

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The Living Christmas Story

The Living Christmas Story will be held Dec. 6 from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Dec. 7 from 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. and Dec. 8 from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 pm. Volunteers are still needed for set-up, food, traffic, security, props and of course, casting and final clean up. Please prayerfully consider signing up in one or more areas.

### Advent Worship Services and Wednesday Night Activities

*Each Wednesday during Advent a worship service will be held at 6:15 p.m. in Spell Chapel.*

On Dec. 5, Communion will be held at The Living Christmas Story manger at the conclusion of worship. Please bring a flashlight or cellphone for the walk as it is dark. BNOW will be holding children's classes and a meal WILL be served. The dinner for this night will be soup and sandwiches donated by the Living Christmas Story volunteers. There will also be the LCS rehearsal and walk-through prior to worship.

### Bethany Happy Hearts Games Day- December 7

Bring a lunch and beverage, so we can eat together before we begin playing games. We play several different games and have FUN! Everyone that enjoys playing card or board games is welcome to join us. If you have questions, please call Bob or Bethann Erwin at 843.291.2892 or 843.291.1666. Since the Living Christmas Story Set will be up on this day, please come into the church through the door in front of the church next to the church office.

### Bethany Angel Tree

Bethany Local Missions Angel Tree is now on stage in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will find it in your hearts to make a needy child's Christmas wishes come true by taking an angel from the tree. Be sure to put your name and phone number by the angel's number in the log book located on the table by the tree. Please wrap the gifts and place them together in a large bag with the angel's tag attached so we can get them to the right child. Gifts must be returned by Dec. 9. Thank you so much for your generosity.

### Festival of Carols Dec. 16

Our second annual Festival of Carols on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 4 p.m. will feature all of the Bethany music ensembles joining together to celebrate Christ's birth. All of the selections will be interspersed with scripture read by members of the Bethany Music Ministry and members of the Bethany staff and clergy. In addition, selected hymns will be sung by everyone. We hope you will join us for this wonderfully festive concert.

### Stephen Ministry

Are you a good listener? Do you have a caring heart? Then Stephen Ministry is for you! Training classes start January 8 to prepare you for this one-on-one ministry. Please submit an application by December 15 to Carmie Wagaman 843.414.7026. See the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall for more details and applications, and also check carousels around the church. You will be blessed by being a blessing to someone.

### Bethany's Columbarium

The Trustees have voted to move forward with the Columbarium. We look forward to holding an interest meeting in January. We will be in touch with those people who have already indicated interest in purchasing. If you have not already expressed interest in purchasing a niche, please contact Emily Vick at evick@bethany-umc.com.

## THIS WEEK...

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

### Sunday, Dec. 2

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

### Monday, Dec. 3

9 AM Upcycling/Plarning, 122  
6:55 PM Local Missions Meeting, Conf. Room  
7 PM Care Team, 127  
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Friendship Circle

### Tuesday, Dec. 4

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga Class  
10 AM Quilters, Blue House  
6 PM Boy Scout Troop 787  
6:30 PM Cub Scouts  
7 PM Girl Scouts Troop 197  
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous, Cottage

### Wednesday, Dec. 5

*Advent Service*  
*BNOW*  
5 PM BNOW Supper  
6 PM NOW Children's Programs  
6:15 PM NOW Youth Programs  
6:15 PM Advent Service, Spell  
6:15 PM Men's Ensemble Rehearsal  
7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
8:30 PM Chamber Singers Rehearsal

### Thursday, Dec. 6

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga Class  
9:30 AM Covenant Bible Study, 239  
5:30 PM Celebrate Recovery Planning Meeting, 240  
6:30 PM Family Support Group, 240  
6:30 PM Stewardship Committee, Conf. Room

### Friday, Dec. 7

9 AM Ladies Bible Study, 239  
11:30 AM Happy Hearts' Game Day

### Saturday, Dec. 8

*No Activities Scheduled*

### Acolytes and Crucifers

We are in need of Acolytes and Crucifers. To take part in this spot of worship, please contact Susie Wimberly at 843.568.7830.

### Coat Drive

The Connections Sunday School class has started collecting warm coats & blankets. If you would like to donate a coat or blanket for the homeless or those who are in need, please drop off in Room 239 or to the Welcome Center during regular church office hours. You may drop off adult or child sizes. The items will be taken to the Brownsville Community Church. This is an on-going collection drive through the colder months.

