

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).

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 amazing true story, "I Still Believe" will be showing.

Thanksgiving Food Bags

Please help Local Missions Committee prep and distribute the 350 Food Bags you have generously provided for area families this year.

Sunday, Nov. 22: late afternoon, time TBD - Need people and vehicles to pick-up cases of over 2,100 canned goods from Walmart and take them back to church. 6 pm- Need people to help guide the youth in stuffing the food bags and prep for Monday morning pickup.

Monday, Nov. 23- 6:30 am (approx.) - Need about 8 men to unload the frozen turkeys from the delivery truck. Boxes of turkeys weigh approx. 50 pounds.

8-10:30 am- Need people to oversee and help with the distribution of the food bags.

Contact Donna Waite at donnabwaite@aol.com or 843.879.3395 to offer your help.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Our annual Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall with traditional music.

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.

Let's Celebrate Advent

Together- Bag pick-up TODAY!

Please remember to pick up your Advent bags today after all church services and 12 pm – 2 pm under the covered driveway. While many of us are quarantining at home, we wanted all people to experience the Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace this Advent season. The bags will have materials to make your very own Advent wreath, Advent calendars, one with scriptures and one with activities, 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.

Angel Tree

Bethany's Angel Tree is in full swing. Please review the available slots by visiting the link on our website. 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 child's Christmas wishes come true this year. <https://www.signupgenious.com/go/10c0d4bafaf2fa3fcc34-angel>. The link can also be found on our website www.bethany-umc.com/Christmas.

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.

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](#).

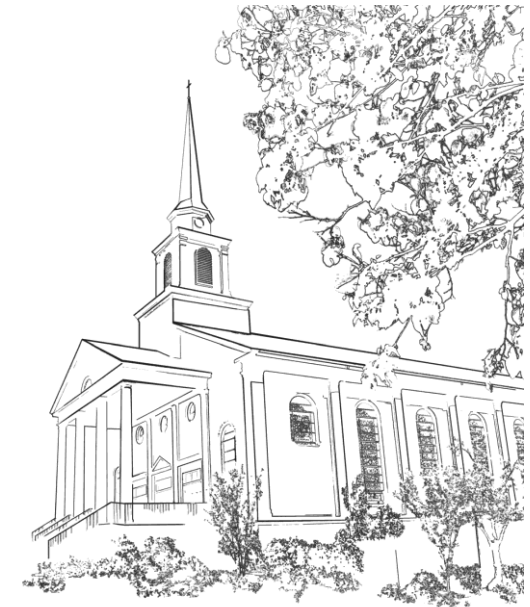
Youth Ascend

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 15, 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 15, 2020
ORDER OF WORSHIP
24th 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 *America! Medley* arr. Victor Labenske

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

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing for evermore: Alleluia! Amen!

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 Matthew 25:14-30

Minister: The word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *America the Beautiful* arr. Arnold B. Sherman
Chancel Bells, Josh Bohl and Dr. Nick Holland, percussion

Sermon "Using Our Gifts" 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

America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and every grain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

Blessing of the People

Postlude *The Thunderer March* arr. Kevin McChesney
Chancel Bells, Josh Bohl and Dr. Nick Holland, percussion

The Apostles' Creed

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 loving memory of my husband Lloyd, our children Tom and Carol by Ruth Ann Ivey.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 ~ Team Leader: Billy Hay; Laurence Clair, Wayne Courtney, Stuart Courtney, Jack Cross, Steve Davis, Jim McElheny, Jonathan Patterson

10:30 ~ Team Leader: David Huffman; Marty Eubanks, Tom Venezino, Debra Towe, Bill Figard, Rick Yochim

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for Nov. 9, 2020. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions	\$ 62,379.25
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....	1,456,944.39
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date	71,738.90

Capital Campaign (*Figures for Nov. 9, 2020)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	4,239.94
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date	117,585.51

