

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Services

Join us this Lenten season with Wednesday night Lenten services (**Mar. 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 22**) will be soup, toasted cheese sandwich and salad bar. The Sunday School class that will be hosting is Connections. 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.

Exciting March Happy Hearts

The next Happy Hearts meeting will be Friday, March 24 at 12 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting will feature Michael Minor, a professional singer, ventriloquist and impressionist who has entertained all over the world. A classically trained vocalist, he is a one-man variety show. He performs on cruise ships, at resorts, amusement parks, schools and churches; but is based here in Summerville. The menu is Mr. K's fried chicken, broccoli & rice casserole, green beans, and dessert for \$8.00. Please make your meal reservation with Dot at 843.343.5450 or email her at dmprevatte@yahoo.com by **TODAY!** ALL ARE INVITED!

Men of Bethany BBO Fundraiser

The men of Bethany will be hosting a BBQ carry-out fundraiser on Sunday, March 26. Tickets are \$10 per meal (pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, bread, dessert) or \$20 per pound of BBQ. Profits will go to support various missions. Pick up will be 10:30 am - 12:30 pm in the kitchen.

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 is 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.

Easter Sunday Worship Times

Easter Sunday, April 9:

- 6:30 am Sunrise Service at Azalea Park* – please bring your lawn chair
*(in case of rain we will move to Spell Chapel)
- 8 am Worship in Spell Chapel**
- 8:45 am and 11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**
- 8:45 am Word and Table Contemporary in the Fellowship Hall**

** A Nursery will be provided

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, March 19

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 Class, Youth House
6:30 PM Youth ASCEND
7 PM Last Supper Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Monday, March 20

10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
10 AM Plarning/Upcycling, 122
10 AM Brooks Swicegood, 124
12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, Youth House
2 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler
5:30 PM CDC Board, Conf. Room
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Friendship Circle
7 PM UMM, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 21

8:30 AM YOGA, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
10:30 AM Grief Support, Parlor
11 AM Women of Faith Luncheon, 115

Wednesday, March 22

Lenten Service

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 Lenten Service, Spell Chapel

Thursday, March 23

7 AM Men's Prayer Group, Youth House
8:30 AM YOGA, Gym
9:30 AM Bible Study, 239
10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
6 PM Handbells, 234

Friday, March 24

6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 127
9 AM Women's Bible Study, 239
12 PM Happy Hearts, F.H.
1 PM Pictorial Directory, 234
5 PM Respite, 115

Saturday, March 25

10 AM VITA Tax Preparation, 118
10 AM Pictorial Directory, 234

Egg Hunt- Save the Date

Join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8 at 10 am sharp. Preschool will hunt on the playground; K-2nd will hunt on the edge of Azalea Park; 3rd-5th will have a scavenger hunt at the Youth House. There will be lots of eggs and a visit from the Easter Bunny! In the event of rain, the hunt will be cancelled.

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
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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.

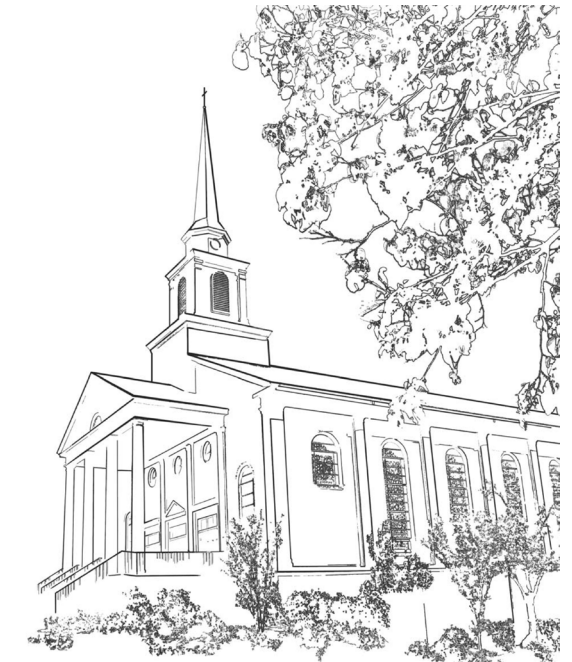
Emergency Phone

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**.

March 19, 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

4th 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 Be Still, My Soul arr. Alex Guebert
Chancel Bells

* **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.*

* **Opening Hymn** No. 292
What Wondrous Love Is This

* **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 2nd 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) The Lord is My Shepherd Howard Goodall
Chancel Choir
(11:15) Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake Richard Farrant
Chamber Ensemble

First Lesson Psalm 23 UMH No. 754

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 Fantasy on King's Weston arr. Fred Gramann
Chancel Bells

* **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** 1 Samuel 16:1-13 OT Pg. 259
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon Our Pilot, Our Plane, Our Airline Rev. Michael Ritter

* **Hymn of Dedication** No. 298
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

* 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 Sehrt, Membership Director, at jsehrt@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 Thomas Shirah on his birthday from Theresa Shirah and family.

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. David Powell

Acolytes

8:45 –
11:15 –

Crucifers

8:45 –
11:15 –

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for March 12, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions..... \$ 48,923.38
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date..... 415,553.42
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date..... 90,621.78

Capital Campaign (Figures for March 12, 2023)

*Capital Campaign Contributions 4,672.50
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date 41,377.53

Presence (March 12, 2023)

8 am Spell – 52; Word & Table Worship – 145; Sanctuary Worship 428;
Sunday School – 359