

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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From Rev. Michael Ritter

While I was attending Candler, I attended morning devotions that included people with different languages. Because we represented several language groups, most of the devotion was conducted in our common language, English. The singing was inspiring, and the meditation that followed the scripture lesson was uplifting. Then we were invited to pray in our individual languages. Hearing the other worshipers pray in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Hawaiian, Vietnamese, and German caused me to feel as if I was experiencing what we find in Revelation 7: 9-10. Even though we did not understand all the languages spoken, we recognized the name "Jesus Christ" interwoven into each of those prayers. We were of different cultures and languages, but our hearts became one in the Christ whom we serve. We had gathered as strangers, but God brought oneness and unity to us.

God has a language which all people everywhere can understand: God's love. As we see in Revelation, people of many different nationalities and languages were gathered together because of God's love. Every one of them understood the message because the Spirit enabled the believers to speak in the different languages of the people. There is no international language, but there is a message that everyone can understand. That message is that God so loved the world that He sent His only Son to be our Savior. The Spirit will enable us to share this wonderful message of love everywhere we go. This experience at Candler gave me a new understanding of Christianity. Now, as then, the emphasis should be on the Holy Spirit who makes us one rather than on our differences.

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The other night Laurie and I had dinner with some friends. We were free to talk about anything happening in our lives. We shared our lives with these friends, people we know well and with whom we have many common interests. Our friends are like family to us, especially when we cannot be with our immediate family. People of faith also form a family.

However, this Christian family is not just Christians in our local community but a family that extends around the world, families with different languages and nationalities. From one continent to another, we all have been adopted into one family, the family of God: the family of love. We have much in common - our Savior, our redemption, our eternal home, our fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

We are all part of the body of Christ. We are bound together in fellowship with the Holy Spirit and the love of God. Let us rejoice in knowing that we will share eternity in the presence of Jesus as He gathers us together in worship and fellowship!

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Memorials and Honorariums

These are memorials from July 10th to August 10th

In Memory of Sara Stasiukaitis

By Ethan & Mary Allison (**Music Needs**)

In Honor of Eleanor Veronee

By Ethan & Mary Allison (**Music Needs**)

In Memory of Lelah C. Smith

By Ann Gill (**Hands of Christ**)
By Denis & Karen Tsukalas (**Memorials**)

In Honor of Barbara Bassett, Michael Lopez & the Choirs

By Ethan & Mary Allison (**Music Needs**)

In Memory of Eliza Bailey-Brown

By Ann Gill (**Hands of Christ**)

In Honor of Ann Bishop’s Birthday

By Roanna Payne (**Global Missions**)

In Memory of Catherine “Catty” Moore

By Ethan & Mary Allison (**Music Needs**)

In Honor of Mark Barnes

By Teresa Friar (**Stephen Ministry**)

In Memory of Wayne Dukes

By Lynn Dukes (**Local Missions**)

In Honor of Steve Bishop’s Birthday

By Roanna Payne (**Global Missions**)

Music Ministries

Hello Bethany Congregation!

Allow me to express how honored and delighted I am to be your “still new” Director of Music Ministries. Though I started in June, life circumstances kept me away in the month of July—which means I am really learning on the job now! And what a job this is! Bethany is such a special place. A special congregation. And what a music staff! There are so many wonderful musicians bringing Bethany great music! It is truly inspiring. To have been given the opportunity to lead this music program, which is legendary throughout the Lowcountry is one of the great honors of my career.



Speaking of career, I come to Bethany from the College of Charleston, where I served as Director of Choral Activities from 1998 until this past May. In addition to my position at Bethany, I have been the Chorus Master with the Charleston Symphony since 1999, and I also have a professional choir that performs through the year called the “Taylor Festival Choir”—an ensemble named after and in honor of my deceased parents, Bob and Cornelia Taylor (both music educators in my home state of Arkansas).

As I mentioned when I interviewed for the position last spring, I am very much a “buy one get one free” music director, in that my wife is Mary Taylor. Mary is a classical violinist with the Charleston Symphony, and also a renowned Irish fiddler. For twenty years, her string group Na Fidleiri toured the southeast and Ireland, and gave countless concerts in the Charleston area (including Summerville). The music-making in my family doesn’t stop there, as my daughter Kiri is a wonderful operatic and folk singer. She will be singing at Bethany from time to time!

