

Bethany Beacon

March 2020



*I can do all things through
Christ who strengthens me.*

2020 is shaping up to be a wonderful, exciting, and dynamic year for the Student Ministries of Bethany UMC. In January, a group of high school and college students ventured to NC during the MLK holiday for a weekend retreat. There at TVR, we had a special weekend of fellowship, worship, skiing, and community building. **Also in January, 65 of Bethany's youth and adults attended REVOLUTION.** At Revolution, our ASCEND Youth Band had the opportunity to share their talents and lead worship Saturday night for 2,000 of our closest friends from across the SC UMC Conference.

As we approach spring I am not only excited by the hockey & baseball game, Mystery Overnight Event, Walk 4 Water, the Confirmation Retreat, or other awesome events on our Calendar. I am excited to bear witness to the next generation of Christians at Bethany, who are building **relationships, growing deeper in God's Word, and better** knowing and understanding Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

-Mike Jeter

Missions Possible Weekend 2020 - Saturday, March 7th – Sunday, March 8th

Saturday, March 7th

- 8 – 8:30 am – Continental Breakfast & Launch Prayer
- 8:30 am – 1 pm – Volunteer Extravaganza
- 1 pm – Celebration Lunch and IJM Speaker

Sunday, March 8th

- 8:45 am – Combined Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Rev. Sandra Stevens-Poirel Preaching
- 9 – 11 am – Missions Fair in the Fellowship Hall
- 11:15 am – Missions Organizations will be introduced in Worship
Rev. Dr. Sandra Stevens-Poirel Preaching

The 2020 projects included shrubbery clipping, singing, playing bingo, writing cards to prisoners, carpet cleaning, and light construction. For any site suggestions or questions contact Pastor Narcie Jeter for the volunteer Extravaganza at njeter@bethany-umc.com or call 843-873-1230.

There will be sign ups on the Local Missions bulletin board outside of the Fellowship Hall and also an electronic sign up on MyBethany.

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Submission for the March Issue is March 15. You may be early and not wait until the deadline to submit your news!

Please email information to: ddominianni@bethany-umc.com

Submissions received after the deadline of the 15th may be held for the following month. Editors reserve the right for submissions to be edited for clarity and space.

March Preaching Schedule

Subject to Change

March 1st - Communion in Word & Table

Spell—Rev. Jo Locklair

8:45—Word & Table - Rev. Narcie Jeter

8:45—Traditional - Rev. Mitch Houston

11:15— Traditional - Rev. Mitch Houston

March 8th-

Spell— Rev. Mark Barnes

8:45—Combined service - Rev. Dr. Sandra Stevens—Poirel

11:15— Traditional - Rev. Dr. Sandra Stevens—Poirel

March 15th -

Spell— Rev. Mark Barnes

8:45—Word & Table - Rev. Narcie Jeter - Communion

8:45—Traditional - Rev. Mitch Houston

11:15— Traditional - Rev. Mitch Houston

March 22rd -

Spell—Rev. Mark Barnes

8:45—Word & Table - Rev. Narcie Jeter - Communion

8:45—Traditional— Rev. Mitch Houston

11:15—Traditional—Rev. Mitch Houston

March 29th -

Spell—Rev. Mark Barnes

8:45—Word & Table - Rev. Narcie Jeter - Communion

8:45—Traditional— Rev. Mitch Houston

11:15—Traditional—Rev. Mitch Houston

Lenten Services

March 4th – Lenten Worship – Rev. Laura Canine

March 11th – Lenten Worship – Rev. Victoria Richardson

March 18th – Lenten Worship – Rev. Daniel Griswold

March 25th – Lenten Worship – Rev. Steve Garner

April 1st – Lenten Worship –Rev. Robert Tolliver

Dinner starts at 5 and Worship at 6:15



With almost two dozen Stephen Ministers and Leaders surrounding me, I was commissioned as the newest Stephen Leader for Bethany on February 9, 2020. I join a dozen active Leaders and 30+ Stephen Ministers who serve our congregation with Christian caring. It is humbling and gratifying to join this committed team of leaders.

We are thankful to have the active support of the Stephen Ministry by Bethany in many ways, including having a pastor advisor in Rev. Mark Barnes and sending candidates to a week-long training course. I was sent to Orlando, FL in mid-January. There was a bit of time to enjoy the sunshine and tropical setting, but with an 8 am - 8 pm schedule, there was no time for Disney World! The extensive classes include active listening, role-playing and spiritual tools to help people cope with life's challenges. Men and women, pastors and lay people, laugh and share and pray and sing together during the week. One of the best aspects of the training course is meeting Christians of all denominations from around this country — Leah Martin

Bethany 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.



Pricing for niches will begin at the regular price on March 1. A niche for one person will be \$1700 and for two people will be \$2700. If you would like more information on the Bethany Memorial Garden, please contact Emily Vick at ext. 13 or email: evick@bethany-umc.com.

Bridges Respite

Respite is for our families of children with special needs. This is a chance for the parents to have some time for themselves. We host these children and their siblings for a night of fun. They take place on the Fourth Friday of each month.

If you would like more information about our Bridges Respite or would like to volunteer, please contact Jennifer Horres at bridges@bethany-umc.com.





Loving Hands

It Takes a Church

Loving Hands is asking you to consider joining our committee that offers a meal to family members after a funeral service at Bethany. Sharing food and fellowship with loved ones afterwards is often so helpful in this process of grieving.

There are many jobs involved in preparing these meals. Not only do we have members cooking the sides, but we have a team who sets the linens and tableware, people who drive to our local Piggly Wiggly and pick up and deliver the fried chicken, a team who are servers preparing beverages and plating desserts, a team who runs our dishwasher for the dishes and our cleanup team, who buses the tables and finalizes the kitchen cleanup. Because we have many people for each job, members rotate and are asked to serve 4-5 times a year. Each job requires approximately 90 minutes.

We've all heard the phrase, "it takes a village", but for the Loving Hands care team, "it takes a church" to make each meal a special one. Should you be interested, please contact Shirley Scully at 843-329-2447 for further details.

