## BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### Missions Possible

February 25-26, 2023



"35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

- Matthew 9: 35-38

We eagerly await our Missions Possible Weekend 2023 February 25-26! Our prayer is the weekend will be Spirit-filled, fun, and impactful for the whole family as we seek to bring about the Harvest that the Lord provides. We've coordinated with our different Mission Partners for our Volunteer Extravaganza on Saturday. The projects range from games played with the seniors in Summerville, working with teens, painting and cleaning. Stay tuned for email blasts and sign ups on our two mission boards in the church and online to volunteer. We'd like you to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a celebration lunch at 1 pm!

On Sunday we will hold a Missions Fair in the Fellowship Hall from
9-11 am. There you can gather more information on the various

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missions and ministries Bethany supports. Organizations that will have representatives at our Missions Fair are Africa University, Charleston Wesley Foundation, Doors to Freedom, DCCO (Hope's House and Home of Hope), Dorchester Children's Advocacy Center, Dorchester Habitat of Humanity, Holy City Missions (Aldersgate Warming Shelter), Bethany's Early Response Team, our Global Missions team going to Kentucky and Ecuador, Epworth Children's Home, Florence Crittendon, Meals on Wheels, HELP of Summerville, Plarning, Moments with Seniors at Hallmark Healthcare and Cypress Place, Hearts for Summerville, My Sister's House, Magdalene House, Lowcountry Food Bank, Lowcountry Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Katie's Krops, Salkehatchie and the United Women in Faith. We encourage your Sunday School to come for all or part of this important time of connection and information.

During our combined 8:45 am Worship in the Sanctuary and 11:15 am Worship, we are thrilled to have Rev Phil Thrailkill as our guest preacher. In both services you will receive a Mission Promise Card. Upon joining The United Methodist Church we promised to "faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness." Will you join us as we trust the Lord to bring about the Harvest? This is an opportunity to give above our regular tithes and offerings. You will be asked to prayerfully consider how God has called us to claim abundance as we seek to proclaim the good news with compassion, as we trust in the Lord.

If you have any questions, please let Narcie Jeter know at 843-873-1230 or njeter@bethany-umc.com. Our Missions Possible Team is prayerful that this weekend will impact not only Bethany but will impact ministries in our community and all around the world and that you will witness and share in the transformative work of Jesus Christ.

Grace and Peace,

The Missions Possible Team

#### **Event Schedule**

#### Volunteer Extravaganza

Saturday, February 25 8-8:30 am & 8:30-1:00 pm Fellowship Hall & Various Mission Sites Continental Breakfast and Launch Prayer

Volunteering at Mission Sites

Join us for a continental breakfast and launch prayer to fuel your body and spirit to serve God in the community. We'll be volunteering at sites such as Hope's House, Home of Hope, the Dorchester Habitat ReStore, Aldersgate Warming Shelter, Meals on Wheels, HELP of Summerville, Plarning, Moments with Seniors at Hallmark Healthcare, Dubose Middle School's Garden, Hearts for Summerville, the Chaplain's Program at Broadsteps Pinelands. The United Women in Faith are making period packs, personal hygiene kits for local schools, and mastectomy pillows.

#### Mission Celebration Lunch

Saturday, February 25

1:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

This is our opportunity to celebrate ALL of the mission work done by everyone at Bethany. Please join us for a celebration lunch as we've completed all of the projects for the morning!

#### Mission Sunday

Sunday, February 26 8:45 am & 11:15 am

Our 8:45 service will feature a combined worship service in the Sanctuary. The liturgist will be Rev. Narcie Jeter, and the preacher will be Rev. Phil Thrailkill, a retired Elder from South Carolina. They will also lead the 11:15 service, and the Mission Partners will be introduced. In both services you will receive a Mission Promise Card. Upon joining The United Methodist Church we promised to "faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness." Will you join us as we trust the Lord to bring about the Harvest? This is an opportunity to give above our regular tithes and offerings. You will be asked to prayerfully consider how God has called us to claim abundance as we seek to proclaim the good news with compassion, as we trust in the Lord.

