

2021

February

Bethany Beacon

Lenten Services

6:30 pm Virtual

February 24th - March 3rd

March 10th

March 17th - March 24th

Maundy Thursday

March 31st

6:30 pm

Good Friday

April 2nd

Noon Virtual

Easter Sunrise

April 4th

6:30 am



Ash Wednesday

February 17th

6:30 pm

Virtual

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Submission for the March Issue is February 15. You may be early and not wait until the deadline to submit your news!

Please email information to: ddominianni@bethany-umc.com

Submissions received after the deadline of the 15th may be held for the following month. Editors reserve the right for submissions to be edited for clarity and space.

Altar flowers are a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one

Flowers are needed for 2021

Contact Donna Crowe 843.873.1230



Annual Financial Report

In the early weeks of the pandemic, with the decision to shutter church activities, our task in the financial administration was largely unknown. We had our normal balance in our operating and building accounts and a modest operating reserve but were unsure as to how the congregational giving would be impacted by the shutdown and the uncertainty of the times.

Many churches felt that contributions would be reduced by 40% or more. Thankfully, we applied for and received a Payroll Protection Program loan. This loan gave us some assurance that we could continue ahead as this provided funds for our staff payroll, as well as operations for the Bethany Child Development Center and Kids' Care missions.

In the meantime, contributions to the church remained remarkably consistent, with giving only lagging 9% behind, on average. The amount of giving was able to support the spending that was necessary as we slowly started to reopen the Church and fulfill our obligations to missions and conference apportionments.

Our general operations spending was \$1,866,520. This amount was \$177,207 (8.67%) lower than we had budgeted for 2020. Our giving and other income for operations totaled \$1,837,660. This level of giving is only down 6.95% from our 2019 levels and is a true blessing from each of you to our Church and our mission. Thanks to your faithful giving, we were able to fully pay our conference apportionments, remain current on our obligations and keep the staff fully employed. We have also been able to meet our interest and principal payments on the building loan.

In closing, we begin 2021 in a solid financial position as we still feel the impacts from the pandemic. The coming months will continue to present uncertain challenges. However, we are confident and thankful that your generous giving will allow us to continue our missions. We pledge to remain diligent in stewardship of your gifts.

Sanctuary Music Schedule

Sanctuary Music – February 2021

February 7, 2021 - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Arise, Shine arr: Tom Fettke – Chamber Singers

February 14, 2021 - Transfiguration Sunday

Sweet River by Reginald Unterseher – Men's Ensemble

February 21, 2021 - First Sunday in Lent

Te Deum arr: H. Dean Wagner – Chancel Bells

February 28, 2021 - Second Sunday in Lent

**Order My Steps (In Your Word) arr: Jack Schrader –
Chamber Singers**



Happy Lent

Pick up your box on Sunday, February 14th after all worship services, from 11:30 - 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.

Child Development Program

SHARING LOVE & JOY AT BETHANY CDC

February is a time to celebrate LOVE and at Bethany CDC, we LOVE our students, families and staff! We love teaching and helping our students grow. We also love building relationships with the families we serve. It is such a blessing to be part of their lives! The school year is off to a great start with happy children and happy teachers in our classrooms and halls. It is wonderful to have all the joy, laughter and love in the CDC once again!

We LOVE our community as well and one way we will show that love this month is by collecting gently used children's books for a local organization called Hearts for Summerville. Hearts for Summerville serves children and families in need right here in our community. They share the love of Jesus with families each week as they provide food, books and other necessities. If you would like to donate a gently used children's book, there is a collection box outside the CDC office. Thank you!

CDC REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY!

Bethany's Child Development Center provides quality early childhood programs in a loving, nurturing, Christian environment for Toddlers through Kindergarten. With small classes and two teachers in every classroom, your child is provided with everything he or she needs for the best in social, spiritual, intellectual, physical and emotional development.

