

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sympathy – We express Christian sympathy to Becky Powell on the death of her mother Vickie Buchanan who died Monday, July 19.

Camp Meeting

Camp Meeting services will run through August 8. This is a special time at Bethany UMC, as we recognize our time-honored roots in the Christian faith dating back to the 19th Century. This is a time we can relax and be less formal. So dress comfortably and casually.

Free Drive-Thru Community Food Distribution

Wesley United Methodist and North Charleston Community Resource Center will be sponsoring a free drive-thru community food distribution on Saturday, Aug. 7 beginning at 2pm until all food has been given out. It will be located at Ladson Elementary School 3321 Ladson Rd. To ensure the health safety of the volunteers and community members, we must adhere to the COVID-19 CDC guidelines. Please remain in your car and open the trunk when it's your turn in line. Food is distributed as first come, first served while supplies last.

Blessing of the Backpacks & Promotion Sunday

Sunday, August 15 will be Promotion Sunday and the Blessing of the Backpacks. Bring your backpacks to church and receive a special blessing before school starts. We will also be handing out tags for the kids to attach to their backpacks to remember that their church family is praying for them and that Jesus is always with them!

Hands of Christ School-Supply Ministry

The Hands of Christ school supply ministry needs your monetary donations for the 2021-22 school year! This ministry provides schools supplies to 3,089 children in several Dorchester District 2 and a couple of Dorchester District 4 schools. Please feel free to leave your donation in the offering plate or drop off at the church office.

Calling ALL Bethany Women

The United Methodist Women will have a Mission Work Day on Sept. 12 from 2-4:30 pm to benefit Epworth Children's Center Foster Care Program. Fabric has been purchased and 100 blankets and duffle bags have been prepared for completion. We need your help to be successful! No sewing required, just cut, tie, and lace! Come and enjoy Christian fellowship and catch up with all your friends while we all work together. You do not need to be a member of UMW and we encourage you to bring a friend. In addition, please bring donations for the Period Project. We will also be preparing packets for school age children and youth who cannot afford sanitary supplies. These packets keep them from missing school each month. Donations needed are pads, liners, and feminine hygiene wipes. All must be individually wrapped. Start collecting now!

Team Members Needed for Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry Team is searching for new team members. We would love to have you join our team. This important team meets to plan, implement, and evaluate all children's classes and programs. Please consider joining us as we will begin to plan for fall Sunday school, Children's church, Bethany NOW, Children's Sabbath, Fall Festival and more! We meet once a month for an hour. Our meeting time and place is TBA. Joining our team does not commit you to teach a class or volunteer in our programs. By joining this team, you will be a part of the planning process that we hope will be a blessing to Bethany's children. Our Special Needs Ministry, The Bridges Program, is also in need of volunteers.

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, **43.425.1069**.

Tea Room-Save the Date!

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

Wi-fi Password

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

Text to Give Option

It's easier than ever to give now! Simply text: bethanyumc to 833.245.8417. 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.

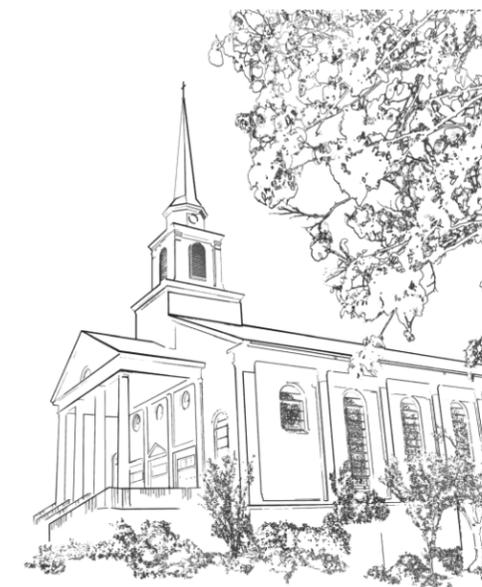
Stephen Ministry

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.