A Special Invitation to Bethany Women!!!

"Turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world."

The United Methodist Women are a community of women of every age who want to experience freedom as whole persons in Jesus Christ through creative, supportive fellowship while responding to local and global mission needs.

Please join with us to learn more about how we are staying relevant and responding to the needs of today's world!

GENERAL MEETING LUNCHEON

March 17, 2020

11:00 AM

Business Meeting

Luncheon cost: \$7.00

rsvp for luncheon @ pfk@knology.net
or your circle leader **by March 9**

Guest Speaker

McBee Zimmerman

Director

Epworth Outreach Center

PLEASE JOIN US!!

We will be looking for you!!!!

Aging Wisely: Navigating the Complicated World of Senior Care

Dates: April 22, 29, May 6
(May attend any or all.)

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| April 22 | TBA |
| April 29 | Libby Avant, <u>Nurse</u> (explaining independent, assisted living, skilled nursing care) |
| May 6 | Elizabeth King, <u>The Village at Summerville</u> Downsizing |

Participants may attend all or some of the classes which interest them.



KidsCare News

March is such a busy and fun time at KidsCare! We are now accepting applications for our Summer Camp program. Our first two weeks of March, we register current families attending during the school year. March 15th, we offer any remaining open spots to the public. If you are interested in our Summer Camp, please get in touch during March because spots fill quickly and space is limited!



We are busy training up our children in the way they should go. Literally! We are practicing walking in a quiet line, following our counselors and staying together in a group as we travel out to enjoy all the things the low country has to offer children! Keep us in your prayers during this busiest of times!

To register for Summer, you must come in to our office so that we can make sure there is room during the weeks you choose. Call us at: (843) 873-1230 ext. 36 or our cell at: (843)860-6253.

Bethany Happy Hearts

Bethany Happy Hearts Luncheon – Friday, March 27th

The next luncheon meeting of Bethany Happy Hearts will be on Friday, March 27th at 12:00 noon. Our guest will be Bruce Orr presenting more Mysteries of Folklore Around the Lowcountry. Bruce Orr insists he is not a “Ghostbuster,” but he is determined to discover the mysteries of folklore around the Lowcountry. He retired in 2002 as a law enforcement officer and began his career as an author, investigating and researching through his organization Lost in Legend.

Have you ever noticed that the folklore surrounding a person, place, or event often overshadows the facts to the point that they are quite literally lost in legend? Well, Bruce has and he uses historical research and various investigative methods to uncover and report the history behind haunting tales, the people behind the places, and the facts behind the folklore. He has written several books, including Six Miles to Charleston, which remains his personal favorite. Six Miles provides an in-depth look at the facts behind the legend of John and Lavinia Fisher, who were accused of robbing and murdering their guests at an Inn outside of Charleston in 1819. Bruce’s other titles include Haunted Summerville, SC, Ghosts of Berkeley County, SC, and maritime-themed The Ghosts of the USS Yorktown - the Phantoms of Patriots Point. In each of his investigations, Bruce interviews witnesses, examines locations, delves into the archives, and he also manages to relate some entertaining experiences in the process.

When he’s not investigating legends or writing books, Bruce is a Master Diver who has used his license and involvement with the Hobby License Program to help protect and preserve the vast maritime history of our state. Bruce is a regular at Charleston Wing Night events, occasionally sporting a pirate-like eyepatch. He has been on and under the water on several field projects as a volunteer diver and has participated in a number of independent archaeological investigations on land and underwater. Bruce has also been a frequent participant in Artifact Identification Workshops and Field Training Courses. Bruce deserves recognition for his fossil donations to the South Carolina State Museum as well. He recently recovered a fine example of a prehistoric canine jaw while diving with his license, and graciously donated it to their paleontological collection. Bruce's enthusiasm for maritime archaeology and participation in the Hobby Diver Program is admirable, and his dedication to teasing some incredible tall tales out of the shadows with historical records is appreciated.

Bethany Happy Hearts Luncheon is always open to all Bethany Members and their guests who would like to attend, but reservations are required. Both members and guests must call Linda Field at 843-832-9925 or email her at fieldmw@hotmail.com to make reservations by Sunday, March 22nd.

Our menu for the March meeting includes O’Moore’s Family Shepherd’s Pie, Irish Soda Bread, Irish Green Salad with Dublin Dressing, Irish Apple Cake with a Custard Sauce for Dessert, Roll w/butter, and Tea/Water, with Lemon. The cost of the meal is \$8 per person.

Bethany Happy Hearts Games Day – Friday, March 13th

“Bethany Happy Hearts Games Day” has been a success. We meet on the 2nd Friday of each month at the church in Room 118 from 11:30 a.m. until Bring a lunch and beverage, so we can eat together before we begin playing games. We play several different games “Hand and Foot”, “RummyCube”, “Mexican Train”, “Pegs and Jokers”, “Skip-Bo”, and we have other games available. If you have a special game you would like to play, bring it with you. Don’t worry if you don’t know how to play these games, someone will teach you. The object is to have fun. 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.



NOW Adult Classes for Winter/Spring 2020

All Classes for NOW will resume April 22. **Apr.22, 29, May 6**

March 4,11,18,25, Apr.1 Lenten Services will be held instead of classes for adults.

Children's classes will still be held.

The Beatitudes

David Powell

Room 237

This study is based on and supported by various scripture both in the New testament and the Old Testament It's important to understand just what being "blessed" means in our relationship with God. Without that understanding the Beatitudes lack true meaning and understanding.

Disciple II – Into the Word, Into the World Marc Jacques Room 238

This is a condensed version of the 36-week Disciple II Bible Study. Genesis and Exodus were studied in depth during the 12 weeks in the Fall. Luke and Acts will be studied in depth during the 12 weeks in the Spring. Participants will purchase their study books and use their own Bibles. This is perfect for those who wish to study these books more deeply. Even if you did not attend in the Fall, you may still join in the Spring.

Financial Peace

Narcie Jeter

Room 239

This tried and true financial planning program will help you get out of debt and help you avoid getting into debt! Based on Biblical principles, you will learn to take control of your spending and eliminate money-related worries in your life. Planning for the future and paying off the past will help you live at peace with your financial status.

