

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Reggie Cross. Reggie died Sunday, November 22, 2020.

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).

Advent Services

Each Wednesday during Advent a worship service will be held at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. This Wednesday Rev. Mark Barnes will preach. There will also be a virtual option (via Facebook and our website).

Wednesdays- December 2, 9, and 16.

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

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**.

Pick up Your Advent Bag TODAY!

Advent bags are still available for pick-up. Please pick up a bag at the end of service today. 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.

Summerville Christmas Festivities

The Summerville Tree Lighting will be Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 5:30 pm at Town Hall. The Summerville Christmas Parade will be Sunday, Dec. 13 at 2 pm along Main Street and the parade route. We would like to encourage our Bethany family to come out to these events and wear your Bethany T-shirt to represent our amazing church. If would like to purchase a shirt, please contact the church office at 843.873.1230.

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 Food Bags

Thank you, thank you, Bethany family, for ALL your help with the **352** food bags we distributed! Whether it was financial or physical labor, ALL was greatly appreciated. Checkout the pictures on Facebook, especially our youth filling the bags. The people who picked up the bags were extremely grateful, and so are we! You continue to be a blessing to our community. -Local Mission Committee

BETHANY

United Methodist Church

November 29, 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 29, 2020
ORDER OF WORSHIP
First Sunday of Advent

Gathering

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

Prelude

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, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – HOPE

8:45 ~ Karen Thompson and Mary Baxter Harlow

10:30 ~ Barbara, Emma and Meredith Bassett

Christ is our HOPE. We live in a world of pain, injustice, darkness and sin. The world longs for HOPE. Through God's gift of Jesus we have HOPE. HOPE for healing, justice and new life. Christ is our HOPE. Amen.

Congregational Response *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

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

Mark 13:24-32

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

O Come to Us, Emmanuel
Chamber Singers

Joseph M. Martin

Sermon

"A Rescue Mission"

Rev. Mitch Houston

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn of Dedication

For the Beauty of the Earth

For beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy self, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Blessing of the People

Postlude

O Come to Us, Emmanuel

O come to us, Emmanuel, deliver us we pray. Lord come to us, abide with us, restore our joy today.

Lord, come walk beside us, come lead, teach and guide us. Shine in our shadows and show us the way.

O come to us, Emmanuel, deliver us we pray. O come to us, Emmanuel, restore our joy today.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to us and ransom Israel.

O come to us, Emmanuel, and make us one in love.

By your strong hand, Lord, heal our land with grace from above,
Bring peace for our sorrows, hope for tomorrow, shine in our shadows and bring a new day.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to us and ransom Israel.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

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 greens today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Lelon and Karen Fleischauer's 40th wedding anniversary this day.

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 prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service.

Gifts (*Figures for Nov. 22, 2020. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions\$ 31,241.47

*Budget Funds Contributed to Date..... 1,509,043.71

*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date 75,681.60

Capital Campaign (*Figures for Nov. 22, 2020)

*Capital Campaign Contributions 1,762.94

*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date 120,511.39