

Our Christian sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Edward Chinnis, who joined the Church Triumphant on July 13.

Our Christian sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Martha Mason, who joined the Church Triumphant on July 13.

Our Christian sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Betty Gabrielli, who joined the Church Triumphant on July 18.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 **TODAY** at 843.343.5450 or dmprevatte@yahoo.com to make your meal reservation.

Wonderful Wednesdays

This week for Wonderful Wednesday we are going to Pack the Gym! Families come join us for games and fun. There will be organized games, basketball and more available. Parents vs. Kids, family vs. family...who knows what will happen. Meet in the gym Wednesday night from 6-7:30 pm.

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. **We have 5 tickets left!** 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.

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.

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!

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- 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 23

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 24

10 AM Upcycling, 122
12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, Youth House
3 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler
6 PM Care Team/Visitation Mtg., 127
6 PM Mary & Martha Circle, 124
6:30 PM Adult Pickleball, Gym
6:30 PM Local Missions, Conf. Room
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115

Tuesday, July 25

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

Wednesday, July 26

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-Pack the Gym! Gym
6 PM Youth, Youth House
6:15 PM Creative Sewing, Blue House

Thursday, July 27

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

Friday, July 28

6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 127
12 PM Happy Hearts, Fellowship Hall
5 PM Respite

Saturday, July 29

No Activities Scheduled

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 23, 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

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude In the Garden arr. A. Mills

* **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** Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me **No. 361**

* **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.

Children's Moment

Children's Church is on a break and will resume August 20.
 Busy Bags are available in the Narthex.

Anthem Camp Meeting Medley
 Just Passing Though
 Luke Biggs, Charlie Davis, Jim Griffin

* **First Lesson (8:45)** **Genesis 28: 10-19** **OT Pg. 25**
 (11:15) **Romans 8: 12-25** **NT Pg. 158**

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 Give Me Jesus arr. C. Stasiukaitis
 Women's Small Group

* **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 (8:45)** **Romans 8: 12-25** **NT Pg. 158**
 (11:15) **Genesis 28: 10-19** **OT Pg. 25**

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

Sermon (8:45) Unforeseen Hope Ms. Haley Jobe
 (11:15) Grace-fully Done Rev. Michael Ritter

* **Hymn of Dedication** Nothing but the Blood **No. 362**

* **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** On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand arr. L. Goss

* 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 McKeehan, 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 – Rev. Michael Ritter **11:15** – Ms. Haley Jobe

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 16, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions.....	\$ 40,637.04
*Operating Funds Contributed to Date.....	1,039,878.56
*Operating Needs Year to Date.....	1,121,738.00
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....	259,622.37

Capital Campaign (Figures for July 16, 2023)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	3,900.18
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date	75,608.24
*Capital Campaign Needs Year to Date.....	96,540.00

Presence (July 16, 2023)

8 am Spell – 63; Word & Table Worship - 75; Sanctuary Worship - 388
 Online Worship – 269; Sunday School - 331

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 50th wedding anniversary of Jason and Donna Waite.