BETHANY

United Methodist Church

July 25, 2021
8:45 a.m. and 11:15 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
Mrs. Emily Vick, Creative Ministries Director
Mrs. Stephanie Mitchum, Children's Program Director
Mr. Mike Jeter, Director of Student Ministries
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

July 25, 2021

Camp Meeting/Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering

As the congregation gathers, please take a moment to speak 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

I Love to Tell the Story

arr. Philip Kevern

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 *Sweet By and By*

There's a land that is fairer than day, and by faith we can see it afar,
for the Father waits over the way, to prepare us a dwelling place there.

Refrain: In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore;
In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.

We shall sing on that beautiful shore the melodious songs of the blest,
and our spirits shall sorrow no more, not a sigh for the blessing of rest. **Refrain**

To our bountiful Father above, we will offer our tribute of praise,
for the glorious gift of His love, and the blessings that hallow our days.

Refrain

Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

Morning Prayer 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.*

Offertory *I Am A Poor Wayfaring Stranger* arr. Hart Morris

Michael Blanton, handbells and Michael López, piano

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology, No. 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Hymn of Assurance *The Church in the Wildwood*

There's a church in the valley by the wildwood,

No lovelier spot in the dale;

No place is so dear to my childhood,

as the little brown church in the vale.

Refrain: Come to the church in wildwood,

Oh, come to the church in the vale;

No spot is so dear to my childhood

as the little brown church in the vale.

Oh, come to the church in the wildwood,

To the trees where the wild flowers bloom;

Where the parting hymn will be chanted,

we will weep by the side of the tomb. **Refrain**

How sweet on a clear Sabbath morning,

To list to the clear ringing bell;

Its tones so sweetly are calling,

Oh, come to the church in the vale. **Refrain**

From the church in the valley by the wildwood,

When day fades away into night,

I would fain from this spot of my childhood

wing my way to the mansions of light. **Refrain**

The Scripture Lesson

John 6:25-40

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Response, No. 601

THY WORD

Thy Word Is a Lamp

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,

still you're there right beside me,

and nothing will I fear as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Anthem

Be Still, My Soul

arr. Christine Anderson

Michael Blanton, handbells and Michael López, piano

Sermon

"Bread of Heaven"

Rev. Mitch Houston

*Hymn of Dedication, No. 701

HEAVEN

When We All Get to Heaven

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus; sing his mercy and his grace.

In the mansions bright and blessed he'll prepare for us a place.

Refrain: When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that
will be! When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!

While we walk the pilgrim pathway, clouds will overspread the sky;
but when traveling days are over, not a shadow, not a sigh. **Refrain**

Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving every day;
just one glimpse of him in glory will the toils of life repay. **Refrain**

Onward to the prize before us! Soon his beauty we'll behold;
soon the pearly gates will open; we shall tread the streets of gold.

Refrain.

*Blessing of the People

*Postlude

O Worship the King

arr. Larry Shackley

*Please Stand

WELCOME

We welcome all guests to our service today. If you are visiting with us, please allow us to further acknowledge your presence by signing the attendance registration pad when it is passed to you. A nursery is available for infants and toddlers in our Child Development Center on the first floor. An usher will be happy to give you directions. Also, please ask about our Sunday School hour at 10 a.m. with classes for all ages. If you would like more information about Bethany or becoming a member of our church, please contact Jack Sehr, Membership Director, at jsehr@bethany-umc.com or 843.873.1230, ext. 31.

CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Hearing devices are available for our members and guests who are hearing impaired. If you need help hearing the worship service, please ask an usher for a hearing device.

In order to not distract your fellow worshipers, please **turn off** 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 John Lemen by Joan Lemen, Amanda and Tim.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 ~ Team Leader: Tom Brown; Ernie Brockman, Bob Johnson, Larry McKeenan, Jim Parrish, Hank Sieling, Tom Tatum, Phil Richardson, Pat Sullivan, David Martin

11:15 ~ Team Leader: Sam Dorr; Buford Boyd, Claude Rowe, Tim Rowe, Joe Ivonowski

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for July 18, 2021. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions\$ 22,114.03

*Budget Funds Contributed to Date 952,247.58

*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date 1,060.00

Capital Campaign (Figures for July 18, 2021)

*Capital Campaign Contributions 3,329.69

*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date..... 71,542.19

Presence (July 18, 2021)

8 am Worship – 34; Word & Table Worship – 66;

Sanctuary Worship 436; Sunday School - 308