

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Backpack Blessings

Today we are blessing backpacks and school bags for everyone heading off to school. Please bring your bag to the front of the sanctuary prior to worship beginning. We will be placing a tag on your bag and saying a special blessing over them. You may pick up your bag at the conclusion of worship. Have a great first day of school!

Promotion Sunday

Today is Promotion Sunday. Children will begin their new grade level Sunday school class. Please sign your child in to the next grade level.

Preschool (3-4 year old) - will sign in and out in Room 110.

Kindergarten - will sign in and out in Room 244.

Grades 1st -5th - will sign in Room 213.

1st Grade - sign out in Room 245

2nd Grade - sign out in Room 248

3rd Grade - sign out in Room 242

4th and 5th Grades - sign out in 214

6th-12th Grade - Youth House

Children's Church will also resume today at both 8:45 am services. Children's Church is for children Kindergarten - 2nd grade. Children start in worship (either in the Sanctuary or Word and Table) and will be escorted by an adult volunteer to the Children's Church room, 213. If you would like to help with escorting children to Children's Church, leading or assisting Children's Church, or helping with Sunday school rotation- please email Stephanie Mitchum smitchum@bethany-umc.com.

Parking Lot Palooza!

All 6th-12th graders are invited to our Ascend Kick-Off "Parking Lot Palooza" this evening from 6:30-8 pm in the Youth House Parking Lot.

Young Families Sunday School Class August 20

A new Sunday School class is forming for parents of young children starting today. 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 to help create a dynamic and interesting class.

Epworth Work Day Offering, September 10th

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 10, 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.

Blessing Box- Donations on Hold, Please!

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!

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, August 20

Promotional Sunday

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
6:30 PM Youth Ascend Parking Lot Palooza

Monday, August 21

10 AM Upcycling, 122
10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, Youth House
1 PM Happy Hearts Game Day, 118
1 PM Brooks Swicegood Circle, 125
3 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler
6:30 PM SPRC, Conf. Rm.
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115
7 PM UMM, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 22

8:30 AM Yoga, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House

Wednesday, August 23

5:30 AM Men's Prayer Group, 215
6:30 AM Prayer Time, Spell Chapel
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 24

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

Friday, August 25

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

Saturday, August 26

No Activities Scheduled

Happy Hearts

Storyteller Tim Lowry will entertain us at the Aug. 25 Happy Hearts luncheon. A meal of cold salad trio on lettuce, chips, croissant, drink, with Boston cream pie 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. ALL AGES ARE WELCOME.

Bethany Kids!

8:45 Children's Church is geared for kids Kindergarten to 2nd grade. However, all kids Kindergarten and up are welcome to come. Kids come into worship with parents and will be escorted to Room 213 where parents can pick up after service, or they can stay for Sunday school. Please make sure you fill out a Children's Church sticker located in the pew. Preschoolers can be signed into Room 115B at the beginning of 8:45 and 11:15 services. Sunday school for all age kids is 10-11 am. It is an hour of fun, faith development and fellowship.

If you have questions, you can email, call or text us! Emily Vick 843.343.2506 evick@bethany-umc.com
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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.

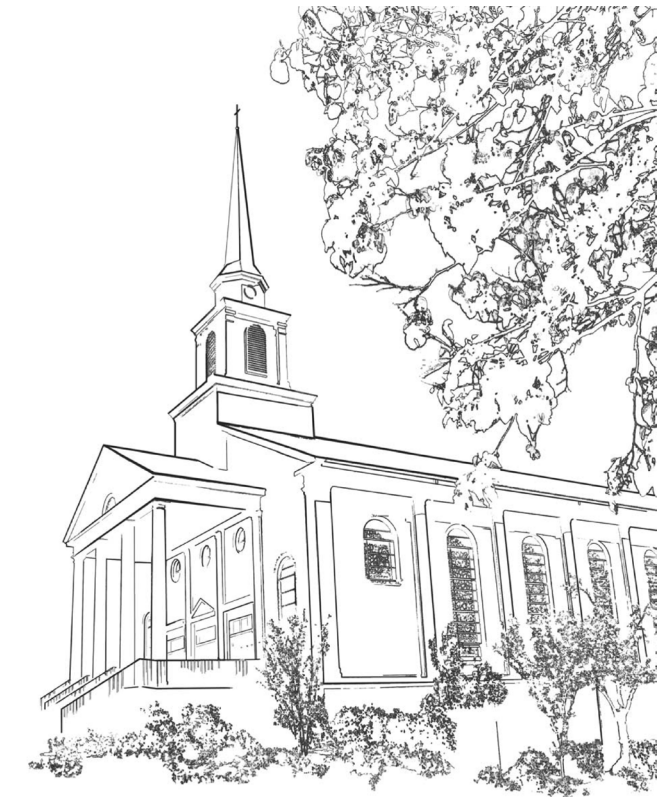
Emergency Phone

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 20, 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
Mr. Kyle Boczkowski, Leisure Ministries and Youth Director
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

12th 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 Prelude on the Hymn Tune "Slane" arr. P. Fey
Michael Lopez

* **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** Lift High the Cross **No. 159**

* **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.

Children's Moment

(8:45 am - At the end of the Children's Moment, children may leave for Children's Church ~ ages K5 thru 2nd grade in **room 214 of the Youth Wing**. Please remember to attach a Children's Church sticker to your child and pick them up ASAP.)

Anthem Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah arr. Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

First Lesson **Genesis 45: 1-15** **OT Pg. 42**
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 Just a Closer Walk with Thee arr. P. Keveren
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** **Matthew 15: 21-28** **NT Pg. 17**
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Great is Your Faith" Rev. Michael Ritter

* **Hymn of Dedication** Hymn of Promise **No. 707**

* 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** Postlude on the Hymn Tune "Duke Street" arr. D. Lasky
Michael Lopez

* For those who are able, please stand.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Lynwood Locklair's birthday with love from Amy and family.

The rose on the altar is in honor of Henry Jack Probin, son of Jamie and Amy Probin, who was born on August 14.

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: Jeremy Dunlap; Greg Horres, Shane Kersting, Travis Wheeler, Mark Watson, 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 & 11:15 am – Mrs. Lynda Gildea

Audio/Video Support Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for August 13, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	32,927.00
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	1,169,814.49
*Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)....	-106,645.51 -8.35%

Capital Campaign (Figures for August 13, 2023)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	3,257.00
*Building Contributions Year to Date	83,653.52
*Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)	-26,202.48 -24%

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)... 279,334.23

Presence (August 13, 2023)

8 am Spell – 60; Word & Table Worship - 98; Sanctuary Worship- 408
Online Worship – 427; Sunday School - 372

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