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is currently underway. If you are Interested in having your child attend in the fall, please call us at 843-821-1946 or email [Mona mgilbert@bethany-umc.com](mailto:Mona.mgilbert@bethany-umc.com) or Toni tpinkard@bethany-umc.com.

Thank you

My heart is overwhelmed with the blessed support that I have received in prayers and cards acknowledging the passing of Tom Veneziano. He loved Bethany and was so happy to be a member and to serve both the church and the Lord. We know that he has gone before to prepare a place for us as an earthly father does. God Bless everyone.

Marge Veneziano

VITA

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.



Here in Summerville, we will be serving clients at Bethany United Methodist Church, 118 W. 3rd S. St. on Saturdays from January 23rd through April 10th. 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.

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.

KidsCare News

Thank you, Lord for the love of children! KidsCare is back open and our hearts are full!

February is the “Love Month” around KidsCare! We are learning Bible verses that speak of love this month! We are doing acts of **kindness this month**. If you love with your “Jesus Heart” then you love unconditionally. He loves us and talks to his Father for us. There was a popular song a few years ago that painted the picture of getting to heaven and being met at the gate by Jesus. He takes you to God and says, “Here Father, please let this one in because he is with me!” Let us pray that we can learn to love like Jesus!

HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY and remember to love others with your “Jesus heart”.



Thank You

The residents and staff at Cypress Place are so blessed to have not 1, but 2 visits during the holidays. Our residents and staff enjoyed the songs of the season. Thank you for remembering us, and we look forward to future connections and blessings from Bethany UMC.

Remember, wash your hands and say your prayers because Jesus and germs are Everywhere.



Children's Ministries

Please plan to join us this Valentine's Day for a "My True Love- Valentine's Scavenger Hunt"

Sunday, February 14th - come to the church and pick up your "My True Love" Valentine's box and scavenger hunt instruction sheet. We will be under the covered area from 9:30 to 4:30 to get your supplies for a fun way to learn about God's love for you- God's True Love. The scavenger hunt should take about an hour and will take place outside on Bethany's campus.

There is no need to sign-up or register, just come when you can anytime between 9:30 and 4:30. We can't wait to see you, safely distanced!





BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONFIRMATION 2021

OPEN TO ALL CURRENT 7TH GRADERS AND ANY OLDER YOUTH WHO HAS NOT PARTICIPATED IN CONFIRMATION.

SIGN-UPS AND OTHER INFORMATION WILL BE PUBLISHED SOON!

HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT DATES:

- + PARENT MEETING, FEB. 28 @ 10AM, FELLOWSHIP HALL
- + CLASS BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH AND CONCLUDES PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 23.
- + CONFIRMATION RETREAT WILL TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, MAY 15.

CLASSES WILL FOLLOW BETHANY UMC'S COVID PROTOCOLS AND BE OFFERED SIMULTANEOUSLY VIA ZOOM.

ASCEND STUDENT MINISTRIES

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A FINE LINE

FEBRUARY MESSAGE SERIES
SUNDAYS 6:30-7:30PM

ASCEND

STINGRAYS HOCKEY

FRIDAY, 2.12.21
COST \$18

MEET AT BETHANY UMC AT 6:00 PM TO TRAVEL TO THE GAME. WE WILL RETURN AFTER THE GAME AROUND 9:30 PM.

SCAN ME

SIGN-UP

ASCEND STUDENT MINISTRIES

CONFIRMATION 2021

Parent/Youth informational meeting
Sunday, February 28, 10:00 am, Fellowship Hall

To sign up for Confirmation 2021 please use the QR code below or contact Mike Jeter at 854-429-1849 or at mjeter@bethany-umc.com

SCAN ME

SUPER BOWL PARTY

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Sunday, February 7
6:30pm-halftime
@The Jones'
208 Ameryllis Avenue,
Summerville, SC 29483
Bring your favorite SUPER SNACK to safely SHARE

ASCEND

BETHANY UMC STUDENT MINISTRY

SUNDAY 6:30-7:30pm

Fellowship, games, praise & worship, message, small groups

ASCEND

CITADEL BASKETBALL

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MEET AT BETHANY 12PM
RETURN -3:30PM

