

ANNOUNCEMENT

We express our Sympathy to Eileen Johnson on the death of her husband Jerry. Jerry died February 27.

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 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.

Tech. Ministries Work Day

Technical Ministries is going to have a workday on Saturday, Mar. 20 starting at 8:30 am. Please meet in the back of the Fellowship Hall. There is no experience needed and if you have ladders please bring them. Please direct any questions to techsupport@bethany-umc.com.

CDC Registration

Bethany Child Development Center is registering students for the 2021-2022 school year.

Bethany CDC offers classes for children who are 18 months (by Sept. 1st) through Kindergarten. All classes have low student to teacher ratios, a warm, nurturing Christian environment and an excellent academic program.

For more information, please call the CDC office at 843.821.1946 or email Toni at tpinkard@bethany-umc.com or Mona at mgilbert@bethany-umc.com.

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

March 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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 7, 2021

Third 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

Largo

George Frideric Handel

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 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'er take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me. Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my may, from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

Reception of New Members (10:30)

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 *Here I Am, Lord*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

The Scripture Lesson

Joel 2:12-19

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Be Still

Mary McDonald

Chamber Singers

Sermon

"Return"

Rev. Mitch Houston

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 *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

Jesus, Keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain: In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me.

Refrain

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. Refrain.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. **Refrain.**

*Blessing of the People

*Postlude

Prelude in G minor

J.S. Bach

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 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 Patricia Davis by Charles Davis and family.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 ~ Team Leader: Bill Phillips; Ron Clayton, Brian Collier, Jim Emery, Bob Iannace, Tim McConnell, Ed Muckenfuss, Scott Muckenfuss, Marion Thompson

10:30 ~ Team Leader: David Morris; Bart Burford, Greg Elliott, Jimmy Jackson, Gerry Purvis, Bob Minus, Steve Wilson, Justin Goethe

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. 28, 2021. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions.....	\$	32,102.97
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....		248,982.75
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....		2,757.40

Capital Campaign (Figures for Feb. 28, 2021)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	2,877.44
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date	11,039.02

Anthem

Be Still

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am with you. Be still and know that I will comfort you when you come to Me in your hour of need. Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am here for you; And I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed. Come unto Me, My child, be still, and know that I will give you rest. I am present in your pain and I always will remain your Comforter and Friend.

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am with you. Be still and know that I will comfort you when you come to Me in your hour of need. Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am here for you; And I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you. Peace, Peace. Peace.