

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is with much gratitude and thanks we send off two long-standing employees of Bethany UMC into retirement. Greg Smith, Church Administrator has served over 19 years and John Riney, Maintenance Director has served over 18 years. They have retired from Bethany as of Sept 28. We wish them well on their next chapters of life.

Autumn Tea Room Set Up and Gift Shop Open House Today

We will be setting up the dining room for the Autumn Tea Room beginning at 10 a.m. this morning. Please stop by the Fellowship Hall throughout the morning to lend a hand. The Tea Room Gift Shop will also hold an Open House from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today in Room 118. There will be no pre-selling or reserving, but take a minute to walk through to see the layout and plan your purchases!

Bethany's Autumn Tea Room Begins Tomorrow

Bethany's Autumn Tea Room, Gift Shop and Fresh Market starts tomorrow! Our sincere thanks to all who have already volunteered, however there are still some very important positions that need volunteers to make this a success and there is still time to sign up and get involved! Keep the Bethany tradition of giving alive and take part in this worthy event! The Tea Room is open the following dates: Oct. 1-5, Mon.- Fri., and Oct. 8-12, Mon.- Fri., from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please take a moment to sign up this morning! Sign-up boards are located outside of the Fellowship Hall.

Oct. 3 and 10 Bethany NOW Dinners

On Oct. 3 and 10, during the Autumn Tea Room and Gift Shop, the NOW dinners will be a take-out meal from the Tea Room. The cost will be \$6 and there will not be a family discount.

Soda Donations Needed!

Children's Ministry need drinks donated for a game at our Fall Festival on Oct. 28. We need bottled sodas of all flavors from 16oz to 2 liters for this game. Please drop off in the Children's Ministry office or at the Welcome Center.

Children's Ministry Events

Children's Ministries is gearing up for a big month next month. October 28 will be Children's Sabbath in the Traditional Services and we will have our Fall Festival that afternoon from 2-4 p.m. in our parking lot. We need children to help with all aspects of the worship services in the morning – from greeters to readers to singing with the choir. And that afternoon we need lots of groups, businesses and families to decorate their trunks to participate in the Trunk or Treat part of the Fall Festival. If you would like to help with either of these events, please contact Stephanie or Emily in Children's Ministries at 843.873.1230 and let them know.

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. 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.

Bethany Ball Registration

There's still time to sign up for Bethany Ball! Bethany Ball is our community basketball league for boys and girls ages 6-12. We also have a youth league for boys and girls ages 13-18. \$80 per player, for 8 games and a tournament at the end of the season! Practice once a week, and games are on Saturdays. Register online at bethanygym.siplay.com If you are interested in coaching or volunteering contact Pastor Mitch at mhouston@bethany-umc.com.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, Sept. 30

Tea Room set-up
Gift Shop Open House
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 PM Ascend Youth

Monday, Oct. 1

Autumn Tea Room & Gift Shop
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous,
Friendship Circle

Tuesday, Oct. 2

Autumn Tea Room & Gift Shop
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, Oct. 3

Autumn Tea Room & Gift Shop
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

Thursday, Oct. 4

Autumn Tea Room & Gift Shop
8:30 AM \$5 Yoga, Gym
5:30 PM Celebrate Recovery
Planning Meeting, 240
6:30 PM Stewardship Committee,
Conf. Room
6:30 PM Family Support Group, 240

Friday, Oct. 5

Autumn Tea Room & Gift Shop
9 AM Ladies Bible Study, 239

Saturday, Oct. 6

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), 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.

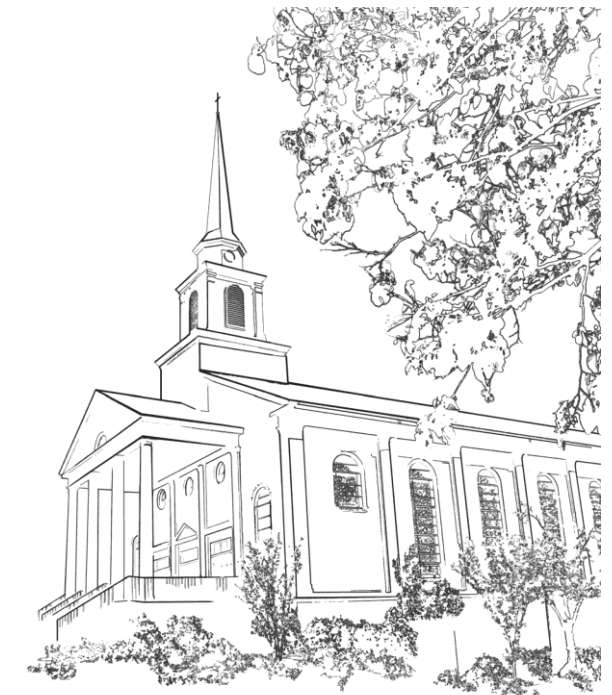
Happy Hearts' Game Day

Happy Hearts' Game Day has been cancelled for the month of October due to the Autumn Tea Room.

September 30, 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 30, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP
19th 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 *Prelude in E minor* Johann Sebastian 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. 185** LAUDES DOMINI
When Morning Guilds the Sky

Collect (In unison)

O God who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world, enable us to be still and know that You are God. O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life, breathe in us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, and guide us in the midst of the storm. O still, small voice, speak to us this hour, that we might become makers of Your love and peace in our homes, in our communities, in our world. We pray all this in the name of the One who calmed the raging sea. Amen.

The First Lesson Jeremiah 29:11-14 OT Pg. 731
 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 *Day by Day* arr. Jay Rouse

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

Recognition of Retirement (11:15)

* **Hymn of Assurance, No. 452** OLIVET

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

(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 John 15:1-11 NT Pg. 109
 Minister: The word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

(8:45) *Come, Christians Join to Sing* arr. Kay Hawkes Goodyear
 Youth Choir

(11:15) *Praise to the Lord* arr. Mark Hayes
 Chancel Choir & Chancel Bells

Sermon "God is Faithful" Rev. Narcie Jeter

* **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. 160** MARION
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

* **Blessing of the People**

* **Postlude** *Festive Trumpet Tune* David German

* 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 Sehrt, Membership Director, at jsehrt@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 honor of Greg Smith, our Business Administrator and John Riney, our Maintenance Director on their retirement of many years of service to Bethany.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Fenn and Janet Stallsmith
11:15 – Jordi Graffis

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 Goethe

Liturgist

8:45 – Mr. Jack Sehrt
11:15 – Rev. Mitch Houston

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. 23, 2018. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions	\$ 31,130.69
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....	1,314,493.02
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....	191,576.58

Capital Campaign (Figures for Sept. 23, 2018)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	3,223.30
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date	112,859.80

Presence (Sept. 23, 2018)

8 am Spell Worship – 68; Word & Table Worship – 214; Sanctuary Worship – 771;
 Sunday School – 572; Ascend (Youth) - 88