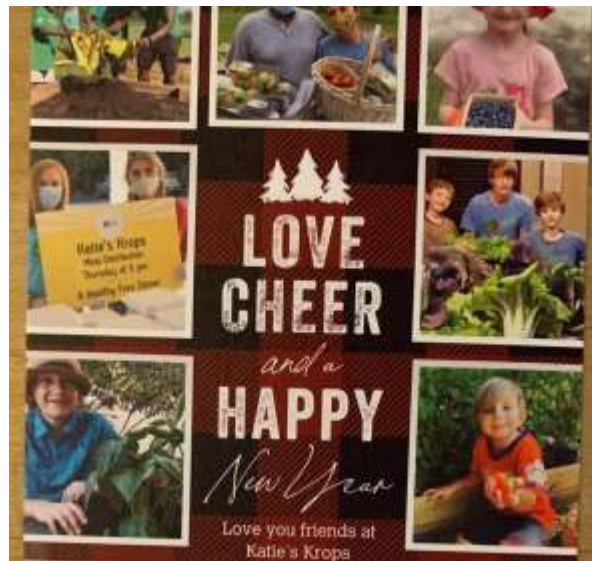
SIGN UP HERE

Missions

Katie's Krops Desserts

Bethany UMC has committed to providing 450 desserts every other Thursday night to give out to families in need. Please look at the dates below, signup online, and be sure to drop them off Thursday by 11 am to the cart by the Business Office.

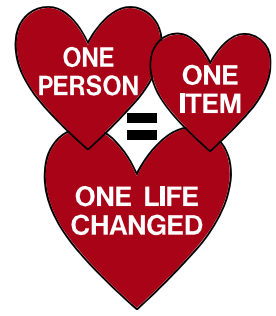
Thursday, February 4 th	Thursday, February 18 th	Thursday, March 4 th
Thursday, March 18 th	Thursday, April 1 st	Thursday, April 15 th
Thursday, April 29 th	Thursday, May 6 th	Thursday, May 13 th
	Thursday, May 27 th	



2020 was an imperfect year, much like this card. It had its share of flaws and challenges, but we rose to the challenge and were there for our neighbors in need with your help.

We served over 18,000 healthy free meals.
 Built out an expansive flagship garden.
 Launched the seeds of change program.
 Donated over 50,000 pounds of healthy fresh food &
 empowered kids coast to coast to help serve their community!
 Thank you for making all this happen!
 For more info, go to katieskrops.com

"Please thank the Bethany dessert makers for their support of Katie's Krops. They are always so pleased when we deliver them as it is one less thing for them to worry about. While I am sure the meal they prepare is delicious, I can't help but think when they see the homemade desserts they smile in anticipation."



NEW YEAR'S THANK YOU!!

Dear, Bethany United Methodist Women, Del Webb at Nexton Residents, and Friends of Cane Bay, I would like to thank you for giving so many generous and beautiful gifts to women and children in the Summerville area. COVID brought this program to a screeching halt last March. In September, so many of you were ready to help needy Opwomen & children in our area.

In September, you helped to feed and clothe teens in at Pinelands Group Home. Some teens arrive with minimal clothes and personal care items. They had tears of joy to think a stranger would give them new items!! The snacks & food items were also greatly appreciated.

In October & November, you helped to fill the school food pantries at Summerville High School and Alston Middle School. The students were very thankful they had a place to get snacks especially as some students may not have had dinner or breakfast. They also can take home food for dinner. Food was also added to their Thanksgiving Baskets.

In December you generously gave robes, socks, slippers, pajamas, tops, jackets, and personal care items to the women at the Magdalene House. The women were thrilled to think strangers would buy them such beautiful items! They laughed and cried as they opened the gifts. One young woman sat there clutching her new bathrobe and crying saying she rarely got new clothes at Christmas.

