

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**.

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BETHANY

United Methodist Church

February 7, 2021
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

February 7, 2021
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

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**

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease; in God's likeness we, awaking, know the everlasting peace.

O what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts, for ages pleading, never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits. Every humble spirit shares it; Christ has passed th' eternal gates.

Life eternal! Heaven rejoices: Jesus lives, who once was dead.
Join we now the deathless voices; child of God, lift up your heard!
Patriarchs from the distant ages, saints all longing for their heaven,
prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages, all await the glory given.

Life eternal! O what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
when, amidst earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne!
O to enter that bright portal, see that glowing firmament;
know, with thee, O God Immortal, "Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!"

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

Galatians 2:15-21

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem *Arise, Shine* arr. Tom Fettke
Chamber Singers,
featuring Maurice Burgess, Shelby Krallman, Janice Waters

Sermon "Crucified with Christ" 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**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire! As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's
tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

***Blessing of the People**

***Postlude**

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 in loving memory of Jack Harrison by the Harrison girls.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 ~ Team Leader: Jeremy Dunlap; Greg Horres, Frank Monterisi,
Travis Wheeler, Justin Murrie, Cory Rogers, Michael Wood,
Denny Sullivan

10:30 ~ Team Leader: Mike Field; Linda Field, Bill Jones, Peggy Acord,
Myron and Lisa Hinton, Debra Towe

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 Jan. 31, 2021. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions	\$ 29,431.75
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....	121,520.23
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date	5,534.00

Capital Campaign (*Figures for Jan. 31, 2021)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	2,210.58
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date	11,589.56