BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Word & Table

Have you listened to the Word & Table Playlist on Spotify! This month you can also find 10 songs chosen by Melanie Russo. Use the QR code to find Bethany UMC on Spotify.



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Lenten Services

Wednesday nights 6:15 pm Spell Chapel

March 1st

John Poole, Charleston Wesley Foundation

March 8th

Rev. Ben Burt, Grace UMC

March 15th Rev. Matt Yon, Covenant UMC March 22nd Rev. Jo Locklair, Retired, Bethany UMC

March 29th Dr. Johannah Myers, Aldersgate UMC

Calling all healthcare professionals

Bethany in conjunction with our new Safety and Assistance Committee, setting up an emergency is setting up an emergency response team that will be available during worship and Sunday school times (8 am-12:30 pm). As part of the emergency response team, we are asking any healthcare-trained individuals that are interested and willing to consider being part of the team. We would like to have 1 or 2 healthcare trained individuals who are willing to be on standby for each service and during the Sunday school hour.

Our definition of a healthcare trained individual is a Physician, Nurse
Practitioner, Physician Assistant, Nurse, EMT, and Paramedic. If you are willing
to share as part of this team, please reach out to Roanna Payne at
roanna1958@bellsouth.net.



We Need Your Help!

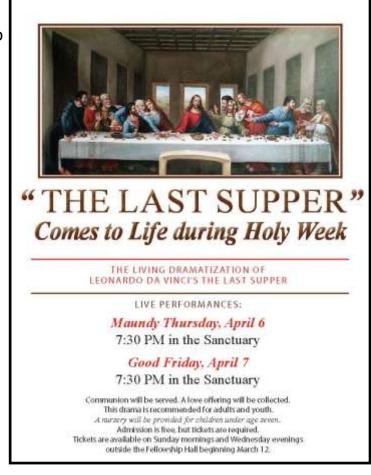
Living Water Set Up

Set up for Living Water is going to be Thursday, March 30th at 8:30 am. Park in the lot near the Youth House and meet at the Youth Garage.

The Last Supper

The room is set, and the disciples enter knowing that their leader is in peril. Leonardo da Vinci's painting depicts the most dramatic moment of the Last Supper, that moment just after the Lord said, "One of you will betray me."

Bethany will bring the painting to life on Thursday, April 6 and Friday, April 7 at 7:30. The Sanctuary will be transformed into the Upper Room and the disciples will be gathered around the table as in the da Vinci painting. After Jesus makes his statement, each disciple will speak about being called to be a disciple. They will talk about their life over the past three years, what they have seen and experienced, and all wonder, "Is it I?"



Periodically, the story will pause and a musical interlude from the Bethany Chamber Singers will let the congregation contemplate on what they have heard.

The cast includes Kyle Boczkowski, Roland Fulcher, Chris Glaze, Barry Gordon, Michael Knotts, Gillis McAllister, Hoa Pham, JC Ridgeway, Cameron Rowe, Jack Sehrt, Hank Seiling, Chad Urban and Charlie Watson. Directing the production are Ted Varner & Peggy Ridgeway. Debby Humbert, Marlene Coleman, Laura Wilson, and Faye Campbell will be helping behind the scenes.

Attendance is free, but tickets are required. Ticket distribution will begin March 12 on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings and during business hours.

If you would like to help with ticket distribution or serve as an Usher at one of the performances, please contact Emily Vick at evick@bethany-umc.com.

These are memorials from December 15th to February 13th

MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

Catherine McDougal Moore

Beth Way English

Lelah C. Smith

Sara Stasiukaitis

Ken Bonnette

Ken Hinson

Roy Stockman

Tolman & Inis Salisbury

Evelyn Smith

Art Rooney Sr.

Jessica LaChance

Dorine Leach

Glenn Glaze

Betty Funderburke

Betty Brandhorst

By Mark & Becky Fentress (Memorials)

In Memory of Danny Dean

By Mona Gilbert (Spell Memorial)

In Memory of Inis Salisbury

By Tom & Pam Jeffries (Spell Chapel)

By Cheryl Gibson (Spell Chapel)

In Memory of Fred Weathers (Memorial

By Franklin Weathers

In Memory of Judy Wilson

By Tom & Pam Jeffries (Handbells)

In Memory of Patricia Davis

By Jan, Jim & Jenning Waring-Wood (Memorials)

In Memory of Dr. James E. Wynn

By Joyce Scott Wynn (Memorials)

In Memory of Janet Kaminski Local Missions

By Ann Gill

By Jack & Donna Mobley

By Gil & Sandy Hager

By Bethany Sr. Adults (Katies Krops)

In Memory of Art Rooney Sr.

