

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sympathy: Our Christian sympathy goes out to Cindy Harris, whose mother, Eunice Wallem joined the Church Triumphant on December 20.

Our Christian sympathy goes out to the friends and family of Mr. Ronnie Dubose, who joined the Church Triumphant on December 25.

Our Christian sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Mr. Harold Robinson who joined the Church Triumphant on December 27.

Our Christian sympathy goes out to the friends and family of Mrs. Mary Allison, who joined the Church Triumphant.

Camp Meeting Sundays!

Bethany will hold a series of Camp Meetings throughout the month of January. Camp Meetings will be held periodically in recognition of the United Methodist Church's tradition that dates back to the 1800's. Worship services during Camp Meetings are informal and less ceremonial than usual, so lose the tie and come as you are on Camp Meeting Sundays.

BNOW Wednesday Night Activities Winter/Spring 2020

The new Winter/Spring session of Bethany NOW will begin on Wednesday, January 8 with supper at 5 pm and classes for everyone starting at 6:15 pm! The meal for this week is crispy chicken parmesan served over a bed of tomato sauce and garlic noodles, tender broccoli spears, garlic toast and salad bar. Charles Peace & Beacon Sunday school classes will be hosting.

Meals are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children, with a family maximum of \$20.

Bethany Happy Hearts Games Day – Friday, January 10

Bethany Happy Hearts" Game Day will meet on Friday, January 10 in room 118 at 11:30 a.m. Bring a lunch and beverage for lunch before we begin playing games. Several different games are played and you may also bring your own game to play. Everyone that enjoys playing card or board games is welcome to join us. If you have questions, call Bob or Bethann Erwin at 843.291.2892, or email at erwbare@yahoo.com. Come join the fun!

Oyster Roast & Silent Auction

On January 25 Bethany will hold the 2nd annual Oyster Roast and Silent Auction at Summerville (Miler) Country Club. The event will be from 6-9 pm with live music by the Time Pirates. In addition to the oysters, barbecue and chili will be available. Please come out and support Global Missions as we raise funds to continue the school construction in Pastocalle Ecuador. Tickets can be purchased on Sundays from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the Welcome Center downstairs and on Wednesdays at Bethany NOW. You can also purchase tickets using this link: <https://www.unation.com/event/975838060>. Last year's event was a big hit, so get your tickets early!

Global Missions Ecuador 2020

We will be holding our first Ecuador 2020 Missions information and planning meeting on January 5 in the Conference Room. Anyone intending to participate on this year's team or anyone wanting more information should attend this meeting. I am fielding 3 teams, with the following dates: June 6-13, June 13-20, and June 20-27. No experience is necessary. All who have participated in the past have indicated they felt like they received the greater blessing. If you are unable to attend this meeting and would like more information, please call Stephen Bishop 843.696.6938 or email f1skier@comcast.net.

Bethany Memorial Garden Blessing & Dedication

Join us for this special service on Sunday, January 26 immediately following the 11:15 am worship service to bless the Memorial Garden. The Bethany Memorial Garden is a beautiful and dignified space where the cremated remains of the faithful will be kept and where the living can gather to remember their loved ones and offer quiet worship to God.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, Jan. 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

Monday, Jan. 6

9 AM Upcycling/Planning, 122
2 PM Prayer Shawl Meeting, 119
6 PM Chancel Bells, 233
6:30 PM Toastmasters, 118
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115

Tuesday, Jan. 7

10 AM Quilters, Blue House
6 PM Girl Scouts Troop 197, 244, 245, 246, 248
6:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 787, 115, 124, 125

Wednesday, Jan. 8

BNOW Dinner and Classes

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
7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 234

Thursday, Jan. 9

9:30 AM Bible Study, 239
5:30 PM Celebrate Recovery Planning Meeting, 240
6:30 PM Trustees, Conference Room

Friday, Jan. 10

6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 127
9 AM Ladies Bible Study, 239
11 AM Happy Hearts' Game Day

Saturday, Jan. 11

No Activities Scheduled

Altar Flowers Needed

Altar flowers are a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one. Flowers are needed for 2020. Please contact Donna Crowe at dcrowe@bethany-umc.com or 843.873.1230 ext.14 to reserve a date.

Overcomer Movie

Bethany will be showing the heartwarming and powerful movie "Overcomer" on Friday, Jan. 31 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall!

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.

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**.

Thank you to the Loving Hands Ministry

Thank you to Shirley Scully and the Loving Hands Ministry for their love, hard work and dedication. Approximately 30 meals were served for bereaved families during 2019.

