

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Well, the summer has flown by. It seems like yesterday that school ended for Laurie, and we had the whole summer to look forward to. Where does the time go? I wanted so much to spend more time with the kids this summer, but it just has not happened the way I wanted. I remember my parents and grandparents telling me as a child to “cherish every moment” because “time flies by” and “the days seem to be getting shorter”. I used to think that they were crazy for saying such things but now I understand. There just does not seem to be enough hours in the day to accomplish everything I would like to do. The question is, are we accomplishing the tasks that are important or are we finding our lives filled with good intentions?

If you are like me, you probably see areas where you never followed through to reach a goal. The seldom-used exercise equipment and tapes need dusting. A piano sits wanting to be played. There are books that remain to be read.

More importantly, there are children and loved ones who wait for our attention. This summer I had all good intentions to spend some quality time with Dow and Emma. But again, those were good intentions. Oh, we had our moments, but unfortunately those were too few and far apart. Every child has gifts and abilities waiting to be developed – but this takes time and guidance and supervision.

It’s like riding a bike without training wheels. When the kids were younger and were ready to accomplish such a feat, Laurie and I were ready to assist but also worried. Dow, being the oldest was the first to tell us his dreams. One afternoon he looked at Laurie and me and said he wanted to ride his bike without the training wheels. Sure enough he was riding by himself in no time at all, with a few scrapes and bruises. However, Laurie and I were there each step of the way; taking the time, giving him the guidance and supervision that he needed.

To tap into potential takes intentional, concerted effort. It doesn’t just happen. Time for meaningful interaction and activity doesn’t always “appear” to us as we juggle a full day of appointments and other commitments.

The time God gives to us is ours to spend – we determine how we are going to use it. We can fill it with life-building activities, or we can let it sift through our fingers hour by hour, day by day, week by week, until before we know it, an entire year is gone and we have accomplished very little.

Accept the challenge to make every moment count! Set priorities according to the goals you have set for your life. It won’t be long before your life will begin to be more productive and more fulfilling for yourself and those around you.

Wonderful Wednesdays!

We had a great time at our Wonderful Wednesdays in July. One week we ate lots of popcorn while watching a movie, one week we had yummy ice cream sundaes and made some crafts. The final week we packed the gym, playing games and having a fun evening. Mark your calendar for next July for more Wonderful Wednesdays!



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Bereavement/Loving Hands Ministry

The Bereavement/Loving Hands Ministry is under the direction of Rev. Mark Barnes, Congregational Care Pastor.

For many years, the Bereavement Ministry Team has provided and served a meal to our Bethany Families, after the funeral service of a loved one. Each of our volunteers are very devoted to this special ministry, having donated their time, and the side dishes that have been served as part of the meal.

To insure that we may continue to provide this wonderful ministry to our Bethany Families, we have made changes to the menu. We will no longer be serving a complete meal, instead the Bereavement Team, will be hosting a Reception for Family members, and providing a light menu consisting of: chicken or ham salad on a fresh croissant, and Hawaiian buns, fresh fruit & vegetable trays, a variety of cheese, crackers and /or cheese Balls, and an assortment of homemade cookies & brownies. Drinks will consist of; sweet & unsweet Tea, and iced water.

We are here to help console, and comfort you in your time of need. We seek to follow Christ's command to love one another as he loves us, showing His love through prayer, care and support.

*Blessings,
Lynda Gildea
Care Team Chairperson*

Aldersgate/Holy City Missions Soup Kitchen

Bethany gets to cook at the Aldersgate/Holy City Soup Kitchen the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. We start cooking at 8 am and we start serving at 9:30. We are finished at the latest at 12 noon.

Please let Von Thurman (843-696-6828) or John Lyons (843-708-9837) know if you would like to be involved during any of these dates or times. Thanks for your support of this ministry!





We are excited about starting a new school year! Our staff is busy getting ready and we can't wait to have our students back in the CDC. We love seeing their precious smiles and hearing their sweet voices as they laugh and sing! Our back-to-school dates are listed below. All students will attend school from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm this year. They will bring a packed lunch from home to eat during the school day. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about Bethany CDC, please call us at 843-821-1946. We would love to talk with you!