As I settle into life in the Bethany spiritual community, please take any opportunity you have to introduce yourself. I really want to get to know everyone. One thing about me is I have never met a stranger. I would love to meet each of you and hear your story. And, if you have any musical talent, *please* tell me. I would like nothing more than to increase the number of folks that are involved in any of our musical offerings in our four services.

Again, I cannot express how happy my family is that I was hired here. Working with everyone has been so delightful. The entire Bethany team is amazing. And, what a privilege it is to work with spiritual leaders such as Mark, Narcie and our new Senior Pastor Michael. They inspire me every week. God led me to you, and with Mary singing in the choir and playing her violin, we will give you everything we have to bring to you the sacred fulfillment of music each and every Sunday, and all other special occasions.

Oh, and one more thing. Being from Arkansas, I am a huge Arkansas Razorback fan. Go Hogs! If there are any other Hog fans out there (I have already met one!) let me know! We are outnumbered in these parts!

In all seriousness, thank you for this opportunity.

God Bless,
Rob Taylor



The graphic is a rectangular box with a light green border. It features two identical illustrations of a small house with a red roof, white walls, and a heart-shaped window, flanked by green vines. The text is centered and reads: "Please call the host if you would like to attend the following meetings. We are limiting them to 15 people per meeting." Below this, there is a list of five meetings with their dates, times, hosts, addresses, and phone numbers.

Cottage Meeting

Please call the host if you would like to attend the following meetings.
We are limiting them to 15 people per meeting.

Cottage Meeting

- 8/29 7:00 -9:00 Pam and Jim Kahl 117 Brownfield Dr. (Town) 843-830-9397
- 9/9 7:00 -9:00 Elizabeth and Richard Hogue 107 Guilford Dr. (Knightsville) or revrichardhogue@gmail.com 301-821-7848
- 9/13 1:30 - 3:30 Janie Banks 510 Central Ave. (Town) 843-834-0191
- 9/15 6:40 - 8:30 Betsy and Berlin Myers 108 Colleton Ave. (Town) or betsym1124@gmail.com 843-871-2442
- 9/28 10:00-12:00 Joan and Karl Naugle 107 Spring St. Quail Arbor) 843-875-2850

Bethany Gift & Gourmet Market ***October 26-30 & November 2-6***



The Bethany Market will feature handmade crafts, homemade desserts & casseroles and more. This will be a great time to shop for gift items, holiday ornaments and decorations and lots more. There will be an assortment of baked goods, as well as apples fresh from North Carolina orchards.

Things will look different this year. Instead of hosting a dining room, with prepared meals, we will have an expanded Gift Shop and Market. The gift shop will include all the amazing crafts that are made and donated to Bethany. Also included will be homemade desserts, either whole or by the slice. New additions to the Market will be homemade soups and casseroles available for purchase. We are asking the congregation's help in preparing the casseroles and desserts so that we can keep our expenditures to a minimum. A smokey tortellini soup and a shrimp and corn chowder will be made in-house and available both fresh and frozen. Also offered will be June's Chicken Salad, chicken salad for sandwiches, and pimento cheese – all homemade and in 1 or 2 cup portions.

There will be small sitting area available for patrons to enjoy their dessert and a complimentary coffee or tea. This will be a self-serve area, and we hope that you and your friends will come enjoy some fellowship along with an amazing dessert.

We are not having the Silent Auction this year, so we are not accepting home goods. It is our hope that the casserole and food sales will more than make up for any income generated in previous years through the Silent Auction.

How can you support the Bethany Gift & Gourmet Market:

Pray – we need lots of prayers for a successful event

Craft – make handmade crafts to sell

Bake – we need lots of homemade delicacies each day

Cook – prepare a casserole for sale

Volunteer – we will need volunteers in the kitchen, gift shop, sitting area, set-up, and break-down

Shop – come shop with us!

As in the past, the Market will help fund Bethany's support of mission organizations in our community. This is an amazing way to help those in our area who need a helping hand. This year's Market will support: ***Bethany KidsCare, Charleston Wesley, DCCO: Home of Hope & Hope's House, Doors to Freedom, Dorchester Children's Advocacy Center, Dorchester Habitat for Humanity, Ecuador, Florence Crittendon, Hearts for Summerville, HELP of Summerville, Holy City Ministries (Aldersgate Warming Shelter), Lowcountry Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Lowcountry Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, My Sister's House.***

If you would like more information about the Bethany Market, contact Emily Vick at evick@bethany-umc.com or 843-343-2506.

