

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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](http://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 (**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.

### 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](http://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](http://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!

We still need help with VBS. Make sure to check the project table on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 which can be found online at [www.bethany-umc.com](http://www.bethany-umc.com).

Teen helpers are needed! If your teen, 7<sup>th</sup> 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!



### 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).

## THIS WEEK...

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

### Sunday, April 30

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  
6:30 PM Youth ASCEND

### Monday, May 1

10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym  
10 AM Plarning/Upcycling, 122  
12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, Youth House  
2 PM Prayer Shawl Meeting, 118  
3 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler  
5:30 PM CDC Board Mtg., 127  
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Friendship Circle  
7 PM Worship Committee, 237

### Tuesday, May 2

8:30 AM YOGA, Gym  
10 AM Quilters, Blue House  
10:30 AM Grief Support, Parlor  
5:30 PM Stephen Ministry, Conf. Rm.

### Wednesday, May 3

#### *Wednesday Night BNOW*

5:30 AM Men's Prayer Group, 215  
6:30 AM Prayer Time, Spell Chapel  
9 AM Bridge Group, F.C.  
5-6 PM BNOW Meal  
6 PM BNOW Children's Programs  
6:15 PM BNOW Youth Programs  
6:15 PM BNOW Adult Classes  
6:30 PM Tech. Ministries, Conf. Rm.

### Thursday, May 4

#### *National Day of Prayer*

6:30 AM Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall  
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, May 5

6:30 AM Men's Devotional Group  
9 AM Women's Bible Study, 215

### Saturday, May 6

5 PM China Outreach, 115

### 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.

### 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)  
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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 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.

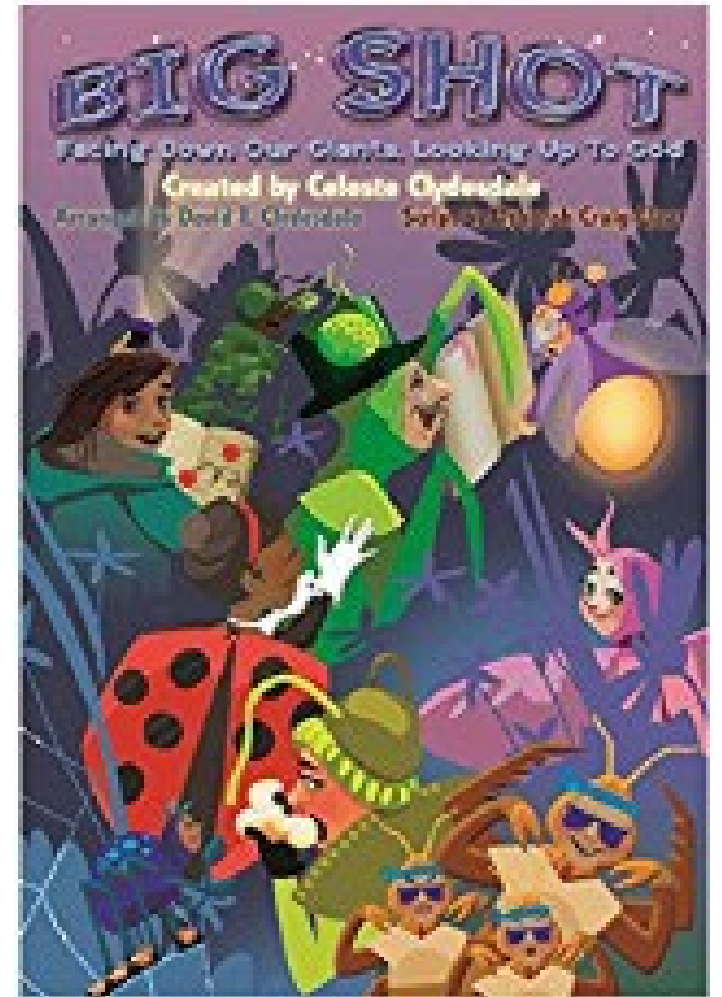
### Emergency Phone

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 30, 2023  
11:15 a.m. Worship Service  
Children's Musical

# BETHANY

United Methodist Church



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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

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter

## Gathering

## Chiming of the Trinity

## Welcome and Announcements

## Prelude

## \* Opening Hymn

Christ Is Alive

UMH No. 318

## 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** Were You There/Crown Him With Many Crowns arr. M. Ham  
Anne Poole, piano

