

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!

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.

SNACKS

We're bringing the snacks back! We'll have individually-wrapped cookies and cakes on the back tables. If you would like to donate, you can drop them by the business office, marking them for Word & Table.

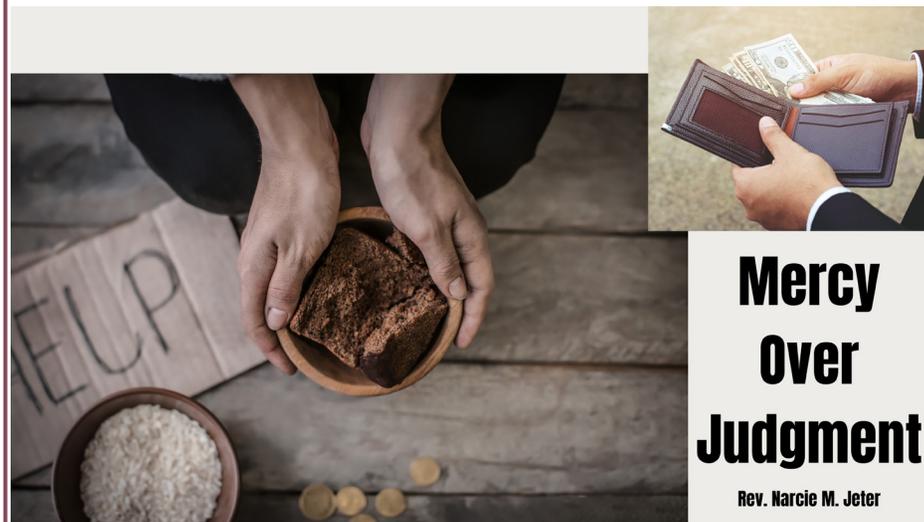
TEXT TO GIVE OPTION

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!

LET US KNOW YOU JOINED US IN WORSHIP,
PLACE YOUR CAMERA OVER THIS QR CODE.



Welcome to Word & Table



**Mercy
Over
Judgment**

Rev. Marcie M. Jeter

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

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• ORDER OF WORSHIP •

WELCOME

PRAISE SONGS

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

KIDS' MOMENT

SCRIPTURE JAMES 2: 1-17

MESSAGE "MERCY OVER JUDGMENT"

COMMUNION

CLOSING SONG

BENEDICTION

James 2: 1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? 2 For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, 3 and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," 4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? 5 Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? 7 Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? 8 You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 9 But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. 11 For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. 12 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. 13 For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. 14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? 17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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.

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.

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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.