By Phil & Debra Luce Richardson (Local Missions)

In Memory of Joe Stasiukatis (Global Missions)

By Ann Gill

By Mona Gilbert

By Ollie Peine

By Jack & Donna Mobley

By Berlin & Betsy Myers

By Berlin G. Myers Lumber

By Gil & Sandy Hager

By Tim & Kathy McConnell

By Charles Peace Class

By Eleanor Veronee

By John & Debbie Wilkinson

By Lola Carter

By Friendship Circle

By Charles H. Wendell

By Jim & Elise Muscott

In Memory of Betty Brandhorst (Memorials)

By Joe & Sheria Alexander

In Memory of Kerry Farmer (Local Missions)

By Bob & Marti Johnson

By Mt. Holly Retirees Club

By Kathryn & Mark Dunlay

By David & Linda Huffman

By Jack & Sandra Cross

By Susan Daley

By Tony & Brenda Frye

By Victoria Alvarez

By Lola Carter

HONORARIUMS

In Honor of:

James Alewine

Glenn Stockman

Narcie Jeter

Liz Williams

Paul Harris

The Bethany Staff

The Stephen Ministers

Mae Weathers

Joe Stasiukaitis

Elliott & Penny Locklair

By Mark & Becky Fentress (Memorials)

In Honor of Stephen Bishop

By SC Federal Credit Union (Kentucky Relief)

In Loving Memory of Fred Weathers, From Mae, Kevin and Debbie Weathers

ODE FOR DAD

When the long away day does finally come unbidden

To me, know that I've lived life to the fullest it could possible be. It's been long and wonderful and full of all that I had supposed it would be.

A few more things have I to do, of this I have no doubt.

I may not have been all that God desired of me, nor done all he wanted me to do. But tis true my steps through it all I took myself, speaking no more than what I needed to.

I was destined to build, to work, and to love my dear wife Mae. Underneath it all was the faith of my dear wife Mae, Underneath it all was the faith of my God's Imminent Grace.

But when I do pass over to that place man has long attempted to describe, That place portrayed as mansions, gold streets, somewhere way out there in the sky.

You know, I think I'd rather wander through an endless sea of radiant Roses so fair.

Their Luscious smell wafting gently over the air.

With the rich deep dark soil making every step a pleasure to my bare feet.

And maybe, just maybe, I may be given leave to dwell there.
Working forever, with no aches or pains or tiredness at the end of my week. And oh what a show that garden will display,

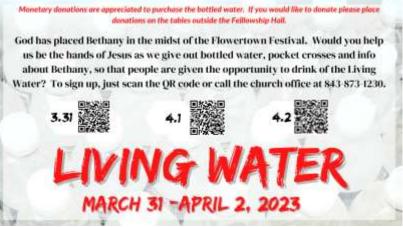
with each petal a testament to what God has to say. Perchance if Jesus sometimes walks with me among that Rose-laden way them peace I will find there and it's there I'll long to stay.



Written by Kevin Weathers-2014

Local & Global Missions





Ecuador 2023 Mission Trip

Ever wondered what we do on our Ecuador Mission Trips or what goes into the planning of an international mission trip?

Been curious what it is like to participate on a mission trip, wondered if you could do it, or what is required to participate? There is an informational meeting Sunday, March 5th, at 10am in room 126.

In addition to sharing past experiences and accomplishments, we will be discussing what we expect to be working on this year as well as do some group planning to discuss dates, possible travel itineraries and any other items as it relates to this year's trip.

If you would like more information but are unable to attend the meeting, reach out to Stephen Bishop (843.696.6938 or flskier@comcast.net).

Tumbes



Join Bethany and China Outreach Ministries (COM) in Christian Hospitality May 5-7

As part of their ministry, COM staff at UGA will bring a group of Chinese students to visit our area May 5-7. Bethany is glad



to partner again with COM by sharing and showing the gospel to these students in many ways, particularly by offering room in our homes for two nights. The group will arrive Friday at 9:30 pm, tour the Charleston area on Saturday, join their hosts at Bethany for a potluck dinner on Saturday night, and worship with us during Sunday School and church service—from there, they return to UGA.

If the Lord has given you a heart to give hospitality to strangers who need to hear and see the gospel in action, we need you! For more details and to explore ways you can serve, contact Laura Knotts. Email:

Iknotts.laura@gmail.com Text: 843-870-6263

Local Missions presents

'All You Can Eat' Pancake Breakfast

at Bethany United Methodist Church



Bethany CDC

Spring is in the air at Bethany CDC! Our students will be learning about plants, animals, insects, spring weather and much more. They will plant seeds, watch caterpillars transform into butterflies, and ladybug larvae become ladybugs. They will make bird feeders, take nature walks, and visit Azalea Park to observe the tadpoles. Spring is such a fun time to learn about the beauty and wonder of God's creation!