Calling All Crafters

Pick up your scissors, find your glue gun and get crafting! Start working now on making crafts for the Market. We are looking for handmade items that anyone would love to have in their home. Some popular items are Christmas ornaments, 18" doll clothes, Christmas decorations, and small purses. There are lots of easy crafts that anyone can do – just look online or see Emily Vick for an idea. On Wednesdays this Fall, we will be offering a class to make items for the Market. All supplies will be provided, and anyone can do these! Come join us then or get working at home.



Bethany NOW

Nurture • Outreach • Worship

Wednesday Nights this Fall

Join us on Wednesday evenings this fall for Faith, Food & Fellowship. Every week adults, students and kids gather to eat, learn and grow in their faith. Join us for a meal in the Fellowship Hall so you don't have to worry about dinner plans and stay for a class.

Bethany NOW Schedule

5-6pm	Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
6 – 7:30pm	Kids Activities
6:15 – 7:30	Youth and Adult Activities

Dinner Costs

\$8 Adults

\$6 Seniors 65 & Older

\$4 Kids 12 & under

\$20 Family Max (immediate family)

Menu –

September 7	BBQ Chicken Breast Sandwich, Potato Salad, Slaw, Dessert
September 14	Build your own burger bar, chips, dessert
September 21	Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert
September 28	Homemade pizza, Salad, Dessert

Adults Activities

The Gospel According to Scrooge/The Gospel According to the Nutcracker Room 240

Led by Rev. Tim Reeves

"A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens is one of the most beloved books/stories of all time. Yet, how much do you know about the "real" story behind this beloved masterpiece? Charles Dickens was an unabashed Christian and he made no apologies for how he incorporated his faith into this story. Yet, the majority of television performances and movies tend to overlook Dickens' faith statements. "The Gospel According to Scrooge" will be a four-part, in-depth examination of Dickens' faith statements in this story.

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We'll learn how Mr. Dickens' purposely meant his most popular story to be a faith statement, not just another Christmas story. We'll be reading the original text, not the abridged versions. The second part of this 8-week study will be a four-week examination of the Christian faith aspects of another favorite Christmas story, *The Nutcracker*. We'll examine how aspects of the Christian faith have been interwoven into the plot line of this favorite Christmas story known more for its ballet dancing than any faith statements. The classes will involve reading and open discussion. Participants will need a copy of Dickens *A Christmas Carol* to read. For a fun pre-Christmas time, sign up for this experience.

The Smart Stepfamily

Room 238

Led by Hank & Kelly Sieling

When stepfamily life gets tough, remaining dedicated to your commitment is a day-to-day decision. In this series, couples learn fundamental steps to blended family success and practical, realistic solutions to the issues you face as a stepfamily. Useable solutions for everyday living, practical tips for raising step kids, and ways to strengthen your marriage are all part of this series. Also included is instruction and encouragement that affirms both husbands and wives and their intent to build strong families.

Jesus in the Gospels

Room 237

Led by Marc Jacques

JESUS IN THE GOSPELS focuses on the portraits of Jesus from the four Gospels. We will be focusing on the three synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, viewing these Gospels in side-by-side comparisons. This study looks at the way each Gospel writer presents events and teachings and at the picture of Jesus that emerges. This is an intensive study that does require preparation time from each participant, approximately 5 hours of reading each week. Participants can expect to gain a fuller understanding and appreciation of the Gospels as richly textured portraits of Jesus.

Let's Get Crafting

Room 118

Led by TBD

Want to help make items for our Market gift shop but don't know where to start? Join this group each Wednesday as they prepare simple items that will be sold at the Bethany Gift and Gourmet Market this fall. Simple, easy crafts will be provided each week, along with the supplies and instructions. We just need people to help put them all together. If you have ideas for crafts, share them with us, so we can make them a part of the session.

