

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Teachers

Children's Ministry is still looking for Sunday school teachers. Specifically we are looking for Kindergarten and 3rd grade teachers. We only need one more teacher in each of these grades. We have teams for each grade, so it is not a weekly commitment. If you would like more information about teaching Sunday school, please email smitchum@bethany-umc.com or call 843.343.8494.

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!

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!

Painting Project

We are excited that the contractor has started the work to wash, repair and repaint the exterior of the church, including the steeples. The work should continue over the next few weeks. Please be alert as you visit the church and avoid areas in which work is being done. The support from the congregation has been outstanding with over \$68,000 in donations at this time. We are still accepting donations for this project to help defray the estimated \$100,000 cost.

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](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 15, 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 15, 2021
Twelfth 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 *Trumpet Voluntary* Jeremiah Clark

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

Welcome and Parish Concerns

***Processional Hymn, No. 577** CWM RHONDDA
God of Grace and God of Glory

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.*

Blessing of the Backpacks

Offertory *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* arr. Dan Forrest

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

***Hymn of Assurance, No. 402** I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

(8:45 - At this time 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 and pick them up ASAP.)

The Gospel Lesson Mark 9:33-37

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

Anthem River in Judea, arr. John Leavitt
Chancel Choir

Oftentimes I dream of music, of the river that freely flows.
And it sings a song sweeter than honey, one everybody knows.
Late at night, I hear it singing, then again when I wake at dawn.
And it fills me up with hope and goodwill, the will to go on, Go on.
(Chorus)

There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago.
And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know.
I believe it keeps on trav'lin' but it rests on the Sabbath day.
And the time when it pauses in stillness, I almost hear it pray.
When I'm weary and downhearted, how I long for the song it sings,
For the calm within its gentle blue, the peace that it brings, it brings.
(Chorus)
May the time not be too distant when we meet by the river (meet by the) shore.
'Til then dream of that wonderful day as we sing once more, once more:
(Chorus)
Hallelujah!!!

Sermon "Mr. Rogers and Jesus" Rev. Mitch Houston

Affirmation of Faith, No. 881 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, No. 70 *Glory Be to the Father* MEINEKE

***Hymn of Dedication, No. 398** GALILEE
Jesus Call Us

***Blessing of the People**

***Postlude** G. F. Handel
Allegro Maestoso (from Water Music)

*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 Sehart, Membership Director, at jsehart@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.

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 August 8, 2021. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions\$ 34,241.09
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date 1,046,011.55
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date 32,529.52

Capital Campaign (Figures for August 8, 2021)

*Capital Campaign Contributions 3,893.94
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date..... 80,360.95

Presence (August 8, 2021)

8 am Worship – 40; Word & Table Worship – 87; Sanctuary Worship 307; Sunday School - 315