

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Camp Meeting Returns

Camp Meeting begins today and will run through August 11. The Camp Meeting dates back to the early 19th century. This is a special time at Bethany UMC, as we recognize our time honored roots in the Christian faith dating back to the 19th Century. This is a time we can relax and be less formal. So dress comfortably and casually.

Donations for Hands of Christ School-Supply Ministry

The Hands of Christ school supply ministry needs your donations! This ministry provides schools supplies to children in several Dorchester District 2 and a couple of Dorchester District 4 schools, including Williams Memorial Elementary and Harleyville-Ridgeville Elementary. Please have supplies to the church no later than **Sunday, July 28**.

If you are unable to purchase supplies a monetary donation is always appreciated.

Requested items are per student:

24 pencils	6 dry erase markers
3 highlighters	6 glue sticks
1 sticky note pad	1 box 24 ct. Crayola crayons
1 box Crayola colored pencils	1 box Crayola markers
1 pencil box	1 pair of scissors
5 – 3-inch three ring binder	2 spiral notebooks
2 – 2-inch three ring binder	2 - sets of 5-subject dividers
1 Package erasers for pencil tips	2 packages of index cards
2 Packages of wide-ruled notebook paper	
4 Composition notebooks (black and white marble)	
2 each - red, yellow, green, blue, orange, purple folders with pockets and prongs	

Donations can be placed in the collection box at the bottom of the wooden stairs.

Global Missions

Bethany Global Missions is seeking volunteers who are interested in a domestic mission trip. Over the last several years there has been great devastation from hurricanes and tornadoes. We are currently accessing mission opportunities in Alabama, Florida, and North Carolina. Tentative dates are October 14-18/19. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Stephen Bishop (f1skier@comcast.net or 843.696.6938) or sign up on the interest sheet found on the Global Mission bulletin board next to the downstairs greeter's station.

Work Day Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for help with pulling wires and other tasks related to a big project going on at the church. No experience is necessary! If you are available to help out on **Saturday, July 13**- please contact Henry Thompson 843.873.1230 or feel free to just show up!!

Sunday School Teachers Needed

We are in the process of securing teachers for our children's Sunday school classes for 2019-20. As a teacher, you are able to fill our young people with the joy and love that Jesus has for them. It is as much a blessing for you, as for the children. Please prayerfully consider helping out in this most important ministry. There are two teams of teachers per grade level, and they teach on a rotating schedule. All lessons and materials are provided, so preparation time is minimal. Please contact Emily Vick (evick@bethany-umc.com) or Stephanie Mitchum (smitchum@bethany-umc.com) if you are interested in helping out.

*Children's Church is on a summer break.
Busy Bags are available in the Narthex.*

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, July 7

Camp Meeting

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
6 PM Youth Bible Studies, Youth House

Monday, July 8

10 AM Planning, 122
7 PM AA, Open Discussion, FC

Tuesday, July 9

9 AM Popsicles on the Playground
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
6:30 PM Technical Ministries Meeting, Conf. Room
7 PM Global Missions Committee, 127
7 PM UMW Executive Board Meeting, 118

Wednesday, July 10

6:15 PM Creative Sewing, Blue House

Thursday, July 11

6:30 PM Trustees, Conf. Room

Friday, July 12

11 AM Happy Hearts' Game Day

Saturday, July 13

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**.

Summer Bible Studies

Join us on Monday Nights beginning June 3 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Youth House for one of our Summer Bible Studies. Middle & High School Boys, Middle School girls, High School girls, College & Career.

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 or Mary Kay Wrenn 843.323.2130 or 843.821.3123.

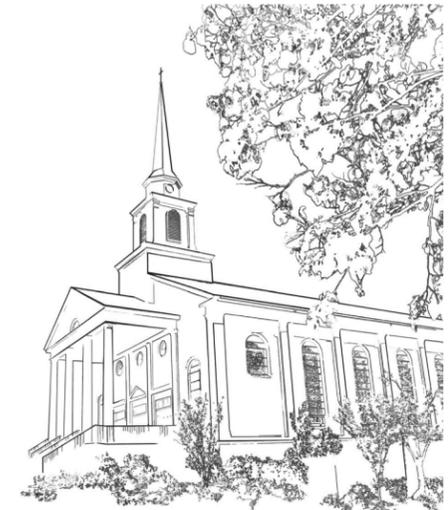
Bethany Blessing Box

The Bethany Blessing Box is in need of donations! Summer months are especially hard on those in need, as many families and children depend on the school meals. You can place your donations directly in the Blessing Box that is located in front of the playground beside the Gazebo, or in the boxes located within the church. There is a green box upstairs in the Welcome Center and red bin located downstairs by the Welcome Desk. Thank you for your support!

July 7, 2019
8:45 and 11:15 a.m. Worship Services

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

July 7, 2019

Order of Worship

Campmeeting

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

O, When Shall I See Jesus

arr. Don Hustad

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

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Scripture Call to Worship

Time of Friendship

* Opening Hymn, No. 514

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross; lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss. From victory unto victory his army shall he lead, till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey; forth to the mighty conflict, in this his glorious day. Ye that are brave now serve him against unnumbered foes; let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone; the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own. Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer; where duty call or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long; this day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song. To those who vanquish evil a crown of life shall be; they with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.

Morning Prayer 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

Just As I Am

arr. Gordon Young

* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

* Doxology, No. 95

OLD 100TH

* Hymn of Assurance, No. 374

Standing on the Promises

Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior, standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. Refrain

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God. Refrain

Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. Refrain

* The Gospel Lesson

Luke 9:57-62

NT Pg. 70

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

People: Thanks be to God.

* Congregational Response

UM Hymnal, No. 601

Thy Word Is a Lamp

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me, and nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Anthem

My Lord, What a Morning
Shelby Krallman, mezzo soprano

arr. Mark Hayes

Sermon

"Excuses"

Rev. Mitch Houston

Sacrament of Holy Communion

* Hymn of Dedication, No. 378

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there then thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

* Blessing of the People

* Postlude

Recessional in C

John Behnke

* 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 memory of Choir friends, Lee Easterling, Bob Lesch, John Stoioff, John Lemen, Shirley Dent, Sharon Krueger, Roberta Wershey and Jane Nichols by Clair Palmer, Dave and Sandy Mills, Betsy McAmis, Dolores Teater and Jean and Jack Olson.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters

11:15 – Tim and Mary Kay Shepherd

Communion Servers

8:45 – Robert and Mary Kay Wrenn

11:15 – Jay and Marsha Humphreys

Ushers

8:45 - Team Leader: Tom Brown; Ernie Brockman, Jim Hunter, Bob Johnson, Larry McKeenhan, Jim Parrish, Hank Sieling, Tom Tatum, Phil Richardson

11:15 - Team Leader: Sam Dorr; Buford Boyd, Ken Buchanan, Claude Rowe, Tim Rowe, Rob Walters, Joe Iwonowski

Liturgist

8:45 & 11:15 – Mr. Dave Braddon

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for June 30, 2019. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions	\$ 29,389.05
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....	897,426.23
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date	185,451.31

Capital Campaign (*Figures for June 30, 2019)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	4,228.12
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date	82,908.30

Presence (June 30, 2019)

8 am Spell Worship – 41; Word & Table Worship – 159; Sanctuary Worship – 718; Sunday School – 402