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Plarning Mat Ministry

Room 122

Ever wonder what to do with all of those plastic grocery bags? We have an answer! The Plarning Mat Ministry takes common plastic bags and weaves them into sturdy sleeping mats. The bags are cut made into a plastic yarn, known as plarn, and using the same technique as knitting a rug, are then knitted together to make a durable, waterproof sleeping mat. These mats are then given to those who might not have a comfortable, dry place to sleep at night. No experience is necessary – even if you can't knit help is needed to sort and prepare the bags, cut them into the plarn and of course weave them together.

Bible 101

Room 239

Led by Rev. Narcie Jeter

Using videos, which blend live action and animations, we will gain a working knowledge of the Bible, including canon, history, testaments, Gospels, genre, interpretations, grace, prayer and a Wesleyan understanding of scripture.

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United Women in Faith Mission Work Day

Sunday, September 11, 2022

2:00 pm – 4:30pm Fellowship Hall

Fabric has been purchased and 100+ Comfort Blankets and 100+ Personal Belongings bags are being prepared for completion. They will go to the Epworth Children's Center Foster care children.

We need all women of bethany of all ages to participate for this effort to be successful! You do not need to sew to help; just cut, tie, and lace!

Come and enjoy Christian fellowship and catch up with all your friends while we all work together. Bring a friend! You do not need to be a member of UWF.

In addition, we will again be participating in the Period Project.

We will be preparing a minimum of 500+ packets for school age children and youth who cannot afford sanitary supplies. These packets keep them from missing school each month. Donations needed are gallon zip-lock bags, pads, panty liners, and feminine hygiene wipes. \ All sanitary products must be individually wrapped when purchased. Start collecting now!

Remember: **WE NEED EVERYONE TO HELP!**

We are counting on you! The children are counting on you! See you there!!!

Collection boxes for sanitary supplies will be available outside the business office beginning June 1st.

Youth BNOW (6th – 12th grades) Activities

Small Groups

Kids BNOW (ages 3 by Sept. 1, 2022 – 5th grade) Activities

6:00 – 6:45

3 year old, 4 year old, Kindergarteners

Cherub Choir Practice

Choir for children 3 years old (by Sept. 1 of the current year) through Kindergarten. They learn basic Bible songs while incorporating movement.

1st – 2nd Graders

Melody Choir Practice

Choir for 1st and 2nd graders. This group learns songs to enhance their faith.

3rd – 5th Graders

Crafting Faith

A brief bible study with an Arts & Crafts component led by the amazing Mrs. Sharon. They will focus on one theme for the entire session, and complete crafts that reinforce the lesson.

6:45 – 7:30

3 year old's, 4 year old's, Kindergarteners

Sprouts Bible Story Time

Bible story time for children 3 years through pre-K 5-year old's. They hear basic bible stories combined with playtime.

1st – 2nd Graders

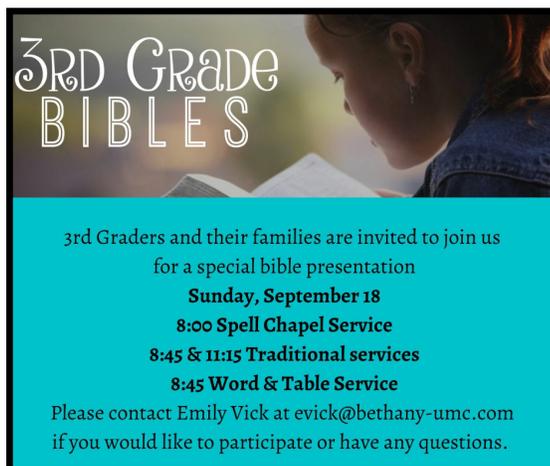
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3rd – 5th Graders

Wesley Choir Practice

Choir for 3rd – 5th graders. This group learns more advanced songs of the Christian faith.

A poster for a 3rd Grade Bibles presentation. The top half features the text "3RD GRADE BIBLES" in a white, serif font over a background image of a young girl reading a book. The bottom half has a solid teal background with white text.

3rd Graders and their families are invited to join us
for a special bible presentation
Sunday, September 18
8:00 Spell Chapel Service
8:45 & 11:15 Traditional services
8:45 Word & Table Service
Please contact Emily Vick at evick@bethany-umc.com
if you would like to participate or have any questions.

