

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children and Youth Needs

We need YOU! Both our Children Ministry Team and Youth Ascend are in need of volunteers. For Ascend, we need help with small group leaders, trip chaperons, Sunday school teachers, prayer partners and small group leaders. If you are interested in serving as an ASCEND Adult Volunteer, please contact Mike Jeter 854.429.1849.

For Children Ministries, we need many volunteers for this coming fall in all our classes, from Preschool to 5th grade, Bethany NOW and Children's Church. If you have questions or comments we would love to hear from you and talk with you. Stephanie Mitchum smitchum@bethany-umc.com 843.343.8494 or Emily Vick evick@bethany-umc.com 843.343.2506. We are asking you to prayerfully consider volunteering for our young people.

We Want Your Recipes and Crafts!

Mark your calendars! Bethany's Autumn Tea Room is Oct. 25-29 & Nov. 1-5 and we need recipes for our annual cook book and handmade crafts for the gift shop! Please send recipes for our annual Tea Room Cookbook to evick@bethany-umc.com no later than Aug. 31. These recipes will be added to the existing cookbook from 2019. Start getting ideas and working on those crafts now!

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!

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**.

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

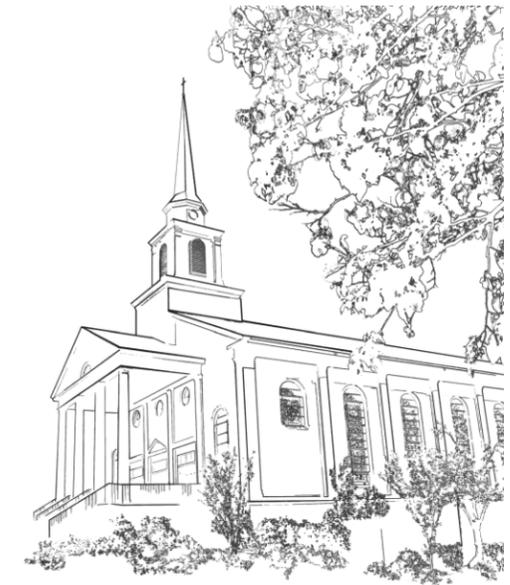
Don't forget you have access to tons of video resources - Bible studies, movies, TV shows and more - on RightNow Media. To sign up, simply text Rightnow Bethany message to 41411.

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

August 1, 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

August 1, 2021

Camp Meeting/Tenth 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 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* arr. Sandra Eithun

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, No. 133** SHOWALTER

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning (on Jesus), leaning (on Jesus),
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning (on Jesus), leaning (on Jesus),
leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in the pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. **Refrain**

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. **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 *Take the Name of Jesus with You* arr. William Doane

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology, No.94** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Hymn of Assurance, No. 600** WORDS OF LIFE

Wonderful Words of Life

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;

words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

Refrain: Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
all so freely given, wooing us to heaven. **Refrain**

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever. **Refrain**

The Scripture Lesson 2 Samuel 16:5-13, 19:15-23

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 arr. Robert De Cormier

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child

Diane Rodwell, contralto; Jacob Turner, bass

Sermon Rev. Mark Barnes

"Are You St. George or the Dragon?"

***Hymn of Dedication, No. 365** MOODY

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
there where the blood of the Lamb was split.

Refrain: Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
threaten the soul with infinite loss;
grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
points to the refuge, the mighty cross. **Refrain**

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide.
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide,
brighter than snow you may be today. **Refrain**

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see his face,
will you this moment his grace receive? **Refrain**

*Blessing of the People

***Postlude** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* arr. Oliver Holden

*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 honor of our 65th wedding anniversary by Claude and Mary Rowe.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 ~ Team Leader: Jeremy Dunlap; Greg Horres, Frank Monterisi, Travis Wheeler, Justin Murrie, Cory Rogers, Michael Wood, Denny Sullivan,

11:15 ~ Team Leader: Mike Field; Bill Jones, Peggy Acord, Myron and Lisa Hinton, Debra Towe

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 25, 2021. These figures are unverified.)

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| *Budget Contributions | \$ 23,959.68 |
| *Budget Funds Contributed to Date | 976,207.26 |
| *Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date | 29,195.52 |

Capital Campaign (Figures for July 25, 2021)

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| *Capital Campaign Contributions | 2,341.38 |
| *Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date..... | 73,883.57 |

Presence (July 25, 2021)

8 am Worship – 41; Word & Table Worship – 73;
Sanctuary Worship 435; Sunday School - 323