

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 17 in observance of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Camp Meeting Sundays!

Bethany will hold a series of Camp Meetings throughout the month of January. Camp Meetings will be held periodically in recognition of the United Methodist Church's tradition that dates back to the 1800's. Worship services during Camp Meetings are informal and less ceremonial than usual, so lose the tie and come as you are on Camp Meeting Sundays.

Please Sign the Attendance Pad

In an effort to keep track of Covid-19 exposure, please make sure you sign-in on the attendance pad. Thank you!

Aldersgate Warming Shelter- Tuesday, Jan. 18

Bethany is partnering with Aldersgate Warming Shelter on Remount Rd. to provide volunteers who assist with set-up and sign-in, provide a hot dinner and leave a "to-go" breakfast in the morning as well as provide two overnight volunteers.

Due to the spreading of Covid, we are asking for monetary donations to purchase food items. Checks can be dropped off in the church office or offering plate-please mark and specify that it is for Aldersgate Warming Shelter. If you are unable to volunteer, this is a wonderful way to contribute. You may go online to volunteer and donate or go to the following link:

<https://bethanyumc.cbchurch.com/goto/forms/246/responses/new>

If you have any questions, please contact Narcie Jeter at 843.873.1230, ext. 24.

Katie's Krops

Katie's Krops provides food for the hungry in Summerville. Bethany provides the desserts for this wonderful cause. The next date to donate desserts is Thursday, Jan. 20. Desserts are to be dropped off in the Business Office by 11 am.

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 77977. This is a safe and convenient way to give!

Bethany Offers 2 Great Resources- FOR FREE!

Through any device, you now have 24/7 access to motivating stories, insightful teaching, and powerful resources. Amplify is a United Methodist resource.

To access Amplify Media, go to your church's channel, <https://my.amplifymedia.com/bethanyumcsummervillesc> and put in the Congregation Access Code- SFGRVP.

You also 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.

Altar Flowers

To make it easier for you to sign-up for altar flowers, a sign-up sheet has been placed in the Narthex.

Happy Hearts' Luncheon

Canceled

The Happy Hearts' Luncheon meeting for January has been canceled.

Grief Support Group

Bethany will start a Grief Support Group on Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 10:30 am in the church parlor. Research has proven that in grief the more support and understanding we have around us, the better we will cope. Reaching out to others is often a very difficult thing to do and our group will be a safe place where we all can understand, listen and support one another. Give yourself the gift of joining this group. For questions or to sign up, please contact Jan Walker, 843.259.8342 or Rev. Mark Barnes 843.873.1230.

Free Tax Filing

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is an IRS sponsored group that provides free federal and state income tax preparation and filing. This program is targeted at low and moderate income taxpayers, and is locally operated by The Charleston Trident Urban League. All volunteer tax preparers are certified in various areas of tax law and have years of experience.

Due to the pandemic, we will be providing no-contact service. Clients must bring all tax paperwork and a clear copy of photo ID and social security cards to be dropped off at the site. They will then fill out necessary intake information and can leave until the tax return is complete and ready for signature and pickup, usually within an hour or two. At this time we are considering a limited number of face-to-face appointments for those who are fully vaccinated, including boosters if available. Masks are required for all clients and staff while in the building.

Services will be available at Bethany on Saturdays from Jan.22 - April 9.

The hours will be 10 am – 2 pm.

Service is by appointment only. Please contact Blair Stewart, Site Coordinator, 843.270.3001 or bhsbtb@gmail.com, for appointments and questions.

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.

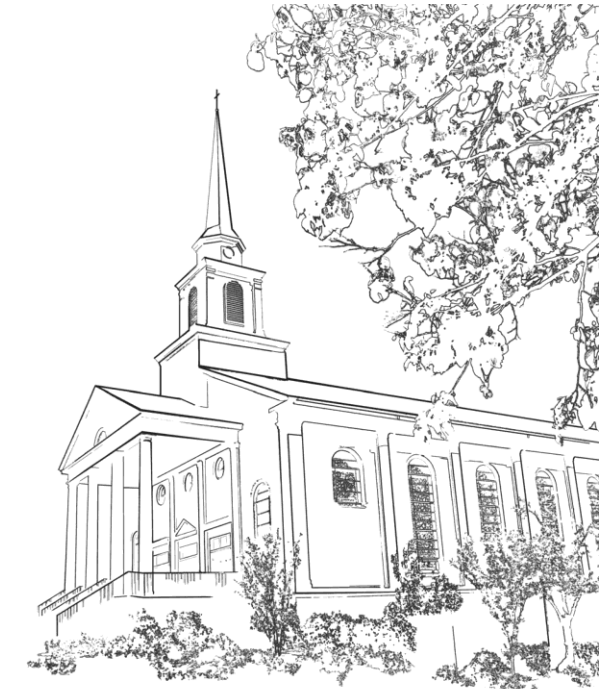
If you have questions, you can email, call or text us!

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BETHANY

United Methodist Church

January 16, 2022
8:45 & 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
Mrs. Barbara Bassett, Interim Director of Music Ministries
Mr. Michael López, Organist

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Congregation and a Welcoming Church.**

CALLED TO CARE

January 16, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Camp Meeting/2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Gathering

As the congregation gathers, please take a moment to speak to those 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 *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* arr. Lari Goss

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. 77** HOW GREAT THOU ART
How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; **Refrain**

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!
Refrain

Morning 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 *Grazioso* Arnold B. Sherman
Chancel Bells

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

***Hymn of Assurance, No. 474** PRECIOUS LORD
(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.)

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

The Scripture Lesson Matthew 26:36-39
Minister: The word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Response

Thy Word Is a Lamp
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me, and nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Anthem *Every Valley* John Ness Beck
Chancel Choir

Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry mountain made low;
And the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain.
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
And all flesh shall see it together;
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Sermon "Why Pray" Rev. Mark Barnes

***Hymn of Dedication, No. 600** WORDS OF LIFE
Wonderful Words of Life
Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

Refrain: Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
all so freely given, wooing us to heaven. **Refrain**

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever: **Refrain**

*Blessing of the People

***Postlude** arr. Hugh Livingston
I Am Bound for the Promised Land

*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.

CELL PHONES 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 worshippers, 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 Ashley Miller by the Miller-Woolsey family.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 ~ Team Leader: Tom Brown; Ernie Brockman, Bob Johnson, Larry McKeenan, Jim Parrish, Hank Sieling, Tom Tatum, Phil Richardson, Pat Sullivan, David Martin

11:15 ~ Team Leader: Sam Dorr; Buford Boyd, Claude Rowe, Tim Rowe, Joe Iwonowski, Cameron Rowe

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Presence (January 9, 2022)

8 am Spell - 44; Word & Table Worship - 87; Sanctuary Worship 415; Sunday School - 343; Ascend (Youth Middle School) - 45; Youth Ski Trip - 30