

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Camp Meeting Returns

We will have Camp Meeting services for the month of July. This 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.

Wonderful Wednesdays

Our Wonderful Wednesday this week is *Showtime!* featuring the movie *Madagascar*. Bring the whole family and join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm. Popcorn, drinks and candy will be available (or bring your own snack). Bring a blanket to stretch out if you want and have a fun family night.

Promotion Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 20 will be Promotion Sunday and the Blessing of the Backpacks. On this Sunday, all children will move up to their new Sunday School class. Bring your backpacks to church and receive a special blessing before school starts. We will also be handing out tags for the kids to attach to their backpacks to remember that their church family is praying for them and that Jesus is always with them!

RiverDogs Baseball Family Night

Join us on Sunday, July 30 at the Riverdogs baseball game. We have purchased a group of tickets all together and would love to have you there for a fun evening. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased on the Bethany website or see Emily Vick. Gametime is 5:05pm and parking is free. There will be lots of activities for kids and adults before and during the game.

Happy Hearts

Local, talented, and very gifted musician, Mr. Jesse Cockcroft, the strolling accordion player, will be performing for the Happy Hearts meeting on July 28. A meal of lasagna, garlic bread, tossed Italian salad, with cheesecake for dessert will be served at 12 pm for \$8. Please contact Dot by July 23 at 843.343.5450 or dmprevatte@yahoo.com to make your meal reservation. ALL AGES ARE WELCOME.

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.

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."

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, July 9

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

Monday, July 10

10 AM Upcycling, 122
12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, Youth House
3 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler
6 PM KidsCare Board, 215
6:30 PM SPRC, Conf. Room
6:30 PM Adult Pickleball, Gym
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115

Tuesday, July 11

8:30 AM Yoga, Friendship Circle
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
6 PM Gym Meetings, 124 & 128
6:30 PM Finance Committee, Conf. Room
7 PM Global Missions, 127

Wednesday, July 12

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 PM Wonderful Wednesdays-
Showtime!, Fellowship Hall
6 PM Youth, Youth House
6:15 PM Creative Sewing, Blue House

Thursday, July 13

7 AM Men's Prayer Group, Youth House
8:30 AM Yoga, Gym
6 PM Handbells, 234
6:30 PM Adult Pickleball, Gym
6:30 PM Trustees, Conf. Room
7 PM Grace Circle, 126

Friday, July 14

6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 127
6 PM Connections Dinner, Friendship Circle

Saturday, July 15

No Activities Scheduled

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!

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.

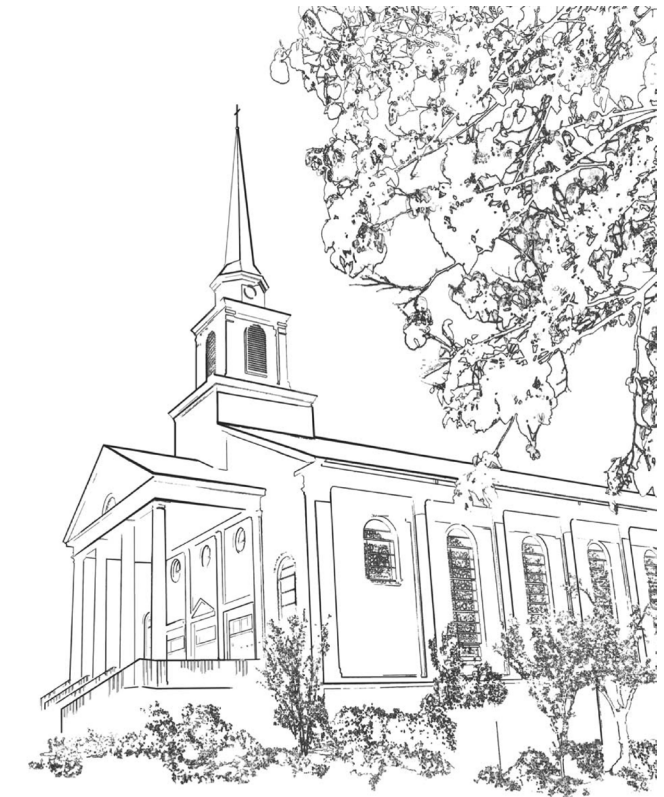
Emergency Phone

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**.

July 9, 2023
8:45 and 11:15 a.m. Worship Services

BETHANY

United Methodist Church



Rev. Michael Ritter, Senior 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
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

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

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** There's Within My Heart a Melody No. 380

* **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.*

Camp Meeting Medley

Luke Biggs, Charlie Davis, Jim Griffin

Children's Moment

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

Anthem I Will Pilot Thee E.D. Wilson, arr. E. Whitsett
Diane Rodwell, contralto

First Lesson Romans 7: 15-25 NT Pg. 157

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 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light arr. Mark Hayes
Matthew Mianta, baritone

* **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 11: 16-19, 25-30 NT Pg. 11

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

Sermon Wonder & Amaze Rev. Michael Ritter

* **Hymn of Dedication** When We All Get to Heaven No. 701

* 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.

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.

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: Tom Brown; Ernie Brockman, Bob Johnson, Larry McKeenan, Jim Parrish, Hank Sieling, Tom Tatum, Phil Richardson, David Martin

11:15 ~ Team Leader: Sam Dorr; Buford Boyd, Claude Rowe, Tim Rowe, Joe Iwonowski, Cameron Rowe, Sarah Warren

Liturgist

8:45 & 11:15 – Mrs. Mary Lynn Harlow

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 30, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions.....	\$ 11,125.48
*Operating Funds Contributed to Date.....	933,246.30
*Operating Needs Year to Date.....	1,005,696.00
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....	250,410.83

Capital Campaign (Figures for June 30, 2023)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	1,517.50
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date	67,300.56
*Capital Campaign Needs Year to Date.....	86,553.00

Presence (July 2, 2023)

8 am Spell – 39; Combined Sanctuary Worship- 351
Online Worship – 338; No Sunday School

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!

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the 46th wedding anniversary of Pam and Frank Monterisi, from their children, Jennifer and Frank Jr.