LOCAL MISSIONS

Summerville HS Food Pantry

The "Joyful Givers" was started in 2018 by Bethany United Women in Faith. We decided to focus on the homeless and needy women and children of Dorchester County. Every month we would choose a shelter or school pantry. I would send a letter with charity's mission statement and list of items they needed. Our moto: One Person, One Item = One Life Change. We also wanted to share in the "Joy of Giving" in our community. Del Webb of Nexton, and Rogers and Brown Shipping Company became our Community Partners. We are thrilled and excited so many people are joining our group.

This month we will be donating to Summerville High School Food Pantry. The Staff at SHS provide a safe environment that nurtures, challenges and enables students to achieve their full potential. Unfortunately, some students are homeless and may be living in a car. Students are considered homeless if they do not have a fixed address and are moving frequently. These children may have little to eat and not have had dinner the night before. The food pantry saves the students from a day of hunger. SHS food pantry desperately needs prepackaged single serving food such as:

Peanut Butter & Cheese Crackers

Fruit Cups, nuts & pretzels

Microwaveable Ravioli, Spaghetti, or Mac & Cheese

Energy & Granola Bars

Pop Tarts, Breakfast Bars, or Brownie

Snack Bags of Crackers/Chips

Bring one item and change a student's life! Most items can be found in your home or at Dollar Tree. In the spirit of God's love, can you forward this email to a friend or relative? The more you give the better you feel!!

Donation Containers: Bethany United Methodist Church business office, Rogers and Brown Shipping Company's container box in their lobby, Del Webb at Nexton at their Amenity Center

Sue Smith, Program Coordinator (301-904-3427)

Phyllis and Joe Laferte, Del Webb at Nexton Coordinator (843-810-1126)

Lisa Flynn, Rogers & Brown Coordinator (843-958-2220)



We blessed these backpacks with our "You got this!" backpack tags!



Thank you!

Thank you for helping collect **248 backpacks!** We were able to provide all we needed for Hands of Christ plus giving 58 to Hearts for Summerville.



Katie's Krops Desserts

Thursday, September 8th and 29th

We are in need of **600** individually wrapped homemade desserts to be paired with Katie's Krops meals. Please deliver to the business office by Thursday no later than 11:00 am. Thank you for your help with this ministry.

If you have any questions, please contact Narcie at njeter@bethany-umc.com or 854-429-1848.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is an important ministry at Bethany. The shawls are prayed for as they are made, the pastors bless them, and they are given out to support people in Christian love and support. The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets quarterly, the first Monday of the quarter - January, April, July, and September in room 118 at 2 pm. If you have any questions about being a part of this meaningful ministry or if you would like to give one of the prayer shawls to a person in need, please contact Marge Veneziano at 843-607-4519.

ECUADOR '22

Global mission

Our bags were all packed and off to Ecuador we went! Our mission team (Brittany and Steve Bishop; Hank Bennett; Ainsley, Corbin and Daniel Rogers, Jim Parrish, Roanna Payne, TJ Pendavaris and Joe Willson) met at the Charleston International



airport at 4am to check-in. It was so early in the morning that the majority of the airport restaurants were not open. Hungry as we may have been, we were limited in what we could find to eat in Charleston and would have to wait until we arrived in Miami, our first stop on the way to Ecuador in South America. As we approached the gate in Charleston, we noticed that weather seemed to be pretty bad in Miami, and the ticketing agents were asking people to change their flights due to a mini tropical depression that had developed in the region. We didn't panic because the agent was making those with connecting flights a priority. Luckily we all got on board and made our way south. We flew into misty rain and luckily landed with little to no turbulence in Miami. Who knew flying in a tropical depression could be so smooth? After grabbing a quick lunch, we hopped on our second leg of the flight to Quito. Five and a half hours later, a few bags of airline pretzels, a Sprite, and a good attitude, we landed in beautiful Quito. By the grace of God, the landing was quite smooth. Because the Quito airport sits in a valley, the wind can pick up causing some pretty rocky turbulence on the landing.

After arriving, we made our way through customs and met up with Sarah Flores and Dakin Cook (our on the ground leaders and missionaries). We then boarded a small bus to take us down to Pastocalle, a countryside village outside of Latacunga which is roughly 90 miles south of the capital city Quito. Once we arrived, we settled into our hostel and met in the dining hall for dinner. Each morning and each night, a member of our team would give a daily devotion. These devotions were a place to share where God was at work in our lives, offer encouragement for struggles we might be going through, and set the tone for our team in a positive direction.

