

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wednesday Night BNOW

There will not be any BNOW classes or meals for the next two weeks (April 5 and April 12). Classes and meals will resume on April 19.

### The “Last Supper” Comes to Life During Holy Week

Leonardo da Vinci’s *Last Supper* will come to life this week (**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. Tickets are still available and can be picked up at the Welcome Desk or reserve them online through the Bethany website.

### Pictorial Directory

A new directory for our membership is in process. We need all members participating to ensure that the new directory will be complete. Those photographed will receive a free 8x10 portrait. **Appointments for April are now available!!** Please visit the Bethany website to reserve your spot! Appointments are on a first-serve basis, so SIGN UP TODAY!

### Annual Easter Egg Hunt

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.

### Easter Sunday- April 9 Worship Times

- 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

### Foster Parent Appreciation Baskets

The Epworth Children’s Home Lowcountry Hub, housed right here at Bethany, is asking churches to help provide baskets for their foster homes. May is Foster Parent Appreciation month, and these baskets will help show how much the homes are needed and valued. Bethany will complete 10 baskets for Epworth and we are accepting monetary donations to purchase the basket items. You can place your donation in the offering plate or bring it to the Business office (please mark it for Epworth Baskets).

### New Member Sunday

Are you interested in joining our church family? Our next New Member Sunday will be **Sunday, May 7** for all services. If you are interested in joining, or for more information, please contact our Membership Director Jack Sehart, at 843.873.1230 or [jsehart@bethany-umc.com](mailto:jsehart@bethany-umc.com).

### Scan to Give Option

It’s easier than ever to give now! Simply scan the QR Code and you will be directed to PushPay, our online giving platform, for the opportunity to give!



## THIS WEEK...

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

### Sunday, April 2

*FlowerTown Festival*

*No Youth Ascend*

8 AM	<b>WORSHIP</b> , Spell Chapel
8:45 AM	<b>WORSHIP</b> , Sanctuary
8:45 AM	<b>WORD &amp; TABLE</b> , FH
10 AM	Sunday School
10 AM	Ecuador Meeting, 126
11:15 AM	<b>WORSHIP</b> , Sanctuary
2 PM	Last Supper Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Monday, April 3

10 AM	Adult Pickleball, Gym
10 AM	Planning/Upcycling, 122
12:30 PM	Men’s Book Buddies, Youth House
3 PM	Bethany Golf League, Miler
5:30 PM	CDC Board Mtg., 127
7 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous, 213&214

### Tuesday, April 4

8:30 AM	YOGA, Gym
10 AM	Quilters, Blue House
10:30 AM	Grief Support, Parlor
5:30 PM	Stephen Ministries Leaders, Conf. Room

### Wednesday, April 5

*No BNOW Classes or Meal*

5:30 AM	Men’s Prayer Group, 215
9 AM	Bridge Group, 118
6:30 PM	Tech Ministries, Conf. Room

### Thursday, April 6

*The Last Supper Performance*

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
6:30 PM	Stewardship, Conf. Room
7:30 PM	The Last Supper, Sanctuary

### Friday, April 7

*The Last Supper Performance*

6:30 AM	Men’s Devotion Study, 127
9 AM	Women’s Bible Study, 215
7:30 PM	The Last Supper, Sanctuary

### Saturday, April 8

*Egg Hunt*

10 AM	Easter Egg Hunt
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### Stephen Ministry

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.

### 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](mailto:evick@bethany-umc.com)  
Stephanie Mitchum 843.343.8494 [smitchum@bethany-umc.com](mailto:smitchum@bethany-umc.com)  
Janice Harp 843.607.3493 [jharp@bethany-umc.com](mailto: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.

