

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sympathy: We extend Christian Sympathy to Effie Hatchett and family on the death Harvey Hatchett. Harvey died Monday, August 23.

Third Grade Bible Presentation

Third Graders and their families are invited to join us for a special Bible presentation Sunday, September 26 at 8:45 & 11:15 traditional services and 8:45 Word & Table service. Please contact Emily Vick at if you would like to participate or have any questions

Operation Christmas Child

Children's Ministries is partnering with other churches in Summerville to pack 1000 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. A project of Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child provides a box filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children around the world as a tangible expression of God's love for them. Bethany will be collecting 1000 combs and 1000 small toys (such as jump ropes, small balls, etc.) to be placed in boxes along with items collected at other churches. On November 7, we will all meet in Hutchinson Square for a packing party. You can place donated combs and toys in collection boxes in the Children's Ministries office. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please mark it Operation Christmas Child.

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!

OPEN DOORS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED. Epworth Children's Home goes above and beyond providing food and shelter for children who have experienced abuse, neglect, and tragedy. It provides children with tutoring, counseling, health care, fun activities, and the spiritual formation they need to heal and gain a sense of belonging. Through the ministry of Epworth Children's Home, we open our doors to these children, surround them with comprehensive care and provide them with the opportunity to transform their lives. On Sunday, September 12th our congregation will stand with Epworth to break the cycle of abuse, neglect, and shame through our collection of the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering. Without the support of churches like ours, Epworth could not provide transformational care for children in need. We invite you to give generously to the children who are served by Epworth. For more information, please visit Epworth at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

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**.

Wi-fi Password

If you would like to connect to Wi-Fi while on church property, please use the guest connection and password **0bethanywelcome**.

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.

Ascend Youth

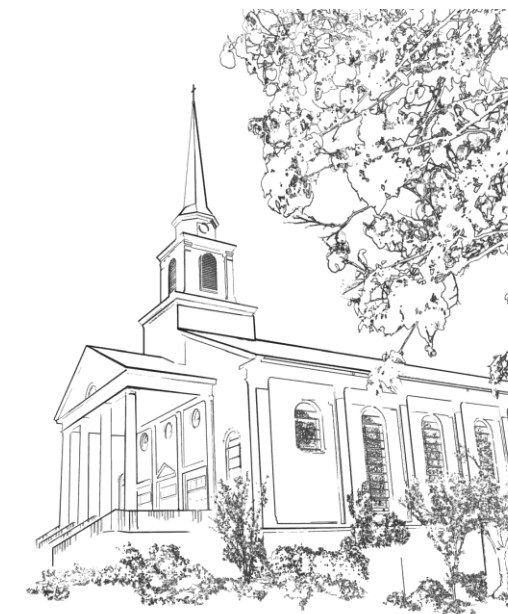
ASCEND welcomes any and all middle and high school students! We provide a safe place for youth to grow in their faith in a Christian Community as they deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. Ascend meets on Sunday nights from 6:30-8pm in the Fellowship Hall. There are many events throughout the year as well. The Lock-In for Friday, Sept. 10 is open to registration now. Please visit the website to register and for a calendar of events!

KidsCare

Bethany KidsCare is looking for two counselors/bus drivers for the school year. If you are interested in joining the KidsCare team at Bethany please contact Tom Thurman at kids care@bethany-umc.com or at 854.429.1842.

BETHANY United Methodist Church

August 29, 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
Ms. Emily Vick, Creative Ministries Director
Ms. 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 29, 2021

Fourteenth 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

In the Sweet By and By arr. Gary Prim
Susan Cadwell, piano

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. 73** *O Worship the King* LYONS

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

Sarabande (from Third Cello Suite in C Major) J. S. Bach
Drew Hamrick, cello

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

***Hymn of Assurance, No. 700** *Abide with Me* EVENTIDE

(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

Luke 19:1-10 NT Pg.82

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

Anthem *For Everyone Born* arr. Tom Trenney
Women's Ensemble; Drew Hamrick, cello; Susan Cadwell, piano

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain: And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, **Refrain**

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free! **Refrain**

Sermon "Up a Tree" 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. 733** MARCHING TO ZION
Marching to Zion

*Blessing of the People

***Postlude** *Toccata in C* Johann Pachelbel

*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 in loving memory of Lynn Locklair on his birthday by his family.

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 22, 2021. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions	\$ 31,953.75
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date	1,119,365.92
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date	37,625.62

Capital Campaign (Figures for August 22, 2021)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	2,523.19
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date.....	85,651.58

Presence (August 22, 2021)

8 am Worship – 50; Word & Table Worship – 117; Sanctuary Worship 411; Virtual Worship – 920; Sunday School – 290; Youth 121

Painting Project

Thank you for your continued contributions for the painting project. We have now collected over \$85,000.