

Announcements

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 TODAY!

Promotion Sunday is today. 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 843.873.1230 or email at smitchum@bethany-umc.com or evick@bethany-umc.com

Sign-up TODAY to Volunteer: Bethany Autumn Tea Room!

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 located outside of the Fellowship Hall.*

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*.

A Few Good Men Needed

The middle and high school boys Bethany NOW course, "Becoming a Godly Man," is looking for a few men to come teach a skill, share a story, or simply be present. It is proven that boys need men in their lives. As men, we are called by God to be present in the lives of boys (see Proverbs 22:6).

We will be studying the life of Joseph (from Genesis) and spending time learning from men in the community. What do we desire from you? Do you have a special skill (wood carving, hunting, boating, collecting, gardening, etc.) that you would be willing to share with a group of young men? Do you have a story to share, possibly from your life changing or from some other experience you've had (military experience)? You will only need to participate for about 30-45 minutes during the time together. Are you willing to step into the lives of young men? If interested, or if you have questions, please call Will Thompson, 843.957.6210.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, Aug. 19

Promotion 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 Parent Meeting for 6th Graders, Ascend Youth, Fellowship Hall
6 PM Endowment Committee, Conf. Room

Monday, Aug. 20

9 AM Upcycling, 122
10 AM Brice Swicegood Circle, 125
5:30 PM UMM, Fellowship Hall
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Friendship Circle

Tuesday, Aug. 21

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
6:30 PM Finance Committee, Conf. Room
6:30 PM Kindred Hearts Support Group, 122
7 PM Girl Scouts Troop 197, 246
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous, Cottage

Wednesday, Aug. 22

CDC First Day of School

3:30 PM GIC Meeting, Conf. Room
6 PM Disciple 1, 124

Thursday, Aug. 23

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga, Gym
9:30 AM Bible Study, 118
5:30 PM Celebrate Recovery Planning Meeting, 240
6:30 PM Family Support Group, 240
7 PM Church Council, Youth Wing

Friday, Aug. 24

9:30 AM Women's Bible Study, 239
11:30 AM Happy Hearts' Luncheon

Saturday, Aug. 25

10 AM Chancel Choir Fall Kick-Off, Choir Room

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.

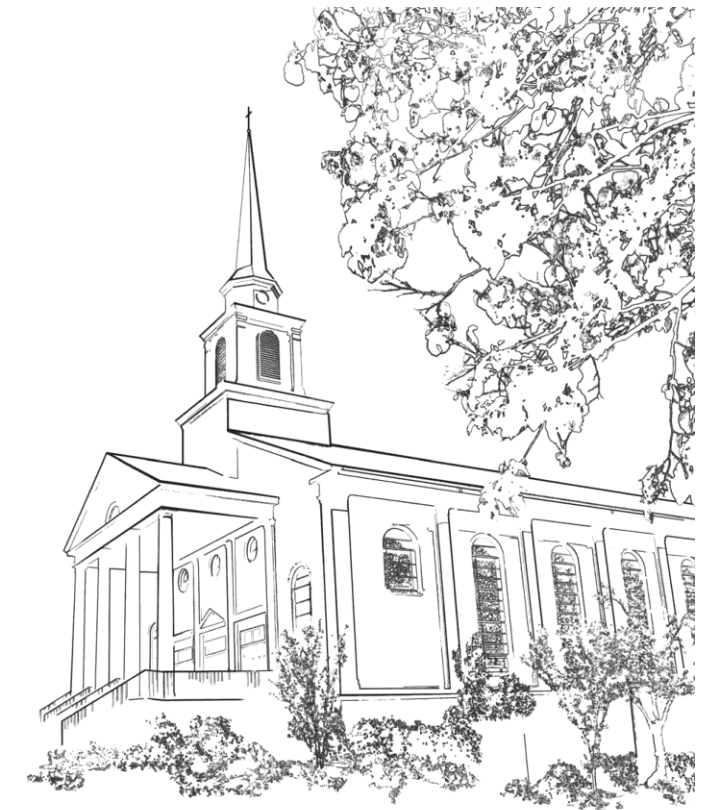
Chancel Choir Fall Kick-Off

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 19, 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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*We are a Stephen Ministry Church, a Safe Sanctuaries
Congregation and a Welcoming Church.*

CALLED TO CARE

August 19, 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 *Sing Praise To God* arr. D. Paxton
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** *Joy To the World*
Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hill, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far
as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Leader: Learning is a gift from God. As we begin this new school year,
we give thanks that God has given us the ability to learn many things in
many ways.

People: Loving God, sometimes a new school year seems exciting or scary or both. Help us remember to show our thanks for your gifts of learning by doing our best every day. We ask that you bless our schools, teachers, classmates and friends. We ask that you bless those who prepare our lunches, those who drive us to school, and those who keep our schools clean and safe. We ask God's blessing on this new school year, that it may be a time when we appreciate and fully use God's gift of learning. In Jesus' name Amen.

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offertory *Be Still, My Soul* arr. J. Rouse
Michael López, piano

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**

(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.)

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Refrain

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Refrain

See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.
Refrain

* **The Gospel Lesson** Luke 2:1-20 NT Pg. 58
Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

* **Hymn** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie; above thy deep and
dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the
everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee
tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while mortals sleep,
the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars together,
proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the King, and peace to
all on earth!

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given; so God imparts to
human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear
Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and
enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great
glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Anthem *My Lord, What a Mornin'* arr. Mark Hayes
Shelby Krallman

Sermon "A Baby" Rev. Mitch Houston

* **Hymn of Dedication** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*
Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and
everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold through-out the heavens there shown a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

* **Blessing of the People**

* **Postlude** *Postlude* J. Nixon

* 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 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 before the worship service begins. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Jack and Sandra Cross in loving memory of their parents, Mouzon and Grace Cross and James and Ida Ruth Holladay.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Rick and Teri Reule
11:15 – Dennis and Margaret Kaltenbach

Liturgist

8:45 - Miss Rachel Carter
11:15 – Rev. Narcie Jeter

Ushers

8:45 – 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 12, 2018. These figures are unverified.)

Budget Contributions	\$ 33,708.00
Budget Funds Contributed to Date	1,125,802.34
Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date	164,289.58

Capital Campaign (Figures for August 12, 2018)

Capital Campaign Contributions	2,421.50
Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date.....	96,600.83

Presence (August 12, 2018)

8 am Worship – 50; Word & Table Worship – 196; Sanctuary Worship – 548
Church School – 470