

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

Bethany Safety & Assistance Team

Bethany has started a Safety & 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. 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 Room 118. Please contact Gus Holladay with any questions at gholla1148@att.net.

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!

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 23

8 AM WORSHIP, Spell Chapel
8:45 AM WORSHIP, Sanctuary
8:45 AM WORD & TABLE, FH
10 AM Sunday School
10 AM Ecuador Planning, 126
11:15 AM WORSHIP, Sanctuary
6:30 PM Youth ASCEND

Monday, April 24

10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
10 AM Plarning/Upcycling, 122
12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, Youth House
3 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler
6 PM Mary & Martha Circle, 124
6 PM Care Team/Visitation, 127
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Friendship Circle

Tuesday, April 25

8:30 AM YOGA, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House

Wednesday, April 26

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
6 PM BNOW Children's Programs
6:15 PM BNOW Youth Programs
6:15 PM BNOW Adult Classes

Thursday, April 27

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, April 28

6:30 AM Men's Devotional Group
9 AM Women's Bible Study, 215
12 PM Happy Hearts, Fellowship Hall
5 PM Respite

Saturday, April 29

9:30 AM VBS Training, 213

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.

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 23, 2023
8:45 and 11:15 a.m. Worship Services

BETHANY

United Methodist Church



*Elena Bilton
Wyatt Carter
Olivia Dantzler
Chloe DeLong
Kaelyn Ellis
Susie Horres
William Jenkins
Stella Kemp
William Lopez*

*Jacob Mendoza
Braedon Patterson
Jack Phillips
Harrison Reynolds
Maysie Runyon
Elizabeth White
Grant Wimberly
Elise Woolwine*

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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

3rd 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

* **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
All Things Bright and Beautiful

* **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)

(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.)

Service of Confirmation (11:15) UMH No. 33

Anthem (8:45) Sicut Cervus Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
Chamber Ensemble
(11:15) Laudate Dominum Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Chancel Choir; Grace Kahl, soprano

First Lesson Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19 OT Pg 564

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)

(11:15) Exultate Jubilate Mozart
Grace Kahl, soprano

* **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** Luke 24: 13-35 NT Pg. 90
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon Telling the True Story Rev. Michael Ritter

* **Hymn of Dedication** UMH No. 98
To God 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.



Miriam Birdsong
Rebecca Dunlap
Marty Gunter
Mike Jeter
Narcie Jeter
Billy Jones
Laura Jones
Shawn Kahn

Chuck Lewis
Elliott Locklair
Brandon Lucius
Aaron Oberman
Roanna Payne
Mark Phillips
Scott Runyon

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 worshippers, 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 Scott, Kerri and Blake Lyman and in memory of Janice Lyman from Al Lyman.

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. Bill McIntosh

Acolytes

8:45 – Natalie Probin
11:15 – Emma Brickman

Crucifers

8:45 – Bertie Probin
11:15 – Harper Phillilps

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 16, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions.....	\$ 28,168.19
*Operating Funds Contributed to Date.....	584,300.52
*Operating Needs Year to Date.....	618,890.00
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....	164,747.54

Capital Campaign (Figures for April 16, 2023)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	1,627.50
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date	42,500.89
*Capital Campaign Needs Year to Date.....	53,264.00

Presence (April 16, 2023)

8 am Spell – 50; Word & Table – 86; Sanctuary - 379; Sunday School – 374

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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!