I am blessed to have so many participants in this program! One of the most satisfying jobs is helping others. I could not do it without you. Let us continue to celebrate the "joy of giving" in 2021!

Sincerely,
Sue Smith, Chairman



MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Memorials

In Memory of Charlie Fowler

By Gene & Kathy Smith
By Mark & Becky Fentress

In Memory of David LeBleu

By Jerry & Pam Bateman
By Gil & Sandy Hager
By Mark & Becky Fentress

In Memory of Dave Mills

By Billy & Gail Hay
By Gil & Sandy Hager
By Marion & Sadie Thompson
By Shirley LeBleu

In Memory of Ronnie Banks

By Ronnie Banks Jr.
By Ed & Shirley Freeman
By Marion & Sadie Thompson
By Mark & Becky Fentress

In Memory of Ruth McConnell

By Bob Cheatham
By Ann Gill
By Margie & Ed Muckenfuss
By Shirley LeBleu
By Marion & Sadie Thompson
By Laurence & Donna Clair
By Greg & Sharon Smith

In Honor of Pat Raynor

By Dr. & Mrs. A.D. Kornegay Jr.

In Memory of Pricilla Schultz

By Steve & Trudy Zobel
By Margie & Ed Muckenfuss

In Memory of Bobbie Hennett

By Margie & Ed Muckenfuss

In Memory of Ainsley Perkins

By Margie & Ed Muckenfuss

In Memory of Robert Mitchum Sr.

By Betsy Stevenson
By Ann Gill

In Memory of Kemp Willard

By Marion & Sadie Thompson
By Gil & Sandy Hager

In Memory of Henry Hagen

By Gil & Sandy Hager
By Mark & Becky Fentress
By Greg & Sharon Smith

In Memory of Beth Holler

By Gil & Sandy Hager
By Mark & Becky Fentress

In Memory of Margaret Blackmon

By Gil & Sandy Hager
By Mark & Becky Fentress

Memorials

In Memory of Herman Koester

By Kimberly & Mark Skodack

By Amy Locklair

By Laurence & Donna Clair

By the Blanton Family

By Shirley LeBleu

By Mark & Becky Fentress

By Don & Kathy Shope

In Memory of Janet French

By Greg & Sharon Smith

In Memory of Gay Morrison

By Greg & Sharon Smith

In Memory of Jeff Dossett

By Bob & Marti Johnson

By Mark & Becky Fentress

In Memory of Marie Hodges Tanner

By Beverly & Artie Felder

In Memory of Annie Eugenia Tucker &

Robert Mendenhall Limehouse

In Memory of Carnela Adeline Couch & Samuel Ellison Hutson

In Honor of Eleanor Mariee Hutson Huggins & In Memory of William Davis Huggins

In Memory of Gloria Loretta Hutson & George W. Whaley

In Memory of Annie Christabel Limehouse &

Heyward G. Hutson

By Heyward & Evelyn Hutson

In Memory of Bill Hostetter

In Memory of Harold Robinson

In Memory of Ronald & Margaret Blanchard

In Memory of John Sutusky

In Memory of Juanita Ackerman

In Memory of Kemp Willard

In Memory of Janet French

In Memory of Ruth Spence

In Memory of Ann Everett

In Memory of Jean Godfrey

In Memory of William Buie

By Mark & Becky Fentress

In Memory of Kevin & Joyce Dubis

By Franklin Weathers

In Memory of Dr. James E. Wynn, Sr.