#### Missions Fair

Sunday, February 26

9-11:00 am

Our Mission Partners will have information at booths set up in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School classes are invited to participate for all or part of their class time to learn more about the missions that Bethany supports. If you don't go to Sunday School, (We can find you one!) we invite you to come before or after worship to participate in the Missions Fair.

#### Missions Possible Team

If you would like to be a part of the planning team for Missions Possible 2024, we would love to have you! For more information contact Narcie Jeter at njeter@bethany-umc.com or call 843-873-1230.

Thank you for giving and being an integral part of the missions of Bethany
United Church so that the world can see and know who Jesus is!

#### **Music Ministries**

What a vibrant Music Ministry we have at Bethany!

It has been a wonderful eight months since I came on board! I am inspired every day by our clergy, staff, and volunteers who make the Music Ministry at Bethany one of the most dynamic and fulfilling music ministries I have ever witnessed.

There have been so many amazing things that have happened that I want to report. Our Youth and Children's choirs are doing incredible things under the leadership of Barbara Bassett, Janice Waters, Maurice Burgess, Shelby Krallman and volunteers such as Melanie Hay and the wonderful "Miss Robyn!" The Cherub Choir has stolen our hearts multiple times with their offerings, with more to come. I cry every single time. The Melody and Wesley Choirs have sung wonderfully at various services and in our Festival of Carols. Those choirs just started rehearsals for their spring musical *Big Shot: Facing Down Our Giants, Looking Up to God.* Our Youth Choir has made a strong "re-emergence" with choral offerings for services and also as part of the Festival of Carols.

Chancel Bells at Bethany is a true gem; one that I knew about by reputation but was still stunned to hear in person. Playing every third Sunday, we are blessed with the splendor of the Chancel Bell Choir, so ably led by Michael Lopez. Their contribution to the Festival of Carols was truly divine, and I am inspired each and every time I hear them. The Chancel Bells have wonderfully represented Bethany outside of our church walls as well playing a solo at the Capital Area Handbell Festival in Raleigh, NC on November 5th, 2022, and in performance with the Summerville Orchestra, on December 10th, 2022 as part of their Holiday concert.

We are blessed with so many talented solo instrumentalists and singers at Bethany! Thank you to Anne Poole, Maurice Burgess, Crystal Stasiukaitis and Janice Waters for giving us the offering of their wonderful keyboard talents. Of course, we are blessed beyond measure with the terrific Holly Slice for our Spell services, and with the incredible talents of Michael Lopez in the sanctuary services. We have brought in many world-class instrumentalists that have added so much to our services, including a certain violinist/fiddler—my wife Mary—that has really enjoyed being given the opportunity and privilege of playing for all of you as often as she has. It is also gratifying to hear the solo vocal talent in our church! Since I arrived, Shelby Krallman, Maurice Burgess, Millie Runyon, Frank Monterisi, Matthew Miante, Jacob Turner, Janice Waters, Melanie Hay, Karen Thompson, Barbara Bassett and most recently Greg Spires have all "lifted their voices to the Lord" in solo fashion, uplifting us all! Thank you for allowing me to sing for you as well, especially on Christmas Eve when I sang "O Holy Night". That is a "Taylor family tradition" that dates back to the 1970's in my home state of Arkansas. Singing that song for you meant the world—and I felt my deceased father (who sang it every year of my childhood it seemed) standing right beside me.

#### **Music Continued**

One aspect of our Music Ministry we can all hear every Sunday morning coming from the Fellowship Hall is, of course, the music that is performed as part of Word and Table. Mike Jeter is truly a master of his craft. The first time that I heard his fantastic group of musicians I was literally speechless. And if you know me at all, I am rarely speechless! The musicians of Word and Table play at a professional level each and every Sunday morning, uplifting the spirits of all who attend the Word and Table Services. If you have not heard them, make your way downstairs one Sunday. Listen in. Or just attend Word and Table. What a blessing.