ECUADOR '22 CONTINUED

Occasionally towards the end of the day, we would be met by wind and rain. Rain would shut us down on some days forcing us to unplug all extension cords, protect all power tools, and have us wait for the rain to pass. During our time, we learned to solve many problems and mastered a system that allowed us to get up as many steel beams as possible each day. From painting rafters, moving steel beams, and storing metal shingles, our team was able to get a lot accomplished on our mission.

On Friday afternoon, we received word from the locals that an ensuing protest would be happening in the region. Some of the indigenous populations were unhappy with the country's politics and were planning to shut down all road systems in and out of the capital city, Quito as a way of protesting their concerns. These protests, according to Dakin and Sarah, could last anywhere from a few days to a few weeks. Our team discussed what the best course of action to take should be. It was deemed that the best action for us to take was to make our way back home before the situation got worse. We spent the entire rest of the day, and the following day doing the finishing touches we could for the roof structure. Though we were not able to get the metal roof shingles on, we were able to successfully raise all of the steel beams. We were assured by Pastor Victor and Dakin that the local community could install the metal roof shingles.

Saturday afternoon, we made our way back to Quito and took up residence for a few days in a beautiful old nunnery. We explored the city, ate at a small restaurant that overlooked the capital city, and explored the local market. Early the following Sunday morning, the bus picked us up to take us back to the airport to head home. Though faced with many challenges, as a group we came together to continue God's mission work that has been set before us, giving God the glory, and helping the people of Ecuador have a faith-based school they can be proud of.

On Sunday, we made our way to the local Methodist church, singing worship songs and heard a message from the local pastor. Allen Smith signed up to give an additional message in English with one of our team leaders Dakin translating in Spanish. Allen and TJ also shared their musical talents with the church. After church and lunch, it was on to the job site which has been rather quiet for the past few years due to the constraints of Covid-19. Our mission for this trip was to erect a steel beam roof system for a new faith-based school in the area.



Our crew was led by Daniel and TJ, two expert carpenters who were also skilled in welding. The first day we spent a lot of time preparing the site, making extension cords, building scaffolding, setting up the welding machines, building sawhorses, and grinding away excess rebar on the tops of the concrete columns. These columns would be where our steel beams roof system would be built attached.

Days would start off quite chilly. Though we were close to the equator, it was winter time in South America, and we were roughly 12,000 ft above sea level. Clouds covered the majority of the sky most days we were there, but on occasion the sun would show itself, revealing one of the most beautiful mountain volcanoes, Cotopaxi. When Cotopaxi came out, we would stop to get a glimpse of its majesty. Lunch would be served to us each day with a mix of chicken, rice, and a snack which was typically plantains, apples, or some sort of fruit.

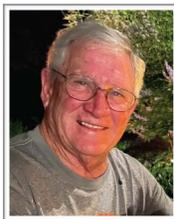
During lunch we had a local dog visit us regularly for our leftovers. Each day, the dog would be waiting patiently for his afternoon treat, and eventually he seemed to invite his other dog friends to come by as well. They were so eager and excited for Roanna to feed them that they would jump in the air for joy when it was feeding time.



A Stephen Ministry Minute

Please congratulate two more Bethany members who were commissioned in June to join the Stephen Ministry team. Steve Wilson completed 50 hours of training to become a Stephen Minister and Sue Malphrus finished the Leader Course to reinforce her position on the Board.

They share some thoughts with us here. We trust you may be encouraged to take the steps that they did to learn the helping skills that Stephen Ministry teaches. Next class info is below.



Steve Wilson - husband, retired teacher, football and track & field coach, golfer

"Prayerful conversations with God led me to becoming a Stephen Minister. Through the training, I learned so much more about myself! This has filled a need as I desired to become a care provider."



Sue Malphrus - wife, mother, grandmother, finance director, handbell ringer

"In 2007 when my previous husband Kevin Dixon died, many people rallied around me to help me through. I wanted to share that same love with other hurting people. So when a new Stephen Ministry class was formed in 2009, I applied and was thrilled to be accepted. I have worked with five different care receivers since then, and have been abundantly blessed by each.

"About five years ago, I was asked to join the leadership team, but was just able to complete the training last fall. So now I am official! Working with the other leaders to guide our program has been awesome! "

A new Stephen Minister training class will start in January.

