

ANNOUNCEMENT

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).

2021 Graduate Recognition

Bethany will be recognizing our 2021 High School graduates on Sunday, June 6 at the 11:15 worship service and at Ascend that evening. We will also be acknowledging our college graduates on this day. If you would like for your senior to participate, please contact Emily Vick at evick@bethany-umc.com.

Vacation Bible School

VBS registration is now open to the Summerville Community. Spaces are limited. Registration can be found at www.bethany-umc.com.

Nursery

The Nursery is open for the 8:45 am and 10:30 am worship services. Nursery is for children ages birth - pre-Kindergarten 5-year olds. **You must register if you plan to use the nursery**, registration is part of the Worship Registration form. Drop off and pick up of children will be in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday School Classes

All Sunday school classes will resume on May 23. We are excitedly planning to welcome our Bethany children, youth and adults back!

Tea Room-Save the Date!

Save the date for Bethany's Autumn Tea Room. October 25-29 & November 1-5.

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 or Mary Kay Wrenn 843.323.2130 or 843.821.3123.

Wi-fi Access

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

Children's Church

Children's Church is available for children Kindergarten – 2nd grade during the 8:45 worship service. Please complete and attach a Children's Church sticker to your child prior to them leaving the service. Stickers are in the Narthex and at the rear of the Fellowship Hall. Children will be escorted to Children's Church at a designated point in the service and can be picked up at the end of worship in room 213. We are looking for volunteers to help lead Children's Church on a rotating basis. All curriculum and supplies are provided. If you would like to help, please contact Stephanie Mitchum at smitchum@bethany-umc.com.

Youth Announcement

Youth Ascend meets every Sunday in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30-7:30 pm and on Wednesday nights (wear sneakers and bring a water bottle) from 6-7:30 pm. All middle and high school students are invited and welcome! Ascend offers a place where youth can fellowship, connect, and grow in their faith through games, song, message, and small groups.

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!

New Young Adult Sunday School Class

New Young Adult Sunday school opportunity! College-aged through young career are welcome in Room 239 starting May 23. We're very excited about this new opportunity!!

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.

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**.

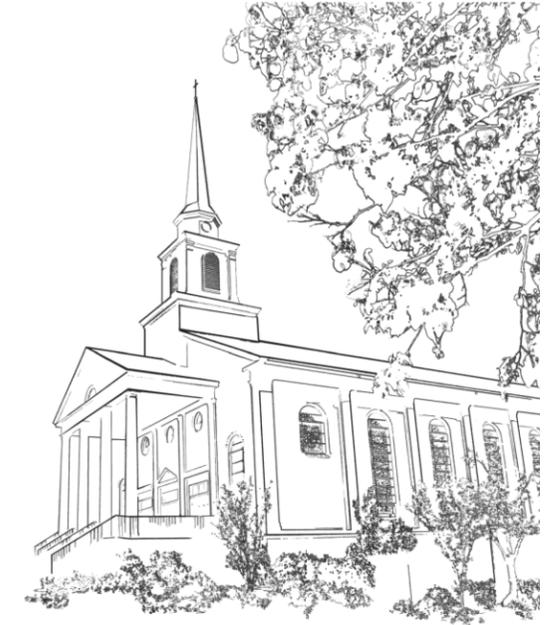
Mother's Day Offering

Epworth Children's Home has been a ministry of our church for more than 125 years. They are not an apportioned item by the SC Conference, which means they receive no funding from the conference other than our offerings. They rely heavily on the donations received from our Mother's Day offering to provide direct care for the children residing at Epworth. When a child arrives at Epworth they have experienced a great deal of loss. For Epworth it isn't enough to answer God's call to care for the least of these by simply providing room and board. They go above and beyond offering the children tutoring to get them caught up at school; counseling to help them heal emotionally; quality medical care, knowing that many of the children have never seen a doctor or dentist. Epworth also offers spiritual formation and guidance that encourages true healing through Christ. Epworth Children's Home ensures the children are surrounded by loving Christian adults so they can break the cycle of abuse, neglect and shame and replace it with a life of self-respect, responsibility and productivity. We have a large part in making all this possible for the children. These children come from communities in South Carolina just like ours. They are our neighbors and we are called to provide for them. I ask you to give generously today and stand with Epworth as they work to break the cycle.

BETHANY

United Methodist Church

May 9, 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

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

As the prelude begins, let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer and prepare for worship.

Welcome and Parish Concerns

***Opening Hymn** *Lift High the Cross*

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign. The hosts of God in unity combine. **Refrain**

Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of him who died. **Refrain**

So Lord, once lifted on the glories tree, as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. **Refrain**

So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

Sacrament of Baptism (10:30 am)
Commendation and Welcome

Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care this child, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that he may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our savior Jesus Christ?

With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Caleb, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. One the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

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

(8:45 am - Children may leave for Children's Church ~ ages K5 thru 2nd grade in room 214 of the Youth Wing. Please remember to attach a Children's Church sticker to your child. Stickers are in the Narthex.)

The Scripture Lesson

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Children of the Heavenly Father* arr. Dan Forrest
Men's Quintet; Handbells – Allison Clayton

Sermon Rev. Mitch Houston

***Hymn of Dedication** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my hearts, illumine me, Spirit divine!

*Blessing of the People

*Postlude

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 by Ann Gill in honor of our mothers.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 ~ Team Leader: Narvie Bilbray, Jr.; Jim Barrier, Dennis Bradshaw, Tom Thurman, Jody Dillard, Kevin Slack, Fenn Stallsmith, James Vinson, Matt Lazzaro, Bobby Long

10:30 ~ Team Leader; Kerry Farmer; Hal Hess, Al Jackson, Barbara Jackson, Gillis McAllister, Mark Phillips, Joyce Stone, Roger McCants

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

Sacrament of Baptism

Caleb Lannon Brunner will receive the Sacrament of Baptism during the 10:30 am worship service. Caleb is the son of Chuck and Emily Brunner. Grandparents are Teny and Tanya Canup of Summerville and Ron and Mary Brunner of Goose Creek.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for May 2, 2021. These figures are unverified.)
*Budget Contributions..... \$ 18,550.82
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date..... 536,981.92
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date..... 19,104.82

Capital Campaign (Figures for May 2, 2021)

*Capital Campaign Contributions 1,412.44
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date 38,663.43

Anthem...

Children of the Heavenly Father

Children of the heav'nly Father safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in Heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.
God His own doth tend and nourish; in His holy courts they flourish;
From all evil things He spares them; in His mighty arms He bears them.
Neither life nor death shall ever, From the Lord His children sever,
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.
Though He giveth, or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.
Children of the heav'nly Father.