Lastly, I hope everyone at Bethany appreciates how marvelous the various choral ensembles are! And were marvelous long before I came around! It is my great honor to lead them, and to be assisted by Shelby Krallman (who leads the ensembles if I am absent), Barbara Bassett (who as our recent interim Minister of Music has helped me immeasurably), and our choir leadership. I was thrilled with how our Festival of Carols went in December. I introduced a lot of "new" music, and the format was something different from years past. All of the choirs sang so beautifully then. and each and every Sunday-- worshipping God through song and hopefully enriching all of your worship experiences.

We are currently back in rehearsal for all of our services this winter and spring, including the Lenten season (which is coming soon) and, of course, Easter. The Chamber Ensemble will start rehearsals on Jan. 25, in preparation for the Last Supper services in the sanctuary during Holy Week. Michael and I have planned a very uplifting set of music for Easter, featuring movements from my favorite composer Ralph Vaughan William's *Five Mystical Songs*. We are also blessed to have our Men's and Women's Ensembles performing once a month through June, and of course we have our excellent Spell Ensemble enriching the gorgeous services each week in Spell.

Like I said earlier, what a vibrant Music Ministry we have here at Bethany. I am honored to be a part of it.

God Bless, Rob Taylor

Ash Wednesday
Services
2/22/2023



#### Word & Table

If you would like to listen to songs from worship all week you can find a special Word & Table Playlist on Spotify! This month you can also find 10 songs chosen by John Willmarth. Use the QR code to find Bethany UMC on Spotify.







#### **LOCAL MISSIONS**



"The team had a great day at the Bethany Build working with three homeowners. Thanks to Jaye Elliott and her Dorchester Habitat for Humanity team for all that they do!"

























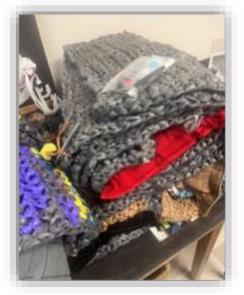






#### **Plarning**

We thank these Plarners for Plarning these mats for the homeless. No longer do people only get mats. They get pillows made from two dish towels, warm socks and other toiletries, and they're all prayed over by a pastor and the plarners present! Please bless those that receive these mats and let them feel both our love and God's love.

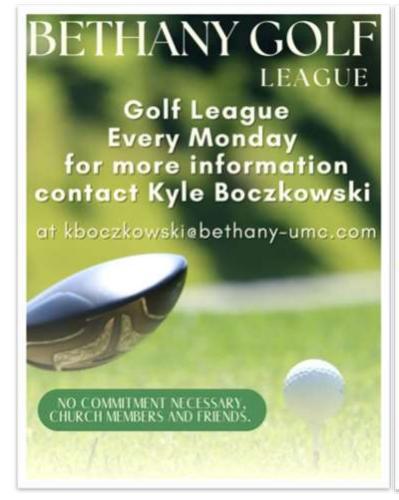














#### **Children's Ministry**

#### Souper Bowl of Caring – February 12<sup>th</sup>

Children's Ministry will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 12. This is a big day for football fans, and our children are taking this day to make a difference. They will be present at the end of each worship service with large soup pots for you to drop your change in. All money collected will be donated to a local school food pantry.

#### Vacation Bible School 2023: Hero Hotline

Mark your calendars for June 12-16! Kids will be called together to serve God. We will invite children to put on their capes and be superheroes for God! Beginning in assembly – our superhero lair where the call to serve comes in – kids will begin learning how to serve God in all that they do.



VBS is for children who have completed 3K to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Teen helpers are kids that have completed 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up.

Registration will open March 1st for Bethany families only. On March 15<sup>th</sup>, registration will open to the public. Register early as we fill up fast! The \$15.00 per participant collected will go to help offset the cost of a program of this size and scope.

If you would like to volunteer during this fun-filled week, please let us know. We need over 200 volunteers to make the week a success. We need classroom leaders, special area helpers, decorators, and folks to help prep materials ahead of time.