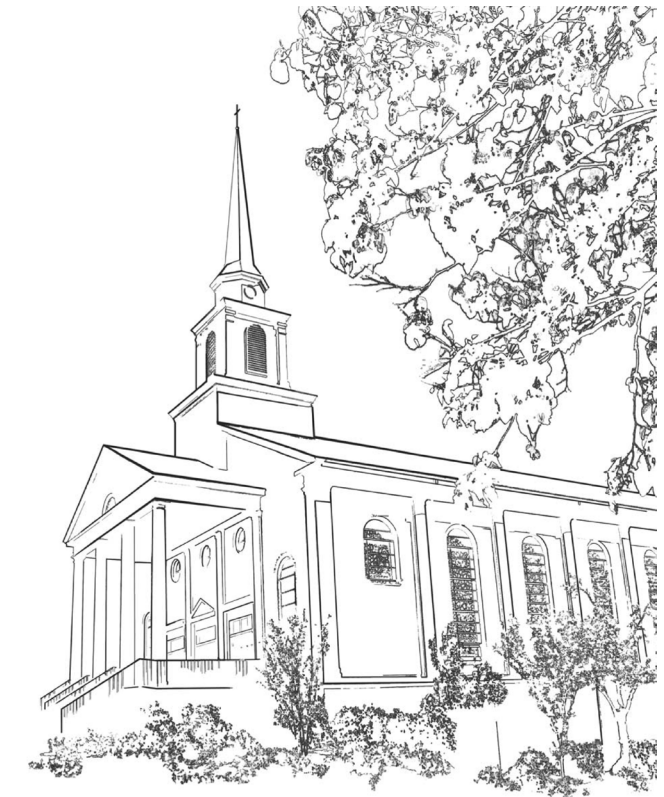
### Emergency Phone

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**.

April 2, 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

*Palm Sunday*

## 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 (8:45)** I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing  
Cherub Choir

(11:15) Sonata No. 5 for Flute George Frederic Handel  
Jessica Hull Dambaugh, flute; Michael Lopez, piano

\* **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. 280  
All Glory, Laud, and Honor

\* **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.*

**Anthem (8:45)** Children Get Ready Bailey/Mayo  
Melody and Wesley Choirs  
(11:15) "Sanctus" from *Requiem Mass* John Rutter  
Chancel Choir; Jessica Hull Dambaugh, flute; Matt Masie, percussion

**First Lesson** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 OT pg. 565

## 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 (8:45)** "Sanctus" from *Requiem* John Rutter  
Chancel Ensemble  
(11:15) If Ye Love Me Thomas Tallis  
Chamber Ensemble

\* **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** Matthew 21: 1-11 NT Pg. 23  
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
People: *Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon** When To Take The Shirt Off Your Back Rev. Michael Ritter

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** No. 12  
*Gluten-free option available upon request.*  
(No Children's Church on Communion Sunday)

\* **Hymn of Dedication** No. 278  
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

## \* 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 Ray Goins from Annette Goins and family.

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY

### Ushers

8:45 ~ Team Leader: Billy Hay; Laurence Clair, Stuart Courtney, Steve Davis, Jim McElheny, Jonathan Patterson, Ce Buddin, Marion Watson, Arthur DeHay

11:15 ~ Team Leader: David Huffman; Marty Eubanks, Rick Yochim, Martha Proctor, Charlotte Wasmund, Jillian Weatherford, Bill McIntosh, Chad Edens, Sarah Warren

### Communion Servers

8:45 – Quince and Billie Jean Cody  
11:15 – Liz Williams and Roanna Payne

### Liturgist

8:45 & 11:15 – Mr. Hoa Pham

### Acolytes

8:45 –  
11:15 –

### Crucifers

8:45 –  
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 March 26, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions.....	\$ 39,496.00
*Operating Funds Contributed to Date.....	481,865.05
*Operating Needs Year to Date.....	502,848.00
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....	136,546.69

**Capital Campaign** (Figures for March 26, 2023)

*Capital Campaign Contributions .....	1,335.50
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date .....	33,911.71
*Capital Campaign Needs Year to Date.....	43,277.00

**Presence** (March 26, 2023)

8 am Spell – 53; Word & Table Worship – 115; Sanctuary Worship 448;  
Sunday School – 416