

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sympathy:** Our Christian sympathy goes out to Karen Seht on the death of her mother Dorothy Evans Hill who joined the Church Triumphant on Tuesday, December 29.

### **Camp Meeting Sundays!**

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 2020. Please contact Donna Crowe at [dcrowe@bethany-umc.com](mailto:dcrowe@bethany-umc.com) or 843.873.1230 ext.1830 to reserve a date or you can sign-up on the Flower Calendar sheet in the Narthex.

### **Bethany Child Development Center**

Bethany has classroom openings in the Kindergarten and 5 day 4's classes. Please contact Toni Pinkard at [tpinkard@bethany-umc.com](mailto:tpinkard@bethany-umc.com) or call the CDC office at 843.821.1946.

### **Youth**

Ascend meets every Sunday in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30 –7:30 pm. All middle and high school students are invited and welcome! Ascend offers a place where youth can fellowship, connect, and grow in their faith through games, song, message, and small groups. Ascend will not meet January 17<sup>th</sup> because of the MLK Holiday.

### **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.

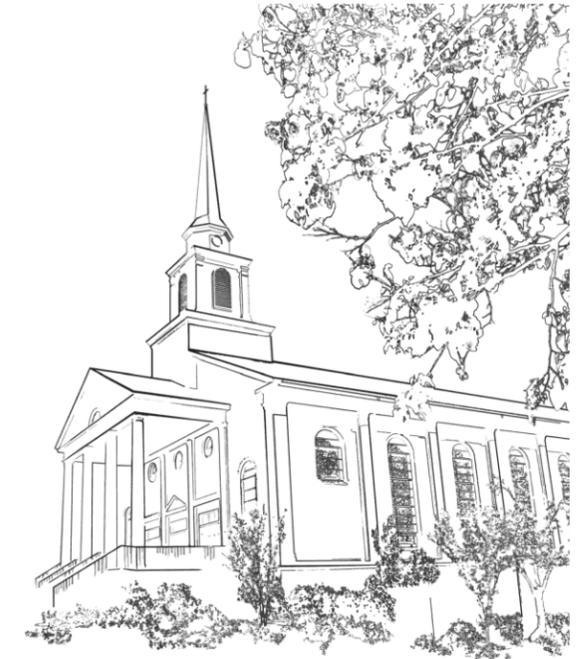
### **Emergency Phone**

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 10, 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  
Mrs. 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 10, 2021  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
*Camp Meeting/Baptism of the Lord*

**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** *I Surrender All* arr. Winfield S. Weeden

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** *Bringing in the Sheaves* George A. Minor

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness, sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve; waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping, we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

**Refrain:** Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves, we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows, fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze; by and by the harvest, and the labor ended, we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. **Refrain**

Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master, tho' the loss sustained our spirit often grieves; when our weeping's over, He will bid us welcome, we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheave. **Refrain.**

**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.*

**Hymn of Assurance** *The Old Rugged Cross* George Bennard

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame; and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

**Refrain:** So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me; for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. **Refrain**

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see, for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me. **Refrain**

To that old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear; then he'll call me some day to my home far away, where his glory forever I'll share. **Refrain**

**The Gospel Lesson** Mark 1:4-11

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** *Walk Together, Children* arr. Moses Hogan  
Chamber Singers

**Sermon** "Gather at the River" Rev. Mitch Houston

**Hymn of Dedication** Philip P. Bliss

*Wonderful Words of Life*

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life; let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life; words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

**Refrain:** Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all wonderful words of life; sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life; all so freely given, wooing us to heaven. **Refrain.**

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life; offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life; Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever: **Refrain.**

**Blessing of the People**

**Postlude** *Wonderful Words of Life* Traditional

**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 by Jack and Karen Sehr in memory of Karen's mother Dorothy Evans Hill.

**SERVING THIS SUNDAY**

**Ushers**

**8:45** ~ Team Leader: Tom Brown; Ernie Brockman, Bob Johnson, Larry McKeegan, 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 your presence, prayers, service and gifts.

Gifts (\*Figures for January 3, 2021. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions .....	\$ 6,793.00
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date .....	6,793.00
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date .....	50.00

Capital Campaign (Figures for January 3, 2021)

*Capital Campaign Contributions .....	1,300.00
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date.....	1,300.00