

## 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 is today. Pick up a box and instruction sheet anytime between 9:30 am - 4:30 pm 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. We hope that any of you with children will come join us.

### 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.

### 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

February 21, 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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
February 21, 2021  
First Sunday in Lent/Baptismal Reaffirmation

**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** arr. David Schack

Theme and Variations on "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.

As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win, O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.

As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.

And through these days of penitence, and through thy passion tide, yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us a bide.

Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

**Call to Prayer**

Minister: The Lord be with you

People: *And also with you.*

**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**

**\*Hymn of Assurance** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;  
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see  
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;  
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:  
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

**The Scripture Lesson**

I John 3:16-24

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

**Anthem**

*Te Deum*

arr. H. Dean Wagner

Chancel Bells

**Sermon**

"Journey of Lent"

Rev. Mitch Houston

**Service of Congregational Reaffirmation**

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism  
we are initiated into Christ's holy church.  
We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation  
and given new birth through water and the Spirit.  
All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Through the reaffirmation of our faith  
we renew the covenant declared at our baptism,  
acknowledge what God is doing for us,  
and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy church.

**The Reaffirmation of Faith**

**Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

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**

**The Water of Baptismal Reaffirmation**

**\*Hymn of Dedication** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;  
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.  
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Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;  
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still

**\*Blessing of the People**

**\*Postlude**

arr. Russell Schultz

*Elegy based on "Old Hundredth"*

**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 or 843.873.1230, ext. 1837.*

**CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

In order to not distract your fellow worshippers, 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 Pat Hartman.*

**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 presence, prayers, service and gifts.

<u>Gifts</u> (*Figures for Feb. 14, 2021. These figures are unverified.)	
*Budget Contributions.....	\$ 24,325.35
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....	198,180.41
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....	1,574.40
<u>Capital Campaign</u> (Figures for Feb. 14, 2021)	
*Capital Campaign Contributions .....	1,445.88
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date .....	6,229.38