Meet the Teacher Dates:

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| August 21, 2023 | 9:00 am – 10:00 am | 5 Day 4s |
| | 10:00 am – 11:00 am | 3 Day 2s & 3 Day 3s |
| August 22, 2023 | 9:00 am – 10:00 am | 4 Day 4s |
| | 10:00 am – 11:00 am | 2 Day 2s & 2 Day 3s |
| | 11:00 am – 12:00 pm | Kindergarten |

First Day of School: August 23, 2023

If you are interested in being a substitute teacher, please contact the CDC director, Toni Pinkard at tpinkard@bethany-umc.com. We would love to have you join our staff family!

KidsCare

August is here and that means **BACK TO SCHOOL** is fast approaching! We have had an amazing KidsCare Summer Camp full of adventure, exploration, and joy! We went to outer space, became scientists, dove under the sea, lived as superheroes, and became treasure hunters. We also had the opportunity to learn more about serving by assisting with the Blessing Box each week. We ventured outside within the community during the summer to places such as Charles Towne Landing, Bee City, Ashley River Park, Cypress Gardens, and the Aquarium came and visited us!! The best part of the whole summer was the opportunity to Praise and Give thanks to God during Chapel time each week with a special devotional and singing! We love it when we get to sing!

School Starts August 21st and we are excited for the growth and opportunities ahead for our KidsCare students! It will be another busy school years of Play, homework, weekly bible verse challenges, and fellowship. The heart of KidsCare is the students and we provide them with a space to feel safe and to be heard. The theme of this school year is "I am Gods masterpiece" Ephesian 2:10.

We are always seeking those that would love to volunteer or help with KidsCare as an afternoon teacher, rider/driver to pick up the students, lead chapel each week, or provide tutoring.

If your child needs after-school care please contact us for pricing and availability.

Makala Boczkowski Director
Debra Trimeloni Assistant Director
Kidscare@bethany-umc.com or
854-429-1842



AUGUST 25 AT HAPPY HEARTS

Meal Reservations due by August 20

Storyteller Tim Lowry will entertain us at the August 25 Happy Hearts. Tim Lowry's style is best described as "serious subjects ... sugared up!" Whether telling an ages old folk tale, a story from American history, or an interesting anecdote about something that happened yesterday, Tim's style is never saccharine but distinctly southern.

A meal of cold salad trio on lettuce, chips, croissant, drink, with Boston cream pie for dessert will be served at 12:00 noon for \$8. Please contact Dot by August 20 at 843-343-5450 or dmprevatte@yahoo.com to make your meal reservation. ALL AGES ARE WELCOME.

Calling all healthcare professionals

Bethany in conjunction with our new Safety and Assistance Committee, is setting up an emergency response team that will be available during worship and Sunday school times (8 am-12:30 pm). As part of the emergency response team, we are asking any healthcare-trained individuals that are interested and willing to consider being part of the team. We would like to have 1 or 2 healthcare-trained individuals who are willing to be on standby for each service and during the Sunday school hour.

Our definition of a healthcare-trained individual is a Physician, Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant, Nurse, EMT, and Paramedic. If you are willing to share as part of this team, please reach out to Roanna Payne at roanna1958@bellsouth.net.



Have you listened to the Word & Table Playlist on Spotify? This month you can also find 10 songs chosen by Michael Brown. Use the QR code to find Bethany UMC on Spotify.



Facility Usage Forms

It's that time of the year to renew your facility usage for Bible Study groups and meetings. Please go online and renew your facility usage request for the Fall and Winter months 2023-2024. If you are meeting June-August please let me know so I can keep you on the calendar.