## \* Doxology

UMH No. 95

## Big Shot: Facing Down Our Giants, Looking Up To God

Created By: Celeste Clydesdale; arr. David T. Clydesdale; Script by Deborah Craig-Claar

*Presented by the Children's Choirs of BUMC*

Michael Lopez ..... Pianist

## Musical Numbers

### It's a Beautiful Day

#### Call Upon the Lord

*Soloists: Tolman Yarborough, Sarah Jane Moody, Campbell Kersting,  
Ann Myers Watson, Ellington Graffis, Bryson Arntz, and Kaydence  
Fisher*

#### Fight the Good Fight of Faith

*Soloists: Scott White, Finley DeGraff, James Tracey Courtney*

#### The Battle Is the Lord's

*Featuring: Smith Graffis, Harrison Rankin, Anna Wright, and Grace  
Wright*

#### Father of Light

*Soloist: Clara Willmarth*

#### Not By Might

*Soloists: Reynolds Courtney and Mary Anne Keith*

#### We Worship You

*Soloists: Mackenzie Wheeler, Elizabeth Rankin, Lila Kate Arntz, and  
Mary Barton Buddin*

## Give God the Glory

### Cast

Storytellers ..... Mary Barton Buddin, Elizabeth Rankin, Mary Anne  
Keith, and Lila Kate Arntz  
Pastor Mantis ..... Tolman Yarborough  
Vid ..... Ann Myers Watson  
Bulch ..... Anna Wright  
Mulch ..... Grace Wright  
Sarge ..... Smith Graffis  
Corporal ..... Harrison Rankin  
Miss Doty ..... Sara Jane Moody  
Cousin Lily ..... Campbell Kersting  
Riff ..... Scott White  
Action ..... Finley DeGraff  
Deisel ..... James Tracey  
Courtney  
Ms. Judith North ..... Robyn Schmieding  
Ms. Phil. S. Tyne ..... Kelly Redick

### Melody Choir

**Led by: Barbara Bassett with Kelly Redick, Amber Moody, and  
Robyn Schmieding**

Bryson Arntz	Jack Baxter	Mary Barton Buddin
Campbell Charpia	Lowndes Charpia	Braelynn Clemmons
Abby Coon	Everett Dunaway	Rose Dunaway
Charles Edens	Kadence Fisher	Tallulah Goethe
Ellington Graffis	Smith Graffis	Austin Ham
Clark Lewis	Blake Lyman	Ellison Matthews
Eleanore McCarty	Walker Moody	Harrison Rankin
Anna Blair Stegall	Delaney Stegall	Clara Urban
Ophelia Watkins	Ella Watson	Carson Willis
Ivy Wilson	Tanner Yosinski	

### Wesley Choir

**Led by: Barbara Bassett with Kelly Redick, Amber Moody, and  
Robyn Schmieding**

Lila Kate Arntz	James Tracey Courtney	Reynolds Courtney
Finley DeGraff	Adalyn Googe	Parker Ham
Mary Anne Keith	Campbell Kersting	Sarah Jane Moody
Elizabeth Rankin	Teagan Tomlinson	Ann Myers Watson
Mackenzie Wheeler	Scott White	Clara Willmarth
Anna Wright	Grace Wright	Tolman Yarborough

### Cherub Choir

**Led by: Janice Waters with Lizette Luton, Melanie Hay, and Emily  
Watson**

Davis Brantley	Keels Charpia	Amelia Gayhart
Alice Jaques	Anna Wells Kersting	Caleb Lewis
Wren Lewis	Claire McCarty	Texas Wade
Cate Willis		

## \* 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

### **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](mailto: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  
Bethany's Music Ministries team by Casey and Cheryl Conage.

### **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

#### Acolytes

**8:45** – Campbell Kersting

**11:15** – Parker Ham

#### Crucifers

**8:45** – Wyatt Carter

**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 23, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions.....	\$ 25,004.00
*Operating Funds Contributed to Date.....	609,304.52
*Operating Needs Year to Date.....	657,570.00
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....	170,262.14

**Capital Campaign** (Figures for April 23, 2023)

*Capital Campaign Contributions .....	1,331.50
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date .....	43,832.39
*Capital Campaign Needs Year to Date.....	56,593.00

**Presence** (April 23, 2023)

8 am Spell – 58; Word & Table – 75; Sanctuary – 538; Sunday School – 358