

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Camp Meeting Sundays in January

Bethany will hold a series of Camp Meetings throughout the month of January. Camp Meetings will be held periodically in recognition of the United Methodist Church's tradition that dates back to the 1800's. Worship services during Camp Meetings are informal and less ceremonial than usual, so lose the tie and come as you are on Camp Meeting Sundays.

Altar Flowers Needed

Altar flowers are a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one. Flowers are needed for 2021. Please contact Donna Crowe at dcrowe@bethany-umc.com or 843.873.1230 ext.1830 to reserve a date.

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.

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.

Wi-fi Access

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

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 the church office (843.873.1230), otherwise attendance implies consent.

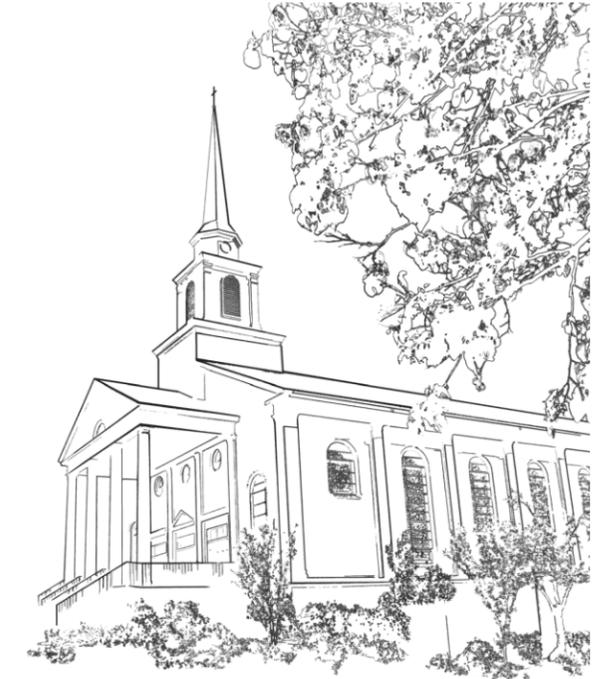
Emergency Phone

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**.

BETHANY

United Methodist Church

January 3, 2021
8:45 & 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

January 3, 2021
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Epiphany/Camp Meeting

Gathering

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

Prelude *What Child is This?* Setting by John A. Behnke

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

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Opening Hymn

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;
lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory, his army shall he lead,
till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict, in this his glorious day.
Ye that are brave now serve him against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer;
where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long,
this day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song.
To those who vanquish evil a crown of life shall be;
they with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.

Morning Prayer 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.*

Offertory Prayer

Hymn of Assurance *The First Noel*

The first Noel the angels did say was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them
far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both
day and night. **Refrain**

And by the light of that same star three Wise Men came from the
country far; to seek for a King was their intent, and to follow the
star wherever it went. **Refrain**

This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its
rest; and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place
where Jesus lay. **Refrain**

Then entered in those Wise Men three, full reverently upon their
knee, and offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh
and frankincense. **Refrain**

The Scripture Lesson

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

Congregational Response

Thy Word Is a Lamp

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right
beside me, and nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Anthem

Kings of Orient
J. H. Hopkins; arr. David Willcocks
Chamber Singers

Sermon

Rev. Mitch Houston

Hymn of Dedication

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and
everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. **Refrain**

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth. **Refrain**

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. **Refrain**

Blessing of the People

Postlude *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Setting by John A. Behnke

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.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 ~ Team Leader: Tom Brown; Ernie Brockman, Bob Johnson,
Larry McKeenan, Jim Parrish, Hank Sieling, Tom Tatum,
Phil Richardson, Pat Sullivan, David Martin

10:30 ~ Team Leader: Sam Dorr; Buford Boyd, Ken Buchanan, Claude
Rowe, Tim Rowe, Rob Walters, Joe Iwonowski

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for December 27, 2020. These figures are unverified.)

Budget Contributions	\$	34,572.73
Budget Funds Contributed to Date		1,731,199.91
Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date		90,241.60

Capital Campaign (Figures for December 27, 2020)

Capital Campaign Contributions		5,677.00
Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date.....		149,227.66