

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Epworth Children's Home Offering Next Sunday!

Next Sunday is the annual Work Day offering for Epworth Children's Home. This tradition dates back decades to when Methodists were challenged to "Give a Day's Pay" to the children at Epworth. While the emphasis has shifted a bit over the years, it is still important that we come together to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support for the children at Epworth. As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children, remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. He embraces them, welcomes them, loves them, and teaches them. Epworth is answering this call to let the little children come. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who are served by Epworth. Epworth does not receive apportionment dollars from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, please visit www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

UMCOR

Every dollar you give goes directly to the people in need when you give through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Through our Connectional giving, the United Methodist Church pays the administrative costs. Please write your checks to Bethany for Ida to give to our US Disaster Response and to Haiti for International Disaster Response. Most of all, we join in praying for perseverance and peace during these troubling times. Lord hear our prayers.

Living Water Ministry

We would like to invite to serve at the Summerville Family YMCA's Flowertown Festival Oct. 8-10. During the festival, Bethany will again provide a refreshing Oasis with a free bottle of "Living Water" and a cross, as people visit our "Oasis/Picnic Area." You can be a part of this outreach ministry by making a donation in the offering plate, church office, or in the container on the display table near the kitchen entrance to the Fellowship Hall. Please clearly mark your check for "Living Water." Volunteers are needed to welcome our guests, hand out the "Living Water," answer questions, and pray. Look for sign ups coming soon!

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 evick@bethany-umc.com if you would like to participate or have any questions

Youth Needs

We need YOU! Youth Ascend is in need of volunteers. 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.

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!

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](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.

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 kidscare@bethany-umc.com or at 854.429.1842.

Happy Hearts

Our free September 24th meeting will be Tim Lowry, the storyteller. We will NOT have a meal and we will meet at 1:00 p.m. so you will have time to eat before coming. We strongly recommend wearing a mask.

BETHANY United Methodist Church

September 5, 2021
8:45 am and 11:15 am 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

September 5, 2021

15th 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 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus arr. Anthony Giamonco

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. 567** NATIONAL HYMN
Heralds of Christ

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 Be Not Afraid arr. Dan Forrest

Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you;
Be not afraid: I have called you by name.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;
When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;
You are mine, you are precious in my sight.

- Based on Isaiah 43: 1-4

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

The First Lesson Hebrews 10:11-18 NT Pg. 224

***Hymn of Assurance, No. 694** ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

(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 John 3:16-21 NT Pg. 94
Minister: The word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem How Can I Keep from Singing? arr. Eric Nelson
Chancel Choir

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation.
I hear the sweet, though faroff hymn that hails anew creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? My Savior still is living.
What though the shadows gather 'round? A new song Christ is giving.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love commands both heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

Sermon "Mice and Faith" 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. 555** ST. GERTRUDE
Forward Through the Ages

*Blessing of the People

***Postlude** arr. Allen Biester
Fanfare and Allegretto on NICAEA

*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 honor of our family by Mac and Rossie McLaurin.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 ~ Team Leader: Bill Phillips; Ron Clayton, Brian Collier, Bob Iannace, Tim McConnell, Ed Muckenfuss, Scott Muckenfuss, Marion Thompson
11:15 ~ Team Leader: David Morris; Bart Burford, Greg Elliott, Jimmy Jackson, Gerry Purvis, Bob Minus, Steve Wilson, Justin Goethe, Gerry Purvis

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 29, 2021. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions\$ 19,744.83

*Budget Funds Contributed to Date 1,139,110.75

*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date 39,617.82

Capital Campaign (Figures for August 29, 2021)

*Capital Campaign Contributions 2,139.44

*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date..... 87,791.02

Presence (August 29, 2021)

8 am Worship – 39; Word & Table Worship – 97; Sanctuary Worship - 340;
Virtual Worship – 827; Sunday School – 302; Youth - 108