

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Lenten Services

Wednesday night Lenten services will be held at 6:15 pm in Spell Chapel.

**April 6:** Lenten Service - Rev. Ross Chellis, Duncan Memorial UMC

**April 14:** Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary

**April 15:** Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary

### Holy Week and Easter Sunday Worship Times

Bethany offers special worship services during Holy Week. It is a time of reflection and a reminder of God's grace and love for us all.

**Maundy Thursday, April 14:** Sanctuary 6:30 pm.

**Good Friday, April 15:** Good Friday Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary at 6:30 pm

**Easter Sunday, April 17:**

• 6:30 am Sunrise Service at Azalea Park\* – please bring your lawn chair  
\*(in case of rain we will move to Spell Chapel)

• 8 am Worship in Spell Chapel\*\* - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

• 8:45 am and 11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary\*\*

• 8:45 am Word and Table Contemporary in the Fellowship Hall\*\*

\*\* A Nursery will be provided

### The Flowering Cross

The flowering cross is an especially striking and beautiful way to represent the new life that emerges from the death of Christ on Good Friday. Please help us adorn the cross with flowers on Easter Sunday, as we celebrate the transformation of the rugged cross into a symbol of life and new beginning. All children's Sunday School classes will visit the cross during the Sunday School hour.

### Text to Give Option

It's easier than ever to give now! Simply text: bethanyumc to 77977.

This is a safe and convenient way to give!

### Egg Hunt- Save the Date

Join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 10 at 2 pm sharp.

4K & under will hunt on the playground K-2nd will hunt in Azalea Park

3rd-5th will have a scavenger hunt at the Youth House.

In the event of rain, the hunt will be cancelled.

### George Keifer Memorial Scholarship Application

Applications for the George Keifer Memorial Scholarship can be found online at [www.ascendstudentministries.org](http://www.ascendstudentministries.org). Applicants must be a graduating senior who is an active participant of Bethany UMC planning to be a fulltime student attending an accredited four- year institution. Applications are due by April 30.

### Children's Ministries

Children's Ministry is looking for another volunteer to help in the Kindergarten Sunday school rotation. Lessons are sent to you each week and all supplies needed are provided. This is not a weekly commitment; we have several others on the rotation. It is a fun way to spend an hour on Sunday morning! Please contact Stephanie with any questions - Stephanie Mitchum at [smitchum@bethany-umc.com](mailto:smitchum@bethany-umc.com).

### 2022 VBS-Discovery on Adventure Island

Planning for VBS is well underway! We already have over 250 kids registered, so we are looking forward to a full and exciting week. There are a few items we need help collecting. If you are out and about, please consider picking up any of these items for us. All items can be dropped off at the VBS display at the bottom of the staircase. Needed items are:

- Plastic tablecloths in green, teal, hot pink, orange, purple and yellow
- Streamers in teal, hot pink, orange, purple and yellow
- Pool noodles
- Grass table skirts
- Packs of birthday hats
- Packs of birthday noisemakers
- Kids beaded necklaces
- Packs of birthday candles
- All colors of balloons

### 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**.

### Bethany Kids!

8:45 Children's Church is geared for kids Kindergarten to 2nd grade. However, all kids Kindergarten and up are welcome to come. Kids come into worship with parents and will be escorted to room 213 where parents can pick up after service, or they can stay for Sunday school. Please make sure you fill out a Children's Church sticker in the pew. Preschoolers can be signed into room 115B at the beginning of 8:45 and 11:15 services.

Sunday school for all age kids is 10-11 am. It is an hour of fun, faith development and fellowship. If you have questions, you can email, call or text us!

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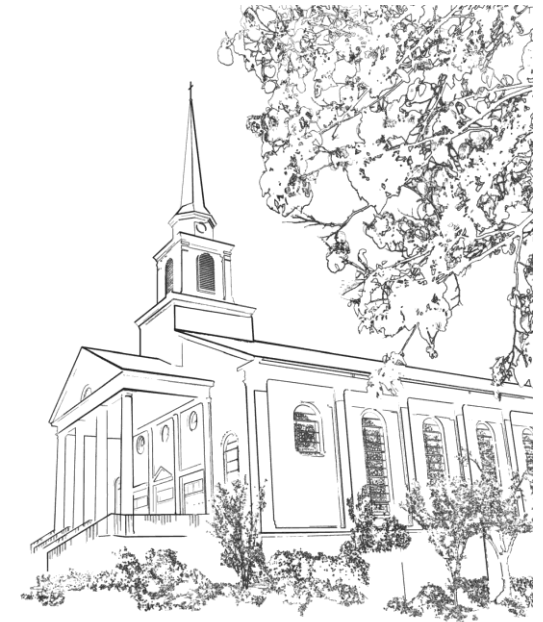
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# BETHANY

## United Methodist Church

April 3, 2022

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, Youth Director

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

April 3, 2022  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

**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** *Nearer, My God, to Thee* arr. Franklin Ashdown

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

**Welcome and Parish Concerns**

**\*Opening Hymn, No. 127** CWM RHONDDA  
*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

**Call to Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Offertory** *Abide with Me* arr. Jay Rouse

**\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

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

**\*Hymn of Assurance, No. 172** GORDON  
*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

(8:45 - At this time children may leave for Children's Church ~ ages K-5 thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade ~ **in room 214 of the Children's Wing.** Please remember to attach a Children's Church sticker to your child and pick them up ASAP.)

**The Gospel Lesson** John 8:1-11  
Leader: The word of God for the people of God.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** *You Do Not Walk Alone* Elaine Hagenberg  
Women's Ensemble; Susan Cadwell, pianist

May you see God's light on the path ahead  
When the road you walk is dark.  
May you always hear, Even in your hour of sorrow,  
The gentle singing of the lark.  
When times are hard may hardness never turn your heart to stone.  
May you always remember when the shadows fall  
You do not walk alone.

**Sermon** "Mea Culpa" Rev. Mitch Houston

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory! Glory be to thee, O Lord most high! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! Amen.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ, in whom your Word became flesh and came to dwell among us. Through Jesus' suffering and death you destroyed the power of sin and death. You raised from the dead this same Jesus, who now reigns with you in glory, and poured upon us your Holy Spirit, making us the people of your new covenant.

On the night before meeting with death Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that in unity we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by Christ's blood, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at your table for ever. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**The Giving**

**Prayer after Receiving**

**\*Hymn of Dedication, No. 539** FOREST GLEN  
*O Spirit of the Living God*

**\*Blessing of the People**

**\*Postlude** *Land of Rest* arr. Russell Schultz-Widmar

\*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](mailto:jsehr@bethany-umc.com) or 854-429-1837.

**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.*

**SERVING THIS SUNDAY**

**Communion Servers**

David & Becky Powel

**Ushers**

8:45 ~ Team Leader: Billy Hay; Laurence Clair, Stuart Courtney, Steve Davis, Jim McElheny, Jonathan Patterson, Ce Budden, Marion Watson

11:15 ~ Team Leader: David Huffman; Marty Eubanks, Debra Towe, Bill Figard, Rick Yochim

**Liturgist**

David Powell

**Audio/Video Support**

Technical Ministries Team

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

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

**Gifts** (\*Figures for Mar. 27, 2022. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions.....	\$ 39,737.85
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....	469,155.22
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....	94,907.95

**Capital Campaign** (Figures for Mar. 27, 2022))

*Capital Campaign Contributions .....	2,322.69
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date .....	84,302.18

**Presence** (Mar. 27, 2022)

8 am Spell - 59; Word & Table Worship - 102; Sanctuary Worship - 523; Youth 83; Sunday School - 407