Line Dancing Peggy and JC Ridgeway Back of Fellowship Hall

This class is fun and great exercise! Peggy and JC are excellent teachers who love to dance and know plenty of different dances. You will learn new dances and enjoy the ones you have learned previously.

Plarning/Up-Cycling

Clara Stonner

Room 122

The Up-Cycling ministry crochets sleeping mats for homeless Veterans. Ordinary recycled plastic grocery bags are cut into loops to make plastic yarn {PLARN} that is used to crochet the mats. Crochet tote bags will also be made using PLARN. Come join in and learn how to do this.

Aging Wisely: Navigating the complicated world of Senior Care

Various Speakers Room 240

If you are a care-giver or anticipate becoming one at some time for a parent or spouse, this information will be extremely valuable. Topics to be covered include: Elder Law, Home Health Care, Stages of aging to include independent living, assisted living and skilled nursing care, Hospice, Social Workers, VA Assistance, The Ark, Stephen Ministries, and Geriatric Medicine, Downsizing and talking to your parents. See separate list of speakers. Come to all or some of the classes that interest you.

Children's Activities for BNOW

Wednesday Night

6:00 – 6:45

6:45 – 7:30

Birth – 3 years
(turn 3 after Sept. 1)

Nursery

Nursery

Ages 3 & 4
(Must be 3 by Sept. 1)

Cherub Choir

Sprouts – Growing in Faith

Kindergarten – 2nd grade

Melody Choir
Or
Homework Hotspot

Crafting Faith

3rd – 5th grades

Crafting Faith

Wesley Choir
Or
Homework Hotspot

Preschool Options

Cherub Choir

Choir for children 3 years old through pre-K 5 year olds. They learn basic Bible songs while incorporating movement. The Cherub choir sings at both the Word & Table and traditional 8:45 services on a regular basis.

Friendship Circle Room

Sprouts – Growing in Faith

Room 110

Bible story time for children 3 years through pre-K 5 year olds. They hear basic Bible stories combined with playtime.

Elementary Options

Melody Choir

Choir for Kindergartners through 2nd graders. This group learns songs to enhance their faith. The Melody Choir sings at both the Word & Table and traditional services on a regular basis.

Sanctuary

Wesley Choir

Choir for 3rd – 5th graders. This group learns more advanced songs of the Christian faith. The Wesley Choir sings at both the Word & Table and traditional services on a regular basis.

Sanctuary

Homework Hotspot

An alternative to choir and a place for kids to catch up on homework. There will be a volunteer in the room.

Room 127

Crafting Faith

A brief Bible study with an Arts & Crafts component.

Room 121 (Art Room)

Please make sure to pick up children NO LATER THAN 7:30 pm each week.

BNOW MEALS MARCH

March 4th Charles Peace & Traditional Hosting

Spinach & Artichoke-Stuffed Chicken Breasts

Rolls & Salad Bar

Children's Meal Supplied

Dessert

March 18th Daily Bread & Salt Hosting

Sheppard's Pie

Rolls & Salad Bar

KIDS MENU: Chicken Nuggets and Tots

March 11th Connections Hosting

Choice of Chicken or Beef Enchiladas

Pico de Gallo Fresh Tomato Salsa & Fresh Tomatillo Salsa

Mexican Rice

Children's Menu Served

March 25th Friendship Circle Hosting

Pork and Bok Choy Vegetable Stir Fry

Served over a bed of R ice with Ginger Garlic Sauce

Rolls & Salad Bar

KIDS MENU: Chicken Nuggets and Tots



Confirmation Dates

Confirmation 2020 will have parent meeting on February 16th. We will be meeting during the Sunday School hour starting at 10 am. The schedule is below. Confirmation is traditionally for current 7th graders or other students who have not been confirmed. All ages are welcome! Confirmation teaches basic Christian principles and theology to give students a robust framework to articulate their faith for themselves. Confirmation class will consist of multiple activities that will give students a chance to engage in a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Please sign up to reserve your spot in Confirmation 2020.

March 1st – Our Life Together – Holy Communion and Baptism

March 8th – Our Life Together – Mission – Missions Possible Mission Fair

March 15th – Our Beliefs – Experiencing God and the Bible

March 22nd – Our Beliefs – The Trinity and Prayer

March 29th – Our Theology – The Imago Dei/Sin and Grace

April 5th – Palm Sunday/Flowertown Festival – No Confirmation Class

April 12th – Easter – No Confirmation Class

April 19th – Our Theology – Salvation, the Holy Spirit, the Creeds

April 26th – Our Faith and Calling – A Faith to Decide and to Confirm

May 1st – 3rd – Confirmation Retreat at Lake Junaluska, NC (<https://www.fcfconfirm.net/home.html>)

May 10th – Mother's Day – No Confirmation Class

May 17th – Confirmation Vows

May 24th – Memorial Day – No Confirmation Class

May 31st – Confirmation Sunday – Pentecost

Narcie and Mike Jeter will be teaching Confirmation and for anyone who has questions please contact Mike by calling 843-873-1230 or emailing mjeter@bethany-umc.com.

If you would like to receive the weekly ASCEND email updates please use your cell phone's camera to scan the QR code or email Mike Jeter at mjeter@bethany-umc.com.



ASCEND Calendar

Winter/Spring 2020

March 1 - ASCEND

March 7 - Mission Possible

March 15 - ASCEND

March 21 - *Walk for Water & TBA Event*

March 22 - ASCEND

March 29 - ASCEND

April 3 - 5 FLOWERTOWN PARKING

April 2 - ASCEND

April 12 - Happy Easter, *No Ascend*

April 19 - ASCEND

April 26 - ASCEND

May 1-3 - Confirmation Retreat

May 3 - ASCEND

May 10 - *Mothers' Day, NO Ascend*

May 15 - Riverdogs Baseball Game

May 17 - GRADUATE CELEBRATION,
Last ASCEND of Semester

Flowertown Parking is the largest fundraiser for the Student Ministries of Bethany UMC. The monies raised from parking helps offset the costs of our events, gatherings, coffee meetups, and most importantly our mission trips. Please consider giving of your time during Flowertown to help our parking fundraiser run smoothly and be a wild success to allow the youth of Bethany to best serve God's kingdom.

