

Christian sympathies go out Sue Malphrus and the family and friends of Gene Malphrus who joined the church triumphant on February 28, 2023 .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Children's Church

Due to Kid's Sunday in Word and Table today, we will not be having Children's Church. Busy bags are available in the Narthex. Thank you.

Asbury Hills

Asbury Hill United Methodist Camp representatives will be here today. They will give information about the camp and how your kids can be a part of the fun this summer. An information table will be set up at the top of the stairs. Camp counselors will be leading the elementary Sunday school hour, with information, songs and games. Parents are welcome to attend this. Come find out how amazing Asbury Hills is!

Lenten Services

Join us this Lenten season with Wednesday night Lenten services (Mar. 15, 22 & 29) at 6:15 pm in Spell Chapel.

Wednesday Night BNOW

BNOW will continue during Lent with dinner, Children's Activities and Lenten Worship. Dinner will be from 5-6 pm, with Children's Activities starting at 6 pm. Lenten Worship will be at 6:15 pm in Spell Chapel.

The meal for this week (March 15) will be Cavatina casserole, garlic bread, salad bar and pizza rolls for the kids. The Sunday School class that will be hosting is Sam Wood. Meal reservations are no longer required.

The "Last Supper" Comes to Life During Holy Week

Leonardo da Vinci's *Last Supper* will come to life on **Maundy Thursday, April 6** and **Good Friday, April 7 at 7:30pm**. The Sanctuary will be transformed into the Upper Room and the disciples will be gathered around the table. Each disciple will reflect on their life, their call to be with Jesus, and wonder if they will be the one to betray Him.

Attendance is free, but tickets are required. Ticket distribution begins **TODAY** and will continue on Sunday mornings in the Narthex and near the coffee area. Wednesday evenings, tickets will be available at the dinner payment table. You can contact Emily Vick during business hours to pick up tickets, or reserve them online through the Bethany website.

We are also looking for volunteers to serve as ushers for the performances. If you would like to serve in this capacity, contact Emily Vick.

2023 VBS

Bethany's 2023 VBS Hero Hotline will be June 12-16 from 9 – 12:30pm. Registration is now open for Bethany members and opens for non-members on March 15. If you would like to volunteer (either getting things ready before or help during VBS) please contact Stephanie Mitchum at smitchum@bethany-umc.com.

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, March 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

Monday, March 13

10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
10 AM Plarning/Upcycling, 122
12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, Youth House
3 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler
6 PM Kid's Care Board Mtg., 215
6:30 PM SPRC, Conf. Room
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Friendship Circle
7:30 PM Local Missions, 237

Tuesday, March 14

8:30 AM YOGA, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
6:30 PM Finance Committee, Conf. Room
6:45 PM UW Faith Exe. Board, 118
7 PM Global Missions, 127

Wednesday, March 15

Wednesday Lenten Service

5:30 AM Men's Prayer Group, 215
9 AM Bridge Group, 118
5-6 PM BNOW Meal, Fellowship Hall
5 PM Communications Committee, Conf. Room
6 PM BNOW Children's Programs
6:15 PM Lenten Wednesday Service, Spell Chapel

Thursday, March 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, 127
6 PM Handbells, 234
7 PM Church Council, 215

Friday, March 17

6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 127
9 AM Women's Bible Study, 215

Saturday, March 18

10 AM VITA Tax Preparation, 118

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 website. 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.

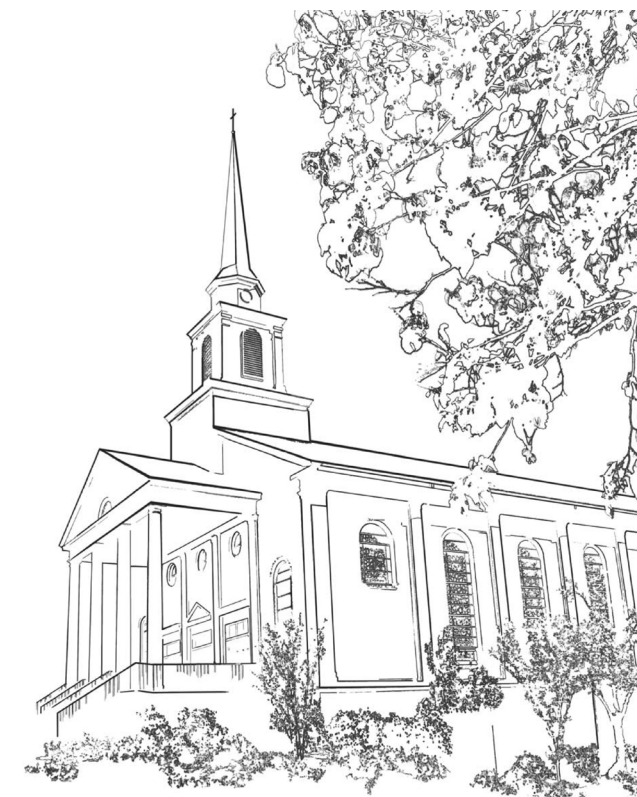
Emergency Phone

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**.

March 12, 2023
11:15 a.m. Worship Service

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
3rd Sunday in Lent

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. 269
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

* **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.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism, No. 39

Anthem Cry No More Dan Forrest
Chancel Choir

First Lesson Psalm 30: 4-12 OT pg. 505

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 And Can It Be Dan Forrest
Men's Ensemble; Ken Myers, 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.

* **Second Lesson** John 15: 9-17 NT Pg. 109
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon Jesus Loves Me, This I Know Rev. Mitch Houston

* **Hymn of Dedication** No. 191
Jesus Loves Me

* **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.



Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Mackenzie Martha Houston will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today during the 11:15 am worship service. Mackenzie is the child of Christopher and Danielle Houston and sister of Addison. Grandparents are Rev. Mitch and Martha Houston of Summerville and Sandra McClure and Danny Kelly of Hardeeville, South Carolina. Elena Shorb and Hugh Camp are her Godparents.

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 greens today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Kenneth Hinson from Karen Hinson and family.

The rose on the altar is in honor of Colton Stephen McCoy, son of Paige Redick and Carter McCoy, grandson of Mike and Kelly Redick, who was born on March 4.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Ushers

11:15 ~ Team Leader: David Morris; Bart Burford, Greg Elliott, Jimmy Jackson, Gerry Purvis, Bob Minus, Steve Wilson, Justin Goethe, Pete Knight, Sarah Warren

Liturgist

11:15 – Rev. Michael Ritter

Acolytes

11:15 – Natalie Probin

Crucifers

11:15 – Bertie Probin

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for March 5, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions.....	\$ 40,966.00
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....	366,630.04
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....	86,451.15

Capital Campaign (Figures for March 5, 2023)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	3,511.50
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date	36,705.03

Presence (March 5, 2023)

8 am Spell – 56; Word & Table Worship – 91; Sanctuary Worship 428; Sunday School – 415