For more information about Vacation Bible School, contact the Children's Ministries department at 873-1230 or evick@bethany-umc.com or <a href="mailto:smitchum@bethany-umc.com">smitchum@bethany-umc.com</a>.



#### **February Sunday School**





#### Children's Ministry...continued

#### **Nursery Changes**

Bethany's nursery is a special place for our most precious members. The caring staff makes sure that each child entrusted to them is covered with love and joy. Each person in the nursery is a paid staff member and has submitted a background check and completed Safe Sanctuary, First Aid and CPR Training. It is our hope that parents are completely comfortable entrusting us with their children and know that they are loved and well-taken care of.

Our new Nursery Coordinator is Susanne Corbett. Susanne has been a part of the nursery at Bethany for over 17 years, and many of our youth remember her as part of their early years here. We are excited for what amazing things Susanne will do.

Nurseries are available on Sunday mornings for children from birth to Pre-Kindergarten 5-year olds from 7:00am to 12:30pm. They are also open on Wednesday evenings from 5:00 – 7:30pm and for many studies and other activities. Nursery locations are:

Birth to 2 ½ year olds Room 115A

2 ½ year olds to Pre-Kindergarten 5-year olds Room 115B

Please check in with the nursery staff and leave a phone number so that they can contact you if the need arises. If you would like more information about the nursery, contact Children's Ministries.

#### **Happy Hearts**

#### HAPPY HEARTS FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

February 24 at 12pm

The speaker for the February Happy Hearts meeting is Rev Phil Thrailkill. Phil is a retired SC Methodist Pastor. In retirement he makes periodic trips to teach at seminaries in Liberia, Kenya and Nairobi, among other activities. God also helps him provide textbooks for seminary students and funds for feeding programs. He is a very "high energy" speaker and individual with a compelling message. He is also our Preacher for Missions Possible.

The menu for the February meeting is beans and ham, cornbread, salad, carrot cake, and drink. The cost is \$8.00. Please make your meal reservation with Dot at 843-343-5450 or email her at <a href="mailto:dmprevatte@yahoo.com">dmprevatte@yahoo.com</a> by Sunday, February 19.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the February Happy Hearts!

#### Bethany CDC

#### SHARING LOVE & JOY AT BETHANY CDC

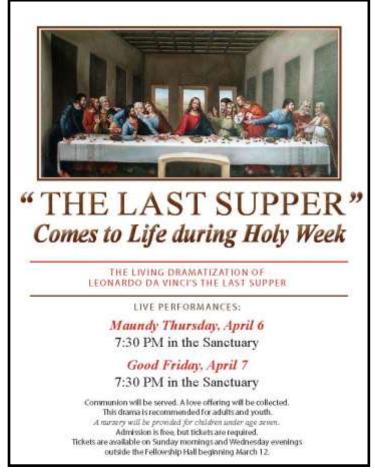
February is a time to celebrate LOVE, and at Bethany CDC, we LOVE our students, families and staff! We love teaching and helping our students grow. We also love building relationships with the families we serve. It is such a blessing to be part of their lives and to love one another as Jesus has called us to do!



#### **CDC REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY**

Bethany's Child Development Center provides quality early childhood programs in a loving, nurturing, Christian environment for children who are 2 years old through kindergarten. With small classes and two teachers in every classroom, your child is provided with everything he or she needs for the best in social, spiritual, intellectual, physical and emotional development.

Registration for the 2023/2024 school year is currently underway. If you are interested in having your child attend in the fall, please call us at 843-821-1946 or email Mona Gilbert at mgilbert@bethany-umc.com or Toni Pinkard at tpinkard@bethany-umc.com.





#### **KidsCare**



February is here and KidsCare has lots of opportunity to share with you. the goings on happening for us! Registration is opening in February for current families for the 2023-2024 School year. Registration will be open for Bethany members in April and to the public in May.

February is the "Love" month! No one loves us like God does! His love for us will endure forever.

