

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

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

*Budget Contributions	\$ 25,954.59
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....	343,141.14
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....	7,888.60

Capital Campaign (Figures for March 21, 2021)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	2,025.94
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date	18,700.84

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week Worship Times

Bethany offers many special worship services during the Lenten season and Holy Week. It is a time of reflection and a reminder of God's grace and love for us all. Virtual services can be viewed by visiting our website at www.bethany-umc.com or via our Facebook page.

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

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

Please register online at www.bethany-umc.com

- 6:30 am Sunrise Service at Hutchinson Square* – please bring your lawn chair
- 8 am Spell Chapel Service in Sanctuary
- 8:45 am Word and Table Contemporary in the Fellowship Hall**
- 9:30 am and 11 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**

** A Nursery will be provided

The Flowering Cross

The flowering cross is an especially striking and beautiful way to represent the new life that emerges from the death of Christ on Good Friday. The cross will be decorated on Saturday, April 3 by noon. You may come anytime Saturday or Sunday to view the cross, take pictures with your family and enjoy this beautiful symbol of Christ who has conquered death and is alive. We look forward to celebrating God's great gift with you on Easter.

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).

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!

Nursery

The nursery is open for the 8:45 and 10:30 worship services. Nursery is for children ages birth through pre-kindergarten 5 year olds. Drop-off and pick-up are in the hallway outside the kitchen and Fellowship Hall. We are excited to be able to offer this during worship.

Children's Church will begin on April 11 during the 8:45 worship service. Children's Church is for kids from Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Kids will begin in worship with their families and be dismissed at a designated point in the service. If you would like to volunteer to lead Children's Church as part of a rotating team, please contact the Children's Ministries office.

You must register your children for both the nursery and Children's Church each week when you register for worship.

Golf Tournament

The Annual Bethany Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 24 at 8 am at Summerville Country Club. All members of Bethany and their friends are invited to participate in a day of golf and fellowship. To register, visit Register@bethanygym.siplay.com or call 843.873.7261 or 843.469.5917.

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.

Ronald McDonald Pop Tabs

Please continue collecting your pop tabs! There's a collection box in the Business Office, in the Fellowship Hall and in the Welcome Center.

Wi-fi Access

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

Katie's Kroops Desserts

Our next date for Katie's Kroops is April 1. Please sign up and drop them off on Thursday by 11am on the cart by the Business Office.

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 Debbie Dominianni (843.873.1230, ddominianni@bethany-umc.com), 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**.

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, Carmie Wagaman 843.414.7026 or Mary Kay Wrenn 843.323.2130.

VBS- Volunteers Needed!

Join us on an epic quest for the King's Armor at VBS this year- June 28-July 2 9am- 12 pm. We will help kids to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power.

We need lots of volunteers to make VBS a success. Our primary need is lead teachers and assistants in classrooms. Please consider contributing your time and talent to this week of fun and blessings. To volunteer contact Stephanie Mitchum at smitchum@bethany-umc.com.

We are in need of the following items for VBS: paper towel tubes (no toilet paper tubes please), plastic rectangle tablecloths in dark purple, royal blue and gold, streamers in dark purple, royal blue, gold and orange, rolls of silver duct tape. You can leave these items at the VBS display at the foot of the staircase.

BETHANY

United Methodist Church

March 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

March 28, 2021
Palm/Passion Sunday

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 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* arr. David Paxton
As the prelude begins, let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer and prepare for worship.

Welcome and Parish Concerns

*Procession of the Palms and Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One. **Refrain**

The company of angels are praising thee on high, and we with all creation in chorus make reply. **Refrain**

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present. **Refrain**

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. **Refrain**

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. **Refrain**

Prayer of Confession (pray in unison)

Lead on O King Eternal and help us to follow with love and praise. May we never join the crowd of jealousy, gossip and betrayal but forever keep our hearts in you. Thank you for embracing us despite our sins and forgive us as you call us to forgive. Lord Jesus you suffered and died that we, and all the world, might be reconciled to our God, and all may be redeemed by the blood of your suffering. We thank you on this Holy Sunday for loving us and hearing our prayers. In Jesus name, Amen.

Words of Assurance

Minister: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism (10:30)

Call to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: 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

*Hymn of Assurance *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; things I would ask him to tell me if he were here: scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round his knee, and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me; words full of kindness, deeds full of grace, all in the love light of Jesus' face.

Into the city I'd follow the children's band, waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand; one of his heralds, yes, I would sing loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"

***The Scripture Lesson** Mark 11:1-11
Minister: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *The Holy City* arr. Mark Hayes
Chamber Singers; Soloist Shelby Krallman – Mezzo-Soprano

Sermon "Jerusalem" Rev. Mitch Houston

*Affirmation of Faith *The 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** *O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done*
O Love divine, what hast thou done! The immortal God hath died for me! The Father's co-eternal Son bore all my sins upon the tree. Th'immortal God for me hath died: My Lord, My Love, is crucified!

Is crucified for me and you, to bring us rebels back to God. Believe, believe the record true, ye all are bought with Jesus' blood. Pardon for all flows from his side: My Lord, my Love, is crucified!

Behold him, all ye that pass by, the bleeding Prince of life and peace! Come, sinners, see your Savior die, and say, Was ever grief like his?! Come, feel with me his blood applied: My Lord, my Love, is crucified!

*Blessing of the People

***Postlude** *Let All Creation Dance* Michael Burkhardt

* For those who are able, please stand.

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 GREENS

The altar greens today are given to the glory of God.

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the Glory of God in memory of Jerry Johnson. His funeral service was held yesterday in our Sanctuary.

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

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.