

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Pastoral Transition Team

We are currently setting up cottage meetings. If you would like to host one at your home, please contact Joan Naugle at 843-875-2850 or joannaugle3@gmail.com. We have several people who live in town who have already volunteered. We would also like to include some surrounding neighborhoods. The meeting may be held morning, afternoon, or evening. Most will be held in September and later

We would like around 15 people to attend. Do not worry about serving food, just have places to sit. (You may have drinks or small snacks if you wish.) The meeting will last approximately 2 hours. Rev. Ritter will be asking you questions about the church and looks eager to your feedback.

New Member Sunday

Are you interested in joining our church family? New Member Sunday will be **Sunday, August 14** for all services. This is a celebration Sunday for all our friends who would like to become members.

If you are interested in joining, or for more information, please contact our Membership Director, Jack Sehr, at 843.873.1230 or jsehr@bethany-umc.com.

Hands of Christ-Monetary Donations STILL Needed!

Monetary donations are being collected to provide much-needed school supplies for the 2022-2023 school year to DD2 and DD4 schools. This year, the schools have asked for 195 book bags, plus the regular school supplies. Book bags can be dropped off in the Business Office. The book bags that we donate will have our Bethany backpack tags. Donations may be made online, placed in the offering plate on Sunday, or dropped off at the Business Office. Please put in the memo line "Hands of Christ."

Promotion Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 14 will be Promotion Sunday and the Blessing of the Backpacks. On this Sunday, all children will move up to their new Sunday School class. Bring your backpacks to church and receive a special blessing before school starts. We will also be handing out tags for the kids to attach to their backpacks to remember that their church family is praying for them and that Jesus is always with them!

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!

Wi-fi Password

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

Reverend Ritter Reception

Reminder that a drop-in reception for the Ritter family will be today at 10:00am in the Gym. Stop by to greet the Ritters and welcome them to the Bethany family. Light refreshments will be served.

Children's Church

Children's church will begin at 8:45 service only starting on Sunday August 14. Kindergarten-2nd grade begin in worship with their family and will be excused at a point in the service.

Stephen Ministry

If you are hurting and would like to talk through an issue or problem, we have Stephen Ministers ready to listen and care. Please contact Pastor Mark Barnes or Denis Tsukalas 843.871.0381, Leah Martin 404.408.5457 or Mary Kay Wrenn 843.323.2130 or 843.821.3123.

ASCEND Youth

Mark your calendars for the following ASCEND Youth dates:
August 14 6:30-7:30pm: 6th Grade ASCEND and parent meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

August 20 6-8pm: ASCEND pool party at Newington pool. Free event.

August 21 6:30-8pm: ASCEND Parking Lot Palooza to kick-off the season!

Bethany Visitation Team

We would like to rebuild the Bethany visitation ministry to our pre-COVID numbers, and we are in need of visitation volunteers. Volunteers would visit with people in their homes or in residential care facilities, seeing the same individuals once or twice a month. We are so appreciative of everyone who checked on and visited homebound friends and neighbors through the years and even during the pandemic.

We would like to have your help to get this ministry at Bethany back on track.

Please contact Pastor Mark Barnes at 843.873.1230 or mbarnes@bethany-umc.com if you are interested or have questions. Thank you!

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.

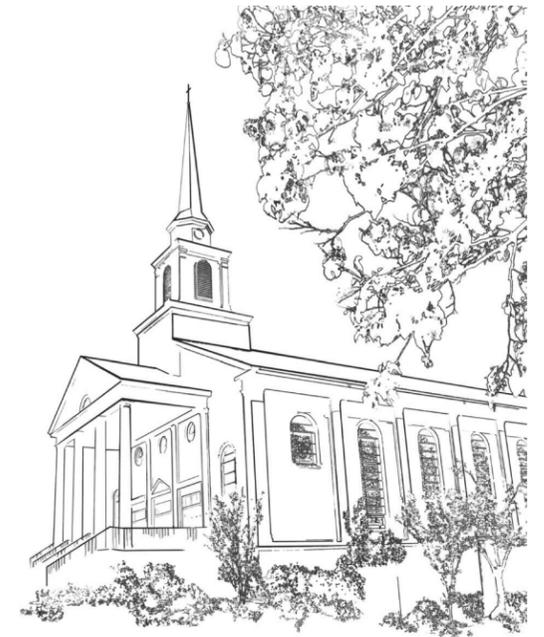
Emergency Phone

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**.

August 7, 2022
8:45 and 11:15 a.m. Worship Services

BETHANY

United Methodist Church



Rev. Michael Ritter, Senior Pastor
Rev. Narcie Jeter, Associate Pastor
Rev. Mark Barnes, Minister of Congregational Care
Rev. James Alewine, Pastor Emeritus
Mrs. Emily Vick, Director of Children's Ministries
Mrs. Stephanie Mitchum, Children's Program Director
Mr. Mike Jeter, Director of Student Ministries
Dr. Robert Taylor, Director of Music Ministries
Mr. Michael Lopez, 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

9th 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."

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Prelude

"There is a Fountain" Arr. Don Hustad

* Call to Worship

"Sanctuary" SANCTUARY

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
with Thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

* Opening Hymn

"How Firm Foundation" No. 529 FOUNDATION

* Affirmation of Faith THE 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 and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Anthem

"Keep Your Lambs"

First Reading

Isaiah 1:1,10-20 OT Pg. 630

Call to Prayer

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

Congregational 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

"Promised Land"

James R. Rogers

* Doxology

No. 95
Old 100th
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him,
all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* Hymn of Assurance

"Take Time to Be Holy" No. 395 HOLINESS

* Second Reading

Luke 12:32-40 NT Pg. 75

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"Are You Ready?" Rev. Michael Ritter

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

No. 12

* Hymn of Dedication

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" No. 102 ST. DENIO

* Benediction

* Benediction Response

Irish Blessing
*May the road rise to meet you, May the wind blow at your back,
May the sunshine warmly on your face, May the rain fall softly on your field;
And until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.*

* Chiming of the Trinity

* Postlude "Lift High the Cross" Arr. Larry Shackley

* 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. Join us for complimentary coffee from 8:45 to 10:00 a.m. every Sunday outside the Fellowship Hall, near the kitchen. If you would like more information about Bethany or becoming a member of our church, please contact Jack Sehr, Membership Director, at jsehrt@bethany-umc.com or 843-873-1230.

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 and in honor of Meg Courtney on her birthday today from Stuart, Reynolds and James Tracey Courtney.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Communion Servers

8:45 – Will and Cathy Wilber
11:15 – Sonny and Linda Grant

Ushers

8:45 - Team Leader: Jeremy Dunlap; Greg Horres, Frank Monterisi,
Travis Wheeler, Justin Murrie, Cory Rogers, Michael Wood,
Denny Sullivan

11:15 - Team Leader: Mike Field; Bill Jones, Peggy Acord,
Bruce and Susan Schreffler, David and Kathy Harris, Mac Burdette

Liturgist

8:45 & 11:15 – Mrs. Linda Huffman

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for July 31, 2022. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions.....\$ 30,575.13
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date..... 1,038,403.11
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date..... 316,684.82

Capital Campaign (Figures for July 31, 2022)

*Capital Campaign Contributions 1,521.25
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date 128,945.28

Presence (July 31, 2022)

8 am Spell Worship – 58; Word & Table Worship – 70; Sanctuary Worship – 464;
Ascend (Youth) 0; Sunday School – 342