Parent-teacher conferences will take place in March and April. During the conferences parents and teachers will celebrate all the new skills the children have learned and discuss how to best support each child as they continue on their learning journey. At Bethany CDC, parents and teachers truly work as a team to support the children.









STEPHEN MINISTRY







Bethany's STEPHEN MINISTERS gathered on Saturday, January 28 for their annual retreat! The one day event serves to inspire and refresh the group for the new year. With a theme of GROWTH, the retreat featured 3 speakers: Stephen Minister Sue Malphrus presented a self-evaluation on Personal Growth; Rev. Narcie Jeter led us on a meditative walk for Spiritual Growth; and Rev. Tom Glisson encouraged Relational Growth from his perspective of being a hospital chaplain and trainer of several hundred Stephen Ministers. A panel of the 3 speakers took questions and interacted with the group before the closing Communion Service. Rev. Mark Barnes presented the morning devotional. Chef John Reule (son of SM Rick Reule) nourished the group with generous and delicious breakfast and luncheon buffets. SM and guitarist Kevin Byrd led the singing of revival hymns. Stephen Ministers are grateful for a meaningful day from all contributors. They stand ready to meet and talk with anyone in need.

You may request a phone call from our Minister of Care Rev. Mark Barnes by placing a note inside one of the Care Mail boxes - include your name, phone # and best time to contact you. Inquire for yourself or for someone you would like to refer for a personal and confidential Stephen Minister. Or place a call to start the process of accepting the gift of a Stephen Minister. Women: Leah Martin 404-408-5457 or Marti Johnson 843-442-1675 Men: Denis Tsukalas 843-729-5348 or Mark Barnes 843-873-2130

Children's Ministry

Get ready for Hero Hotline

Planning is in full swing for Hero Hotline VBS! Over 500 Heroes, ages three through sixth grade, will experience the fun June 12-16. Kids will spring into action and discover how all Heroes can work together to bring peace, build each other up, and share God's love. Here are some details about how you can help with this important ministry:

Volunteers

Each year we prepare for the over 500 children to join us for VBS, and we need many hands! We need adults to serve in a variety of ways. We need teachers and assistants in classrooms, snacks for volunteers, assistance preparing classroom materials, help decorating and more. Our greatest needs are:



Classroom teachers (all ages)

Classroom assistants (all ages)

A medical professional to man the First Aid Table during the week

Preschool Leader to help select and plan activities for 3 & 4-year olds

Working on projects at home

Please prayerfully consider being a part of what promises to be a very special week in the life of BUMC. To sign up to help, contact Stephanie Mitchum at smitchum@bethany-umc.com.

Teacher Training

A training session will be held Saturday, April 29 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Kids Wing. If you are a teacher or assistant, we encourage you to attend. This one-time session will provide a review of our curriculum and plans for crafts, snacks and more. Teen Helpers do not need to attend this training, we will have a training for them at a later date.

Registration

Registration opens for Bethany members on March 1 and for the community on March 15. Children are registered for the grade they are currently in. In an effort to offset the rising cost associated with a program of this size and scope, we ask that each registrant consider making a \$15 donation. It is our goal to continue to offer a high-quality program and your donation will help us do that. Monetary donations will be accepted online with the registration or in the business office during church business hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Friday).

Children's Ministry...continued

Decorations

In addition our decorations team will need props galore to help set the stage for our wonderful week. If you have any of the needed items on hand, please consider letting our team use them for the week. Items needed include:

- Rectangle plastic tablecloths in teal, lime green, orange, yellow and purple
- Streamers in teal, lime green, orange, yellow and purple
- Paper lantern balls in teal, lime green, orange, yellow and purple

Prayers

At home projects are available by the elevator on the 3rd floor. Please grab something to help prep decorations.

Our VBS team needs your prayers as we plan for this special week. We have such a wonderful opportunity to introduce Jesus to so many children who might not otherwise know Him and reacquaint Him with others who already do. We need your prayers and support as we strive to be the hands and feet of Christ. We ask you to petition the Lord on our behalf so that we may bring him all the glory.

If you have any questions, please call the Children's Ministries office.

Bethany's Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 8th @ 10am sharp!
Preschool will hunt eggs on the playground.
Kindergarten-2nd Grade will hunt eggs on the edge of Azalea Park near our parking lot.

