

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sympathies: Our Christian sympathies to Joe Willson on the death of his wife, June Willson who died Saturday, Dec. 2.

Bethany NOW Advent Worship Services and Activities

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

Dec. 12: dinner will be offered at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall prior to worship. Charles Peace and Friends of Faith Sunday School classes are hosting

The meal menu is Chicken Parmesan, pasta noodles, garlic toast and salad bar. NOW Wednesday night classes and activities for children and youth will be held.

Angel Tree

If you selected an angel off the tree, please be sure to have gifts in by **TODAY!** Please sign the log book (located near the tree) beside your angel's number with your name and contact information. Gifts should have the angel tag securely attached. Thank you for opening your hearts to help a child have a Merry Christmas.

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.

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.

Coat Collection for Brownsville Community

The Connections Sunday School class has started collecting warm coats & blankets again. If you would like to donate a coat or blanket for the homeless or those who are in need, please drop off to Room 239 or to the Welcome Center during regular church office hours. Adults & children's sizes. The items will be taken to the Brownsville Community Church. This will be ongoing through the colder months.

Habitat Work Day

The congregation is invited to participate in a Habitat mission workday on Saturday Dec, 15 from 8a.m.-12 p.m. There are two homes to work on. One is 518 Renau Dr. and 204 Lake Dr. in Summerville. This is behind Pine Forest Golf Club. No skills are necessary. If unable to participate, we have also set up a Habitat for Humanity account enabling church members to donate funds to help buy supplies. If you would be able to attend, please contact Barney Duncan at bduncan1008@gmail.com or call 843.224.1898.

Happy Hearts' Luncheon – Dec. 14

The next luncheon meeting of Bethany Happy Hearts' will be on Friday, Dec.14 at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of the meal is \$8 per person. Reservations are VERY important for this meal. Please call Linda Field by tonight to make a reservation 843.832.9925 or email her at fieldmw@hotmail.com.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, Dec. 9

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. 10

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

Tuesday, Dec.11

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 UMW Executive Board Meeting, 118
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous, Cottage

Wednesday, Dec. 12

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

Thursday, Dec. 13

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 Trustees, Conf. Room

Friday, Dec. 14

9 AM Ladies Bible Study, 239
12 PM Happy Hearts' Luncheon

Saturday, Dec. 15

2 PM Bridges Respite

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.

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**.

Altar Flowers and Greens

The 2019 flower calendar is open. Please contact Donna Crowe at 843.873.1230 or dcrowe@bethany-umc.com. Thank you!

Birthday Party for Jesus

On December 16, all our children ages preschool through 5th grade will celebrate Jesus' birth with a birthday party!! Students will meet in their regular Sunday School classrooms. They will enjoy a tasty treat as they discuss and celebrate the season.

Blessing Box

There is a Bethany Blessing Box located in front of the playground beside the Gazebo. Feel free to donate non-perishable items for those in need. Please check expiration dates. Thank you for being a blessing!

Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your 2019 offering envelopes located in the Welcome Center Hallway by the elevator.

December 9, 2018
8:45 and 11:15 a.m. Worship Services

BETHANY

United Methodist Church

Peace



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
Ms. 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

December 9, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second 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 *Angels We Have Heard on High* arr. Bill Wolaver
Anne Poole, pianist

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

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Call to Worship

***Hymn in Procession, No. 211** VENI EMMANUEL
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – PEACE

8:45 – Rachel Carter
11:15 – David and Linda Huffman

Gracious God, we live in a world of war. War of the nations. War in the emotions of our lives. In the conflicts of our lives we need the Peace of the Christ Child. Prince of Peace come. Prince of Peace come into our hearts. Amen.

Congregational Response, No. 230

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.

The First Lesson Psalm 126 OT Pg. 572

Minister: The Word God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: 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 *Joyful Worship* arr. Paul Curnow
Emma Bassett, horn and Maurice Burgess, trumpet
Michael Lopez, piano

***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

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

***Hymn of Assurance, No. 422** AZMON
Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love

8:45 -At the beginning of this hymn, children may leave for Children's Church~ ages K5 thru 2nd 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 Gospel Lesson** Luke 3:1-6 NT Pg. 60
Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem (8:45) *As With Gladness Men of Old* arr. Ken Berg
Men's Ensemble and Danielle Paxton, horn

(11:15) *O Thou the Central Orb* Charles Wood
Chancel Choir

Sermon "God Redeems Sadness" 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** *Glory Be to the Father* MEINEKE

***Hymn of Dedication, No. 220** REGENT SQUARE
Angels from the Realms of Glory

***Blessing of the People**

***Postlude** *Savior of the Nations, Come* Johann Sebastian Bach

* For those who are able, please stand.

O Thou the Central Orb

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most high, eternal light of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move, as stars about thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day in fellowship with thee, transforming day to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

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 and other electronic devices before the worship service begins. Thank you.

ALTAR GREENS

The altar greens are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lawrence and Delores Kaltenbach and Walter and Marion Haynesworth by Dennis, Margaret and Melissa Kaltenbach.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Phil and Deb Richardson
11:15 – Sunny and Linda Grant

Liturgist

8:45 – Rachel Carter
11:15 – Linda Huffman

Acolytes and Crucifers

8:45 – Mary Ruth Horres and Grace Bower

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

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for December 2, 2018. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions	\$ 46,154.26
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....	1,690,513.19
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....	214,031.08

Capital Campaign (Figures for December 2, 2018)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	3,642.00
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date.....	140,828.96

Presence (December 2, 2018)

8 am Worship – 32; Word & Table Worship – 189; Sanctuary Worship – 553;
Sunday School – 462