

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blood Drive

Bethany will be hosting a blood drive on Monday, Oct. 4 in the Fellowship Hall from 12:30 pm-5:30 pm. Please consider donating! You may schedule your appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: **BethanyUMC**, or call Rodney at 843.709.0953.

Silent Auction

We are excited about the upcoming Autumn Tea Room happening on Oct. 25-29 and Nov. 1-5. As many of you know, this is the major fundraiser for our missions teams. Along with the scrumptious lunches and desserts, the gift shop will be open daily as well as our silent auction. **Here's where we need YOUR help!** Please consider offering a vacation home, an item from your business, a craft, or a service. In the past, our most popular items have been dinners for 6, cake of the month, yard services, gift cards from our local businesses, tutoring services, make-up/makeover, sports packages like pitching lessons, and special occasion flower arrangements. You're only limited by your imagination. We all know our circumstances last year prevented us from having a traditional Tea Room and silent auction, but this year, we are looking forward to a successful in-person silent auction. Please consider helping us make the Bethany 2021 Silent Auction our best yet!

Sodas Needed for Fall Festival

Children's Ministries needs sodas of all sizes and flavors for our Fall Festival. While you are out shopping, pick up a few and drop them by the church!

Are you Crafty?

Mark your calendars! Bethany's Autumn Tea Room is Oct. 25-29 & Nov. 1-5 and we need handmade crafts for the gift shop! Start getting ideas and working on those crafts now!

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.

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.

Men's Fall Retreat

You are invited to be part of a weekend designed to build relationships between Christian brothers and between fathers and sons. Your expectation should be to enjoy real face time with brothers in Christ; to start and renew spiritual virtuous friendships, to affirm our identity as sons of God and our need for life together; to serve each other. The Men's Fall Retreat is Nov. 5-7 at Camp Bob Cooper in Summerton, SC. It is \$100/person which includes meals, lodging, snacks & drinks (if your son, under 25, is attending with you +\$75). Please make checks payable to Daily Bread Sunday School. Payment and commitment due by Oct. 15.

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: **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

September 26, 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 26, 2021
18th 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

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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. 89

HYMN OF JOY

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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.*

Reception of New Members (11:15)

Presentation of Bibles (8:45) (see insert)

First Lesson Exodus 2:1-10

OT Pg. 49

Offertory (8:45)

Traditional

He's Got the Whole World In His Hands

Children's Choirs

(11:15) *O for the Wings of a Dove* Felix Mendelssohn

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology, No. 95

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Hymn of Assurance, No. 191

Jesus Loves Me

JESUS LOVES ME

(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 9:38-41

NT Pg. 45

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Holy, Mighty, Worthy

arr. Dan Forrest

Men's Ensemble; Anne Poole, piano

Holy, holy, holy!" Seraph choirs extol Thee
Bending wings, they humbly sing of Thy lofty majesty!
Thou alone art holy! Who on earth is like Thee?
Grant that we, like Thee, may be Holy, holy, holy!

"Mighty, mighty, mighty!" Sun and stars declare Thee.
All creation joins to sing of Thy pow'r and deity!
Thou alone art mighty! Naught was made without Thee.
Grant that we Thy pow'r may see, Mighty, mighty, mighty!

"Worthy, worthy, worthy!" Saints in heav'n exalt Thee.
Lamb, once slain, now raised to reign: Savior, Judge,
and conq'ring King!
Thou alone art worthy! All was made to please Thee.
Grant that we in heav'n may sing, "Worthy, worthy, worthy!"

"Glory, glory, glory!" We, Thy church, adore Thee.
Called by grace to bring Thee praise; Trophies of Thy pow'r to save!
None shall share Thy glory! All shall bow before Thee.
Father, Son and Spirit: One! "Glory, glory, glory!" Amen!

Sermon "That's the Book for Me"

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. 593

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

*Blessing of the People

*Postlude

Toccata Jubiloso

Gerald Peterson

*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 Aubrey Carter by the family.

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

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for Sept. 19, 2021. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions	\$ 24,944.52
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date	1,222,540.45
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date	54,365.49

Capital Campaign (Figures for Sept. 19, 2021)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	1,698.88
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date.....	95,364.40

Presence (Sept. 19, 2021)

8 am Worship – 30; Word & Table Worship – 62; Sanctuary Worship - 410;
Virtual Worship – 720; Sunday School – 304; Youth – 87