

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Never miss out on church events or service changes!

If you have not registered to receive the weekly news updates from "Bethany Links" please register today! Send your email address to [communications@bethany-umc.com](mailto:communications@bethany-umc.com). If you are a visitor or a regular attendee and have not yet joined Bethany UMC, you are especially invited to sign up for this email service. We want you connected and not miss out on important information in the future! Questions? Let us know. Thank you.

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

Mark your calendars for Oct. 1-5 & Oct. 8-12 from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Please consider volunteering! Wait staff is needed!! If you are capable of waiting tables, please consider signing up for that position first.** We have 100 spots that need to be filled for wait staff. Chef Cindy can work with you one on one for training, if necessary.

**Sign-up boards are located outside of the Fellowship Hall.**

### Wednesday Night Bethany NOW Classes

Join us for the Fall session of Bethany NOW. Dinner begins at 5 p.m. with classes for everyone to follow. Children at 6 p.m. and adult classes at 6:15 p.m. To find more details and class descriptions, please look in the September edition of the *Bethany Beacon*. The meal for this week is fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, roll and salad. Daily Bread/Providence Sunday School classes will be hosting.

**Meals are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children, with a family maximum of \$20.**

### Camp Bob Cooper Fall Youth Retreat

Our annual youth fall retreat to Camp Bob Cooper is right around the corner! The theme centers around anxiety, stress, and fear. We plan to leave at 2 p.m. on Oct. 19. We will return Oct. 21 and time is TBA. We need adults to help with transportation. If you can do, so please sign up!

The total cost is \$120 per student and includes all meals, lodging, and transportation. Deadline to sign up is **TODAY!** Non-refundable \$50 deposit is due Sept. 25. Final payment is due Oct. 15. Question? Email Rachel Carter at [rcarter@bethany-umc.com](mailto:rcarter@bethany-umc.com).

### Sunday School Counter Needed

We are looking for a volunteer to help with counting Sunday School attendance. Help is needed during the Sunday School hour and takes about 45 minutes. If you are interested or have questions, please email or call Stephanie Mitchum [smitchum@bethany-umc.com](mailto:smitchum@bethany-umc.com) or 843.343.8494.

### Walk to Emmaus

Do you want to be a stronger servant for Jesus? There will be Walks to Emmaus for men and women in October 2018. The Men's Walk will be the weekend of October 18-22; with the Ladies Walk beginning October 25-29. See any member of the Low Country Emmaus Community for Registration forms and further information. You can contact Vonn & Tom Thurman at 843.851.1610 or 843.697.4429; Rick Ruele at 845.807.7964; DeeDee Rackleff at 843.323.2292; Dominica Harrell at 817.308.1987 or Wilhemina Hearne at 843.729.9858 if you need additional information.

### Youth Music

Two exciting opportunities for youth at Bethany are offered every Sunday afternoon prior to Ascend. First, the Youth Choir rehearse under the direction of Quinton Busch at 4 p.m. in room 234 the Choir room. At the same time, the new Youth Instrumental Ensemble rehearse in the Sanctuary under the direction of Maurice Burgess. Contact Valerie Bullock at [vbullock@bethany-umc.com](mailto:vbullock@bethany-umc.com) or Rachel Carter at [rcarter@bethany-umc.com](mailto:rcarter@bethany-umc.com) for additional details.

## THIS WEEK...

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

### Sunday, Sept. 23

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 Ascend Youth

### Monday, Sept. 24

9 AM Upcycling, 122  
6 PM Care Team Visitation Meeting, 127  
7 PM Local Missions Mtg., Conf. Room  
7 PM Care Team, 127  
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Friendship Circle

### Tuesday, Sept. 25

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga, Gym  
10 AM Quilters, Blue House  
6 PM Boy Scout Troop 787, Fellowship Hall, FC  
6:30 PM Cub Scouts, 121  
7 PM Girl Scouts Troop 197, TCA Wing  
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous, Cottage

### Wednesday, Sept. 26

*BNOW Dinner and Classes*

5 PM Bethany NOW Meal, Fellowship Hall  
6 PM NOW Children's Programs  
6:15 PM NOW Youth Programs  
6:15 PM NOW Adult Classes  
6:15 PM Care Giver Bible Study, 245  
6:15 PM Men's Ensemble Rehearsal  
7 PM Chancel Choir  
8:30 PM Chamber Singers Rehearsal

### Thursday, Sept. 27

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga, Gym  
5:30 PM Celebrate Recovery Planning Meeting, 240  
6:30 PM Family Support Group, 240

### Friday, Sept. 28

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

### Saturday, Sept. 29

*No Activities Scheduled*

### 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](mailto: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](#).

