

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Souper Bowl Sunday

Today we will be collecting money for the Summerville High School Food Pantry. All donations will go towards purchasing food for the school nurses to distribute to students and families. Please look for kids standing outside the worship service when you leave to donate money. Thank you for your support.

### Support Youth Missions

You are invited to support the youth missions through our envelope extravaganza fundraiser. Downstairs, next to the Fellowship Hall, on the youth bulletin board are envelopes numbered 1-212. We ask you to choose an envelope and donate the amount of money matching the number on your chosen envelope (#7 = \$7). Then return your envelope to the business office. These funds will allow for greater scholarships and allow more youth to participate in our mission trips.

### 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. 15**) will be chicken and dumplings, oriental slaw, green beans, biscuit and salad bar. The Sunday School class that will be hosting is Charles Peace. 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.

### New Member Sunday

Next Sunday is our New Member Sunday. If you are interested in joining, please contact Jack Sehart, at 843.873.1230 or 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

VBS needs a 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. Let Emily, Stephanie or Janice in Children's Ministries know if you can help with this.

### Aldersgate UMC Clothing Closet

Items are needed for the Aldersgate UMC Clothing Closet Ministry. They may be placed in the bin outside of the Business Office.

- New Men's Boxer Briefs (sizes M, L, XL)
- Men's Pants (waist size 30, 32, 34)
- Men's Shirts
- Men's Coats (sizes XL and 2XL)

### 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 12

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 13

10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym  
10 AM Plarning/Upcycling, 122  
2 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler  
5:30 PM Bethany Ball, Gym  
6 PM KidsCare Board Mtg., 215  
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Friendship Circle

### Tuesday, February 14

8:30 AM YOGA, Gym  
10 AM Quilters, Blue House  
5:30 PM Bethany Ball, Gym  
6:45 PM UWFaith Board Mtg., 118  
7 PM Global Missions, 127

### Wednesday, February 15

*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 16

7 AM Men's Prayer Group, Youth House  
8:30 AM YOGA, Gym  
9:30 AM Bible Study, 239  
10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym  
2 PM Herbert McAlaney Circle, 127  
5:30 PM Bethany Ball  
6 PM Handbells, 234

### Friday, February 17

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

### Saturday, February 18

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 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  
Stephanie Mitchum 843.343.8494 smitchum@bethany-umc.com  
Janice Harp 843.607.3493 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.

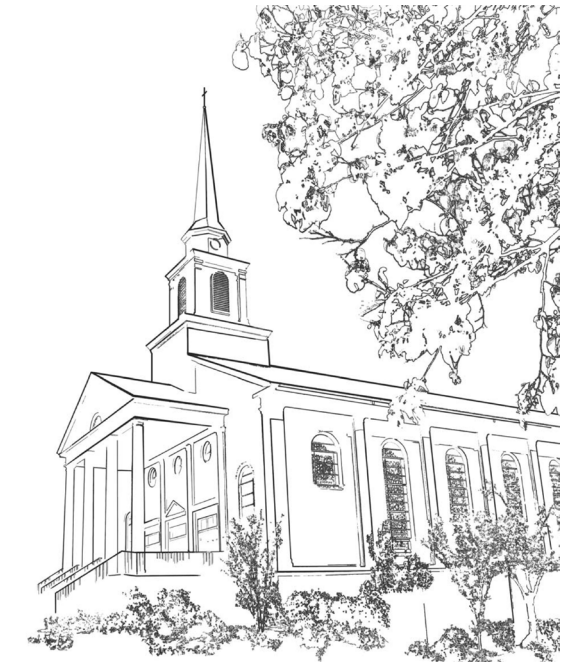
### Emergency Phone

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 12, 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

6<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

\* **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. 413  
A Charge to Keep I Have

\* **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 (8:45)** Oh, How I Love Jesus Frederick Whitfield  
Melody and Wesley Choirs  
**(11:15)** O For a Closer Walk with Thee C.V. Stanford  
Chancel Choir

**First Lesson** Deuteronomy 30:15-20 OT pg. 186

## 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** His Robes for Mine Forrest  
Men's Ensemble  
Millie Runyon, piano

\* **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. 410  
I Want a Principle Within

\* **Second Lesson** Matthew 5: 21-37 NT Pg. 4  
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
People: *Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon** But I Say Rev. Narcie Jeter

\* **Hymn of Dedication** No. 577  
God of Grace and God of Glory

## \* 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 greet you 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 Sehart, Membership Director, at jsehart@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 memory of Fred Weathers from Mae, Kevin and Debbie Weathers.

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY

### Ushers

8:45 ~ Team Leader: Jeremy Dunlap; Greg Horres, Shane Kersting, 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, Sarah Warren

### Liturgist

8:45 & 11:15 – Mr. Bill McIntosh

### Acolytes

8:45 – Mackenzie Wheeler  
11:15 – Abby Coon

### Crucifers

8:45 – Caroline Wheeler  
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 February 5, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

\*Budget Contributions..... \$ 40,647.63  
\*Budget Funds Contributed to Date..... 212,617.36  
\*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date..... 14,278.00

### Capital Campaign (Figures for February 5, 2023)

\*Capital Campaign Contributions ..... 5,844.50  
\*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date ..... 23,055.85

### Presence (February 5, 2023)

8 am Spell – 50; Word & Table Worship – 99; Sanctuary Worship 514;  
Sunday School – 419