FALL BNOW

Fellowship+ Faith+ Food

Wednesday Nights this Fall

Beginning September 6, Bethany NOW provides incredible opportunities for discipleship for the entire family. It is all about relationships and your church family. Every week adults, students and kids gather to eat, learn and grow in their faith. Join us for a meal in the Fellowship Hall so you don't have to worry about dinner plans, and stay for a class. Not interested in dinner? No problem, this is simply a program offered to help you.

After dinner, we offer several programs and ministries on Wednesday nights. The highlights are our classes, which give you time to connect with others and the church. Adults have the options of taking a bible study-type class, learning how to use their faith in their daily life, or simply doing a fun activity. Let's don't forget about the kids and youth! We have programs that will teach important lessons as well as providing an opportunity for them to build lasting Christian bonds with others. Bring the whole family!

Bethany NOW Schedule

5— 6pm Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

6— 7:30pm Kids Activities

6:15— 7:30 Youth and Adult Activities

Adult Activities

Creative Sewing – Led by Penny Limehouse

Disciple 1 – led by Marc Jacques

Methodism 101 – Led by Tom Thurman and David Powell

Planning Mat Ministry - led by Clara Stonner

Trivia and Games – led by Michael Ritter

Undistracted & Dream Big by Bob Goff – led by Mary Lynn Harlow

FALL BNOW

continued

We are also planning to have some special speakers come in periodically from 6:15 – 7:30 on a variety of topics. Worship services will start on November 29 with Hanging of the Greens and Advent worship December 6 & 13. Kids activities will continue as usual during Advent.

Youth (6th – 12th grades) Activities

Crusaders Youth Choir Practice

Small Groups

Kids (ages 3 by Sept. 1, 2023 – 5th grade) Activities

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| 6:00 – 6:45 | 3 year olds, 4 year olds, Kindergarteners | Cherub Choir Practice |
| | 1st – 2nd Graders | Melody Choir Practice |
| | 3rd – 5th Graders | Crafting Faith |
| 6:45 – 7:30 | 3 & 4 year olds | Sprouts Bible Story Time |
| | Kindergarten - 2nd Graders | Crafting Faith |
| | 3rd – 5th Graders | Wesley Choir Practice or Bible Adventures |

Check the Bethany website and Bethany NOW brochure for full class descriptions.

Bethany NOW Dinner Costs

\$8 Adults

\$6 Seniors 65 & Older

\$4 Kids 12 & under

\$20 Family Max (immediate family)

Reservations are not needed.



A Stephen Ministry Minute

Let us introduce two more of our dedicated Stephen Ministers. Pat Ledbetter and Leah Martin have served this ministry since 2017. Leah also leads referrals for women, along with Marti Johnson and Sue Malphrus, to match care receivers with a personal and confidential Stephen Minister.



Pat Ledbetter - Grandmother of 9; retired elementary school teacher; lover of books, the mountains and traveling !

“I had wanted to be a part of this ministry for a while, but God knew the right time for me to become a Stephen Minister. So many people are hurting, lonely, sad or afraid. I wanted to help, but needed a support and guidance system! With the six-month course in 2017, plus God’s love and direction, I now have that strong system! I have met regularly, listened confidentially, and cared lovingly for some who are hurting.”

“A friend loves you all the time, but a brother or sister was born to help in time of trouble.” Proverbs 17:17

Leah Martin – Gardener and avid exerciser; newsletter editor and Shutterfly fan; retired advertising manager

“ I was always unsure of talking to people in the midst of tragedy or grief - tough situations that come to each of us. Stephen Ministry seemed to be an answer because the training teaches you what to say, and more importantly what **not** to say at these times. I have gained much confidence after becoming a Stephen Minister, having learned how to listen actively and to rely on the Holy Spirit to accompany me on each visit to a Care Receiver. This personal and confidential ministry helps us build wonderful bonds with our Care Receivers and other Stephen Ministers, too! “



Start today. Accept the gift of a personal and confidential Stephen Minister.

Use the Stephen Ministry Mailboxes to leave a request or call one of the leaders:

Women: Leah Martin 404-408-5457 or Marti Johnson 843-442-1675

Men: Denis Tsukalas 843-729-5348 or Mark Barnes 843-873-2130

A new Stephen Minister Training class will start in January, 2024.