#### It reminds us:

"I have been crucified with Christ: and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me, and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself

up for me." Galatians 2:20



Currently Hiring Drivers and Counselors for the KidsCare afterschool & summer program SCHOOL BUS Contact Makala Boczkowski if interested at 843-873-1230 or mboczkowski@bethany-umc.com



#### **Student Ministries**

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Confirmation 2023 begins Sunday, February 5, at 4:30 pm in the Youth House! Confirmation is open to any and all current 7<sup>th</sup> graders and older youth who have yet to participate in Confirmation. Registration can be found at www.ascendstudentministries.org.

#### 212 ENVELOPE EXTRAVAGANZA



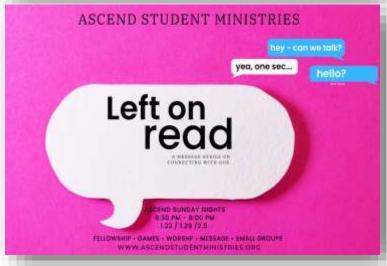
#### www.ascendstudentministries.org





Help support the mission trips for the youth at Bethany! Pinned to the youth bulletin board next to the fellowship hall are 212 envelopes; labeled 1-212. We ask folks to choose an envelope with the amount you would like to contribute to the youth's mission trips and then return the envelope with the appropriate gift included. We thank you for your generosity as we grow the youth of Bethany UMC!





#### Ascend Student Ministries cont.







#### Spring Bethany NOW 2023

Join us on Wednesday evenings this spring 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

#### **Adults Activities**

life.

#### Jesus in the Gospels Led by Marc Jacques

Room 237

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.

12 Steps to The Recovering Pharisee (Like Me) Led by David Powell Room 236
As Christians we cannot be made right before God by being "better" than anyone else. In his book, 12 Steps for the Recovering Pharisee (like Me), author John Fischer points out that Jesus defined the truth in such a way as to leave no one righteous; not one of us. In this study, class participation and discussion will focus on recognizing and laying aside the "Pharisee" in all of us so we can embrace the grace, gratitude and joy of the spirit-filled

#### I've Never Been This Old Before Led by Joan Naugle

Room 238

Celebrate midlife and beyond with this joyful collection of wit and wisdom dedicated to both the serious and silly sides of aging. Bestselling author Stan Toler will help you face the inevitable march of time with a healthy sense of humor and a warm heart. Packed with entertaining anecdotes, good advice from God's Word, and smart suggestions for self-improvement, *I've Never Been This Old Before* will give you a fresh outlook on the second half of life and remind you that no matter your age, God isn't through growing you.

#### **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.

Creative Sewing Blue House

Bring your own project (sewing, knitting, cross stitch, etc.) that you are working on and join us for an evening of fellowship.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 Every scripture is inspired by God and useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the person dedicated to God may be capable and equipped for every good work.



#### Youth (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades) Activities

Small Groups in the Youth House

#### Kids (ages 3 by Sept. 1, 2022 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) Activities

6:00 – 6:45 3-year old's, 4-year old's, Kindergarteners Cherub Choir Practice Room 233

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

1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders Melody Choir Practice Sanctuary

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

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Graders Crafting Faith Art Room 121

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

6:45 – 7:30 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds, Kindergarteners Sprouts Bible Story Time Room 110

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

1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders Crafting Faith Art Rom 121

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

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Graders Wesley Choir Practice Sanctuary

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

#### **Dinner Costs**

\$8 Adults

\$6 Seniors 65 & Older

\$4 Kids 12 & under

\$20 Family Max (immediate family)



#### <u>Dinner</u> <u>Class Hosting</u>

February 1 - Beef/Veg Soup & Toasted Cheese Daily Bead & SALT

February 8 - Chicken Tenders & Mac & Cheese Friendship Circle

February 15 - Chicken & Dumplings Charles Peace

February 22 - Breakfast Casserole Searchers

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#### **Room Request**

If you have a standing room reservation, please submit your request by visiting our website at:

<u>www.bethany-umc.com</u> or contact Ann Gill at <u>agill@bethany-umc.com</u>

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