

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't Forget Your Mothers or Epworth Children's Home Next Sunday!

Next week is Mother's Day. We will buy flowers, call the mothers in our lives and remember those mothers who have impacted our lives in the past. Most of the children at Epworth Children's Home will not be celebrating Mother's Day with their mothers. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff and volunteers who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support. Consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to the children in South Carolina. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who call Epworth home. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

Epworth Children's Home Partnership

Epworth Children's Home is partnering with Bethany UMC and the Charleston District in a district-wide new program called "Every Child is a Miracle." This program, supported through a grant of the Duke Foundation, is to recruit, train and support foster families in Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester Counties. This partnership will be a mission of Bethany and we're excited about the ways we can come alongside these families. Stay tuned for more information and volunteer opportunities, as you begin to pray for this ministry.

Summer Sports Camp

Go online to bethanygym.siplay.com and check out our Summer Sports Camps! You can register today! **Coach Kurt's Basketball Camp** June 10-14: Co-Ed
Coach Elliot & Coach Long's Basketball Camp July 8-12: Co-Ed
Girls Volleyball Camp June 24-28

VBS- To Mars & Beyond!

VBS will be here before you know it! The deadline for registration is fast approaching - Kindergarten and 2nd grades are now full and most other grades have just a few spots left. If you have not registered, please do so today. Also- we would like to remind you if you took a tube of M&Ms for our fundraiser, please return filled with quarters to the Children's Ministry office. We still need a few more teachers and assistants- if you have ever considered volunteering and have questions, please email Stephanie at smitchum@bethany-umc.com. Our VBS team plans everything for you, we make it easy for a fun and successful week.

Harvest Hope Food Bank

Everyone attending the 2019 Annual Conference is asked to conduct food drives. Harvest Hope Food Bank is a critical line of support for more than 500 agencies who take feeding missions directly to those who live in the most economically fragile communities. Bethany is asking for your support with this mission. You will find boxes in the back of the Fellowship Hall and Narthex area for drop off. You may also drop off donations in the Welcome Center. The deadline is Wednesday, May 29. The following items are needed:

Canned goods (pop-top): Meat, vegetables, fruit, beans, tomato sauce, soup and evaporated milk.

Dry goods: Cereal, peanut butter, instant potatoes, oatmeal, pasta, grits, coffee, crackers and granola bars.

Personal items: Baby formula, diapers, wipes, soap, shampoo, feminine products, paper towels, tooth paste, tooth brushes, trash bags.

For more information visit: umcsc.org/ac2019-mission

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, May 5

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
4 PM Youth Choir, 234
4 PM Youth Ensemble, Sanctuary
5:30 PM Ascend

Monday, May 6

10 AM Planning, 122
5:30 PM CDC Board Meeting, 239
7 PM Singers of Summerville Rehearsal, Choir Room
7 PM AA, Open Discussion, FC

Tuesday, May 7

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga class, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
6 PM Boy Scouts Troop 787, Fellowship Hall, 115
6 PM Girl Scouts 197, 242,243,244,246,248
6:30 PM Stephen Ministries, 118

Wednesday, May 8

7 PM Chancel Choir
8:50 PM Chamber Singers Rehearsal

Thursday, May 9

8:30 AM \$5 Yoga class, GYM
5:30 PM Celebrate Recovery, 240
6:30 PM Family Support Group, 240
6:30 PM Trustees, Conf. Room

Friday, May 10

Family Movie Night
9 AM Ladies Bible Study, 239
11 AM Happy Hearts' Game Day, 118
6:30 PM Family Movie Night, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 11

8 AM Bishop Conference

Wi-Fi Access

To connect to Wi-Fi while on church property, please use the guest connection and password [guest2015](#).

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 Debbie Dominianni (843.873.1230, ddominianni@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**.

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, Carmie Wagaman 843.414.7026 or Mary Kay Wrenn 843.323.2130.

Soul on Fire-Musical

The Children's Choirs will present a Musical, Soul on Fire, in the Sanctuary today at the 11:15 a.m. service.

Family Movie Night

Join us for Family Movie Night on Friday, May 10 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare and light refreshments will be provided! We will be watching *I Can Only Imagine*, the powerful story of healing, redemption and forgiveness. This is the true story of MercyMe's Bart Millard and the story behind the song everyone knows. We hope to see you there!

