

Our Christian sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Mr. Cecil Buddin, who joined the Church Triumphant on Tuesday, June 20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS- Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped with VBS! The halls are empty and the Heroes are on their quest to answer God's call. What an amazing week it was! Over 500 children, many who are not Bethany members, heard about God's love for them and how they can make a difference in the world. What a great way to reach out to our community. Around 200 volunteer adults and teens worked to bring the word of God to these precious children. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to all who had a hand in VBS.

Children's Church is on a summer break.

Busy Bags are available in the Narthex.

July 2 Worship Times

There will be two services next Sunday, July 2. Please join us at 8 am in Spell Chapel or 10 am in the Sanctuary. Sunday school classes will not be meeting.

Directory Photos

All photos from the directory sessions are in and located in the Business Office. If you have not picked up your pictures, please do so as soon as possible.

Youth Group

The youth group will be meeting during the summer months on Wednesday nights from 6-8 pm in the youth house. There will be a time for fellowship with a devotion and meal. All middle school and high school students are welcome!

Camp Meeting Returns: July 9

Camp Meeting services will begin July 9 for the month of July. This is a special time at Bethany UMC, as we recognize our time-honored roots in the Christian faith dating back to the 19th Century. This is a time we can relax and be less formal, so dress comfortably and casually.

Hands of Christ Supply Drive

Monetary donations are being collected to provide much needed school supplies for the 2023-24 DD2 schools and Williams Elementary, a DD4 school. We are also collecting book bags. Our goal is to collect **200** book bags which can be dropped off in the Business Office. The book bags that we donate will have our Bethany backpack tags. The more we receive, the less we spend out of Hands of Christ monetary donations. Monetary donations may be made online, placed in the offering plate on Sunday, or dropped off at the Business Office. Please put in the memo line "Hands of Christ."

Altar Flowers

There are still some dates available on the 2023 Altar Flower Calendar. 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 that you would like to provide flowers. **Upcoming Open Dates: August 6.**

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, June 25

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
3:30 PM Path Forward, 240

Monday, June 26

10 AM 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 Mtg., 127
6:30 PM Adult Pickleball, Gym
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 213

Tuesday, June 27

8:30 AM Yoga, Friendship Circle
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
6 PM Gym Meetings, 124 & 128

Wednesday, June 28

5:30 AM Men's Prayer Group, 215
6:30 AM Prayer Time, Sanctuary
9 AM Bridge Club, 118
4 PM Safety & Assistance, Conf. Room
6:15 PM Creative Sewing, Blue House

Thursday, June 29

7 AM Men's Prayer Group, Youth House
8:30 AM Yoga, Gym
6 PM Handbells, 234
6:30 PM Adult Pickleball, Gym

Friday, June 30

6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 127

Saturday, June 31

No Activities Scheduled

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.

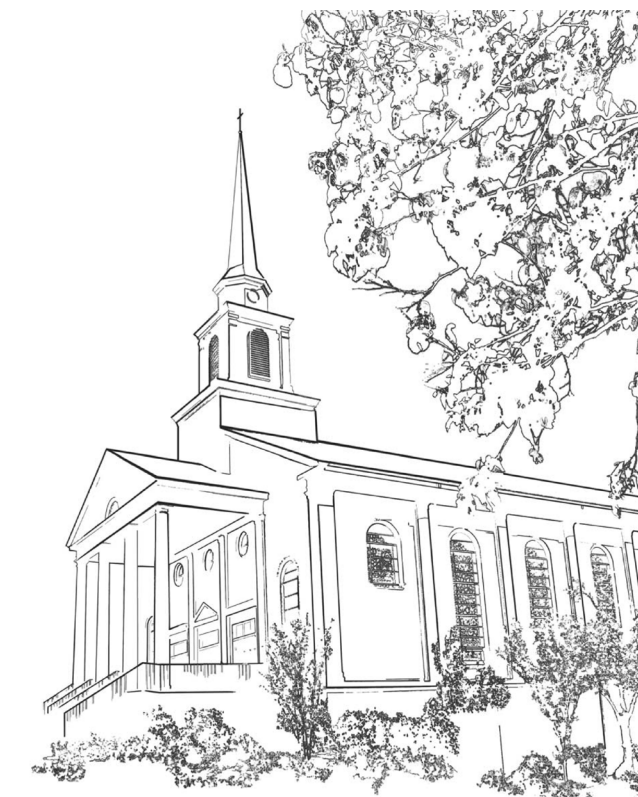
Emergency Phone

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**.

June 25, 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 Christian Education
Mrs. Stephanie Mitchum, Children's Program Director
Ms. Haley Jobe, Duke Intern
Mr. Mike Jeter, Director of Student Ministries
Dr. Robert Taylor, Director of Music Ministries
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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

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling
arr. Will L. Thompson/Robert D. Vandall

* **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** Great Is Thy Faithfulness **No. 140**

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

* **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.*

Sacrament of Holy Baptism **No. 39**

Children's Moment

(Children's Church is on a break and will resume August 20.)

Anthem (8:45) O Sing Joyfully Adrian Batten
Chamber Singers

(11:15) For the Beauty of the Earth John Rutter
Chancel Choir, Shelby Krallman, conductor

First Lesson Genesis 21: 8-21 **OT Pg. 17**

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 (8:45) Gaelic Morning arr. Dan Forrest

(11:15) Ken Myers, piano
O Sing Joyfully Adrian Batten
Chamber Singers

* **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** Matthew 10: 24-39 **NT Pg. 10**
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon Listening Skills Rev. Michael Ritter

* **Hymn of Dedication** Christ Is Alive **No. 318**

* 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** Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
arr. J. Wyeth/ C. Berry

* For those who are able, please stand.



Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Austin Charles Wagenseil and Madelyn James Wagenseil will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today during the 11:15 am worship service. Austin and Madelyn are the children of Charles and Sallie Wagenseil. Grandparents are James and Beth Rozier and Anna Wagenseil.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Ed and Rita Confer on June 2nd.

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 Sehart, Membership Director, at jsehart@bethany-umc.com.

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 worshippers, please **turn off** cell phones and other electronic devices before the worship service begins. Thank you.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 ~ Team Leader: Rett Fowler, Jerry Bateman, Kevin Carter, William DeLong, Rick Farthing, Gene Smith, David Zoellner, Ben Perkins

11:15 ~ Team Leader: Henry Thompson, Tim Shepherd, Mary K. Shepherd, Gil Hager, Chris English, Michelle English, Hoa Pham, Michelle Pham, Bruce Bohon, Ellen Bohon, Sarah Warren

Liturgist

8:45 & 11:15 – Mr. Charlie Davis

Audio/Video Support Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for June 18, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions.....	\$ 21,126.50
*Operating Funds Contributed to Date.....	896,279.82
*Operating Needs Year to Date.....	967,015.00
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....	247,924.88

Capital Campaign (Figures for June 18, 2023)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	1,225.00
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date	64,316.06
*Capital Campaign Needs Year to Date.....	83,224.00

Presence (June 18, 2023)

8 am Spell – 40; Word & Table Worship - 81; Sanctuary Worship- 397
Online Worship – 688; Sunday School - 326

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