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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 19**) will be BBQ chicken breast sandwich, potato salad, baked beans and salad bar. The Sunday School class that will be hosting is Friendship Circle. 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.

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 gholl1148@att.net.

National Day of Prayer- Breakfast

Bethany will host a National Day of Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 4 in the Fellowship Hall. The breakfast will be from 6:30am - 7am and the program will be from 7am - 8:15 am. Tickets are \$20 and can be found by visiting www.summervilleymca.org.

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!

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.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, April 16

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
6:30 PM Youth ASCEND

Monday, April 17

10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
10 AM Plarning/Upcycling, 122
10 AM Brooks-Swicegood, 124
12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, Youth House
3 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler
6:30 PM SPRC, Conference Room
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Friendship Circle
7 PM UMM, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 18

8:30 AM YOGA, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
10:30 AM Grief Support. Parlor
6:30 PM Finance Committee, Conference Room

Wednesday, April 19

Wednesday Night BNOW

5:30 AM Men's Prayer Group, 215
9 AM Bridge Group, F.C.
5 PM Safety & Assist. Committee, Conference Room
5-6 PM BNOW Meal, Fellowship Hall
6 PM BNOW Children's Programs
6:15 PM BNOW Youth Programs
6:15 PM BNOW Adult Classes
7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 234

Thursday, April 20

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 Circle Mtg., 127
6 PM Handbells, 234

Friday, April 21

6:30 AM Men's Devotional Group
9 AM Women's Bible Study, 215
6 PM Low Country Emmaus Mtg.

Saturday, April 22

Confirmation Retreat

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!

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 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.

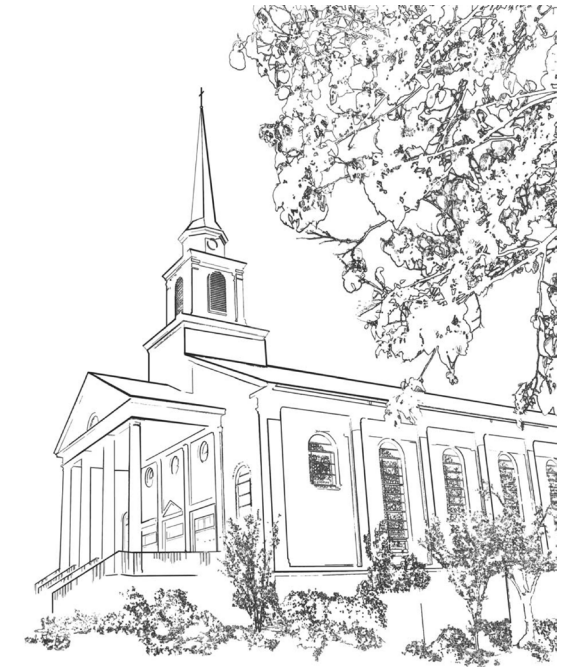
Emergency Phone

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**.

April 16, 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

2nd Sunday after Easter

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

Concerto Giuseppe Torrelli
Kyle Lane, trumpet; Michael Lopez, organ

* **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** UMH No. 303
The Day of Resurrection

* **Affirmation of Faith** THE APOSTLES' CREED UMH 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** UMH 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.

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 Alleluia, Praise the Lord George Frederic Handel
Rob Taylor, tenor; Kyle Lune, trumpet

First Lesson Psalm 16: 5-11 UMH No. 748

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

I have a glorious heritage.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
even at night my heart instructs me.

**I have set the Lord always before me;
the Lord is at my right hand;
I shall not be moved.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also dwells secure.

**For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your godly one see the pit.**

You show me the path of life;
**in your presence there is fullness of joy,
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

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 Little Adagio George Bizet
Kyle Lane, trumpet; Michael Lopez, organ

* **Hymn of Assurance** UMH No. 322
Up from the Grave He Arose

* **Doxology** UMH 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 Peter 1: 3-9 NT Pg. 232
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hope During Hard Times Rev. Mark Barnes

* **Hymn of Dedication** UMH No. 308
Thine Be the Glory

* 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 flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the Searchers Sunday school class from Casey and Cheryl Canonge.

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

Liturgist

8:45 & 11:15 – Mr. Luke Biggs

Acolytes

8:45 – Reyn Courtney
11:15 –

Crucifers

8:45 – James Tracey Courtney
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 April 9, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions.....	\$ 39,765.12
*Operating Funds Contributed to Date.....	556,132.33
*Operating Needs Year to Date.....	580,209.00
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....	160,673.19

Capital Campaign (Figures for April 9, 2023)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	4,139.68
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date	40,873.39
*Capital Campaign Needs Year to Date.....	49,935.00

Presence (April 9, 2023)

Sunrise – 98; 8 am Spell – 91; Word & Table Worship – 161; Sanctuary Worship - 817;
Sunday School – 340