

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Sympathy: We extend our Christian sympathy to Teddie Stalb on the death of her husband Doug who died Thursday, February 4.*

*Sympathies to our staff member, Mike Goodwin on the death of his mother Nancy Goodwin.*

### Family Scavenger Hunt

Due to rain, the My True Love Scavenger Hunt has been moved to Sunday, Feb. 21 from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm. The hunt will work the exact way as planned, just moving it one week to avoid bad weather.

We hope you will join us next Sunday.

### Lent in a Box

Lent in a box will be available today for pick up 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.

### 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.**

### Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, is the beginning of the Lenten season. A worship service will be offered **virtually** at 6:30 pm. You may join via our Facebook page or the website [www.bethany-umc.com](http://www.bethany-umc.com).

All other Wednesday Lenten services will also be at 6:30 pm **virtually**.

**February 24:** Lenten Service - Rev. Mitch Houston

**March 3:** Lenten Service – Rev. Mark Barnes

**March 10:** Lenten Service - Rev. Narcie Jeter

**March 17:** Lenten Service - Rev. Joel Warren

**March 24:** Lenten Service - Rev. Narcie Jeter

**April 1:** Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm **In-Person** in the Sanctuary

**April 2:** Good Friday – Noon – **Virtual**

### 2021 Confirmation

We will be meeting Sunday, Feb. 28 starting at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall or you may conference in on Zoom. Zoom info: **Meeting ID- 84932211585**  
**Passcode- 490595.**

Confirmation is traditionally for current 7<sup>th</sup> graders or other students who have not been confirmed. All ages are welcome! Confirmation teaches basic Christian principles and theology to give students a robust framework to articulate their faith for themselves. For more information, please contact Mike Jeter.

### 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](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.

### 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.

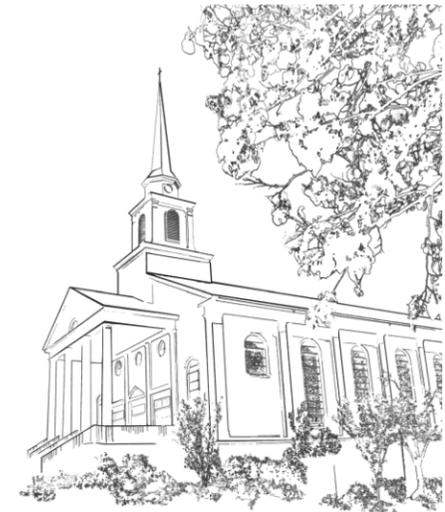
### Wi-fi Access

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

# BETHANY

## United Methodist Church

February 14, 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 14, 2021  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
Transfiguration Sunday

**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**

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

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** *Lead On, O King Eternal*

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong;  
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace.  
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;  
with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning wher-e'er thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light;  
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

**Sacrament of Baptism** (10:30)

Commendation and Welcome

**Pastor:** Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care this child, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that *she* may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our savior Jesus Christ?

**People:** **With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Sophie, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

**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 5:22-26

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

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

**Anthem**

*Sweet Rivers*  
Men's Ensemble

arr. Reginald Unterseher

**Sermon**

"Love Is"

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.

**Gloria Patri**

**\*Hymn of Dedication** *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,  
who formed the creatures thru the Word, and then pronounced  
them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, wher-e'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,  
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;  
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;  
and ever where that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

**\*Blessing of the People**

**\*Postlude** *Postlude on KINGSFOLD* arr. David Paxton

The Anthem today is dedicated in memory of Bruce Weber,  
Men's Ensemble long time member and friend.

*Sweet Rivers*

Sweet rivers of redeeming love lie just before mine eyes.  
Had I the pinions of a dove, I'd to those rivers fly.  
I'd rise superior to my pain, with joy outstrip the wind.  
I'd cross o'er Jordan's stormy wave and leave this world behind.

**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 Sehart, Membership Director, at [jsehart@bethany-umc.com](mailto:jsehart@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 memory of my parents, Harold and Mildred Dorr and in honor of my three sons, Ryan, Brycton and Grayson and my seven beautiful grandchildren.

**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

**Sacrament of Baptism**

**Sophie Grace Probin** will receive the Sacrament of Baptism during the 10:30 am worship service. Sophie is the daughter of Jamie and Amy Probin. Grandparents are Dale and Barbara Helpingstine of Salem, Illinois and Barry and Patricia Probin of Woodplumpton, England.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

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

**Gifts** (\*Figures for Feb. 7, 2021. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions .....	\$ 52,334.83
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....	173,855.06
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date .....	7,719.00

**Capital Campaign** (\*Figures for Feb.7, 2021)

*Capital Campaign Contributions .....	4,783.50
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date .....	16,373.06