Please find an [application form](#) in one of the church tabletop kiosks and consider joining in. For questions, please contact Rev. Mark Barnes or any Stephen Minister or Leader.

HANDS OF CHRIST THANK YOU

We were able to provide school supplies to all DD2 schools and one DD4 school. All thanks to your generosity! Through Staples and the tax-free weekend, we were able to use your donations to the fullest potential!

- CRAYONS - 24 COUNT
1,795
- DRY ERASE MARKERS
1,360
- TISSUES- BOXES
720
- COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS
910
- BACKPACKS
176
- FOLDERS W/POCKETS & PRONGS
790
- CONSTRUCTION PAPER
20
- WASHABLE MARKERS
65
- SKETCH PADS
48
- PLASTIC FOLDERS W/PRONGS - YELLOW, BLUE, RED, GREEN
720
- GLUE STICKS
1,130
- COLORED PENCILS
830
- 8-TAB DIVIDERS
200 PACKS
- LOOSE LEAF PAPER
300
- PENCIL BOXES
10
- 2" BINDERS
200
- SCISSORS
50
- PRE-SHARPENED PENCILS
450
- SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS
20



Happy Hearts

"September 23 meeting featured speaker: Casey Canonge & Cowboy stories

Menu: Spaghetti with meatballs, garlic bread, Italian salad, tiramisu parfait, tea and water - \$8. Please contact Dot at 843-343-5450 or email her at dmprevatte@yahoo.com by September 16th, to make your meal reservation."



Bethany CDC

Love • ONE • Another

September will be an exciting month in the CDC! God has blessed our school ministry with 24 wonderful staff members and 162 precious students. The children are enjoying the new school year! They are making new friends and learning many new things. This month we will start having art classes, music classes and chapel. We will have our CDC parent nights, fall pictures, and our kindergarten class will take a field trip to Bee City.

As we go through our days in the CDC, we are guided by the words of Jesus: ***"Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*** John 13:34-35. It is truly an honor to care for every child in our program and to share the love of Jesus with them.

If you would like to learn more about our preschool or kindergarten program, please contact Toni Pinkard or Mona Gilbert in the CDC office at 843-821-1946, tpinkard@bethany-umc.com or mgilbert@bethany-umc.com. We would love to talk with you!

Children's Ministry

Baby Welcoming Team

We are looking for team members to serve on our Baby Welcoming Team. This team will welcome Bethany's newest additions by placing a welcome sign in their yards, a rose on the altar the Sunday after their birth and putting together a welcome gift and information. If you would like more information on this ministry, please contact Emily Vick at evick@bethany-umc.com

Bridges Special Needs Ministry

Our Bridges Special Need Ministry is a vital part of our church life. We offer a class during our 8:45 worship time and during Sunday School. Also, a Respite Night is offered every month giving parents some much-needed time off. Volunteers are needed to help in the Bridges room for these programs. There is no special training needed, simply a love for children and a patient heart. If you would like to help in this ministry, or need more information, contact Jennifer Horres at 843-425-2260.

Children's Church

Children's Church is geared to Kindergarteners – 2nd graders, but any child 4 & up is welcome to attend. Children begin in worship with their families, and at a designated point in the service, dismissed to Children's Church. Volunteers walk them from the Sanctuary or Word & Table to room 214 for a Bible lesson and activities. Please make sure to complete the Children's Church sticker, located in the pews or at the rear of the Fellowship Hall, to let us know if you will be picking up your child after worship, or if they will attend Sunday School at 10:00. Children who are attending Sunday School are signed into their classes by volunteers. We are looking for people to help with Children's Church on a rotating basis. All curriculum and supplies are provided, and you will be a part of a teaching team. If you would like more information, contact Stephanie Mitchum at smitchum@bethany-umc.com.



Recreation

Adult Pickleball

Pickleball has come to Bethany! Come out and play every Monday and Thursday morning from 10:00-12:30. It's a lot of fun and you might even see our Senior Pastor Ritter out there on the court!

If you are interested please visit our website to register and complete the necessary paperwork <http://bethanygym.sportsengine-prelive.com>

The fee is \$3 per day and will be collected by the gym supervisor.

Youth Volleyball League

Our youth volleyball season will begin on Monday September 12th. As a reminder the league is open to any girl in 3rd-12th grade that does not participate on their school team.

