

### Song of the Saints

Tell the loved ones we are safe now. Tell them we have no more pain. Do not hurry heaven's journey, but do not fear it just the same.

All will go through times of grieving, ev'ry tear must be released;  
But live a tribute to our mem'ry, heal your pain with holy peace.

For our faith was never futile as we trusted in the Lord;  
Ev'ry word now has been proven; all we knew and even more,  
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Ev'ry promise Chirst has given through our voyage was proven true.  
Christ prepared for us a mansion and a mansion waits for you.

So do not faint from earthly challenge, hold your faith and live it strong.  
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## ANNOUNCEMENT

*Christian sympathy is extended to Becky Powell and family on the death of her father Dennie Buchanan who died October 20.*

*Christian sympathy is extended to Lynne Skelton on the death of her mother Ila Juanita Kennedy who died October 26.*

### 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).

### Thanksgiving Food Bags

Bethany's Local Missions Committee will be distributing turkeys and bags of food to Dorchester County families in need. Instead of food this year, we are asking for **monetary donations only**, by **November 8** or sooner. Please write a check to Bethany UMC and write "Food Bags" on the memo line. You can also give through a link on our church website. Last year, thanks to your generosity, we blessed 220 families! If you or someone you know would like a Thanksgiving Food Bag, please call Pastor Narcie at 854.429.1848 by November 8.

### Text to Give Option

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

### RightNow Media

Don't forget you have access to tons of video resources - Bible studies, movies, TV shows and more - on RightNow Media. To sign up, simply text Rightnow Bethany message to 41411.

### Thanksgiving Eve Service

Our annual Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. More info to follow.

### Let's Celebrate Advent Together

While many of us are quarantining at home, we wanted all people to experience the Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace this Advent season. We're making Advent bags to give out **Sunday, November 15** after all church services and from 12 pm – 2 pm under the covered driveway. They will have materials to make your very own Advent wreath, an Advent calendar for adults, an Advent calendar for children, Advent readings, and other surprises. At Christmas we celebrate that in Christ, "The true light that shines on all people was coming into the world" (John 1:9). *All households are welcome to pick up a bag as we go through this Advent journey together.*

**Join us in the Sanctuary and virtually at our Advent services on Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16 at 6:30 pm.**

### Charge Conference

The annual Charge Conference will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 7 pm in Room 215. This meeting will be available virtually as well as in person. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Bethany Movie Night

Please join us for a night of fellowship and fun! The youth will be hosting a movie night on Friday, Nov. 20 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The family friendly movie, *I Still Believe* will be showing.

### 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.

### Angel Tree

Bethany Local Missions will have the annual Angel Tree on the stage this year as well as a virtual option. The link is now available. Please review the available slots by visiting the link below. Please continue to check back because names will be added to the list for the next several weeks. Gifts are to be returned to the Business Office no later than Thursday, Dec. 10. We hope you will find it in your hearts to make a needy child's Christmas wishes come true this year.

<https://www.signupgenious.com/go/10c0d4bafaf2fa3fcc34-angel>.

### 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](#).

### Youth Ascend

The youth meet every Sunday night at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited. Social distancing is practiced!

# BETHANY

## United Methodist Church

November 1, 2020  
8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Worship Services



*Dorothy Jane Odle  
William D. Hostetter  
Coach John McKissick  
John Robert Hall  
Harold Hunter Robinson, Jr.  
Elizabeth "Beth" C. Holler  
Ronald Dee Blanchard  
Margaret Anne Blanchard  
Eva "Ruth" Beckwith Spence  
David Carroll LeBleu  
Margaret F. Blackmon  
Henry M. Hagen*

*Juanita Blair Ackerman  
Ann Keels Everett  
Raymond Elliott Goins  
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*We are a Stephen Ministry Church, a Safe Sanctuaries  
Congregation and a Welcoming Church.*

**CALLED TO CARE**

November 1, 2020  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
*All Saints' Sunday*

**Gathering**

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

**Prelude** *Praise, My soul, the King of Heaven*  
arr. Michael Burkhardt

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

**Hymn in Procession** *For All the Saints*

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confess, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Roll Call of the Saints** (pray responsively)

Ever living God, this day revives in us memories of loved ones. What happiness we shared when they walked among us. What joy, when, loving and being loved, we lived our lives together.

**THEIR MEMORY IS A BLESSING FOR EVER.**

Months or years have passed, and still we feel near to them. Our hearts yearn for them. Though the bitter grief has softened, a duller pain abides; for the place where once they stood is empty now. The links of life are broken, but the links of love and longing cannot break.

**THEIR SOULS ARE BOUND UP IN OURS FOR EVER.**

We see them now with the eye of memory, their faults forgiven, their virtues grown larger. So does goodness live and weakness fade from sight. We remember them with gratitude and bless their names.

**THEIR MEMORY IS A BLESSING FOR EVER.**

And we remember as well the members who but yesterday were part of our congregation and community. To all who cared for us and labored for all people, we pay tribute. May we prove worthy of carrying on the tradition of our faith, for now the task is ours.

**THEIR SOULS ARE BOUND UP IN OURS FOR EVER.**

We give you thanks that they now live and reign with you. As a great cloud of witnesses, they surround us with their blessings and offer you hymns of praise and thanksgiving.

**THEY ARE ALIVE FOR EVER MORE. AMEN.**

**Remembrance**

**The Scripture Lesson**

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** *Song of the Saints* Pepper Choplin (ASCAP)  
Chamber Singers

**Sermon** Rev. Mitch Houston

**Affirmation of Faith**

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** *Hymn of Promise*

In the bulb here is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

**Blessing of the People**

**Postlude** *Toccata on "God of the Ages"* arr. Graig Penfield

**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 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 Sunday School Class in memory of all the Saints' from Bethany who have joined the church triumphant.

**SERVING THIS SUNDAY**

**Ushers**

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

**10:30** ~ Team Leader: Kerry Farmer; Hal Hess, Al Jackson, Barbara Jackson, Gillis McAllister, Mark Phillips, Joyce Stone, Roger McCants

**Audio/Video Support**

Technical Ministries Team

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

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

Gifts (\*Figures for Oct. 25, 2020. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions.....	\$ 29,315.45
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....	1,378,921.54
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date .....	66,882.70

Capital Campaign (Figures for Oct. 25, 2020)

*Capital Campaign Contributions .....	2,336.27
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date.....	112,655.13