

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.

Epworth Work Day Offering, September 10th

EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY! Where do children go when DSS has taken them from their families because of abuse or neglect? Epworth is currently serving over 350 children and families through their Residential and Independent Living programs, statewide Foster Care program, the Epworth Center for Counseling, the Early Intervention Center, and prevention services. Each of these children have found refuge in the ministry we share in SC. Epworth Children's Home has been welcoming children in Christ's name for 127 years through the generous support of churches like ours! We will participate in the annual Work Day Offering on Sunday, September 10th, to benefit the children who are served by Epworth. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit www.epworthchildrenshome.org or find them on social media.

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 has been overwhelmed by your donations. We are asking that you hold off on donating so we will be able to use the current donated food in a timely manner. We will put a plea out to the congregation as the donations begin to get low. 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, August 13

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
7:30 PM Adult Volleyball, Gym

Monday, August 14

8 AM CDC Back to School Brkfst.
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 Summerville Singers
6:30 PM SPRC, Conf. Rm.
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115

Tuesday, August 15

8 AM CDC Back to School Training
8:30 AM Yoga, Friendship Circle
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
12 PM CDC Brunch, FC
6:30 PM Finance Comm. Mtg.

Wednesday, August 16

5:30 AM Men's Prayer Group, 215
6:30 AM Prayer Time, Sanctuary
8 AM CDC Back to School Training
9 AM Bridge Club, 118
4 PM Safety & Assistance, Conf. Room
5 PM Disciple Class Dinner
6 PM Ascend Youth Gathering, Youth House
6:15 PM Creative Sewing, Blue House
7 PM Technical Ministries, Conf.

Thursday, August 17

7 AM Men's Prayer Group, Youth House
8 AM CDC Back to School Training
8:30 AM Yoga, Gym
10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
2 PM Herbert McAlaney Circle Mts.
6 PM Handbells, 234
7 PM Church Council, 215

Friday, August 18

6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 127
10:30 AM MS Support, FC

Saturday, August 19

11 AM McClelland Celebration of Life, Spell Chapel
12:15 PM McClelland Family Meal, FC

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.

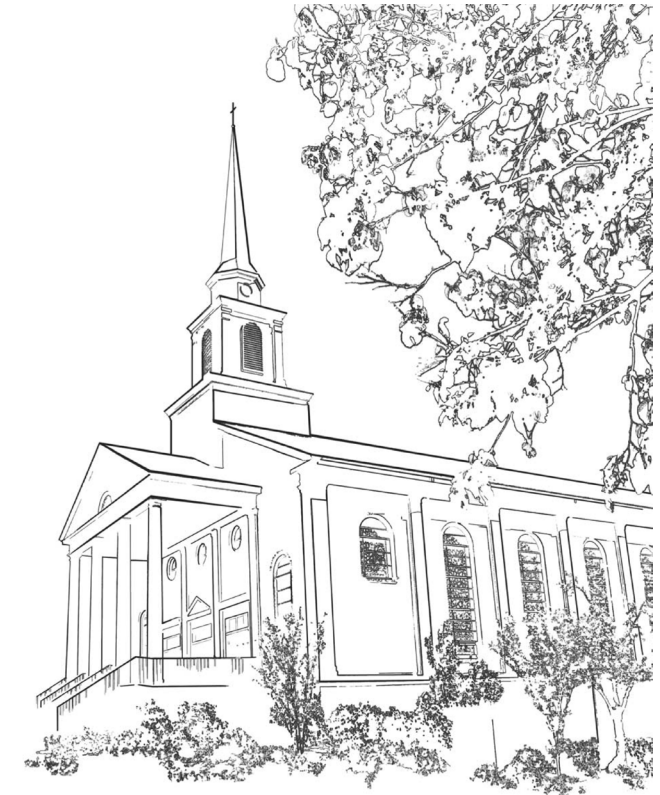
Emergency Phone

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 13, 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

10th 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 Sweet Hour of Prayer, arr. Brad Green

* **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** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing No. 400
Michael Lopez

* **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.

Reception of New Members (11:15) No. 38

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:15) No. 39

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

Anthem Shalom arr. Hildegard von Bingen
Millie Runyon, soprano; Maurice Burgess, Michael Lopez

First Lesson Romans 10: 5-15 NRV NT Pg. 160
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 Caritas abundat arr. Hildegard von Bingen
Rob Taylor, Maurice Burgess, Michael Lopez
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: 22-32 NRV NT Pg. 16
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon "Stay in the Boat" Rev. Michael Ritter

* **Hymn of Dedication** Here I am Lord No. 593

* 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** Toccata on "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord", arr. Ron Boud

* For those who are able, please stand.



Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Emmett Hudson Laudensalger will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today during the 11:15 am worship service. Emmett is the child of Kurtis and Kristin Laudensalger. Grandparents are Dennis and Deborah Guthrie and Terry and Barbara Laudensalger

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Amber Moody

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 worshipers, 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, Marsha Humphreys

Liturgist

8:45 am – Jillian Weatherford

11:15am – Jillian Weatherford

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.....39,612.42

*Operating Funds Year to Date.....1,136,887.49

*Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)..... -100,891.51 -8.15%

Capital Campaign (Figures for July 30, 2023)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....2,245.18

*Building Contributions Year to Date 80,396.52

*Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)-26,130.48 -25%

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)...275,665.23

Presence (July 30, 2023)

8 am Spell – 63; Word & Table Worship - 98; Sanctuary Worship- 379

Online Worship – 340; Sunday School - 347

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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!