### 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.

### 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 the church office (843.873.1230), 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**.

### Birthday Party for Jesus

Children's Ministries will host a birthday party for Jesus on Sunday, Dec. 16. This will be during the Sunday School hour in the Children's classes. We look forward to you joining the celebration!

### Altar Flowers and Greens

Altar Flower greens are still needed for December 16 and 30. The 2019 flower calendar is also open. Please contact Donna Crowe at 843.873.1230 or dcrowe@bethany-umc.com. Thank you!

December 2, 2018  
8:45 & 11:15 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**

December 2, 2018  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
*First Sunday of Advent*

**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**

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

*Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming* Michael Praetorius  
arr. Dennis Alexander

Susan Cadwell and Michael López, four-hand piano

**Welcome and Parish Concerns**

**\*Hymn in Procession, No. 203**

ELLACOMBE

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

**Special music during the Living Christmas Story presentation**

"Coventry Carol" from the *Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors*  
Quinton Bush, Maurice Burgess and Shelby Krallman

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath – HOPE**

(8:45) – Rich and Cindylee Thorington  
(11:15) – David and Becky Powell

Christ is our Hope. We live in a world of pain, injustice, darkness and sin. The world longs for Hope. Through God's gift of Jesus we have Hope. Hope for healing, justice and new life. Christ is our Hope. Amen.

**Congregational Response**

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

MCGEE

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel. *Sing twice.*

**Call to Prayer**

**Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

*People, Look East*  
*See Hymn #202 for lyrics*  
Women's Ensemble

arr. Craig Courtney

Susan Cadwell and Michael López, four-hand piano

**\*Doxology, No. 94**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**\*Hymn of Assurance, No. 196**

HYFRYDOL

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

8:45 only...At the beginning of this hymn, children may leave for Children's Church ~ ages K5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade ~ **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 Lesson**

Luke 21:25-36

NT Pg. 85

Minister: The word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

"Hope and Redemption"

Rev. Mitch Houston

**Anthem**

*O Come to Us, Emanuel*  
Based on Hymn #221  
Chancel Choir

arr. Joseph Martin

**Invitation to Communion**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations. You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts and have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation. You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree.

You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away. Your own Son came among us as a servant, to be Emmanuel, your presence with us. He humbled himself in obedience to your will and freely accepted death on a cross. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread and Taking of the Cup**

**The Giving** (The ushers will direct the congregation to the table.)

**Prayer after Receiving**

**\*Hymn of Dedication, No. 144**

TERRA BEATA

*This Is My Father's World*

**\*Blessing of the People**

**\*Postlude** "Allegro" from *Symphony no. VI* Charles Marie Widor

\*Congregation standing

**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](mailto: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 GREENS**

The altar greens are given to the glory of God by Tom and Marge Veneziano in honor of their 61<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**SERVING THIS SUNDAY**

**Greeters**

**8:45** – Rick and Terri Reule

**11:15** – Linda and Sunny Grant

**Ushers**

**8:45** - Team Leader: Rett Fowler; Jerry Bateman, Kevin Carter, William DeLong, Rick Farthing, Gene Smith, David Zollner, Webb Charpia

**11:15** – Team Leader: Roger Swick; Ben Brown, Henry Thompson, Tim Shepherd, Mary Kay Shepherd, Gil Hager, Chris English, Michelle English

**Liturgist**

**8:45 & 11:15** – Mr. Casey Canonge

**Communion Servers**

**8:45** – Rich and Cindylee Thorington

**11:15** – David and Becky Powell

**Audio/Video Support**

Technical Ministries Team

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

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

**Gifts** (\*Figures for November 25, 2018. These figures are unverified.)

\*Budget Contributions .....\$ 27,538.41

\*Budget Funds Contributed to Date..... 1,644,358.93

\*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date..... 210,803.08

**Capital Campaign** (Figures for November 25, 2018)

\*Capital Campaign Contributions ..... 1,614.00

\*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date..... 137,186.96

**Presence** (November 25, 2018)

8 am Worship – 56; Word & Table Worship – 203; Sanctuary Worship – 537;  
Thanksgiving Eve Service – 65; Sunday School – 455