

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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.

### 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.

### 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, August 6

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, August 7

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

### Tuesday, August 8

8:30 AM Yoga, Friendship Circle  
10 AM Quilters, Blue House  
6:45 PM UW Faith Executive Board Mtg., 118  
7 PM Global Missions Committee, Conf. Room

### Wednesday, August 9

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 Ascend Youth Gathering, Youth House  
6:15 PM Creative Sewing, Blue House

### Thursday, August 10

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 Trustees, Conf. Room  
7 PM Grace Circle Mtg., 216

### Friday, August 11

6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 127

### Saturday, August 12

*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.

### 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.

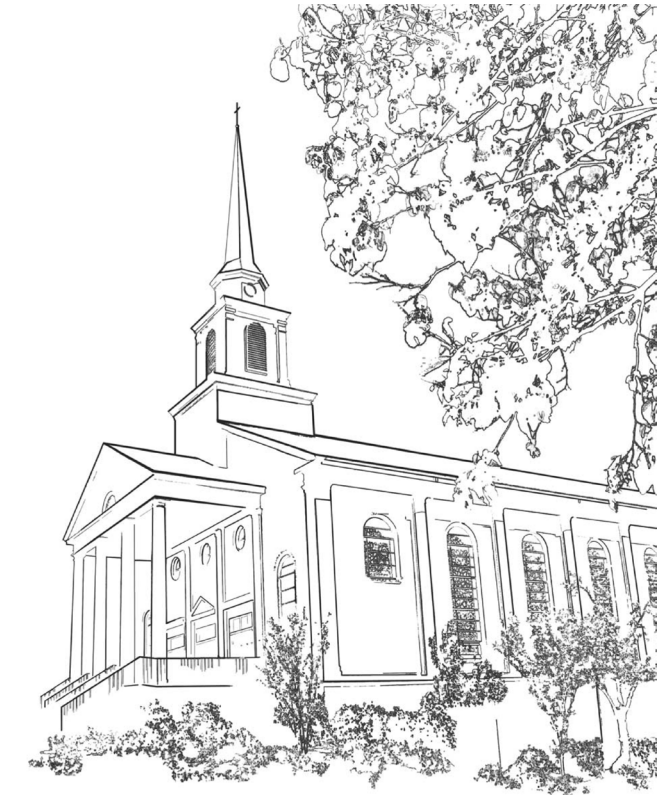
### Emergency Phone

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**.

August 6, 2023  
8:45 and 11:15 am 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

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## Gathering

As the congregation gathers, please take a moment to speak to people sitting around you whom you may not know. Hebrews 13:2 (KJV) says, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unaware."

## Chiming of the Trinity

## Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude** With All My Heart arr. Bill Wolaver  
Anne Poole, piano

\* **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** Freely, Freely No. 389

\* **Affirmation of Faith** THE APOSTLES' CREED No. 881  
*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

\* **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.*

**Anthem** Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name arr. B. W. Dennard  
Small Group Octet

**First Lesson** Genesis 32: 22-31 CEB OT Pg. 28  
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
People: *Thanks be to God.*

## 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** On Eagle's Wings arr. Marilyn Ham  
Anne Poole, piano No. 143

\* **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 14: 13-21 CEB OT Pg. 28  
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
People: *Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon** Ms. Haley Jobe

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** No. 12  
*Gluten-free option available upon request.*

\* **Hymn of Dedication** Great is Thy Faithfulness No. 140

## \* 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** Faith is in the Victory arr. Bob Walters  
Anne Poole, piano No. 370

\* For those who are able, please stand.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the 56<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Jack and Karen Sehrt.

## 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 [jsehr@bethany-umc.com](mailto:jsehr@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: Jeremy Dunlap; Greg Horres, Shane Kersting, Travis Wheeler, Justin Murrie, Cory Rogers, Michael Wood, Denny Sullivan

11:15 ~ Team Leader: Mike Field; Bill Jones, Peggy Acord, Bruce and Susan Schreffler, David and Kathy Harris, Mac Burdette, Sarah Warren

### Liturgist

8:45 am – Rev. Michael Ritter

11:15am – Rev. Mark Barnes

### Communion Servers

8:45 am – David & Becky Powell

11:15 am – Hoa and Michelle Pham

### 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 30, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

\*Operating Contributions Last Week.....40,637.04

\*Operating Funds Year to Date.....1,039,878.56

\*Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)..... -81,859.44 -7.30%

**Capital Campaign** (Figures for July 30, 2023)

\*Building Contributions Last Week.....3,900.18

\*Building Contributions Year to Date ..... 65,783.06

\*Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+) .....-20,931.76 -21.70%

**Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts** – YTD (Non-Budgeted)...259,622.37

**Presence** (July 30, 2023)

8 am Spell – 43; Word & Table Worship - 95; Sanctuary Worship- 369

Online Worship – 414; Sunday School - 373

## 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!