

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wonderful Wednesdays

Join us for Crafts and Cones this Wednesday. Bring the family to do some awesome crafts and have a make your own ice cream sundae bar! We will meet in the Friendship Circle Room (Room 115) from 6-7:30 pm. Wear clothes that can get messy!

Men of Bethany

The Men of Bethany will have their monthly meeting July 17 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, 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.

Bereavement Ministry

The Bereavement Ministry needs co-chairs and team members for this important ministry. The co-leaders would coordinate with the bereavement team leaders to help prepare and serve meals for Bethany families after a funeral. Please let Rev. Mark Barnes know at 843.873.1230 if you are interested or would like more information on this ministry.

Bethany Path Forward

The Path Forward Committee has prepared a presentation to provide factual unbiased information about the current schism within the United Methodist Church and what this means for Bethany. This information was presented to three small groups on Sunday, June 25 and will be provided to Sunday School classes. To continue efforts to provide this information to all Bethany members, the next round of small group meetings has been scheduled for Sunday, July 30 at 4 pm at Bethany. If you would like to attend one of these small group meetings, please respond by email to Meg Courtney (ChurchCouncil@bethany-umc.com) and provide your name, preferred email address, and phone number so that we may contact you with the schedule once it is finalized. Additionally, we can schedule in-home "cottage" style meetings. If you are interested in an in-home meeting, please respond to Meg Courtney at the address provided above.

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.

Hands of Christ Supply Drive

Monetary donations are being collected as well as back packs for the 2023-24 school year. 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. 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."

THIS WEEK...

Not all activities are included here. Look for the most up-to-date calendar posted throughout the church.

Sunday, July 16

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 17

10 AM Upcycling, 122
12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, Youth House
1 PM Happy Hearts Game Day, 118
3 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler
6:30 PM Adult Pickleball, Gym
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115
7 PM United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, July 18

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

Wednesday, July 19

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-Crafts & Cones, Friendship Circle
6 PM Youth, Youth House
6:15 PM Creative Sewing, Blue House
7 PM Tech. Ministries, Conf. Room

Thursday, July 20

7 AM Men's Prayer Group, Youth House
8:30 AM Yoga, Gym
2 PM Herbert McAlaney Circle Mtg., 127
6 PM Handbells, 234
6:30 PM Adult Pickleball, Gym

Friday, July 21

6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 127

Saturday, July 22

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!

Stephen Ministers

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

Camp Meeting Returns

Camp Meeting services will continue for the month of July. This is a time we can relax and be less formal. So dress comfortably and casually.

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.

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.

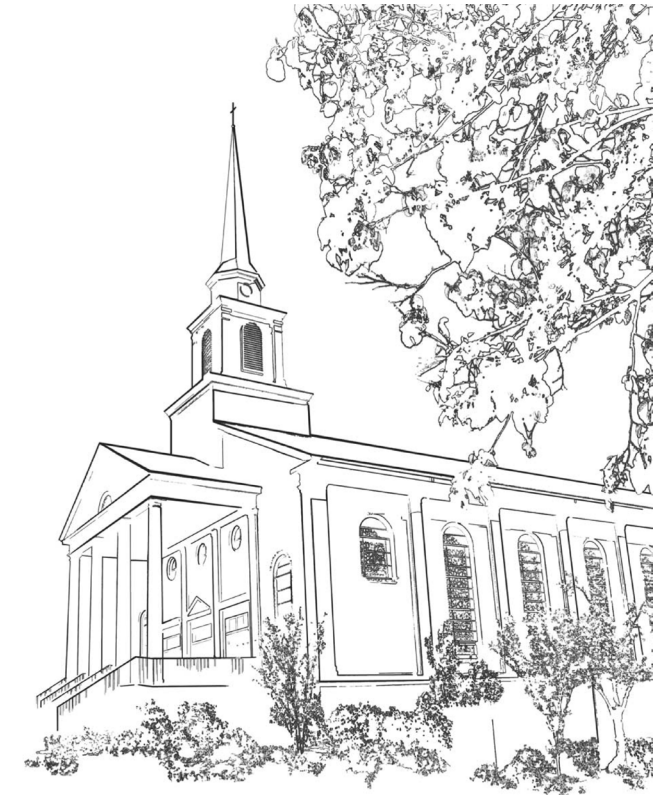
Emergency Phone

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 16, 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

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Worthy of Worship arr. Jimmy Baas

* **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** Old Rugged Cross **No. 504**

* **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 (8:45) **No. 39**

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

Anthem As the Deer Nystrom, arr. Lloyd Larson
Chris Rogers-Berry and Rachel Eaton, sopranos

* **First Lesson** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 **NT Pg. 13**

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 Here I Am, Lord Daniel L. Schutte
Small Group Octet

* **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** Romans 8: 1-11 **NT Pg. 157**
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon We Got Spirit, Yes We Do! Rev. Michael Ritter

* **Hymn of Dedication** Church in the Wildwood

There's a church in the valley by the wildwood,
No lovelier spot in the dale;
No place is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.

Refrain:

Come to the church in the wildwood,
Oh, come to the church in the vale;
No spot is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.

Oh, come to the church in the wildwood,
To the trees where the wild flowers bloom;
Where the parting hymn will be chanted,
We will weep by the side of the tomb. [Refrain]

How sweet on a clear Sunday morning,
To list to the clear ringing bell;
Its tones so sweetly are calling,
Oh, come to the church in the vale. [Refrain]

From the church in the valley by the wildwood,
When day fades away into night,
I would fain from this spot of my childhood
Wing my way to the mansions of light. [Refrain]

* **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** To God be the Glory arr. James Pethel
* For those who are able, please stand.



Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Rose Adaline Dunaway and Everett Raymond Dunaway will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today during the 8:45 am worship service. Rose and Everett are the children of Jesse Dean Dunaway and Abbey Gayle Dunaway. Grandparents are Kerry and Beverly Miller of Bellefonte, PA; Mark and Jana Ackerman of Skyland, NC; and Danny and Beth Dunaway of Willston, SC.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of our 60th wedding anniversary by Will and Cathy Wilber.

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

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

Liturgist

8:45 & 11:15 – Mrs. Chris Rogers-Berry

Audio/Video Support Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for July 9, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

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| *Operating Contributions..... | \$ 39,287.50 |
| *Operating Funds Contributed to Date..... | 999,341.52 |
| *Operating Needs Year to Date..... | 1,083,056.93 |
| *Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date..... | 256,842.53 |

Capital Campaign (Figures for July 9, 2023)

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| *Capital Campaign Contributions | 3,297.50 |
| *Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date | 72,933.00 |
| *Capital Campaign Needs Year to Date..... | 93,211.36 |

Presence (July 9, 2023)

8 am Spell – 40; Word & Table Worship – 85; Sanctuary Worship – 404
Online Worship – 264; Sunday School – 359

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You can also text 833.245.8417 and give right from your phone!