

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wednesday Night BNOW

Join us on Wednesday nights for activities and classes for everyone. BNOW begins with a meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5 pm.

The meal for this week (**Feb. 8**) will be chicken tenders, mac and cheese, hot vegetable and salad bar. The Sunday School class that will be hosting is Friendship Circle. Meals are \$8 for Adults, \$6 for Seniors (over 65) and \$4 for Children (12 and under) with a family maximum of \$20 (2 parents and children under 12 that live in the same household). Meal reservations are no longer required.

### Tech Ministries Work Day

There will be a Technical Ministries work day on Saturday, February 11 starting at 8:30am. If you have free time, please come out and lend a hand. No experience is necessary.

### New Member Sunday

Are you interested in joining our church family? Our next New Member Sunday will be **Sunday, Feb. 19** for all services. If you are interested in joining, or for more information, please contact our Membership Director Jack Sehart, at 843.873.1230 or [jsehart@bethany-umc.com](mailto:jsehart@bethany-umc.com).

### Ash Wednesday & Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday, **February 22**, is the beginning of the Lenten season. Worship services will be offered at 7 am and noon in Spell Chapel and 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary. Wednesday night Lenten services (Mar.1, 8, 15, 22 & 29) will be at 6:15 pm in Spell Chapel.

### VBS 2023

Are you interested in photography or enjoy taking pictures? Then VBS needs you! We need someone to be our official photographer. This person will come each day of VBS and take pictures at all areas throughout the day. Before the next morning, they will get the pictures printed so that parents can take ones of their children home as a reminder of the amazing time their children had here at Bethany. This is perfect for a parent who would like to see everything we do during the day. Don't you want to be a part of this incredible experience? Let Emily, Stephanie or Janice in Children's Ministries know if you can help with this important part of VBS!

### Bereavement Team

Bethany's Bereavement Team is in need of volunteers. We prepare and serve a meal for the family after a funeral. You can assist in setting tables, plating desserts, preparing beverages and buffet tables, clean up tables as well as preparing a food item. Please call Shirley Scully at 843.329.2447 and let us know how you would like to help!

### Stephen Ministry

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6  
You can unload your worries by talking them out with a trained Stephen Minister. Accept this gift of a caring, listening and non-judgmental friend. Please reach out today with a note placed in the "Care Mail" boxes in the SS building; or give a call to one of these: for women: Leah Martin 404.408.5457 or Marti Johnson 843.442.1675 for men: Denis Tsukalas 843.729.5348 or Mark Barnes 843.873.2130.

## THIS WEEK...

*Not all activities are included here. Look for the most up-to-date calendar posted throughout the church.*

### Sunday, February 5

8 AM WORSHIP, Spell Chapel  
8:45 AM WORSHIP, Sanctuary  
8:45 AM WORD & TABLE, FH  
10 AM Sunday School  
11:15 AM WORSHIP, Sanctuary  
4:30 PM Confirmation Classes, Youth House  
6:30 PM Youth Ascend, Fellowship Hall  
7 PM Last Supper Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
7:30 PM Adult Rec. Volleyball, Gym

### Monday, February 6

10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym  
10 AM Plarning/Upcycling, 122  
2 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler  
5:30 PM Bethany Ball, Gym  
6:30 PM CDC Board Mtgs., 127  
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Friendship Circle

### Tuesday, February 7

8:30 AM YOGA, Gym  
10 AM Quilters, Blue House  
10:30 AM Grief Support, Parlor  
5:30 PM Bethany Ball, Gym  
5:30 PM Stephen Ministries Leaders, Conf. Room

### Wednesday, February 8

#### *Wednesday Night BNOW*

5:30 AM Men's Prayer Group, 215  
9 AM Bridge Group, Friendship Circle  
5-6 PM BNOW Meal, Fellowship Hall  
6 PM BNOW Children's Programs  
6:15 PM BNOW Youth Programs  
6:15 PM BNOW Adult Classes  
7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 234

### Thursday, February 9

7 AM Men's Prayer Group, Youth House  
8:30 AM YOGA, Gym  
9:30 AM Bible Study, 239  
10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym  
5:30 PM Bethany Ball  
6 PM Handbells, 234  
6:30 PM Trustees, Conf. Room  
7 PM Grace Circle, 126

### Friday, February 10

6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 127  
9 AM Women's Bible Study, 239  
5:30 PM Bethany Ball, Gym

### Saturday, February 11

10 AM VITA Tax Preparation, 118

### Acolytes and Crucifers

Acolytes and Crucifers are needed at the 11:15 service. Please consider serving in this meaningful part of worship. Email [smitchum@bethany-umc.com](mailto:smitchum@bethany-umc.com) with any questions.

