

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Sabbath

This morning we are celebrating the youngest members of our congregation. Children will have integral rolls in all aspects of worship today. Our theme is "Building our Faith Foundation".

Please Note: Children's Church will not be offered this morning. Children are encouraged to attend and participate in worship with their families for Children's Sabbath.

Fall Festival Today

Everyone is invited to join Children's Ministries in the Bethany parking lot this afternoon for the Fall Festival from 3-5 pm! It is going to be a fun time for all. There will be games, inflatables, cake walks, trunk or treat, and more! Put your Halloween costumes on and bring the whole family!

Tech Ministries Workday

Technical Ministries will be having a workday on Saturday, Oct. 23 starting at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. They need as much help as possible. They will be pulling cables, making connections, and mounting some hardware to improve the Tearoom and other critical functions. If you have any questions, please email Danny Trump at techsupport@bethany-umc.com.

Memorial Service for Rev. Dave Mills

A Memorial Service for Rev. Dave Mills will be held in the Sanctuary Oct. 23 at 1pm. There will also be a full military ceremony on Feb. 4, 2022 at 3 pm in Arlington National Cemetery. Visitors are welcome, you just need to be in a car and meet at 2:15 pm in front of the Administrative Building of Arlington.

All Saints' Sunday – November 7

Bethany UMC will honor our church family who became Saints this past year. We will recognize their names on Sunday, November 7 during all services

Ecuador 2022 Mission Trip

Ecuador 2022 mission trip is being planned for June 2022. Covid vaccinations are at 79% of the population (older than 16) with plans to vaccinate youth between 5 and 16 beginning mid October. Because of the vaccination level, the Methodist Church in Ecuador is able to once again support mission groups. If you are interested in participating in the Ecuador 2022 mission trip, please contact Steve Bishop at f1skier@comcast.net or 843.696.6938 and/or attend the information meeting being planned for November 7 at 10 am (during the Sunday school hour) in room 126.

Bethany Ball

Registration is now open for Bethany Ball and will close on Nov. 19. The season will conclude the week of March 7. There will be one practice a week and games will be on Saturdays. Coaches are needed! The cost is \$100 and you can register online at www.bethany-umc.com.

Join the Stephen Ministry Team

Are you a good listener? Do you have a caring spirit? Do you like one-on-one relationships? If you answer yes...then SAY YES to STEPHEN MINISTRY! A new training class is forming for January 2022. Apply NOW to be a part of the helping team of Bethany Stephen Ministers. Classes consist of one weeknight class per week; January – May. All materials provided. Please find applications in the Welcome Center or you may get an application from Pastor Mark Barnes. Deadline for applications is Nov. 30.

Thanksgiving Food Bags

Monetary donations are now being collected to provide turkey/bags of food to Dorchester County families in need. 352 families were recipients in 2020! Please donate to those in need by Nov. 7 thru offering, mail or drop off at the church. If you or someone you know would like a Thanksgiving Food Bag, please call Pastor Narcie at 854.429.1848 no later than Nov. 7.

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.

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.

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.

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!

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 Debbie Dominianni (843.873.1230, ddominianni@bethany-umc.com), 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**.

Wifi Access

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

BETHANY United Methodist Church

October 17, 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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Congregation and a Welcoming Church.*

CALLED TO CARE

October 17, 2021
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Children's Sabbath

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

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

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Operation Christmas Child Clara Willmarth

Greeting

Call to Worship (8:45) *Hallelu, Hallelu* TRADITIONAL
 Cherub Choir
 Janice Waters, Director

(11:15) Corinne Bongiorno

***Hymn in Procession, No. 147** ROYAL OAK
All Things Bright and Beautiful

Collect (pray in unison) Reagan Clayton
 Bless us with love, o merciful God; That we may love as You love! That we may show patience, tolerance, kindness, caring and love to all. Be with us as we worship today so that we may hear Your words and understand that love is the greatest gift. Amen.

The First Lesson, NT Pg. 175 Sarah Jane Moody
 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
 Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Call to Prayer Cruz Russo
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People Cruz Russo

The Lord's Prayer Smith & Ellington Graffis
*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 *Our God*
 Composers: Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman, Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves
 All Children's Choirs
 Barbara Bassett, Director

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology, No. 95** OLD HUNDREDTH

***Hymn of Assurance, No. 467** TRUST AND OBEY
Trust and Obey

The Gospel Lesson, NT Pg. 94 Adelyn Bates
 John 3:15-17
 Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Hot, Hot, Burnin' Up* Andrew Wilson
 Melody and Wesley Choirs
 Barbara Bassett, Director

Sermon Rev. Mitch Houston
 "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego"

***Affirmation of Faith, No. 881** Clara Willmarth
 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** MEINEKE

***Hymn of Dedication, No. 191** JESUS LOVES ME
Jesus Loves Me

***Blessing of the People** Harper Phillips

***Postlude**

*For those who are able, 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.

HEARING DEVICES AND CELL PHONES

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 George Keifer by Susan Keifer and family.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 ~ Team Leader: Billy Hay; Laurence Clair, Stuart Courtney, Jack Cross, Steve Davis, Jim McElheny, Jonathan Patterson, Smith Graffis, Ellington Graffis, Ivy Wilson, Harper Phillips
11:15 - Team Leader: David Huffman; Marty Eubanks, Debra Towe, Bill Figard, Rick Yochim, Smith Graffis, Ellington Graffis, Ivy Wilson, Harper Phillips

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for Oct. 10, 2021. These figures are unverified.)
 *Budget Contributions.....\$ 38,292.70
 *Budget Funds Contributed to Date..... 1,317,430.10
 *Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date 61,475.49

Capital Campaign (Figures for Oct. 10, 2021)

*Capital Campaign Contributions 3,582.94
 *Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date..... 101,792.09

Presence (Oct. 10, 2021)

8 am Worship – 47; Word & Table Worship – 70; Sanctuary Worship –341; Sunday School – 277; No Youth (Flowertown Festival)