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation

Bibles will be presented today to our Third Graders during our Traditional Worship services at 8:45 and 11:15 a.m.

### Fall Festival- Save the Date!

Fall Festival is Sunday, Oct. 28 from 2-4 p.m. in the parking lot. We need trunks for trunk or treat and volunteers to help out with this fun event. Please contact Children's Ministries if you are interested, 843.873.1230 or [smitchum@bethany-umc.com](mailto:smitchum@bethany-umc.com).

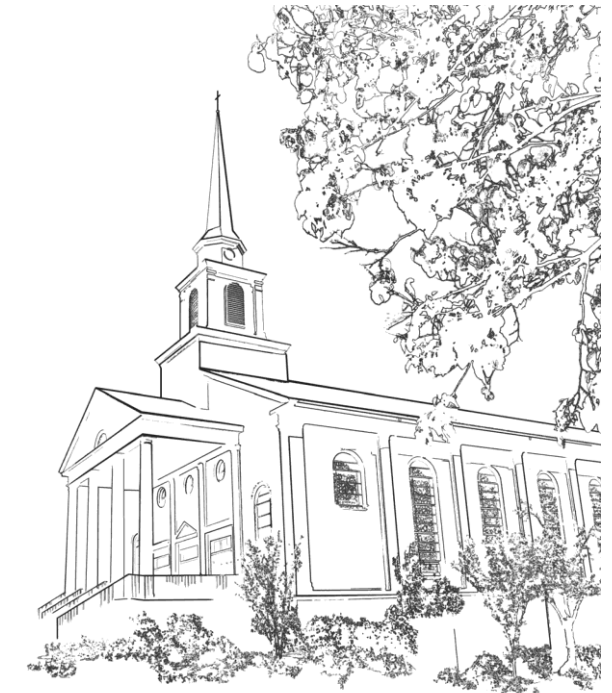
### Stephen Ministry

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.

September 23, 2018  
8:45 and 11:15 a.m. Worship Services

# BETHANY

United Methodist Church



Rev. Mitch Houston, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Narcie Jeter, Associate 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  
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

September 23, 2018  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
*18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

**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** *Christ, Thou Lamb of God* 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. 577** CWM RHONDDA  
*God of Grace and God of Glory*

**Collect** (In unison)

*O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

**Presentation of Bibles** (see insert)

**The First Lesson** Micah 6:1-8 OT Pg. 866  
 Leader: The word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Call to Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you  
**People: And also with you.**  
 Leader: 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** *Pie Jesu* (from Requiem) G. Fauré

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

\* **Doxology, No. 94** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\* **Hymn of Assurance, No. 191** JESUS LOVES ME  
*Jesus Loves Me*

(8:45 am 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 doors. 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** Matthew 5:1-12 NT Pg. 4  
 Minister: The word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**  
 (8:45) *I Come to You* Andrew Wilson  
 Wesley and Melody Choirs

(11:15) *The Mighty Power of God* Craig Courtney  
 Chancel Choir

**Sermon** "Simple Faith" 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;  
 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. 529** FOUNDATION  
*How Firm a Foundation*

\* **Blessing of the People**

\* **Postlude** *Postlude in D* J. Marsh

\* 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 jsehr@bethany-umc.com or 843-873-1230, 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 in loving memory of Julie Nicole Jett by Bob, Pat and Brad Jett.

**SERVING THIS SUNDAY**

**Greeters**

8:45 – Rich and Cindylee Thorington  
 11:15 – Bill and Connie Figard

**Acolyte and Cross Bearer**

8:45 - Georgia Murrie, Reese Murrie  
 11:45 - Mark Wimberly, Fritz Wimberly

**Ushers**

8:45 - Team Leader: Bill Phillips; Ron Clayton, Jim Emery, Bob Iannace, Tim McConnell, Ed Muckenfuss, Marion Thompson, Scott Muckenfuss  
 11:15 – Team Leader: David Morris; Bart Burford, Greg Elliott, Chris Glaze, Jimmy Jackson, Elliott Locklair, Bob Minus, Steve Wilson, Justin

**Liturgist**

8:45 & 11:15 - Mr. Jack Sehr

**Audio/Video Support**

Technical Ministries Team

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

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

**Gifts** (\*Figures for Sept. 16, 2018. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions .....	\$ 19,841.14
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....	1,283,362.33
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....	186,156.58

**Capital Campaign** (Figures for Sept. 16, 2018)

*Capital Campaign Contributions .....	2,370.50
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date .....	109,636.50

**Presence** (Sept.16, 2018)

Sanctuary Worship – 555; Ascend (Youth) - 66