Financial Peace University

This wonderful ministry is being offered to you at this tremendous discount of only \$25.00! Narcie Jeter will be teaching this class January 8 - March 4 during Wednesday night BNOW. To register for this class please contact Narcie Jeter by e-mail at Njeter@bethany-umc.com with your name, email & phone number.

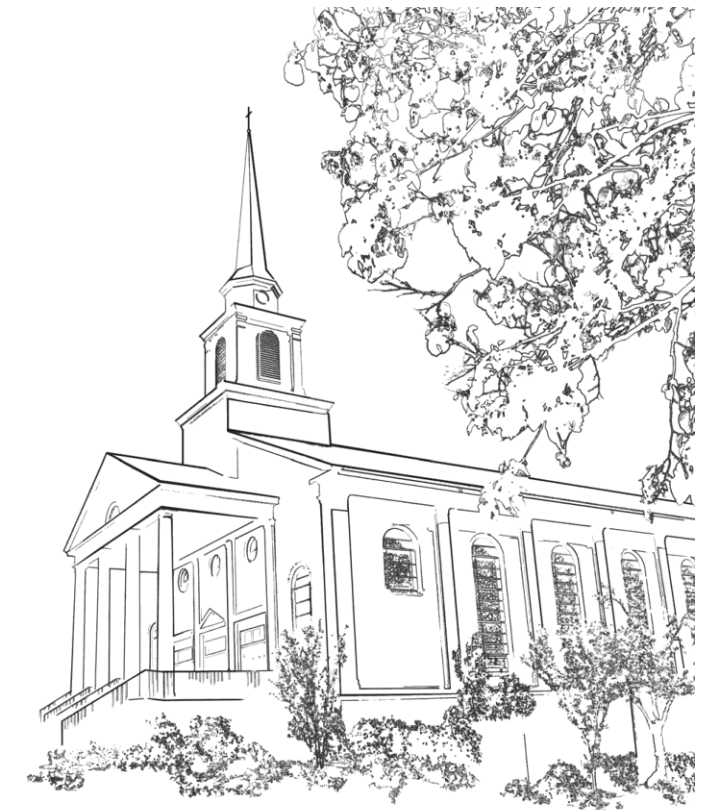
Last Supper 2020

Save the date for the living dramatization of Leonardo Da Vinci's The Last Supper. There will be two presentations during Holy week- Maundy Thursday, April 9 and Good Friday, April 10. Save the date!!!

January 5, 2020
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, Creative Ministries Director
Mrs. Stephanie Mitchum, Children's Program Director
Mr. Mike Jeter, Youth Director
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

January 5, 2020
ORDER OF WORSHIP
 Epiphany/Camp Meeting

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

Mr. Michael López

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

***Opening Hymn** *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* WEBB

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 calls 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

Offertory

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology, No. 95** OLD 100th

***Hymn of Assurance** *The First Noel* TRADITIONAL
 (8:45 am only. 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 first Noel the angels did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!

They look-ed up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.
Chorus

And by the light of that same star, three Wise men came from the country far; to seek for a King was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. *Chorus.*

This star drew nigh to the north-west, o'er Bethlehem it took it's rest, and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay.
Chorus.

Then entered in those wise men three, full reverently upon their knee, and offered there in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Chorus.

The First Lesson Ephesians 1:3-14 NT Pg. 192

The Gospel Lesson John 1:10-18 NT Pg. 91
 Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Congregational Response UM Hymn #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 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* arr. Roy Ringwald
 Camp Meeting Ensemble

Sermon "Chosen" Rev. Mitch Houston

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Hymn of Dedication** GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN
Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
 go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
 behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,
 rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
 and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

***Blessing of the People**

***Postlude** Mr. Michael López

* 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 by the Friendship Circle in honor of the Staff and Congregation of Bethany. Happy New Year!

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Communion Assistants

8:45 – Jack & Karen Sehrt

11:15 – David & Becky Powell

Ushers

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

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

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 29, 2019. These figures are unverified.)

Budget Contributions	\$ 28,605.93
Budget Funds Contributed to Date	1,846,062.51
Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date	268,943.22

Capital Campaign (Figures for December 29, 2019)

Capital Campaign Contributions	2,740.00
Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date.....	160,989.32

Presence (December 29, 2019) 10:00 am service – 308

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm service – 656; 7:30 Traditional – 749; 7:30 Word and Table – 225;
 11:00 pm - 358