

Father of Light

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Every step He ordains, I shall walk without fear.

In His light I'll not stumble or fall, in His light I'll not stumble or fall.

What can mortal man do while I'm safe in His hand? He is God on His word I rely.

In the midst of my fear I will trust in His name, for I know He will hear when I cry.

He knows all of my feelings, the depths of despair, All the limits my soul can endure.

I will trust in His Name, I have nothing to lose, for in Him all my hopes are secure.

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God alone can deliver a soul from its death, lift a life from a wasteland of need.

God alone can replenish with blessings untold, until into His light we are freed, we are freed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Desk

Greeting people and being available to offer information are key to creating a welcoming environment. To help with this, we are looking for people to help out on Sunday mornings at the Welcome Desk downstairs. Volunteers will be there from 9:45–11:15 on Sundays and serve as a liaison to visitors to Bethany. This is on a rotating basis through the summer, and we will make sure that you have all of the information you need to answer any questions. If you would like to help with this, please contact Emily Vick at evick@bethany-umc.com or 843.873.1230. Please consider being part of this ministry to those who are new to Bethany.

Vacation Bible School

VBS registration is now open to the Summerville Community. Spaces are limited. Registration can be found at www.bethany-umc.com.

Thank you so much for all of the donations for VBS. We have received all of the paper towel tubes and streamers needed. We are still in need of rolls of silver duct tape, rectangle plastic tablecloths in dark purple, royal blue & metallic gold, bottle caps and plastic food containers with lids. Donations can be dropped off at the VBS display at the foot of the staircase or in the Children's Ministries office. We will also need snacks for volunteers the week of VBS so be on the lookout for more information on this.

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.

New Wi-fi Password

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

Children's Church

Children's Church is available for children Kindergarten – 2nd grade during the 8:45 worship service. Please complete and attach a Children's Church sticker to your child prior to them leaving the service. Stickers are in the Narthex and at the rear of the Fellowship Hall. Children will be escorted to Children's Church at a designated point in the service and can be picked up at the end of worship in room 213. We are looking for volunteers to help lead Children's Church on a rotating basis. All curriculum and supplies are provided. If you would like to help, please contact Stephanie Mitchum at smitchum@bethany-umc.com.

New Young Adult Sunday School Class

New Young Adult Sunday school opportunity! College-aged through young career are welcome in Room 239 starting today. We're very excited about this new opportunity!!

Youth Announcement

Our end of the year and graduate celebration will be this evening from 6:30-8pm. We will have a great time celebrating our seniors, sharing in fellowship and the Word, and enjoying some tacos and ice cream from local food trucks. Families and friends are all invited for this party to end our year!

Text to Give Option

It's easier than ever to give now! Simply text: [bethanyumc](tel:833.245.8417) to 833.245.8417. This is a safe and convenient way to give!

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.

George Keifer Memorial Scholarship

The Keifer family would like to congratulate Sarah Dominianni and Ellie Rodgers on being the second recipients of the George Keifer Memorial Scholarship.

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.

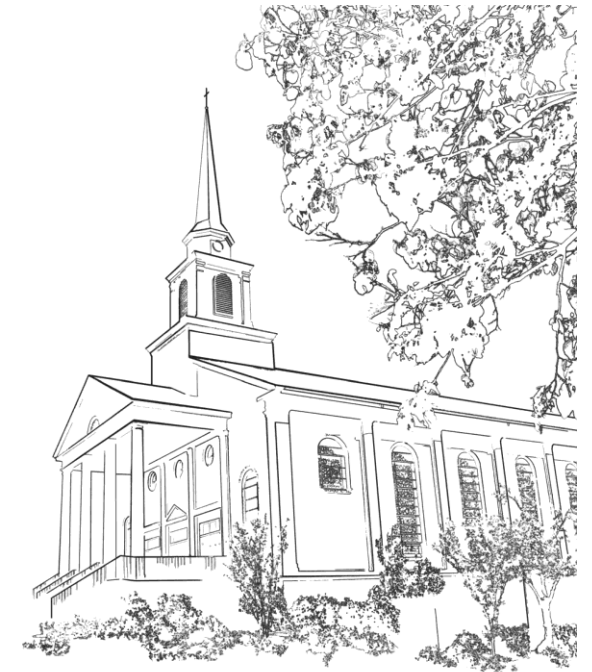
Emergency Phone

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

United Methodist Church

June 6, 2021
8:45 and 11:15 a.m. 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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 6, 2021

Second 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."

Prelude *Take My Life and Let It Be* arr. M. Arison

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. 73** LYONS
O Worship the King

Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People 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 *It Is Well with My Soul* arr. M. Arison

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology, No. 94** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Hymn of Assurance, No. 339** HURSLEY
Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

(8:45 - At this time children may leave for Children's Church ~ ages K5 thru 2nd grade ~ **in room 214 of the Youth Wing**. Please remember to attach a Children's Church sticker to your child and pick them up ASAP.)

Recognition of Graduates

The Scripture Lesson

Minister: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Father of Light* Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir; Maurice Burgess, tenor

Sermon

Mr. Mike Jeter

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Hymn of Dedication, No. 593**
Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

*Blessing of the People

***Postlude** *Wonderful Words of Life* arr. M. Arison

*For those who are able, please stand.

2021 High School Graduates

Anna Leigh Avant
Payton Broderick
Sarah Culpepper
Sarah Dominianni
Marian Fisher
Aaron Jones
Tabitha Merrithew
Zach Pereria
Ashlyn Simokat
Ryan Traylor
Charlotte Trollinger
Ellie Rodgers
Lindsey Young

Will be attending...

Anderson University
USC Beaufort
Anderson University
USC Beaufort
University of South Carolina
Coast Guard
Converse College
The Citadel
University of South Carolina
Clemson University
Converse College
Clemson University
Trident Technical College

2021 College Graduates

Martin Allison
Caroline M. Brown
Morgan Eubanks
Eric Harp
Morgan Hunt
Jack Jolly
Emmanuel Ndiokho
Jaiden Phelps
Austin Ruple
Hunter Taylor

College of Charleston
Clemson University
University of South Carolina
College of Charleston
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Charleston Southern University
Coastal Carolina University
Clemson University
Emory & Henry College

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 ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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 are given to the glory of God by Vaughn and Debbie Brewer honor of their 47th wedding anniversary on June 8.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 ~ Team Leader: Rett Fowler, Jerry Bateman, Kevin Carter, William DeLong, Rick Farthing, Gene Smith, David Zoellner, Ben Perkins
11:15 ~ Team Leader: Roger Swick; Tim Shepherd, Mary K. Shepherd, Henry Thompson, Gil Hager, Chris English, Michelle English, Terry and Debbie Parkman

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for May 30, 2021. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions	\$ 28,601.83
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date	694,520.45
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date	6,347.32

Capital Campaign (Figures for May 30, 2021)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	3,260.51
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date.....	50,930.67

Presence (May 30, 2021)

8 am Worship – 42; Word & Table Worship – 92;
Sanctuary Worship 373; Sunday School - 315