Program Director
Miss Rachel Carter, Director of Student Ministries
Dr. Valerie Bullock, Director of Music Ministries
Mr. Michael López, Organist

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Congregation and a Welcoming Church.*

CALLED TO CARE

August 12, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Camp Meeting

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 *The Everlasting Arms* arr. Lani Smith
As the prelude begins, let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer and prepare for worship.

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Scripture Call to Worship

*** Opening Hymn**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a joy is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning (on Jesus), leaning (on Jesus), safe and secure from all alarms; leaning (on Jesus), leaning (on Jesus), leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in the gospel way, leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offertory *Get in Line, Brother* Lester Flatt
Long Term Survivors

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*** Hymn of Assurance**

Wonderful Words of Life

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

Refrain: Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
all so freely given, wooing us to heaven. *Refrain*

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever. *Refrain*

*** The Gospel Lesson** John 3:15-17 NT Pg. 94
Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

*** Congregational Response**

Thy Word Is a Lamp

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me, and nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Anthem *Old Time Religion* Traditional
Long Term Survivors

Sermon "For Ever and Ever" Rev. Mitch Houston

*** Hymn of Dedication**

I'll Fly Away

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

Refrain: I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

Oh how glad and happy when we meet, I'll fly away.
No more cold iron shackles on my feet, I'll fly away. *Refrain*

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;
Like a bird from these prison walls I've flown, I'll fly away. *Refrain.*

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away. *Refrain*

*** Blessing of the People**

*** Postlude** *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* arr. Marianne Kim

* For those who are able, please stand.

Believe!

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 jsehrt@bethany-umc.com or 873-1230, ext.30.

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 before the worship service begins. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Wayne and Sharon Guest in loving memory of their sweet daughter Kaylin Ashley for her birthday August 9.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Mike and Linda Field
11:15 – Rob and Kerry Walters

Liturgist

8:45 & 11:15 – Rev. Narcie Jeter

Ushers

8:44 – Team Leader: Jeremy Dunlap; Jason Baucom, Steve Chellis, Greg Horres, Frank Monterisi, Justin Murrie, Cory Rogers, Michael Wood
11:15 – Team Leader: Mike Field; Linda Field, Bob Fusarini, Bill Jones, Peggy Acord

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (Figures for August 5, 2018. These figures are unverified.)

Budget Contributions	\$ 55,744.02
Budget Funds Contributed to Date	1,092,094.34
Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date	162,954.58

Capital Campaign (Figures for August 5, 2018)

Capital Campaign Contributions	4,809.17
Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date.....	94,179.33

Presence (August 5, 2018)

8 am Worship – 37; Word & Table Worship – 277; Sanctuary Worship – 517
Church School – 469