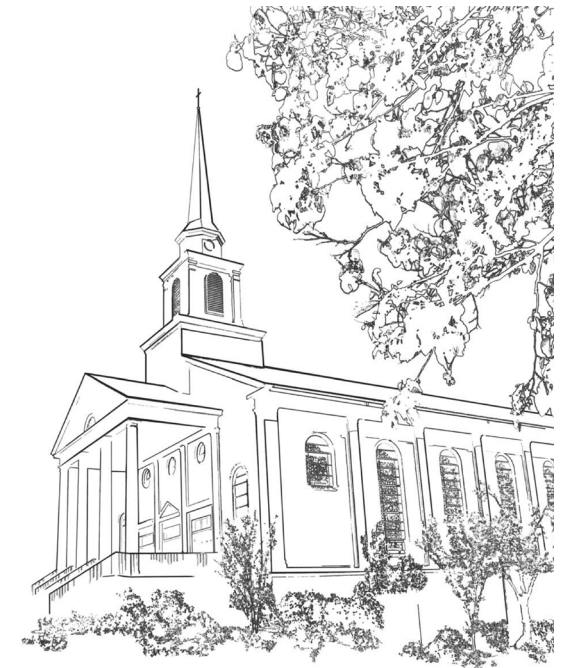
Memorial Day "Poppies"

The Friendship Circle Sunday School Class will honor our Veterans on Memorial Day Sunday, May 26, with baskets of Poppies. Proceeds will benefit the Fisher House Charleston. Fisher House Charleston is a home away from home for loved ones whose families are receiving care. Checks may be written as such and ALL donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your support.

May 5, 2019
8:45 am Worship Service

BETHANY

United Methodist Church



Rev. Mitch Houston, Senior Pastor
Rev. Narcie Jeter, Associate Pastor
Rev. Mark Barnes, 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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*We are a Stephen Ministry Church, a Safe Sanctuaries
Congregation and a Welcoming Church.*

CALLED TO CARE

May 5, 2019
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Third Sunday of Easter

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 *Let All Things Now Living* arr. Lloyd Larson
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. 303** LANCASHIRE
The Day of Resurrection

* **Prayer of Confession** (to be prayed in unison)
God of the Risen Christ, we lay before you everything that keeps us from rising with Christ to new life in you. We confess the burden of our self-righteousness that keeps us from sharing the good news with people we judge unworthy. We confess the burden of our apathy that keeps us from lifting the burdens of others. Enlighten our souls by the radiance of your Risen Son, that we may let your light shine through us. Amen.

Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: *In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

All: *Glory to God. Amen.*

The First Lesson Acts 9:1-6 NT Pg. 127

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Call to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offertory *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing* arr. Jane Holsten

* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

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

* **Hymn of Assurance, No. 616** HURSLEY
Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

(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 21:1-19 NT Pg. 115

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem *Come My Way, My Truth, My Life* Eugene Butler
Chancel Choir

Sermon "Finishing Together" Rev. Mitch Houston

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory! Glory be to thee, O Lord most high! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

Holy are you, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ, in whom your Word became flesh and came to dwell among us. Through Jesus' suffering and death you destroyed the power of sin and death. You raised from the dead this same Jesus, who now reigns with you in glory, and poured upon us your Holy Spirit, making us the people of your new covenant.

On the night before meeting with death Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to the 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 Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the 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 in unity we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by Christ's blood, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at your table for ever. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

Music for the Breaking of the Bread and the Taking of the Cup

Prayer after Receiving

* **Hymn of Dedication, No. 454** OPEN MY EYES

Open My Eyes, That I May See

* **Blessing of the People**

* **Postlude** *Life High the Cross* arr. Larry Shackley

* 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 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 by Dr. Arnold Huskins in memory of our Christian forebears who died in the War Between the States and in memory of our military personnel who have given their "last full measure of devotion" to our country in all its conflicts.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

8:45 – Will and Cathy Wilber

11:15 – Jordi Graffis

Communion Servers

8:45 – Rich & Cindylee Thorington

Ushers

8:45 - Team Leader: Narvie Bilbray, Jr.; Jim Barrier, Dennis Bradshaw, Jody Dillard, Kevin Slack, Fenn Stallsmith, James Vinson, Tom Thurman, Matt Lazzaro

11:15 – Team Leader: Kerry Farmer; Hal Hess, Al Jackson, Barbara Jackson, Gillis McAllister, Mark Phillips, Joyce Stone, Roger McCants

Liturgist

8:45 - Mr. David 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 April 28, 2019. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions.....\$ 25,674.05

*Budget Funds Contributed to Date..... 596,153.93

*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date..... 136,866.40

Capital Campaign (Figures for April 28, 2019)

*Capital Campaign Contributions 2,156.00

*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date 50,671.02

Presence (April 28, 2019)

8 am Spell Worship – 49; Word & Table Worship – 201; Sanctuary Worship – 522; Youth 65; Sunday School – 466