### 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 located 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! Emily Vick 843.343.2506 [evick@bethany-umc.com](mailto:evick@bethany-umc.com)  
Stephanie Mitchum 843.343.8494 [smitchum@bethany-umc.com](mailto:smitchum@bethany-umc.com)  
Janice Harp 843.607.3493 [jharp@bethany-umc.com](mailto:jharp@bethany-umc.com).

### 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.

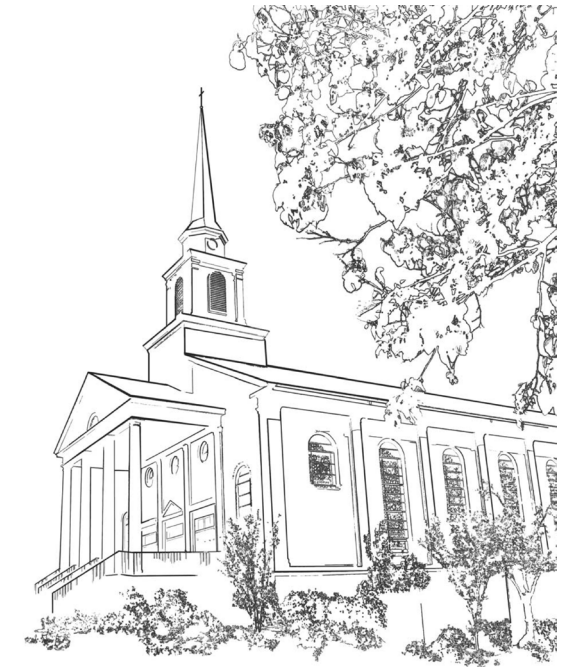
### Emergency Phone

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**.

February 5, 2023  
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.**

### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**

Love and follow Jesus, invite others on the journey,  
joyfully serve in Jesus' name.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

## 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

**Prelude** Suite Antique, Mvt 5 “Chanson” John Rutter  
Jessica Hull Dambaugh, flute; Michael Lopez, piano

\* **Call to Worship** Sanctuary J. Thompson and R. Scruggs  
*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with Thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

\* **Processional Hymn** No. 57  
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

\* **Affirmation of Faith** THE APOSTLES' CREED No. 881

*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.*

## Children's Moment

(8:45 am - At the end of the Children's Moment, children may leave for Children's Church ~ ages K5 thru 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.)

**Anthem** The Music of Living Dan Forrest  
Chancel Choir

**First Lesson** Isaiah 58: 1-9a OT pg. 688

## 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** Let Us Break Bread Terri Bailey  
Women's Ensemble  
Jessica Hull Dambaugh, flute

\* **Doxology** No. 95  
*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** No. 585  
This Little Light of Mine

\* **Second Lesson** Matthew 5: 13-16 NT Pg. 4  
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
People: *Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon** Thermometer or a Thermostat Rev. Michael Ritter

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** No. 12  
*Gluten-free option available upon request.*  
(No Children's Church on Communion Sunday)

\* **Hymn of Dedication** No. 569  
We've a Story to Tell the Nations

## \* Benediction

\* **Benediction Response** Irish Blessing L. Turner  
*May the road rise to meet you, May the wind blow at your back, May the sun shine 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

\* 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 [jsehr@bethany-umc.com](mailto:jsehr@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 the wedding anniversary of David and Becky Powell.

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY

### Ushers

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

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

### Communion Servers

8:45 – JC & Peggy Ridgeway  
11:15 – Sonny & Linda Grant

### Liturgist

8:45 & 11:15 – Mrs. Linda Huffman

### Acolytes

8:45 – James Tracey Courtney  
11:15 –

### Crucifers

8:45 – Ann Myers Watson  
11:15 –

### Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

### Gifts (\*Figures for January 29, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

\*Budget Contributions..... \$ 39,261.92  
\*Budget Funds Contributed to Date..... 170,119.73  
\*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date..... 10,630.00

### Capital Campaign (Figures for January 29, 2023)

\*Capital Campaign Contributions ..... 5,953.00  
\*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date ..... 17,211.35

### Presence (January 29, 2023)

8 am Spell – 70; Word & Table Worship – 85; Sanctuary Worship 563;  
Sunday School – 393