

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Today We Give to the Epworth Mother's Day Offering!

Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering to provide loving care, safety, and services for the children at Epworth Children's Home. Please find information about Epworth and the Mother's Day Offering on the bulletin insert. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org) where you can also choose to make a secure credit card donation or enroll for monthly contributions.

### Men of Bethany Dinner in Honor of Mother's Day

The Men of Bethany will host a dinner in honor of Mother's Day on Monday, May 15 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$12 per person (cash only) at the door. Sign up sheets will be available in each Sunday School room and the front desk at the Welcome Center.

### Happy Hearts

Happy Hearts next monthly luncheon will be Friday, May 26 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. The meal will be smoked chicken, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, dessert, and a drink for \$8. The guest speaker will be Racena Bowen from Middleton Place Plantation. All ages are welcome! For meal reservations, please contact Dot at 843.343.5450 or [dmprevatte@yahoo.com](mailto:dmprevatte@yahoo.com) by May 21.

### Graduation Sunday

Graduation Sunday will be next Sunday 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.

### Time and Talent Form

The gift of your time and talent is vital to the success of our church and its ministries! We are asking everyone to please take the time to complete the 2024 Time & Talent form. 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).

### Hero Hotline- VBS- Teen Helpers Needed!

We still need help with VBS. There are some items we need that can be purchased from our Amazon Wishlish found at [www.bethany-umc.com](http://www.bethany-umc.com). Teen helpers are also needed! Please let Stephanie Mitchum know if your teen can help!

### Altar Flowers

The 2023 Altar Flower Calendar has a few upcoming open dates (June 18 & Aug. 6). This is a great way to honor and recognize a loved one or special occasion. Please contact Mandy Killiri at [mkilliri@bethany-umc.com](mailto:mkilliri@bethany-umc.com) or at 843.873.1230 to reserve a date.

### Stephen Ministers- Paving the Way

We all have times when a kind, non-judgmental listener would be a blessing. Many friends and fellow Bethany members have found encouragement, strength, and support from a Stephen Minister. Please be mindful when someone you know is facing challenges, then help pave the way by sharing about Stephen Ministry and asking permission to refer him or her. For more info contact (for women): Marti Johnson 843.442.1675 or Leah Martin 404.408.5457 and (for men): Denis Tsukalas 843.729.5348 or Pastor Mark Barnes 843.873.1230.

## THIS WEEK...

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

### Sunday, May 14

#### *Happy Mother's Day*

- 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

### Monday, May 15

- 10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
- 10 AM Brooks-Swicegood Circle, 124
- 10 AM Plarning/Upcycling, 122
- 12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, Youth House
- 1 PM Happy Hearts Game Day, 118
- 3 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler
- 7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115
- 7 PM UMM, Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, May 16

- 8:30 AM YOGA, Gym
- 10 AM Quilters, Blue House
- 6:30 PM Finance Committee, Conf. Room

### Wednesday, May 17

- 5:30 AM Men's Prayer Group, 215
- 6:30 AM Prayer Time, Spell Chapel
- 9 AM Bridge Group, F.C.
- 6 PM Cherub Choir, 233
- 6:45 PM Wesley Choir
- 7 PM Chancel Choir, 234

### Thursday, May 18

- 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, 127
- 6 PM Handbells, 234
- 7 PM Church Council, 215

### Friday, May 19

- 6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 127
- 9 AM Women's Bible Study, 215
- 5 PM Respite

### Saturday, May 20

*No Activities Scheduled*

### 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)  
Stephanie Mitchum 843.343.8494 [smitchum@bethany-umc.com](mailto:smitchum@bethany-umc.com)  
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**.

### 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.

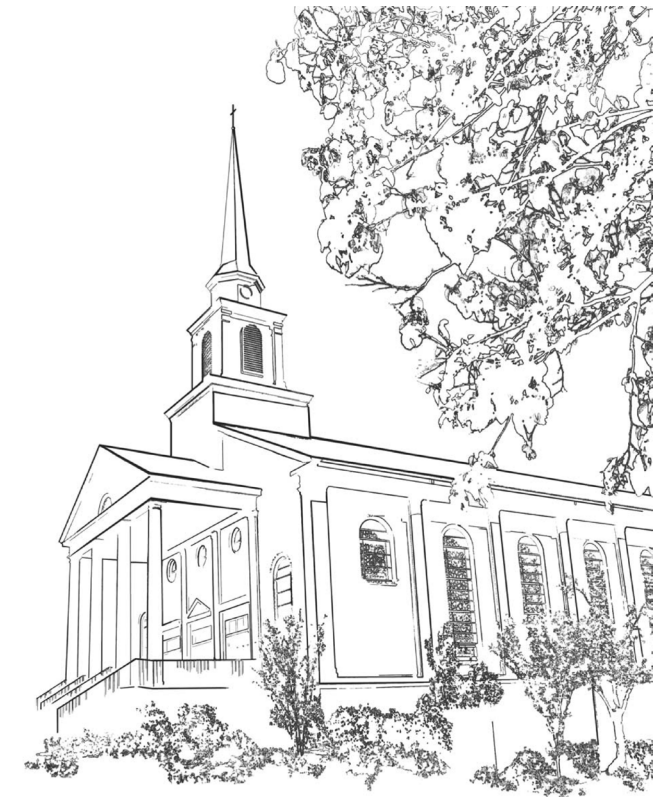


You can also text 833.245.8417 and give right from your phone!

May 14, 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

6<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** Love Devine, All Loves Excelling **No. 384**

\* **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.*

## Children's Moment

(8:45 am - At the end of the Children's Moment, children may leave for Children's Church ~ ages K5 thru 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.)

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:15) No. 39**

**Anthem (8:45)** O Love Elaine Hagenberg  
Chancel Choir; Shelby Krallman, conductor  
(11:15) For the Beauty of the Earth John Rutter  
Shelby Krallman, soprano; Janice Waters, soprano

**First Lesson** 1 Peter 2: 2-10 **NT pg. 233**

## 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** Shall We Gather at the River arr. A. Parker/R. Shaw  
Men's Ensemble; Shelby Krallman, conductor

\* **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** **John 14: 1-4** **NT Pg. 108**  
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
People: *Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon** Are You Troubled? Rev. Michael Ritter

\* **Hymn of Dedication** **No. 369**  
Blessed Assurance

## \* 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.



## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Noah Xuan Pham and Harper Leigh Pham will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today during the 11:15 am worship service. Noah and Harper are the children of Hoa and Michelle Pham and grandchildren of Mary Stalvey and Thanh and Trang Pham.

## 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 Rev. Mitch and Martha Houston's 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## 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

### Liturgist

8:45 & 11:15 – Mrs. Linda Huffman

### Acolytes

8:45 – Parker Ham

11:15 – Harper Phillips

### Crucifers

8:45 – Ann Myers Watson

11:15 – Emma Brickman

### Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

*Thank you to our guest musician, Ken Myers (piano).*

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Stewardship is being loyal to your commitment through presence, prayers, service and gifts.

**Gifts** (\*Figures for May 7, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions.....	\$ 44,740.22
*Operating Funds Contributed to Date.....	683,751.78
*Operating Needs Year to Date.....	734,931.00
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....	174,647.31

**Capital Campaign** (Figures for May 7, 2023)

*Capital Campaign Contributions .....	2,771.50
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date .....	47,957.07
*Capital Campaign Needs Year to Date.....	63,251.00

**Presence** (May 7, 2023)

8 am Spell – 48; Word & Table Worship – 108; Sanctuary Worship 355; Sunday School – 352