

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Free Tax Filing

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is an IRS sponsored group that provides free federal and state income tax preparation and filing. This program is targeted at low and moderate income taxpayers, and is locally operated by The Charleston Trident Urban League. All volunteer tax preparers are certified in various areas of tax law and have years of experience.

Due to the pandemic, we will be providing no-contact service. Clients must bring all tax paperwork and a clear copy of photo ID and social security cards to be dropped off at the site. They will then fill out necessary intake information and can leave until the tax return is complete and ready for signature and pickup, usually within an hour or two.

Services will be available at Bethany on Saturdays from Jan.23 - April 10. The hours will be 10 am – 2 pm. Service is by appointment only. Please contact Blair Stewart, Site Coordinator, 843.270.3001 or bhsbtb@gmail.com, for appointments and questions.

Family Scavenger Hunt

My True Love Family Scavenger Hunt will be on Sunday, Feb. 14. Pick up a box and instruction sheet anytime between 9:30 am - 4:30 pm on Feb. 14 for a fun way to learn about God's True Love. The scavenger hunt should take your family about an hour at your own pace and will take place outside on Bethany's campus. The hunt will be outside and you can do it at your own time and pace. We hope that any of you with children will come join us.

Lent in a Box

Lent in a box will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 14 after all worship services, from 11:30 am - 1 pm under the covered walkway, and throughout the Lenten Season in the business office. Inside the box you'll find a treasure trove of timeless and creative prayers and ordinary objects that will help you practice a Holy Lent.

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 or you can sign-up on the Flower Calendar sheet in the Narthex.

Bethany CDC

Bethany CDC is now registering for the 2021/2022 school year Bethany UMC Members get priority. If interested in registering for the 2021/2022 school year, please send an email to mgilbert@bethany-umc.com or contact the CDC Office at 843.821.1946.

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.

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.

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.

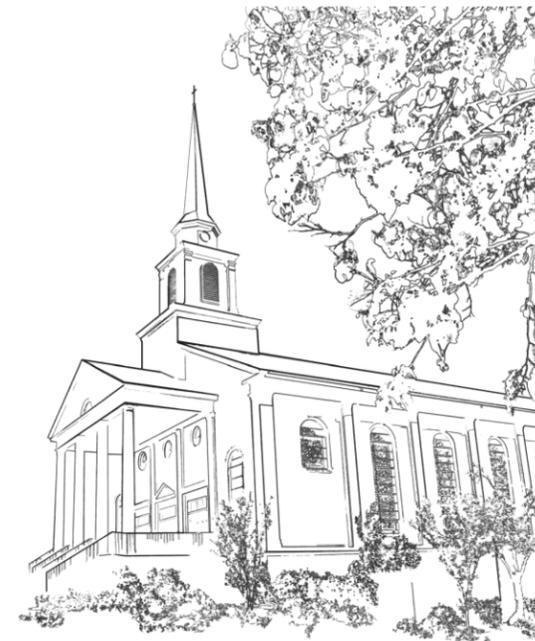
Emergency Phone

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 31, 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 31, 2021
ORDER OF WORSHIP
 Fourth Sunday after 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 (8:45) Maurice Burgess
 (10:30) Anne Poole
 As the prelude begins, let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer and prepare for worship.

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Scripture Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn**

I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems that all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams. I love to tell the story, it did so much for me; and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. **Refrain**

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet. I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. **Refrain**

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. **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.*

Offertory Prayer

*** The Scripture Lesson** Luke 18:18-30
 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 *Blessed Assurance* arr. Mark Hayes
 Pheobe Knapp, Fanny Crosby, Chamber Singers

Sermon "Beyond Morality" Rev. Mitch Houston

*** Hymn of Dedication**
Have Thine Own Way Lord
 Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou are the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Search me and try me, Savior today! Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now, as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me I pray! Power, all power, surely is thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway. Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!

***Blessing of the People**

***Postlude** (8:45) Maurice Burgess
 (10:30) Anne Poole

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 are given to the glory of God by the Sue Knight Sunday School Class in celebration of the lives of our class members who have gone to be with the Lord.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Ushers
8:45 ~ Team Leader: Tom Brown; Ernie Brockman, Bob Johnson, Larry McKeehan, 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 January 24, 2021. These figures are unverified.

*Budget Contributions	\$ 27,044.10
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date	92,088.48
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date	3,440.00

Capital Campaign - Figures for January 24, 2021

*Capital Campaign	2,398.26
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date.....	9,378.98