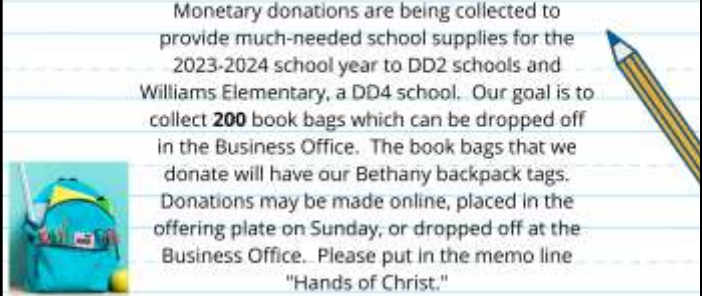
Katie's Krops Desserts

We are in need of **600** individually wrapped homemade desserts to be paired with Katie's Krops meals. Please deliver to the business office by Thursday no later than 11:00 am. Thank you for your help with this ministry.

The dates for the rest of the years are as follows:
August 10th, September 7th, October 5th, November 2nd, & December 14th

Hands of Christ School Supply Drive

Monetary donations are being collected to provide much-needed school supplies for the 2023-2024 school year to DD2 schools and Williams Elementary, a DD4 school. Our goal is to collect **200** book bags which can be dropped off in the Business Office. The book bags that we donate will have our Bethany backpack tags. 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."



Bethany



GIFT & GOURMET MARKET

Handmade Crafts • Baked Goods • Homemade Casseroles

SAVE THE DATES

10/25-29 & 11/1-5, 2023

Once again, the Fellowship Hall will be transformed into the Bethany Gift & Gourmet Market this Fall. It will feature handmade crafts, homemade desserts & delicious casseroles. This will be a great time to shop for gift items, holiday ornaments and decorations, and lots more. We will be looking for people to assist with preparing desserts and casseroles to sell, as well as volunteer in the Market. Be on the lookout for more information about this in the Fall. All proceeds from the Market benefit local mission organizations.

We would love for you to bring some friends, grab a dessert, and enjoy it in our Social Room. The Friendship Circle room will be set up with tables and chairs for you to have your dessert along with a complimentary cup of coffee. What a great way to support the Market!

Calling All Crafters

Pick up your scissors, find your glue gun and get crafting! Start working now on crafts for the Market. We are looking for handmade items that anyone would love to have in their home. Some popular items are Christmas ornaments, 18" doll clothes, wooden items, Christmas decorations, and small purses. There are lots of easy crafts that anyone can do – just look online or see Emily Vick for an idea.



SAVE THE DATE

**November 30th,
December 1 & 2, 2023**

A drive-through reenactment of The Christmas Story

Care Team Spotlight

The Care Team Ministry of Bethany United Methodist Church encompasses many ministry groups who rejoice with those who rejoice, mourn with those who mourn, and serve those who need encouragement and support. Through this ministry, we seek to follow Christ's command to love one another as he loves us, showing His love through prayer, care, and support. If you or someone in your life is experiencing one of life's battles or sorrows, or if you would like to be part of the Care Team, please contact us. Whatever your gift or talent, the Lord can use you.

Rev. Mark Barnes

Children's Ministry

Promotion Sunday is coming!

On Sunday, August 20, all preschool and school-aged children will progress to the next grade level for their Sunday school class. **Preschool classes (3 or 4 by September 1, 2023) will gather in room 110. This is a new room for our Preschoolers!**

Kindergarten will sign-in directly into room 244. 1st to 5th graders sign in room 213 for large group and then we will break into smaller classes.

CLASSES ARE: Children's Ministries

| Age | Drop Off | Pick Up |
|--------------|----------|----------|
| 3 Year Olds | Room 110 | Room 110 |
| 4 Year Olds | Room 110 | Room 110 |
| Kindergarten | Room 244 | Room 244 |
| 1st Grade | Room 213 | Room 245 |
| 2nd Grade | Room 213 | Room 248 |
| 3rd Grade | Room 213 | Room 242 |
| 4thGrade | Room 213 | Room 243 |
| 5thGrade | Room 213 | Room 246 |

All children must be signed in and out by parents or guardians.



