

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Graduation Sunday will be May 21 in the 11:15 worship service. If you have a graduating senior and would like for them to be recognized, please visit www.ascendstudentministries.org and click the "Bethany Graduate Celebration 2023" button. There will also be a celebratory dinner that night during Youth Ascend. To RSVP, please visit ascendstudentministries.org.

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 found on Bethany's website.

Teen helpers are needed! If your teen, 7th grade and older, would like to help out at VBS this year, let Stephanie Mitchum know. We need teens in each classroom and in special areas. Please let us know which age group you would like to work with. These helpers are vital members of the VBS team, and we couldn't do it without them.

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

**KNOWING
THE
VOICE**

JOHN 10:1-10

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Bethany United Methodist Church
118 W. 3rd South Street
Summerville, SC 29483
843.873.1230

April 30, 2023

● ORDER OF WORSHIP ●

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF FAITH

PASTORAL PRAYER

KIDS' MOMENT

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE

JOHN 10: 1-10

MESSAGE

"KNOWING THE VOICE"

COMMUNION

SONG OF FAITH

BENEDICTION

John 10: 1-10

10 "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. 7 So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me[a] are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

TRANSFORM A CHILD'S FUTURE

Each year, Epworth Children's Home provides care to children in our own communities who have experienced abuse, neglect, and loss. Epworth's care breaks the destructive cycle and encourages children to aim higher in life. The physical, emotional, academic, and spiritual care they receive transforms their lives. On Sunday, May 14th, 2023, our congregation will support Epworth by collecting the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering. We invite you to give generously to the children impacted by Epworth's care and programs. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information, please visit Epworth online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

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.

DIRECTORY PHOTOS

February directory photos can be picked up in the Business Office during business hours, Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm and Sundays, April 30 & May 7 from 8:30-11:30am. Photos that were taken in March or April will be available later. Please make sure to come by and pick up your items.

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 (May 3) will be fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, biscuits and salad bar. The Sunday School class that will be hosting is Searchers. 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.