Registration is available at our website bethanygym.sportsengine-prelive.com

Practices will be on Mondays and Wednesday this fall with games being played on Saturday mornings. The league is divided into two divisions (7th Grade and Below and 8th Grade and above). Our "Junior" division practices from 6:00-7:00, and our "Senior" Division will practice from 7:05-8:35.

Adult Volleyball

Open play volleyball for adults (18+) is available on Sunday nights from 8-10 pm, there is a competitive court and also a recreational court. If you are interested please visit our website to register and complete the necessary paperwork <http://bethanygym.sportsengine-prelive.com>

The fee is \$5 per night and will be collected that night by the gym supervisor.

Workout Room Renovations

We are making some improvements to our workout room, located directly outside the gym entrance. We will be removing some older equipment and purchasing a couple of new machines. I am very excited about adding some updated equipment for our members to use. We are hoping to have the new equipment in place by the end of the month.

Adult Golf League

We are in the process of finalizing arrangements for a weekly golf league for Bethany Members, Staff and friends. We will be playing 9 holes on Monday afternoons, at a number of the local golf courses. The plan is to play a different Summer-ville area course each Monday. The format, pairings and arrangements will be changed weekly with the goal to have a lot of fun and to meet and get a chance to play golf with different people each week. As more details are finalized we will be sending an email out outlining those plans.

BETHANY UNITED
METHODIST

PICKLEBALL

EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY
FROM 10-1

STARTING THURSDAY
AUGUST 25
10:00AM

IN THE GYM

COST
\$3

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT KYLE BOCZKOWSKI
843-873-1230
kboczkowski@bethany-umc.com

contact church office for Door Code if interested

Student Ministries—ASCEND



September

Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<i>Labor Day</i> 5	6	7	1	2	3
4	12	13	14	8	9	10
11	19	20	21	15	16	17
18	26	27	28	22	23	24
25				29	30	

- ASCEND, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
- Youth Sunday School, 10:00 am (YH)
- BNOW Dinner & Small Groups
- Doughnuts with Duke 7:30 am (the Jeter house)
- Bob Cooper Fall Retreat

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THESE WALLS WILL FALL

Joshua 6

CAMP BOB COOPER
FALL RETREAT
9.23-9.25 • \$165

ASCEND STUDENT MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY SMALL GROUPS

6:15 PM - 7:30 PM
YOUTH HOUSE

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NOTE TO SELF

a series on SELF IMAGE

SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP • GAMES • PRAISE & WORSHIP • MESSAGE • SMALL GROUPS

meet the

ASCEND TEAM



Mike Jeter
Director of Nonsense & Shenanigans



Aaron Jones
Assistant Director of Tomfoolery



Nora Beth Norton
Bringer of the Noise & Funk



Ashton Shirley
Intern



WAYS TO SUPPORT ASCEND STUDENT MINISTRIES @BETHANY UMC

WAYS TO HELP IN '22-23

1 Pray. Please pray for ASCEND to meet the needs of middle and high school students in the Summerville area.

2 ASCEND Small Group Leaders. This is a great way to serve and make an impact on the spiritual formation of the Youth of Bethany. Small Group leaders serve Sunday nights during ASCEND (6:30 pm - 8:00 pm). All "adult" ages are welcomed and encouraged to help as Small Group Leaders.

3 Sunday School Teachers. Youth Sunday school transformed this school year and we hope to continue this growth next year. Sunday School teachers serve in a rotation ONCE A MONTH.

4 Directed giving to YOUTH DESIGNATED. ASCEND is a growing group and our needs often far exceed our budgetary constraints. Please prayerfully consider directly supporting the youth of Bethany.

CONTACT MIKE JETER IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ASCEND. [MJETER@BETHANY-UMC.COM](mailto:mjeter@bethany-umc.com) / 854-428-1849

ASCEND STUDENT MINISTRIES

HIGH SCHOOL EVENT

DOUGHNUTS WITH DUKE

MONDAY MORNINGS AT 7:30 AM BEFORE SCHOOL

THE JETER HOUSE, 107 PLANTATION DRIVE

Bethany United Methodist Church
118 West 3rd South Street
Summerville, SC
29483 - 5997

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www.bethany-umc.com or contact Ann Gill at
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