To sign up use your cell phone's camera to scan the QR code or visit www.bethany-umc.com/youth-signups/



George Kiefer

Youth Mission Scholarship

The Kiefer family is excited to share, that a Senior Student who will attend Bethany's Salkehatchie Camp this summer doing mission work within the Summerville Community will receive a \$1,000 George Kiefer Youth Mission Scholarship.

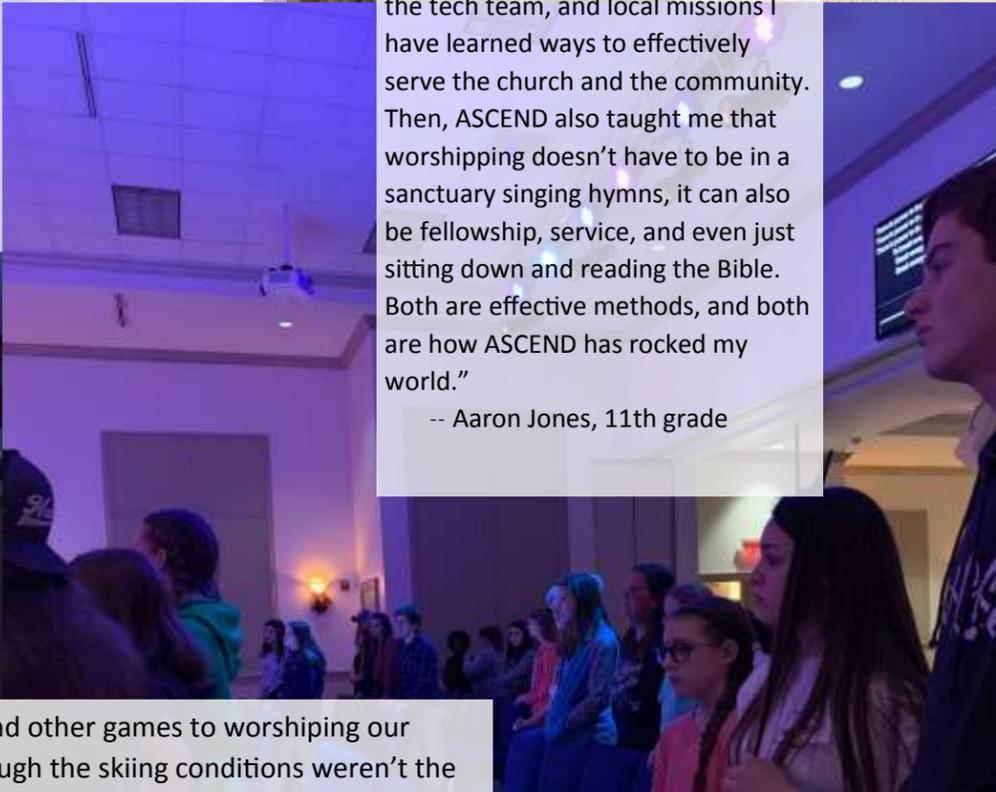


"I was introduced to ASCEND by my friend Kaytlin. At first I didn't really know anything about God or religion, but as I kept coming every Sunday I started to love God. ASCEND has really changed my life, I now know what I believe and who my Savior is. I wouldn't know any of this if it weren't for my friend who convinced me to go to church with her."
--Ansleigh Tudder, 9th grade



"For me, ASCEND is a place where you can go and worship God, hang with friends, and have a great time with each other (and God especially!). Where I can rest in my faith and not worry about what anybody thinks, ya know. I know I can depend on God, and I think about him every day, mostly regarding the decisions that I am faced with daily. It's just good to have somebody in your life that you can rely on, ya know. ASCEND is where I can go, and just put all of my thoughts in God, and ask him questions and have faith that he'll lead me to do the right thing."
--Noah Fulcher, 10th grade

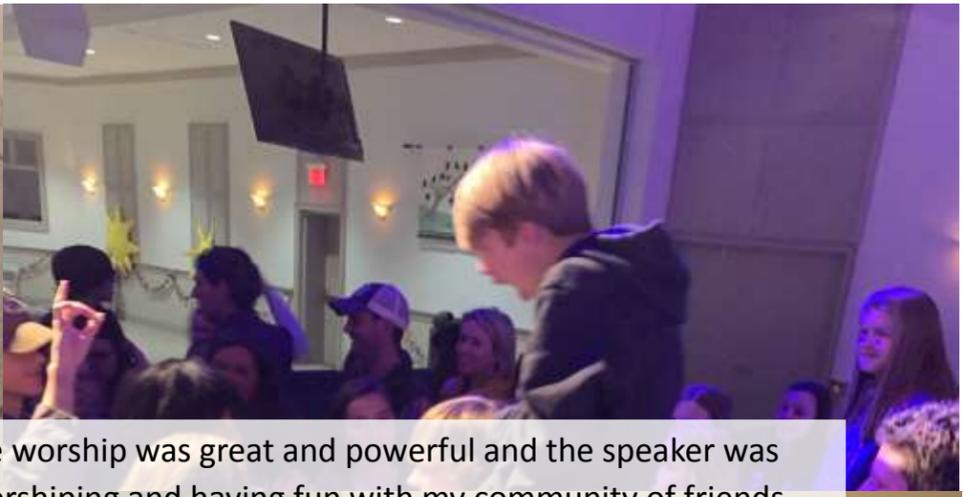
"ASCEND rocked my world because it opened doors of opportunities in serving and worshipping. With Salkehatchie, serving on the tech team, and local missions I have learned ways to effectively serve the church and the community. Then, ASCEND also taught me that worshipping doesn't have to be in a sanctuary singing hymns, it can also be fellowship, service, and even just sitting down and reading the Bible. Both are effective methods, and both are how ASCEND has rocked my world."
-- Aaron Jones, 11th grade



