

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Epworth Children's Home Offering Next Sunday!

Next week is Mother's Day. We will buy flowers, call the mothers in our lives, and remember those mothers who have impacted our lives in the past. Most of the children served by Epworth Children's Home will not be celebrating Mother's Day with their birth mothers. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff, and foster parents who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support. Consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to the children in South Carolina. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who call Epworth home. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them 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 10**) will be lasagna, garlic bread and salad bar. The Sunday School class that will be hosting is Spiritual Growth. 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).

### Time and Talent Form

The 2024 Time and Talent form is now available. We are asking everyone to please take the time to complete one. Hard copies can be found after service in the Narthex, in the Business Office, Sunday school classrooms and around the church. **Please turn completed forms in to the Business Office at your earliest convenience!** Forms can also be completed online by visiting [www.bethany-umc.com](http://www.bethany-umc.com). The gift of your time and talent is vital to the success of our church and its ministries!

### 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!



## THIS WEEK...

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

### Sunday, May 7

#### *New Member Sunday*

8 AM WORSHIP, Spell Chapel  
8:45 AM WORSHIP, Sanctuary  
8:45 AM WORD & TABLE, FH  
10 AM Sunday School  
10 AM Ecuador Meeting, 126  
11 AM Children's Ministries Team, Conf. Room  
11:15 AM WORSHIP, Sanctuary  
6:30 PM Youth Ascend, Fellowship Hall

### Monday, May 8

10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym  
10 AM Planning/Upcycling, 122  
12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, Youth House  
3 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler  
6 PM KidsCare Board, 215  
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115  
7:30 PM Local Missions, 237

### Tuesday, May 9

8:30 AM YOGA, Gym  
10 AM Quilters, Blue House  
6:45 PM UW Faith Board Mtg., 118  
7 PM Global Missions, 127

### Wednesday, May 10

#### *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 Class

### Thursday, May 11

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  
6:30 PM Trustees, Conf. Room  
7 PM Grace Circle, 126

### Friday, May 12

6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 127  
9 AM Women's Bible Study, 215

### Saturday, May 13

*No Activities Scheduled*

### Stephen Ministry

You can unload your worries by talking them out with a trained Stephen Minister. Accept this gift of a caring, listening and non-judgmental friend. Please reach out today with a note placed in the "Care Mail" boxes in the SS building; or give a call to one of these: for women: Leah Martin 404.408.5457 or Marti Johnson 843.442.1675 for men: Denis Tsukalas 843.729.5348 or Mark Barnes 843.873.2130.

### 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 website. 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.

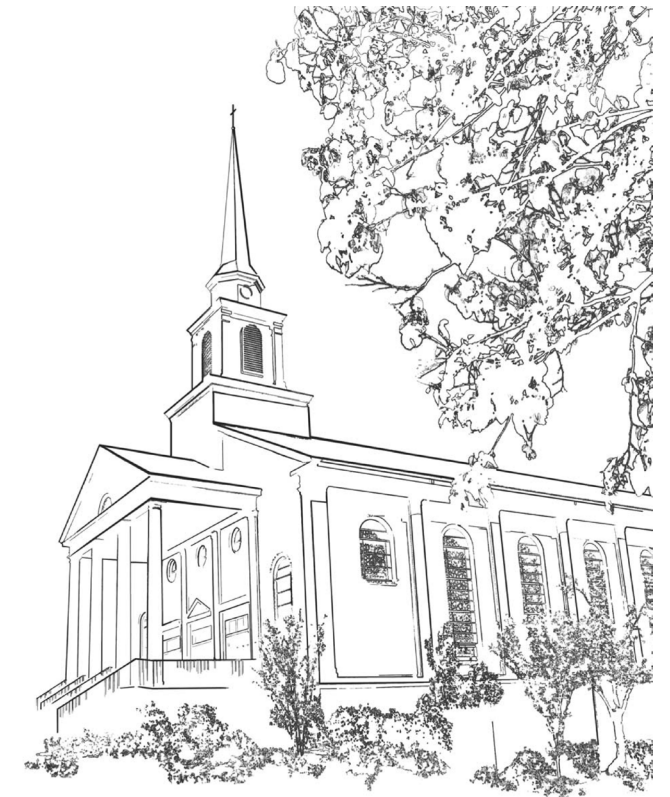
### Emergency Phone

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**.

May 7, 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

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of 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** No. 559  
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

\* **Affirmation of Faith** THE APOSTLES' CREED 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** 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. Amen.*

**Reception of New Members (11:15 am)** No. 38

**Anthem** The Majesty and Glory of Your Name Tom Fettke  
Chancel Choir

**First Lesson** Genesis 1: 31 OT pg. 2

## 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** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. Dan Forrest  
Michael Lopez, piano

\* **Doxology** 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** Revelation 21: 1-5a NT Pg. 259  
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
People: *Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon** Making Things New Rev. Kathy James

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** No. 12  
*Gluten-free option available upon request.*  
(No Children's Church on Communion Sunday)

\* **Hymn of Dedication** No. 368  
My Hope Is Built

## \* 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 Laurie Ritter's birthday from Michael, Dow and Emma Ritter.

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY

### Ushers

8:45 ~ Team Leader: Narvie Bilbray, Jr.; Jim Barrier, Dennis Bradshaw, Jody Dillard, Matt Lazzaro, Bobby Long, Al Lyman, Matt Bates, Allen Dobbs

11:15 ~ Team Leader- Roger McCants; Al Jackson, Barbara Jackson, Gillis McAllister, Mark Phillips, Joyce Stone, Chad Urban, Bill & Kathy Wire, Sarah Warren

### Communion Servers

8:45 – JC and Peggy Ridgeway  
11:15 – Linda and Sonny Grant

### Liturgist

8:45 & 11:15 – Rev. Michael Ritter

### Acolytes

8:45 – Aubrey Carter  
11:15 –

### 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 30, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions.....	\$ 29,707.04
*Operating Funds Contributed to Date.....	639,011.56
*Operating Needs Year to Date.....	696,251.00
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....	174,647.31

### Capital Campaign (Figures for April 30, 2023)

*Capital Campaign Contributions .....	1,353.18
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date .....	45,185.57
*Capital Campaign Needs Year to Date.....	59,922.00

### Presence (April 30, 2023)

8 am Spell – 47; Word & Table Worship – 86; Sanctuary Worship 516;  
Sunday School – 347