

## 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).

## SPELL CHAPEL OPEN FOR PRAYER

Spell Chapel will be open from 6:30-9:30 am each Wednesday for prayer. We know you don't have to be in church to pray, but this provides an opportunity for all of us to pray intentionally as a congregation as we seek God's wisdom and guidance for individual needs, for our church, and for the leaders of our denomination.

## HERO HOTLINE- VBS!

VBS is getting close! We still have things we need help with. Make sure to check the project table on the 3rd floor by the elevator – it is constantly being updated with projects. There are also some items we need: plastic tablecloths and streamers in lime green, hot pink, orange, purple, teal, and yellow; blank CD's (will be used for decorating), 9' foil curtains in lime, teal, hot pink, orange, purple and yellow. You can also purchase from our Amazon Wishlist - <https://a.co/0yTJYhF>. Items from the wish list will be shipped directly to us!

## PRAYER CHAIN

Bethany is putting together a Prayer Chain Group. If you are interested in being a part of it, please email Debbie at [ddominianni@bethany-umc.com](mailto:ddominianni@bethany-umc.com)

## SCAN TO GIVE OPTION

It's easier than ever to give now! Simply scan this QR Code and you will be directed to PushPay, our online giving platform. You can also text 833-245-8417 and give right from your phone! If you would prefer to give the traditional way, giving envelopes can be found in your pew for cash and check donations.

Thank you for your generosity!



# Welcome to

# Word & Table



Recognizing Jesus

Luke 24:13-35

## WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

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# ● ORDER OF WORSHIP ●

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF FAITH

PASTORAL PRAYER

KIDS' MOMENT

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE

LUKE 24: 13-35

MESSAGE

"RECOGNIZING JESUS"

COMMUNION

SONG OF FAITH

BENEDICTION

## **Luke 24: 13-35**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## **EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY!**

Did you know that in the last year Epworth Children's Home served over 1,000 children and families through our statewide programs? Each of these children had this opportunity because of United Methodist churches in South Carolina who embrace and provide for this ministry in support of the children and families in our state. We will participate in the annual Mother's Day Offering on Sunday, May 14 to benefit the children who call Epworth home, as well as each child and family touched by Epworth's ministries. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).

## **BETHANY SAFETY & ASSISTANCE TEAM**

Bethany has started a Safety and Assistance program that will require a large number of volunteers to be successful. You may have already seen some of our core members providing assistance on Sundays last month. Our initial plan is to have two shifts on Sunday mornings that will need two outside and two inside people for each shift. This is open to men and women and is ideal for couples. To find out more, visit one of our drop-in sessions that will be held in April. Sessions will be on Wednesdays at 5pm in the Welcome Center Conference Room before BNOW, and on Sundays at 11:15am in the Searchers Sunday School class (Room 118). Please contact Gus Holladay with any questions at [ghollall48@att.net](mailto:ghollall48@att.net).

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BNOW**

Join us on Wednesday nights for activities and classes for everyone. BNOW begins with a meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5 pm. The meal for this week (April 26) will be tacos, Spanish rice and black beans. The Sunday School class that will be hosting is Charles Peace. 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.