Blessing of the Backpacks

Bring your backpacks to church on Sunday, August 20 and receive a special blessing before school starts. Backpacks will be blessed in all services and all participants will receive a special backpack tag. Anyone can participate – students, teachers, grandparents – anyone that would like to be a part of this special blessing.

Volunteers Needed

Children's Ministries is looking for volunteers to help with Sunday School, Children's Church and BNOW. Sunday School is on Sunday mornings from 10-11am. We are looking for people to be a part of Sunday School teaching teams. We have two teams per grade, so it is not every week commitment, and all curriculum and supplies are provided for you. Being part of our Sunday school teaching team is a wonderful way to help our young people build their foundation of faith. It is also a great way to deepen your relationship with Christ! The curriculum we use is interesting, fun, and easy to use! And you just might learn something new!

Children's Church is on Sunday mornings from 8:45 to 9:45am. During the 8:45 services, children are excused for Children's Church in room 213. We provide the lesson, activities, and all supplies. The lesson comes with a short video to go along with the story of the day. We have a rotating group of volunteers to help with this ministry, so it is not an every week commitment.

Wednesday nights are an amazing way to get involved in Children's Ministries. Two people are needed to assist in our preschool Cherub Choir practice from 6:00 – 6:45pm. This position helps the choir director with bathroom breaks and sign-in/out time. We also need a few helpers in the Preschool Sprouts Bible Story class from 6:45- 7:30. All lessons and supplies are provided for you. This is a simple way to help – it is just reading a bible story, doing a very quick activity and giving the preschoolers time to play and unwind while waiting for Mom and Dad to finish their class. This can be every Wednesday, or we can have a rotating group.

Helpers are also needed in the Elementary Choirs. This position helps Mrs. Barbara with bathroom breaks, moving kids from location to location and with general crowd control. Mrs. Sharon needs another set of hands in Crafting Faith helping with all of the amazing projects they do. Either of these positions can be either 6-6:45 or 6:45-7:30 or both!

We are starting a new class, Bible Adventures, as an alternative to choir practice. Leaders are needed to help kids learn Bible skills, play games to reinforce learning and teach about worship. All lessons and supplies are provided

If you would like to help in any way, please contact Children's Ministries at 843-873-1230 or email at smitchum@bethany-umc.com or evick@bethany-umc.com

! HERE WE GO AGAIN !

CALLING ALL WOMEN

Young and Old

Mark your Calendars!

United Women In Faith

Mission Work Day

Sunday

September 10

2 pm – 4:30pm

Fellowship Hall

*We will be making 100 comfort blankets and
100 personal item bags for*

EPWORTH CHILDREN'S CENTER

No sewing necessary. Just tie and lace!

Come and enjoy great fellowship while we all work together.

Your participation is necessary for this effort to be successful!

URGENT NEED

District II School Nurses have brought to our attention the extreme need for personal hygiene products for children who have nothing at home.

Some even have to shower at school.

***We are collecting body wash and bath soap, shampoo, deodorant,
toothbrushes, toothpaste, and laundry detergent.***

These items will be distributed to the school nurses and used at the school or sent home with them once a month.

The collection box is downstairs, outside the church office.

You can bring you contribution now, or when you come on Mission Work Day.

Please be as generous as possible for the children!

Thank You!

Recreation



Fall Volleyball

Our Fall Volleyball league will begin in early September and will again feature two divisions:

Juniors - 7th Graders and Below

Seniors - 8th Graders and Above

We will practice on Monday and Wednesday nights, Juniors from 6:15-7:15 and Seniors from 7:15-8:30. Game will be played on Saturday mornings. Registration will open on July 15th for Church members and returning participants.

Sports Summer Camps at Bethany!



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agill@bethany-umc.com

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