TVR was a blast. From skiing to playing multiple of rounds of Phase 10, and other games to worshipping our glorious God, TVR was so much fun, and I can't wait to go back! Even though the skiing conditions weren't the best, and the slopes were mostly ice, we just had a great time of fellowship. It snowed our last day there, and was absolutely gorgeous! Thankful for all my TVR memories!!!
-- Ashton Shirley,



"Being a part of the ASCEND youth worship team is more than just a responsibility; it is a privilege. Having the opportunity to make music and engage the congregation in powerful worship on stage alongside some of my closest friends is an unparalleled gift. I have been a member of the band for 6 years now, and as my time is coming to a close, I know that the ASCEND worship team will continue to be an impactful, meaningful part of my life as well as the lives of so many Bethany youth that have circulated through the church."
-- Caroline Brown, 12th grade



“Revolution was such an amazing experience, the worship was great and powerful and the speaker was amazing and shared great sermons. I enjoyed worshipping and having fun with my community of friends. Everything at Revolution was a lot of fun.”

-- Christian Fleming, 11th grade

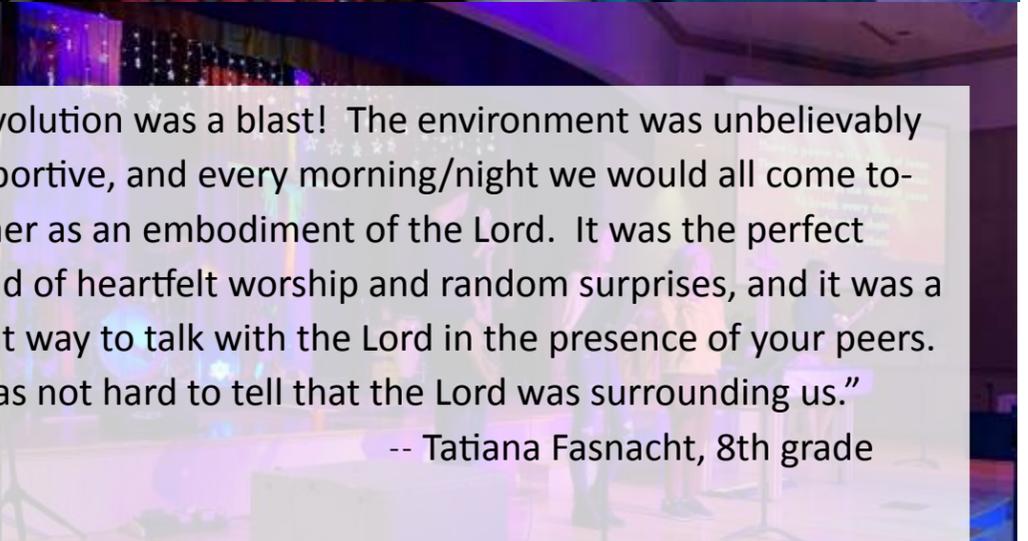
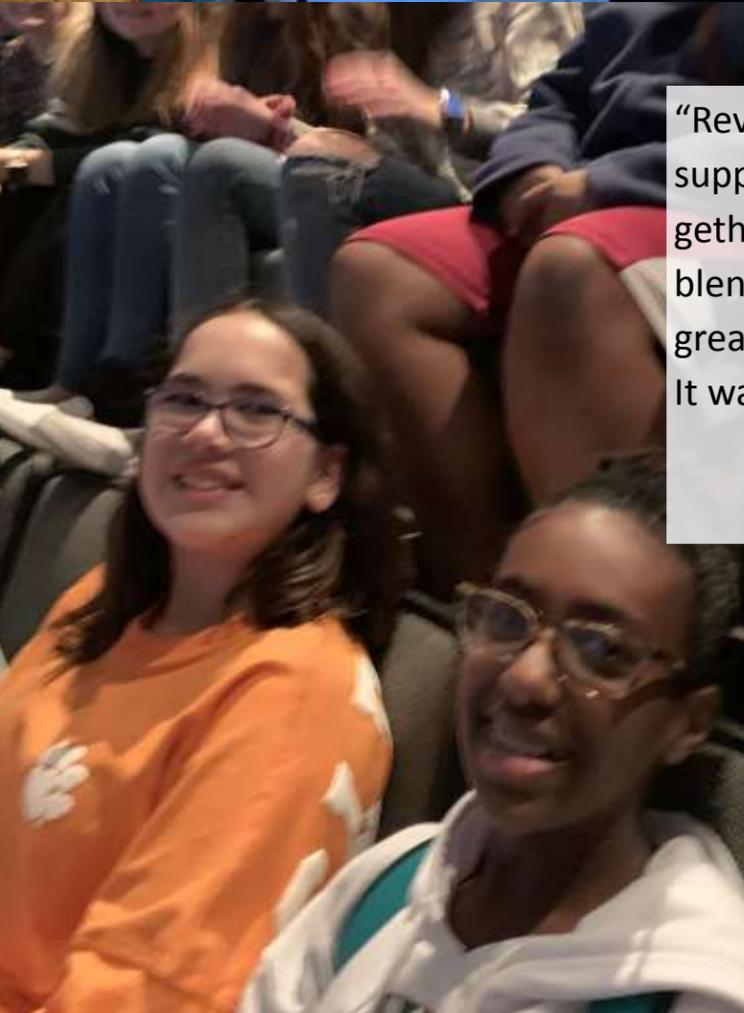


“Friday morning breakfast is a fun opportunity that allows us to meet up and strengthen our community. Mrs. Adair kindly opens her house to about 15 teenagers Friday morning from 7:15 until it’s time for school, and makes wonderful pancakes, eggs and bacon! It is truly a blessing to have this time together and has made my relationships with the Bethany youth much stronger”

-- Gabe Carnagey, 12th grade

“Mrs. Adair cooks us breakfast every Friday morning. We normally have about 10-15 high school students come out to just hangout and fellowship together. It’s been super cool to see friendships develop over the last couple of months!”

