

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).

Christmas Closet- OPEN TODAY!!!

Tea Room Gift Shop in person shopping will be available today in Room 118 from 8:30am-12pm. This is the last day it is open, so please stop by to do some Christmas shopping! Covid protocols will be followed.

Advent Services

Each Wednesday during Advent a worship service will be held at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. There will also be a virtual option (via Facebook and our website).
Wednesdays- December 9 and 16.

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.

The Living Christmas Story

The Living Christmas Story will be held Dec. 10 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Dec. 11 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm and Dec. 12 from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Volunteers are still needed and must sign-up on our website, no walk-ins will be permitted. We will not be running trams this year. You will need to enter the vehicle line on West 5th Street. We look forward to sharing this wonderful gift to the community!

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are ready for pick up in the hallway near the kitchen. Please help us be a good steward of our finances by picking your envelopes up today.

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](#).

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.

BETHANY

United Methodist Church

December 6, 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

December 6, 2020
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday of Advent

Gathering

As the congregation gathers, please take a moment to wave to people sitting around you who you may not know. Hebrews 13:2 (KJV) says, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unaware."

Prelude

The Father's Rose Mark Hayes
Michelle Larsen ~ 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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O Come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come,, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of they people be; before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on they mercy call. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath - PEACE

8:45 ~ Greg and Lisa Spires
10:30 ~ Melanie McClure and Janice Waters

Gracious God, we live in a world of war. War of the nations. War in the emotions of our lives. In the conflicts of our lives we need the peace of the Christ Child. Prince of Peace come. Prince of Peace come in our hearts. 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

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

Mark 1:1-8

Anthem

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night Matthew Culloton
Chamber Ensemble

Sermon

"Introducing Jesus" 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

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see the lie; above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given; so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

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!

Blessing of the People

Postlude

Sussex Carol Russell Schultz

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 in memory of Lawrence and Delores Kaltenbach and Walter and Marion Hainsworth by Dennis, Margaret and Melissa Kaltenbach.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 ~ Team Leader: Rett Fowler, Jerry Bateman, Kevin Carter, William DeLong, Rick Farthing, Gene Smith, David Zoellner, Ben Perkins
10:30 ~ Team Leader: Roger Swick; Tim Shepherd, Mary K. Shepherd, Henry Thompson, Gil Hager, Chris English, Michelle English, Terry and Debbie Parkman

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.29, 2020. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions	\$ 31,634.00
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....	1,540,677.71
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date	78,287.75

Capital Campaign (*Figures for Nov. 29, 2020)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	1,676.76
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date	122,188.15

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are. Trav'ler o'er yon mountain's height, see that glory beaming star. Watchman, does its beauteous ray aught of joy or hope foretell? Trav'ler yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel.

Watchman, tell us of the night; higher yet that star ascends. Trav'ler blessedness and light, peace and truth its course portends. Watchman, will its beams alone gild the spot that gave them birth? Trav'ler ages are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.

Watchman, tell us of the night, for the morning seems to dawn. Trav'ler, darkness takes its flight, doubt and terror are withdrawn. Watchman, let your wand'rings cease; hasten to your quiet home. Lo, the Prince of Peace; lo, the Son, lo, the Son, lo, the Son of God will come.