

## Announcements

**Sympathy** — We extend Christian sympathy to Sandy Mill and her family on the death of Rev. Dave Mills. Rev. Mills died Tuesday, August 4.

### **Worship Sign Up**

*Each Monday registration will open for the following Sunday.*

*There are three ways you can sign up.*

- 1) Go to [www.bethany-umc.com](http://www.bethany-umc.com)- click on worship sign up button
- 2) Use link on Bethany UMC Facebook page
- 3) Use link sent to you in E-links weekly email

This will open the registration form, your contact information should automatically fill in. If it does not, complete your contact information.

Choose the service you wish to attend and indicate how many are in your party. If registration is full, you will be unable to choose that service, you then may pick a different service to attend.

Also, answer the question in regards to elevator usage. Hit submit and your registration is complete. You will receive a confirmation email when completed. You may also sign up by calling the church office at 843.873.1230 during business hours (8:30 am - 4:30 pm).

### **Bethany Blessing Box**

The Bethany Blessing Box is low on supplies and in need of donations! Summer months are especially hard on those in need. 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!

### **Text to Give Option**

It's easier than ever to give now! Simply text: [bethanyumc](text:bethanyumc) to 77977. This is a safe and convenient way to give!

### **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 Debbie Dominianni (843.873.1230, [ddominianni@bethany-umc.com](mailto: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**.

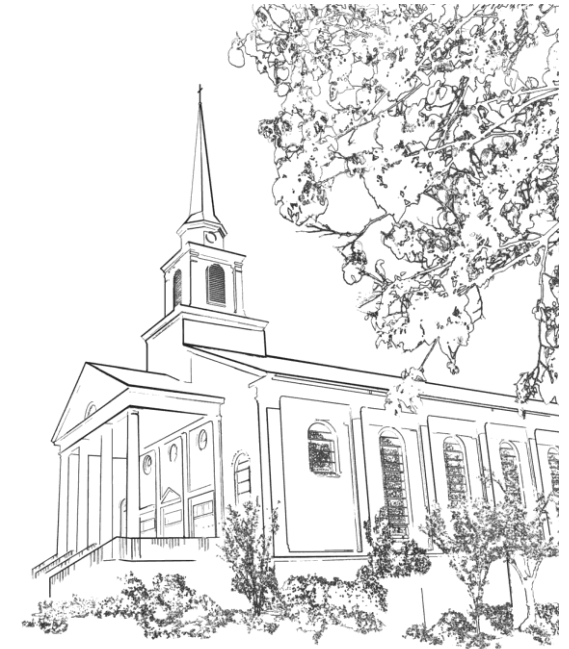
### **Wifi Access**

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

# BETHANY

## United Methodist Church

August 9, 2020  
8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Worship Services



Rev. Mitch Houston, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Narcie Jeter, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Mark Barnes, Minister of Congregational Care  
Rev. Josephine Locklair, Spell Chapel  
Rev. James Alewine, Pastor Emeritus  
Ms. Emily Vick, Creative Ministries Director  
Ms. 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**

August 9, 2020  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Gathering**

We will remain seated for the first two hymns out of respect for the wishes of our music community and others.

**Prelude** *My Jesus, I Love Thee* arr. Marilyn Reimer  
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** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

**The Old Testament Lesson** Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

**Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**The Scripture Lesson** Matthew 14:22-23  
Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

**Anthem** *God Be in My Head* arr. Jennifer Canfield

**Sermon** "Testing Makes Us Stronger" Rev. Narcie Jeter

**Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed

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.

**Hymn of Dedication** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning  
bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.  
God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds.  
Hast thou not known his sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder a new what the Almighty can do,  
who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,  
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.  
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,  
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly for ever adore him.

**Blessing of the People**

**Postlude** *Give Me Jesus* arr. Brianna Jaeger

**Trio**

8:45 - Millie Runyon, Nancee Adams, Lisa Spires  
10:30 - Janice Waters, Barbara Bassett, Shelby Krallman

Guest Pianist - Brianna Jaeger

**WELCOME**

We welcome all guests to our service today. 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](mailto:jsehrt@bethany-umc.com) or 843-873-1230, ext. 1837.

**CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

In order to not distract your fellow worshipers, please **silence** cell phones and electronic devices before the worship service begins. Thank you.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God in celebration of my birthday by Donna Bennett.

**SERVING THIS SUNDAY**

**Ushers**  
8:45 - Team Leader: Jeremy Dunlap; Greg Horres, Frank Monterisi, Justin Murrie, Cory Rogers, Michael Wood, Denny Sullivan, Tavis Wheeler  
10:30 - Team Leader: Mike Field; Linda Field, Bill Jones, Peggy Acord, Myron Hinton, Lisa Hinton, Debra Towe

**Audio/Video Support**  
Technical Ministries Team

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

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

**Gifts** (Figures for August 2, 2020. These figures are unverified.)

Budget Contributions .....	\$ 23,407.71
Budget Funds Contributed to Date .....	997,251.12
Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date .....	19,917.75

**Capital Campaign** (Figures for August 2, 2020)

Capital Campaign Contributions .....	800.44
Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date.....	79,322.59