

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blood Drive

Bethany is hosting a blood drive **TODAY** from 8am-1pm in the Gym. Please stop by and/or schedule your appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: BethanyUMC or call Rodney McKanna at 843.709.0953.

Hands of Christ-Monetary Donations STILL Needed- Needed by August 13!

Monetary donations are still being collected to buy school supplies for the 2023-2024 school year. We have about 33% earned toward our goal.

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.". *Donations are needed by August 13.*

We continue to need empty book bags to distribute to some of the district schools. Our goal is to collect 200 book bags. These can be dropped off in the Business Office anytime before August 13th. The book bags that we donate will have our Bethany backpack tags with them.

This year we are supporting 26 local schools with these school supplies and bookbags. Please help make our Hands of Christ mission a success !! Volunteers will also be needed to distribute the supplies during the week of August 14-18. More details on distribution will be coming soon!

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!

Young Families Sunday School Class August 20

A new Sunday School class is forming for parents of young children beginning August 20. Anyone is welcome, but this class will be geared to adults who are 25-40 years old. The class will meet on Sunday mornings at 10am (during the Sunday School hour) in room 239. We invite anyone who might be interested in finding out more to join us on August 20 to help create a dynamic and interesting class.

Blessing Box

Bethany's Blessing Box relies strictly on your donations. There is a huge need for this ministry in our community. The Blessing Box is currently running low on supplies. Please consider donating some of the following items: canned stews and meat (turn, chicken, etc.), canned fruits and individual fruit cups, canned vegetables, individual pasta, rice, cereal, and bottled water. Thank you for your generosity!

New BNOW Class for Kids

The Fall session of Bethany NOW Wednesday Nights will begin on Sept. 6. We are in the process of creating a new class for kids ages Kindergarten - 5th grade. This will be an alternative to the Melody or Wesley Choir practices. The Bible Adventure class will divide into two sections, Kindergarten - 2nd Grade from 6-6:45pm and 3rd - 5th grade from 6:45-7:30pm. The class will learn Bible basics, play games, have trivia and have other activities to reinforce Bible skills, as well as learn about the basics of worship and why we do things the way we do them. We are looking for two leaders for the class, all material and supplies will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact someone in Children's Ministries.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, July 30

American Red Cross Blood Drive

- 8 AM Blood Drive, Gym
- 8 AM **WORSHIP**, Spell Chapel
- 8:45 AM **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary
- 8:45 AM **WORD & TABLE**, FH
- 10 AM Sunday School
- 10 AM Ecuador Planning Mtg., 126
- 11:15 AM **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary
- 4 PM Path Forward, 237

Monday, July 31

- 10 AM Upcycling, 122
- 10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
- 12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, Youth House
- 3 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler
- 7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115

Tuesday, August 1

- 8:30 AM Yoga, Gym
- 10 AM Quilters, Blue House
- 5:30 PM Stephen Ministry Leaders, Conf. Room
- 6 PM Stephen Ministry Peer Groups, 236

Wednesday, August 2

- 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 Youth, Youth House
- 6:15 PM Creative Sewing, Blue House

Thursday, August 3

- 7 AM Men's Prayer Group, Youth House
- 8:30 AM Yoga, Gym
- 10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
- 6 PM Handbells, 234
- 6:30 PM Stewardship Mtg., Conf. Room

Friday, August 4

- 6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 127

Saturday, August 5

No Activities Scheduled

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.

Nursery Workers Needed

The nursery is looking for people to round out our staff. 5-8 hours per week, primarily on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. More hours may be available according to the church calendar. \$13 per hour. Please stop by the nursery or call the church office if interested.

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.

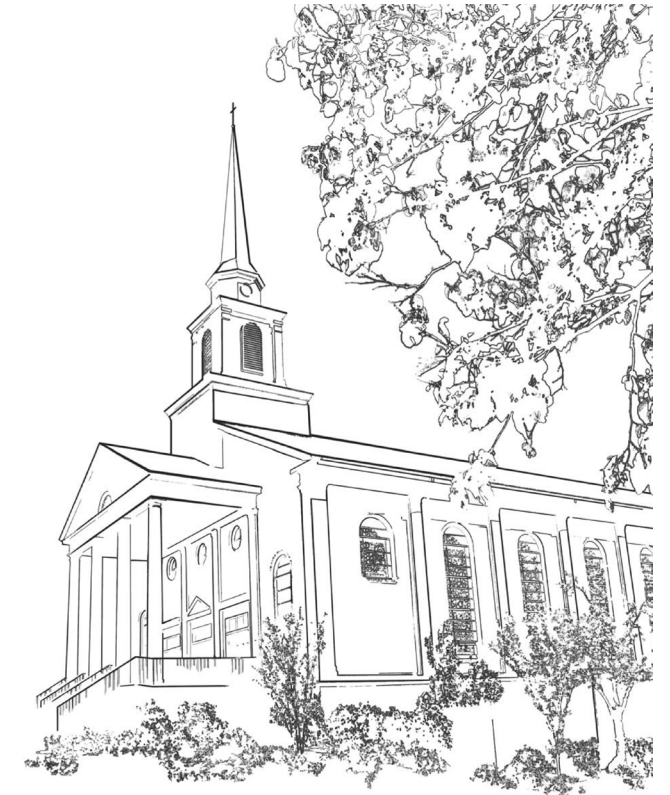
Emergency Phone

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 30, 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

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us arr. W. Bradbury

* **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** Victory in Jesus **No. 370**

* **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 Congregation Hymn Selection

* **First Lesson** **Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52** **NT Pg. 14**

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 All Creatures of Our God and King arr. Weekley
 Maurice Burgess and Michael Lopez, piano

* **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: 26-39** **NT Pg. 158**
 Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
 People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon (8:45) For Those Who Love God Rev. Michael Ritter
 (11:15) Sweeping Victory Ms. Haley Jobe

* **Hymn of Dedication** Because He Lives **No. 364**

* 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** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name arr. O. Holden

* 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 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 Iwonowski, Cameron Rowe, Sarah Warren

Liturgist

8:45 – Ms. Haley Jobe

11:15 – Rev. Michael Ritter

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 23, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions.....	\$ 21,070.20
*Operating Funds Contributed to Date.....	1,060,948.76
*Operating Needs Year to Date.....	1,160,418.00
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....	263,397.37

Capital Campaign (Figures for July 23, 2023)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	1,152.60
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date	76,760.84
*Capital Campaign Needs Year to Date.....	99,869.00

Presence (July 23, 2023)

8 am Spell – 64; Word & Table Worship - 108; Sanctuary Worship - 324
 Online Worship – 341; Sunday School - 343

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 honor of the marriage of Caroline Gilbert and Daniel Caban.