-- Rachel Parrish, 10th grade

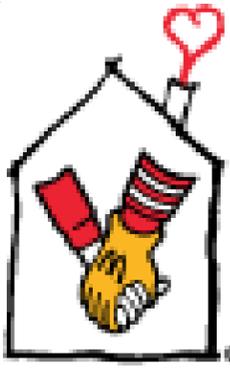


“Revolution was a blast! The environment was unbelievably supportive, and every morning/night we would all come together as an embodiment of the Lord. It was the perfect blend of heartfelt worship and random surprises, and it was a great way to talk with the Lord in the presence of your peers. It was not hard to tell that the Lord was surrounding us.”

-- Tatiana Fasnacht, 8th grade

“ASCEND is a safe place to go when I am upset. I can be myself and worship the Lord. It is something to look forward to at the end of every hard week. I am so glad to be a part of this wonderful youth ministry.”

--Chandler Roark, 7th grade



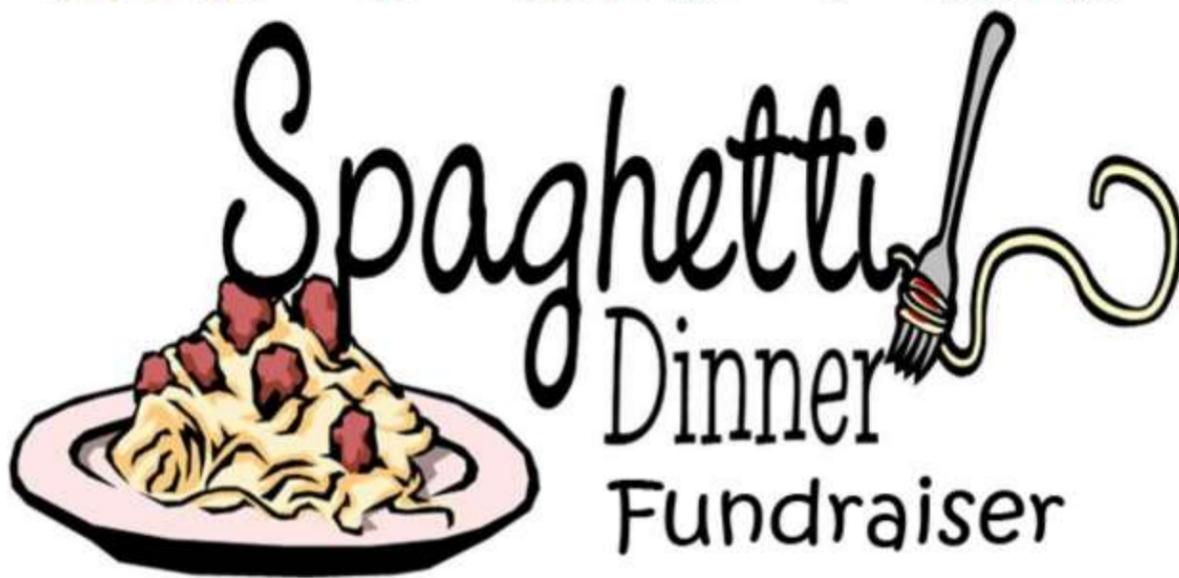
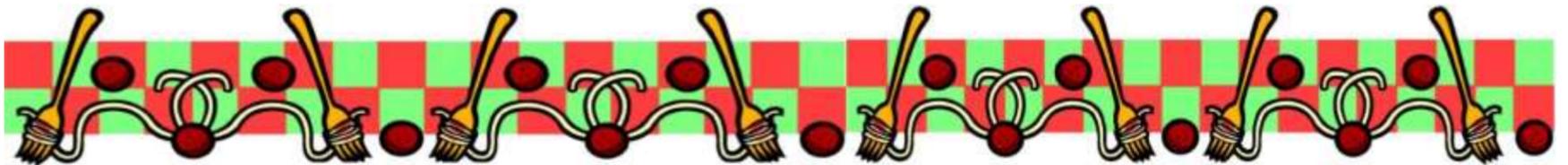
**Ronald McDonald
House Charities***
Charleston

HOW DO THE POP TABS HELP RMHC CHARLESTON?

The tab of an aluminum can is pure aluminum unlike the rest of the can, which contains paint and other residue. Once our pop tab dumpster is full, we take the pop tabs to a local aluminum recycler. According to the price of aluminum at that time and the weight of our tabs the recycling center gives us a check. The price of aluminum fluctuates anywhere between 35 to 85 cents a pound. This money is used for our general operating expenses- it truly helps in keeping our doors open to continue to serve more than 900 families annually.

While the whole can is valuable as a recyclable, RMHC Charleston does not have the storage capacity to collect the whole can. The aluminum tabs are smaller and easier to handle; they are much easier to handle when large volumes are delivered.

Want more info, check out: <https://www.rmhcharleston.org/pop-tabs/>



Bethany United Methodist Church

April 2, 2020

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Donations Benefit Global Mission Team





2020 Valentine Thank You

To: Bethany United Methodist Women, Del Web at Nexton, Bethany Congregation and Community friends.

I wish to thank each of you for your kindness and generous donations to “One Person, One Item and One life changed”. Because of you, we have helped numerous needy women and children in the Summerville area. In the past six months you made a difference in their lives by:

1. Filling an empty food pantry at Summerville High School
2. Filling an empty food pantry at Alston Middle School
3. Providing pajamas, socks, personal care items, single serving food items and gift cards to teen girls who got caught up in human trafficking at Door of Freedom group home
4. Providing Christmas presents of pajamas, sweatshirts, socks, personal care gifts and gift cards for coats or shoes for 6 women with addiction problems at the Magdalene House. All six women wrote thank you notes. One stated it was the it was the best Christmas since she was 12 years old.
5. Filling an empty food pantry at Ashley Ridge High School.
6. Providing pajamas, slippers, new clothing, personal care items for 36 teens at the Pinelands Group Home.

You should feel proud that you were able to help so many women and children with your love gifts. May your heart continue to grow as we celebrate the “joy of giving” by supporting this program. God bless each of you!!!

HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY!!!

Sincerely,

Sue Smith, Program Coordinator

Bethany United Methodist Church ♥ 118 West 3rd North St. ♥ Summerville, SC 29483



Music Ministries



It has truly been an honor and a privilege to be the Music Director of the Chancel Bells for the past six years. I am thankful everyday for the opportunity to lift our songs (and bells!) in praise together! With that said, it is my distinct pleasure to announce that the Chancel Bells of Bethany United Methodist Church have been invited to perform a feature concert in Orlando at the 2020 Handbell Musicians of America National Seminar. We are one of only four ensembles nationwide to be chosen for such a high honor and the only church ensemble to be selected in seven years. We are truly blessed to be afforded this tremendous opportunity. God has graciously blessed the music ministry of Bethany United Methodist Church, and it is now our opportunity to share on the national stage. The Chancel Bells concert for the national seminar in Orlando will be held on Sunday, July 19th at 5:30pm EST and will be live-streamed across the country for those who wish to watch.

Additionally, the Chancel Bells will perform the same concert on Sunday, July 12th at 4:00pm here at Bethany UMC. The local concert on July 12th is open to the public, and a love offering will be collected to defray some of the expenses of the trip. Information about helping with cost will follow later. My prayer is that the joy of the Lord and the love we have for handbell music will be evident in our presentation in Orlando, and I very much look forward to this exciting journey together!

In Christ,
Michael Lopez

Cont'd....

March 1 LENT I

8:45 & 11:15

Prelude: Michael Lopez, organ, "Voluntary on "When Jesus Wept", arr. Thomas Bohurt

Offertory: Michael Lopez, organ, "Lamentation", Herbert Leslie Wright

8:45 AM Anthem: Women's Ensemble, "I Will Be a Child of Peace", Elaine Hagenberg

11:15 AM Anthem: Chancel Choir, "What Wondrous Love Is This", arr. Peter Pindar Stearns

Postlude: Michael Lopez, organ, "Wer nur den Lieber Gott lässt Watten", August Branet

March 4 Lenten Service 6:15 PM

Offertory: Women's trio, "O Lord Most Holy", César Frank

Pianist: Crystal Stasiukaitis

March 8 LENT II

Spell Chapel 8:00AM

Andrea Quinn, guest pianist

Sanctuary 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM

Prelude: Michael Lopez, organ, "Herzliebster Jesu", arr. George Laichanauer

Offertory: Men's Ensemble with Daniel Mumm, cello, "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" arr. Joel Ramey with cello

Anthem: Chancel Choir with Daniel Mumm, cello, "My Song in the Night", arr. Terre Johnson with cello

Postlude: Michael Lopez, organ, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee", arr. Carlos Staszkeski

March 11 Lenten Service in Spell

6:15 PM

Offertory: Spell Chapel Ensemble, "I Am No Longer My Own" Words, John Wesley and Music, Mary McDonald

Pianist: Holly Slice

March 15 LENT III

Spell Chapel 8:00 AM

Offertory: Spell Chapel Ensemble, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" with "Lonesome Valley", arr. Joseph M. Martin

Sanctuary 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM

Prelude: Michael Lopez, organ, "Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless", arr. David Cherwien

Offertory: Chancel Bells, "I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger", arr. Hart Morris, Allison Clayton, saxophone

8:45 AM Anthem: Children's Choirs, "Made for a Mission", Gina Boe & Lisa Qualsett

11:15 AM Anthem: Chancel Choir, "Cry No More" Dan Forrest

Postlude: Michael Lopez, organ, "Grand Chorus" from **Joshua**, George F. Handel

March 18 Lenten Service in Spell

6:15 PM

Offertory: Youth Vocal Ensemble, "Children of the Heavenly Father", Dan Forrest

Pianist: Michelle Larsen

March 22 LENT IV

Sanctuary 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM

Prelude: Michael Lopez, organ, "Lenten Idyll", Franklin Asdam

8:45 AM Offertory: Youth Instrumental Ensemble, "Do Lord", arr. Paul Curnow

11:15 AM Offertory: Michael Lopez, organ, "Adagio", Johann Adolph Hasse

8:45 AM Anthem: Chamber Singers, "Ave verum", William Byrd

11:15 AM Anthem: Chancel Choir and Brandon Nichols, horn, "Psalm 23" from **Songs of Faith**, Paul Basler

Postlude: Michael Lopez, organ, "O, When Shall I See Jesus", arr. Don Hustad

March 25 Lenten Service in Spell

Offertory: Men's Ensemble, "We Shall Wal Through the Valley in Peace", adapted William Appling

