

ANNOUNCEMENT

Christian sympathy to Jennifer McKeehan on the death of her mother Mary Riggs.

Lenten Services

Lenten worship services will be offered **virtually** at 6:30 pm each Wednesday. You may join via our Facebook page or the website www.bethany-umc.com.

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**

Worship Sign Up

Each Monday registration will open for the following Sunday.

There are three ways you can sign up.

- 1) Go to www.bethany-umc.com- click on worship sign up button
- 2) Use link on Bethany UMC Facebook page
- 3) Use link sent to you in E-links weekly email

This will open the registration form, your contact information should automatically fill in. If it does not, complete your contact information.

Choose the service you wish to attend and indicate how many are in your party. If registration is full, you will be unable to choose that service, you then may pick a different service to attend.

Also, answer the question in regards to elevator usage. Hit submit and your registration is complete. You will receive a confirmation email when completed. You may also sign up by calling the church office at 843.873.1230 during business hours (8:30 am - 4:30 pm).

Blessing Box Needs

Donations for the Blessing Box are needed. You can drop off donations in front of the Business Office door during the week, or on Sundays. The following will be much appreciated:

- *Bagged rice
- *Macaroni and cheese boxes
- *Spaghetti/pasta jarred or canned sauces
- *Peanut butter
- *Jelly
- *Canned/ready to eat ravioli, stew, chili
- *Fruit (large cans and individual serving cups)
- *Individual grits packets
- *Granola bars
- *Snack Pack pudding
- *Ritz crackers “Fresh Stacks” box. (the packages of crackers are smaller)
- *Rice/Pasta/Potato sides in envelopes or boxes

Text to Give Option

It's easier than ever to give now! Simply text: [bethanyumc](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.

2021 Confirmation

We will be meeting **TODAY** 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 7th 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.

Wi-fi Access

If you would like to connect to Wi-Fi while on church property, please use the guest connection and password www.bethany-umc.com 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 28, 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 28, 2021
Second Sunday in Lent

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 *Meditation on "Amazing Grace"* arr. Robert W. Jones
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**
O God, Our Help in Ages Past
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all who breathe away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

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

The Scripture Lesson Isaiah 40:21-31
Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem Glenn Burleigh/arr. Jack Schrader
Order My Steps (in Your Word)
Chamber Singers

Sermon "The Nature of God" Rev. Narcie Jeter

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

***Hymn of Dedication**
Be Thou My Vision
Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me,
save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee
and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***Blessing of the People**

***Postlude** arr. Murray C. Bradshaw
Postlude on "The Banners of the King Go Forth"

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 jsehrt@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 Karl and Joan Naugle in honor of our new grandson, William Edward Burt, born January 26, 2021.

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.

Gifts (*Figures for Feb. 21, 2021. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions.....	\$	18,699.37
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....		216,879.78
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....		2,064.40

Capital Campaign (Figures for Feb. 21, 2021)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	1,932.20
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date	8,161.58