By Joyce Wynn

In Memory of Elizabeth Beebe

By Mona Gilbert

Endowment

In Memory of Aubrey Carter

By Liz Williams

In Memory of Herman Koester

By Liz Williams

Local Missions

In honor of Billy & Gail Hay

By Mary E. Belcher

Youth Foundation

In Memory of Aubrey Carter

By Marion & Sadie Thompson

By James & Lianne Kerr

By Ed & Shirley Freeman

By Julius L. Cantey, Jr

By Wil & Ann Riley

By George & Phyllis Stall

By Peggy Rogers

By Berlin & Betsy Myers

By Quay & Mildred Adams

By Gene & Kathy Smith

By Ethan & Mary Allison

By Gus Brame

By Darwin & Patricia Jackson

Hayne & Patsy Waring

By Phyllis Laferte

By Karl & Joan Naugle

By Jerry & Pam Bateman

By E.C. & G.L. Luke

By Bethany Sr. Adults

By Ollie Lesch

By Norma Cunningham

By John & Cynthia Riley

By Henry & Karen Thompson

By Jerry & Beth Van Fossen

By Gail Overcash

By Robert Chipps

By Dana & Larry Wells

By Men of Bethany

By Gus & Miriam Holladay

By David & Shawn White

By the Blanton Family

By Will & Cathy Wilbur

By Jan & James Woods

By Stuart & Meg Courtney

By Ann Jones

By Margie & Ed Muckenfuss

By Vaughn & Karen Howard

By Dick & Dot Prevatte

By Mona Gilbert

By Gil & Sandy Hager

By Shirley LeBleu

By John & Sally Bridges

By Mark & Becky Fentress

In Memory of Jane Odle

By Mark & Becky Fentress

Spell Chapel Memorial

In Memory of Hazel Melia
By Jemie Meachum, Jr.
In Memory of Gay Morrison
By Spiritual Growth SS Class
In Memory of Dr. George S. Nettles
By Mary Sue Couch

Children's Ministries

In memory of Gary Bailey
By Laurence & Donna Clair

Bethany Student Ministries

In memory of Herman Koester
By Happy Hearts

Building Memorial

In Memory of John McKissick
By Gil & Sandy Hager
By Mark & Becky Fentress
In Memory of Don Hudson
By Marion & Sadie Thompson
By Shirley LeBleu
By Jerry & Pam Bateman
By Jack & Donna Mobley
By Travis & Wendee Orr
By Laurence & Donna Clair
By Bethany Sr. Adults
By Ann Gill
By Monroe Hardware Co.
In Memory of Janet French
By George & Karen Howard

Technical Ministries

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur A. McDougal
By Catherine Moore

Epworth Children's Home

In memory of John Sutusky
By the BUMC Chancel Choir

Handbells

In Memory of Bob Lesch
By Ollie Lesch

Tea Room

In Memory of Dave Mills
By Men of Bethany
In Memory of David LeBleu
By Men of Bethany

Music Needs

In Memory of Ray Goins
By Maria Agustin
By Thomas & Julia Franke
By Mark & Becky Fentress
By Greg & Sharon Smith
In Memory of Janet French
In Memory of Don Hudson
In Memory of Gary Bailey
By Ed. & Margie Muckenfuss

Operating Budget

In Memory of Gary Bailey
By Bob & Marti Johnson
By Bonnie Sweat
By Joan McKissick
By Ron & Lynthia Piccione
By Mark & Becky Fentress
By Sunnyside Farms Inc.
By Port City Homes, LLP
By Billy & Beth Phillips
By Cecil & Gay Buddin
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By Michelle Jennings
By Hope L. Batton
By Jerry & Carolyn Rogerson
By Louise Call
By John & Karen Halley
By Paul & Carol Williams
By Marion & Sadie Thompson
By Berlin & Betsy Myers
By Thomas Witska
By Allyson & Bill Duke
By Jack & Sandra Cross
By Elias & Virginia Tupper
By Darwin & Patricia Jackson
By Lydia & Kirk Johnston
By Robert & Linda Long
By L.C. & Rhonda Knight
By Wayne & Nancy Wilkening
By Greg & Sharon Smith
By Richard & Debbie Call
By Mark Ensley
By Billy & Gail Hay
By Brenda & Tony Frye
By Gina Austin
By Jerry & Pam Bateman
By Nancy Canavera
By Charles & Virginia Swenson
By Ann Gill
By Dorchester Habitat
By Linda & David Huffman
By the Waring Family
By John & Janie Balon
In Memory of Janet French
By Ron & Lynthia Piccione

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