

*Christian sympathies go out to the family and friends of Mrs. Nancy McClelland who joined the church triumphant on July 25, 2023.*

*Christian sympathies go out to Marty Gunter and the family and friends of Mrs. May Gunter who joined the church triumphant on August 11, 2023.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Open Doors for Children in Need

Epworth Children's Home goes above and beyond providing food and shelter for children who have experienced a rough start in life. It provides children with tutoring, counseling, health care, recreation, and the spiritual formation they need to heal and gain a sense of belonging. Through the ministry of Epworth Children's Home, we open our doors to these children, surround them with comprehensive care and provide them with the opportunity to transform their lives. On Sunday, September 10 our congregation will stand with Epworth to break the cycle of abuse, neglect, and shame through our collection of the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering. Without the support of churches like ours, Epworth could not provide transformational care for children in need. We invite you to give generously to the children who are served by Epworth. For more information, please visit Epworth at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).

### Youth Ascend Resumes Tonight

Youth Ascend will start back tonight 5:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

We will share a meal together before breaking into separate discussion groups with middle and high school students. We hope to see everyone tonight!

### 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.

### Third Grade Bible Presentation

Third Graders and their families are invited to join us for a special Bible presentation Sunday, Sept. 10 at the 8:45am service in the Sanctuary. Please contact Emily Vick [evick@bethany-umc.com](mailto:evick@bethany-umc.com) if you would like to participate or have any questions.

### New Member Sunday

Are you interested in joining our church family? Our next New Member Sunday will be Sunday, September 10 at the 11:15am service in the Sanctuary. If you are interested in joining, or for more information, please contact our Membership Director Jack Sehr, at 843.873.1230 or [jsehrt@bethany-umc.com](mailto:jsehrt@bethany-umc.com).

### 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, August 27

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  
5:30 PM Youth Ascend, Fellowship Hall

### Monday, August 28

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 Mary & Martha Circle, 124  
6:30 PM Local Missions, Conf. Room  
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115

### Tuesday, August 29

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

### Wednesday, August 30

5:30 AM Men's Prayer Group, 215  
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 31

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

### Friday, September 1

6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 127

### Saturday, September 2

*No Activities Scheduled*

### Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed for the Labor Day Holiday on September 4.

### Text to Give Option

It's easier than ever to give now! Simply text: [bethanyumc](tel:833.245.8417) to 833.245.8417.

### Wi-fi Password

If you would like to connect to Wi-Fi while on church property, please use the guest connection and password [bethanywelcome](http://bethanywelcome.com).

### 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](mailto:evick@bethany-umc.com)  
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Janice Harp 843.607.3493 [jharp@bethany-umc.com](mailto:jharp@bethany-umc.com).

### 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 27, 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  
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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

13<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

Air A. Boëly  
Michael Lopez, organ

\* **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** Thine Be the Glory **No. 308**

\* **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (8:45)** Lord of the Small D. Forrest  
Shelby Krallman, soprano  
(11:15) My Shepherd Will Supply My Need arr. M. Wilberg  
Chancel Choir

**First Lesson** **Genesis 18: 11-14** **OT Pg. 14**  
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 (8:45)** Rhapsodie C. Saint-Saëns  
(11:15) Michael Lopez, organ  
Lord of the Small D. Forrest  
Shelby Krallman, soprano

\* **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** **Luke 1: 26-38** **NT Pg. 57**  
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "Nothing is Impossible with God" Rev. Mitch Houston

\* **Hymn of Dedication** This Is My Father's World **No. 144**

## \* 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 D. Wagner  
Michael Lopez, organ

\* For those who are able, please stand.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and for the unity of our church.

## 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](mailto: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: 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, Mac Burdette, Mark Kahn, Shawn Kahn, Marsha Humphries

### Liturgist

8:45 & 11:15 am – Mrs. Linda Huffman

**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 20, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	41,201.50
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	1,211,015.99
*Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)....	-104,125.01 -7.92%

### Capital Campaign (Figures for August 20, 2023)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	1,437.50
*Building Contributions Year to Date .....	85,091.02
*Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+) .....	-28,093.98 -25%

**Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts** – YTD (Non-Budgeted)... 281,620.23

### Presence (August 20, 2023)

8 am Spell – 72; Word & Table Worship - 118; Sanctuary Worship- 526  
Online Worship – 427; Sunday School - 462

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