

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- 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. Today is the last day!** 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>.

Christmas Closet

Tea Room Gift Shop in person shopping will be available for limited hours. Come view the items that were available for the online shop as well as some new items! Covid protocols will be followed.
Tuesday Dec. 1: 10am -2pm
Wednesday Dec. 2: 4pm-7pm
Thursday Dec. 3: 10am-2pm
Sunday Dec. 6: 8:30am-12pm

We are also accepting new handmade crafts for the Christmas Closet!

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**.

Wifi Access

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

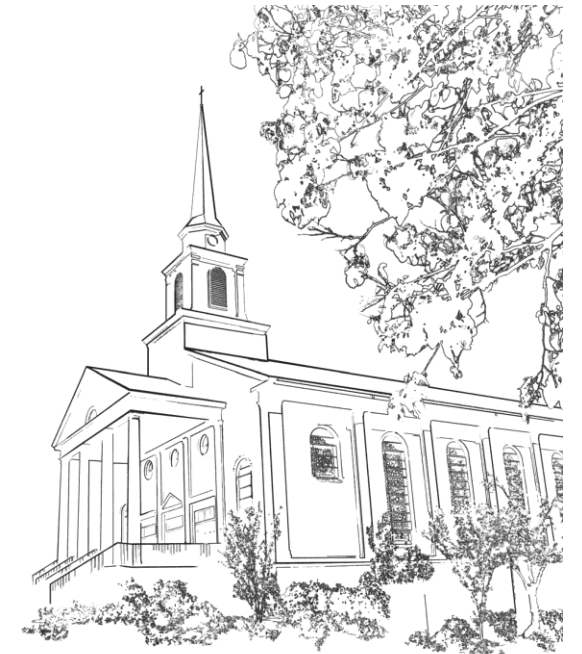
Youth Ascend

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

BETHANY

United Methodist Church

November 8, 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
Ms. Barbara Bassett, Interim 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

November 8, 2020
ORDER OF WORSHIP
23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering

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

Prelude *Prelude from Suite Antique* John Rutter
Jessica Hull-Dambaugh ~ flute, Michael López ~ piano
As the prelude begins, let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer and prepare for worship.

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Hymn in Procession *God of the Ages*
Emma Bassett, Danielle Paxton ~ French Horn

God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past; in this free land with thee our lot is cast; be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay, thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense; thy true religion in our hearts increase; thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way; lead us from night to never ending day; fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

Sacrament of Baptism (10:30)

Commendation and Welcome

Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care this child, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that she may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our savior Jesus Christ?

With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Addison, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. One the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People 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.

Offering Prayer

The Scripture Lesson John 3:10-17

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *I Will Be a Child of Peace* arr. Elaine Hagenberg
Women's Ensemble, Jessica Hull-Dambaugh ~ flute

Sermon "God So Loves..." Rev. Mitch Houston

Hymn of Dedication

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." **Refrain**

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way, wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. **Refrain**

Blessing of the People

Postlude *Praise the Almighty* Michael Burkhardt

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 Sehr, Membership Director, at jsehr@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 in honor of Christopher, Danielle and Addison Houston on the occasion of Addison's Baptism by Mitch, Martha and Benjamin Houston.

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Addison Sandra Houston will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during the 10:30 am worship service. Addison is the daughter of Christopher Thomas and Danielle Sandra Houston. Grandparents are Rev. Mitch and Martha Houston of Summerville, SC and Daniel Kelly and Sandra McClure of Boston, MA. The Godfather is Benjamin Houston of Clemson, SC and the Godmother is Jacqueline Deppen of Swampscott, MA.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for Nov. 1, 2020. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions	\$ 15,618.71
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....	1,394,540.25
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date	68,168.80

Capital Campaign (*Figures for Nov. 1, 2020)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	690.44
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date	113,345.57