

ANNOUNCEMENT

May 23- Worship Time Changes

Sunday, May 23 we will return to our pre-pandemic Sunday worship schedule. There will also be changes in our guidelines. While we continue to urge the wearing of masks, and will provide them, we will no longer require them in the building for Worship and Sunday School. The decision will be up to each individual. We ask that you continue to respect one another and their needs during this transition. We encourage you to continue to practice social distancing as you are able.

The worship times are as follows:

8 am- Spell Chapel

8:45 am- Contemporary Word & Table- Fellowship Hall

8:45 am- Traditional- Sanctuary

10 am- Sunday School

11:15 am- Traditional- Sanctuary

Sunday School Classes Resume May 23

All Sunday School classes will resume on May 23. Sunday School is at 10 am. We are excitedly planning to welcome our Bethany children, youth and adults back! Nursery will also be available.

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.

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.

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!!

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!

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.

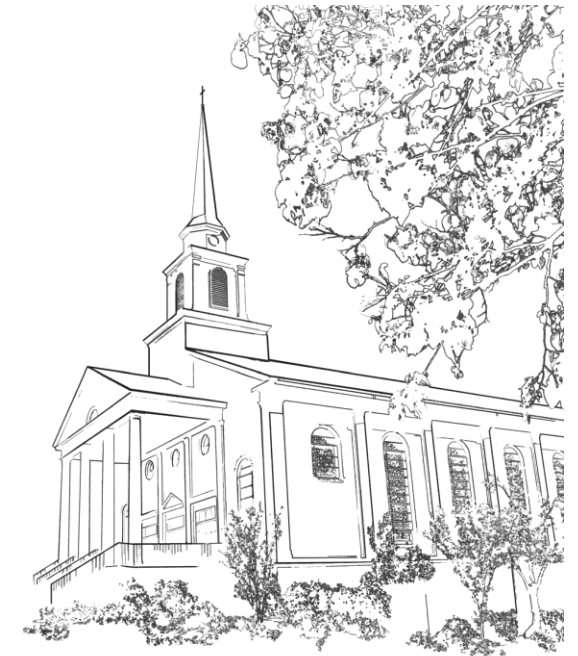
Emergency Phone

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**.

BETHANY

United Methodist Church

May 16, 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 16, 2021
Seventh 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 *With God All Things are Possible* William A Payn
 Chancel Bells

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** *Morning Has Broken*

Morning has broken like the first morning;
 blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
 Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
 Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
 like the first dew fall on the first grass.
 Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
 sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
 born of the one light Eden saw play!
 Praise with elation, praise every morning,
 God's recreation of the new day!

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

Luke 8:26-36

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

Anthem *The Prayer* arr. Joel Raney
 Chancel Bells; Anne Poole, piano

Sermon "Hope in a Cemetery" 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** *Love Divine, All Love's Excelling*
 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
 fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
 Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
 visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
 Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
 Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
 end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
 suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
 pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
 Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
 changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
 till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

***Blessing of the People**

***Postlude** *Praise Him with Timbrel and Dance* Don Hustad

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 worshippers, 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 and in honor of Martha Houston on her anniversary.

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for May 9, 2021. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions.....	\$ 57,770.56
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....	594,752.48
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....	24,665.82

Capital Campaign (Figures for May 9, 2021)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	2,617.00
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date	41,280.43