Pianist: Michael Lopez

March 29 LENT V

Spell Chapel 8:00 AM

Offertory: Spell Chapel Ensemble, "And Can It Be", arr. Dan Forrest

Sanctuary 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM

Prelude: Michael Lopez, organ, "There Is a Fountain", arr. Don Hustad

Offertory: Michael Lopez, organ, "Now the Silence", Carl Schalk

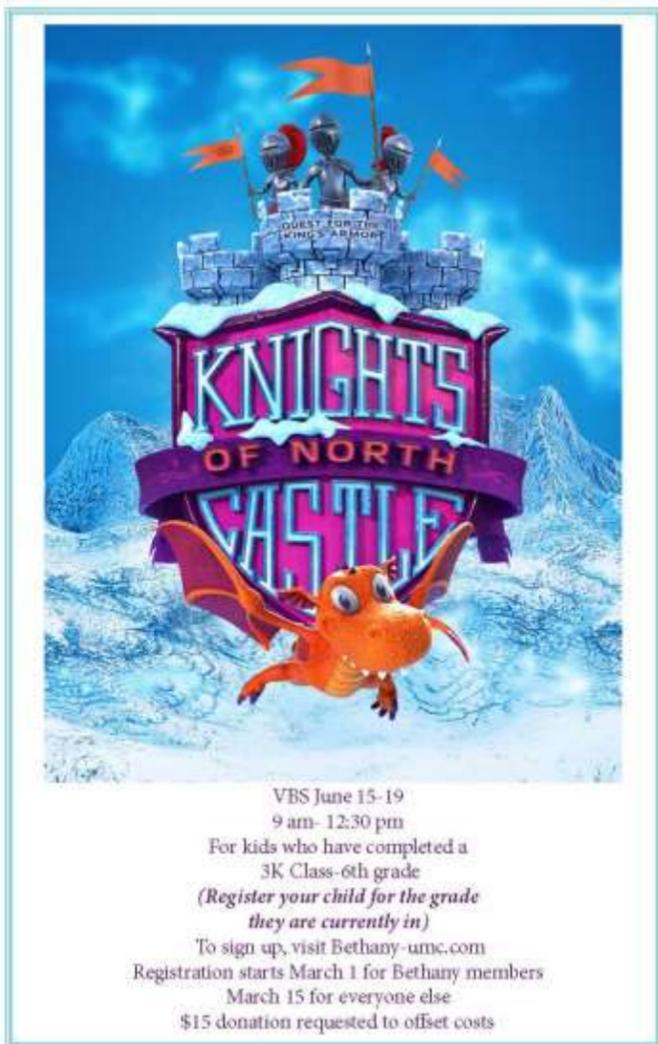
8:45 AM Anthem: Youth Vocal Ensemble, "Children of the Heavenly Father", Dan Forrest

11:15 AM Anthem: Chancel Choir, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross", Gilbert Martin

Postlude: Michael Lopez, organ, "Now Thank We All Our God", arr. John Behnke

Children's Ministries

Vacation Bible School 2020: Knights of North Castle



Mark your calendars for June 15-19! Kids will go on a Quest for the King's Armor! They will be in search of the King's Armor, but the Armor is not what they think it is. Beginning in assembly – a castle in a frozen land - they will learn how to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's Power. They'll become Knights on a journey to find the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, and Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith and the Helmet of Salvation!

VBS is for children who have completed 3K to 6th grade. Teen helpers are teens that have completed 7th grade and up.

Registration will open March 1st for Bethany families only. On March 15th, registration will open to the public. Register early as we fill up fast! The \$15.00 per participant collected will go to help offset the cost of a program of this size and scope.

If you would like to volunteer during this fun-filled week, please let us know. We need over 150 volunteers to make the week a success. We need classroom leaders, special area helpers, decorators and folks to help prep materials ahead of time. Right now we have items that need to be cut out, decorations to assemble, and a few things that need painting. We have all of the supplies, just need some help getting it all together.

We are collecting a few items to help us during VBS. We need:

Rectangle plastic tablecloths in royal blue, dark purple and metallic gold

White packing peanuts

Rolls of gray duct tape

White paper lunch bags

Streamers in royal blue, dark purple, lavender, gold and orange

Large appliance-size cardboard boxes

If you would like to contribute, you can drop these off anytime in the Children's Ministries office. For more information about Vacation Bible School, contact the Children's Ministries department at 873-1230 or evick@bethany-umc.com or smitchum@bethany-umc.com.

Save The Date! Easter Egg Hunt – April 11th 10am sharp

Greeters Needed

Greeters are needed for 8:45 and 11:15 traditional services, please contact Ann Gill at agill@bethany-umc.com. Approximately 4 couples are needed. It is a 6 week rotation schedule.

News from The CDC

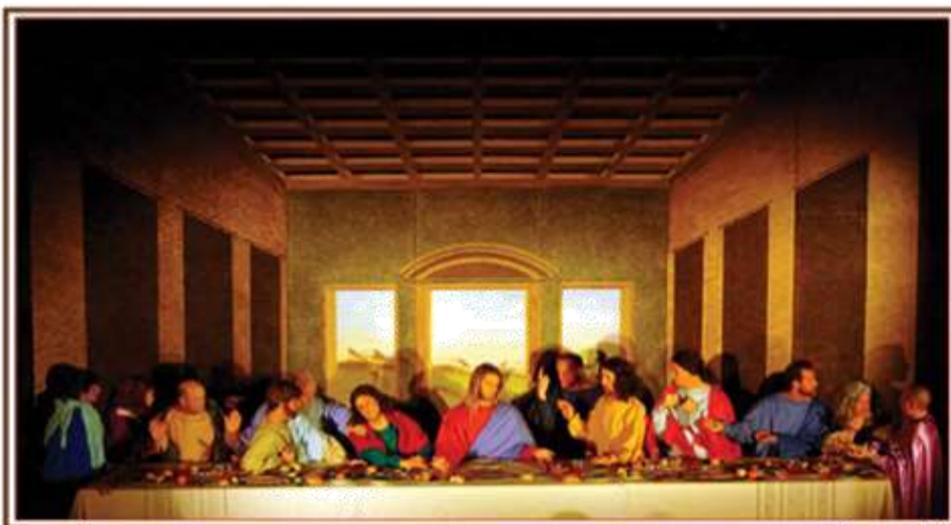
You are always welcome to join us for our Chapel time. There is nothing better than watching these precious faces as they learn about God and sing His praises. This month our Chapel dates are March 9 & 10.

In March, we will have a police officer visit Bethany. Children will have a chance to learn about how police help keep them safe and get to check out a real police car (complete with lights and maybe a siren too!). It will also be time for our spring pictures which will take place March 16-18.

Our kindergarten class will take a field trip to Cypress Gardens this month. It will be the first time our kindergarten class has been back since they re-opened and it is sure to be one of the best field trips of the year!

We still have a few openings in our Toddler, 2's, 2 day 3's and our kindergarten classes. If you or someone you know might be interested, please call our office at 843-821-1946 for more information.

Save the Date



“The Last Supper” Comes to Life during Holy Week

THE LIVING DRAMATIZATION OF
LEONARDO DA VINCI'S THE LAST SUPPER

A re-enactment of Christ's final meal with the 12 Apostles before his crucifixion.

TWO PRESENTATIONS:

Maundy Thursday, April 9
Fellowship Hall

Good Friday, April 10
Fellowship Hall

Communion will be served at these presentations. This drama is recommended for adults and youth.
A nursery will be available for children 4 and under.

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