

Ed Godshall of Dunwoody, Georgia joined the Church Triumphant on Tuesday, May 16. Please pray for his daughter, Angela Blackmon and family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Love Offering for Rev. Narcie & Mike Jeter

As you know, BUMC is losing two huge members of our leadership team with Narcie's appointment to Disciples UMC in Greenville. Over the last 7 years, the Jeter Family has been representative of the heartbeat of Bethany in many roles. Narcie's last Sunday at Bethany will be June 11. We are preparing to have a reception for the family after the combined 10 am service. We are asking the congregation to share their memories of the Jeter Family on note cards that will be presented at the reception. The blank cards are located at several locations around the church. We are also accepting donations for a love offering that will be presented to the family as they move to the Upstate. You may drop either by the Business Office or leave in the collection plate.

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 by May 21.

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 by scanning this QR Code or online by visiting www.bethany-umc.com.



VBS Decorating

We will begin decorating for VBS this week! Even if you only have an hour, we can use you. All decorations and instructions are provided, we just need lots of hands to get it all put up. Come Monday – Thursday between 9:30 – 3:30, or let us know if you need to come after hours. There are doors, wall, ceilings, really everything to decorate. There are still things on the Amazon Wishlist we need, mainly for our mission project. You can find the Wishlist on the Bethany website

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 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 21

Graduation Sunday

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 Ascend Dinner, Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 22

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, 115

Tuesday, May 23

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

Wednesday, May 24

5:30 AM Men's Prayer Group, 215
6:30 AM Prayer Time, Spell Chapel
9 AM Bridge Group, 118
4 PM Safety & Assistance, Conference Room

Thursday, May 25

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 26

6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 127
9 AM Women's Bible Study, 215
12 PM Happy Hearts, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 27

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
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 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 21, 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

7th Sunday of Easter

Gathering

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Jubiloso Karen Buckwalter
Chancel Bells

* **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** Stand By Me UMH No. 512

* **Affirmation of Faith** THE APOSTLES' CREED UMH No. 881

* **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. 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.)

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (8:45) UMH No. 39

Recognition of Graduates (11:15)

Anthem (8:45) Jubilate Deo Orlando di Lasso
Chamber Choir; Shelby Krallman, conductor

(11:15) Crown Him With Many Crowns arr. C. Courtney
Chancel Choir; Shelby Krallman, conductor

First Lesson Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35 UMH No. 792

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

Caelitus Mihi Vires Christian Humcke
Chancel Bells

* **Doxology** UMH No. 95

* **Second Lesson** 1 Peter 5:6-11 NT Pg. 235

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon "Casting our Cares" Rev. Narcie Jeter

* **Hymn of Dedication** Lift Every Voice and Sing UMH No. 519

* 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

Colton Stephen McCoy will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today during the 8:45 am worship service. Colton is the son of Paige Ann Reddick and Carter Stephen McCoy. His grandparents are Mike and Kelly Reddick and Eric & Jenn McCoy.



High School

William Boyce	Amelia Pezza
Grant Brasher	Amelia Rodgers
Hayden Charpia	Ashton Shirley
McCoy Collier	Zayden Sieg
Ansley Cook	Sara Smith
Noah Tidwell Fulcher	William Smoak
Ethan Jones	Anne Tanner
Campbell McCurry	Shaun Tumbleston II
Gavin Mitchell	William Weatherford
Jahnz Myers	Tyler Weckesser
Dorathy Ndiokho	William Wimberly
Julia Gray Nye	

College

Jessica Boyce	Lauren Morano
Rachael Boyce	

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 celebration of the 54th wedding anniversary of Ron and Debbie Clayton.

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 – Mr. Thom Walker

11:15 – Rev. Michael Ritter

Acolytes

8:45 – Chandler Roark

11:15 – Emma Brickman

Crucifers

8:45 –

11:15 – Harper Phillips

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for May 14, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions.....	\$ 44,112.60
*Operating Funds Contributed to Date.....	727,864.38
*Operating Needs Year to Date.....	773,612.00
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....	186,186.66

Capital Campaign (Figures for May 14, 2023)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	7,553.81
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date	55,510.88
*Capital Campaign Needs Year to Date.....	66,580.00

Presence (May 14, 2023)

8 am Spell – 43; Word & Table Worship – 118; Sanctuary Worship - 418;
Online Worship - 484; Sunday School – 330