

WORD & TABLE TEAM

If you are willing to be a part of the Word & Table team that sets the space up on Saturday and takes it down after church on Sunday please let Narcie (njeter@bethany-umc.com or 854.429.1848) know.

We'll be meeting as a team at Montreux's at 127 W. Richardson Ave on Saturday, May 20 at 11:30 am.

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 found on Bethany's website.

Teen helpers are needed! If your teen, 7th 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! If you would prefer to give the traditional way, giving envelopes can be found in your pew for cash and check donations.

Thank you for your generosity!



Welcome to

Word & Table



WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Bethany United Methodist Church
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May 7, 2023

● ORDER OF WORSHIP ●

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF FAITH

PASTORAL PRAYER

NEW MEMBERS

KIDS' MOMENT

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE

1 PETER 2: 2-10

MESSAGE

"SET APART"

COMMUNION

SONG OF FAITH

BENEDICTION

1 Peter 2: 2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious,

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very head of the corner,"

and

"A stone that makes them stumble

and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own

people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called

you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,

but now you are God's people;

once you had not received mercy,

but now you have received mercy.

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.

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.

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 and click the "Bethany Graduate Celebration 2023" button. There will also be a celebratory dinner that night during Youth Ascend. To RSVP, use the same link.

TIME AND TALENT FORM

The 2024 Time and Talent form is now available. We are asking every one to please take the time to complete one. Hard copies can be found after service in the back, 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. The gift of your time and talent is vital to the success of our church and its ministries!