

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church is taking a break over the summer. We will resume on Sunday, August 20 at 8:45am.

SAVE THE DATE- BACKPACK BLESSINGS!

Blessing of the backpacks and Promotion Sunday will be Sunday, August 20.

STEPHEN MINISTRIES- 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.

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



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June 18, 2023

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF FAITH

PASTORAL PRAYER

KIDS' MOMENT

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE

LUKE 15: 11-24

MESSAGE

"MY FATHER'S EYES"

COMMUNION

SONG OF FAITH

BENEDICTION

Luke 15: 11-24

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

BETHANY PATH FORWARD SMALL GROUPS

On Sunday, June 25 at 4 pm in the church classrooms, we will begin hosting small groups for listening and learning about the schism in the UMC. Sign-ups are necessary ahead of time to organize the presenters and small groups. Please contact Meg Courtney by email at cudirtfrog@hotmail.com or phone 843.509.2892 by Thursday, June 22 if you are interested in participating.

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."

HAPPY HEARTS

The June meeting of Happy Hearts features author and College of Charleston professor, Patrick J. Harwood. A meal of ham, potato salad, green beans, rolls, carrot cake, and drink will be served at 12 pm for \$8. Please call Dot by the end of day TODAY at 843.343.5450 or email her at dmprevatte@yahoo.com to make your meal reservation.

ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

MEN OF BETHANY

The Men of Bethany will have their monthly meeting June 19 at 7 pm. If you would like to attend, please use the sign up sheets located in the Sunday School classrooms and at the Welcome Center front desk. The meal will be \$12 and will consist of salad, prime rib, a starch, vegetable and dessert. If you are available to help prepare the meal, please show up in the kitchen any time after 3 pm. For more information, please text Rodney McKanna 843.709.0953 or Bill Jones 843.607.6671.