3rd - 5th grades will have a Scavenger Hunt in the Youth House
There will be lots of eggs and a visit from the Easter Bunny!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Bethany Prayer Shawl Ministry has been very busy. We always have a good selection of prayer shawls to give out to Bethany members, and to their friends and family. We pass them out to anyone who may benefit from one, knowing that they were made by a Bethany member and blessed by a Bethany Minister. A handmade card is included with each shawl.

Babies baptized at Bethany receive a handmade baby blanket, or a small gift for our "older babies". Graduating High School Seniors receive a special scarf made in colors of their prospective school or in colors that the Senior selects. Currently we are working



on beanies and scarves for the homeless We welcome all who know the difference between a crochet hook and a knitting needle. Even if you don't know the difference, there will be someone present to explain. Many of our shawls are made at home and brought in and blessed before handing out. We meet the first Monday, of every other month from 2-3 p.m.in Room 119. Our meeting will be March 6, 2023.

HAPPY HEARTS MARCH

MICHAEL MINOR - A ONE-MAN VARIETY SHOW Singer, Ventriloquist, Actor March 24 at 12pm

Michael Minor is a professional ultra-versatile entertainer who has something for everyone in his shows. He is an accomplished singer, ventriloquist and impressionist who has had the privilege of entertaining all over the world. Michael can impersonate both old and young entertainers alike from Louis Armstrong to Justin Timberlake. He will impress you with the speed at which he and his "special guests" take turns singing a song together as well as amaze you with his dead-on impressions. Michael is a classically trained vocalist and can sing any style of music which will keep everyone entertained. He's a one man variety show like you've never seen! He performs on cruise ships, at resorts, amusement parks, retirement communities, schools and churches. *And* he is based in our own Summerville!



The menu for the March meeting is Smokey Minestrone Soup, Turkey and Swiss Deli sandwich, salad, dessert and drink. The cost is \$8.00. Please make your meal reservation with Dot at 843-343-5450 or email her at dmprevatte@yahoo.com by Sunday, March 19.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the exciting March Happy Hearts!



On Sunday, March 12, the kids will take over Word & Table. We will "Grow In God" and learn how God plants us to do good things. The kids will be ushering, reading scripture, assisting with the sermon, and helping with Communion. All three children's choirs will be singing. If you would like for your child to help with the service, please contact Emily Vick at evick@bethany-umc.com.

Asbury Hill United Methodist Camp Visit

Representatives from Asbury Hills will be at Bethany on Sunday, March 12. They will speak in Word & Table and the 8:45 & 11:15 Traditional services. An information table will be upstairs by the Kid's Welcome Desk with brochures and someone to answer questions. Camp counselors will be leading our Elementary Sunday School that day to talk about camp, sing some camp songs and play a couple of games. Parents are welcome to join us that day for information.

Recreation















WAYS TO ASCEND SUPPORT STUDENT MINISTRIES @BETHANY UMC





Pray. Please pray for ASCEND to meet the needs of middle and high school students in the Summerville area.

Sunday School Teachers. Youth Sunday school transformed this school year and we hope to continue this growth next year. Sunday School teachers serve in a rotation ONCE a MONTH. 2

ASCEND Small Group Leaders. This is a great way to serve and make an impact on the spiritual formation of the Youth of Bethany. Small Group leaders serve Sunday nights during ASCEND (6:30 pm - 8:00 pm). All "adult" ages are welcomed and encouraged to help as Small Group Leaders.

Directed giving to YOUTH DESIGNATED.
ASCEND is a growing group and our needs
often far exceed our budgetary constraints.
Please prayerfully consider directly
supporting the youth of Bethany.

CONTACT MIKE JETER IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ASCEND. MJETER@BETHANY-UMC.COM / 854-429-1849

TVR 2023 was a wonderful weekend full of worship, fellowship, skiing, and adventures at camp! Our community was strengthened as was our relationships with Jesus Christ!











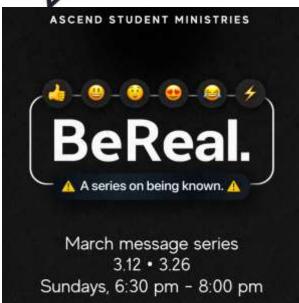






Student Ministries











www.ascendstudentministries.org

Please be in prayer for Bethany's 2023 Confirmation Class as we attend our Confirmation Retreat at the Hinton Center in Hayesville, NC, March 3-5!

Confirmation 2023 is off to a fantastic start! Here's a little peak into this year's class...





















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

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