

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Father, we remember the words of Paul when he spoke to the church in Rome, encouraging them to welcome fellow believers with different viewpoints — to accept one another just as Christ accepts us — all to bring praise to you.

We are so thankful for the ways you have used the people of this church over many years to reflect your grace, mercy and love to those around us. We pray our community has seen and will continue to see our love for our neighbors as evidence that we follow You.

You provide the Holy Spirit to help us, if we are willing to open our hearts and let Him guide us. Help us to value eternal significance above momentary trials.

Father, we know, deep down in our hearts, that without your guidance we can do nothing; but with You we can do all things. Let us not be frightened by problems that confront us, but rather give you thanks that You have matched us with this time and have provided all we need to meet the challenge.

With Your wisdom and strength, help us to be part of the answer and not part of the problem. Teach us to do good, to love mercy, to walk humbly with You. Help us to be your instruments, returning good for evil and soft answers for sharp criticism. Help us to seek to understand more than to be understood.

We ask this in Your Son's most precious name, who has shown us His amazing grace.

Amen, Pastor Mark Barnes

This is a prayer I wrote back in the middle of Aug for my sermon on Aug 20th. - Mark

The Thursday morning Bible Study, Faithful Friends,

will begin our Fall Study with the book "The Gospel of John - Finding Identity and Purpose" by Matt Williams on September 7 at 9:45 - 11:00 in room 239. Books will cost \$14 and can be purchased at our first class. Please let Joan Naugle know if you will be attending by calling or emailing her at joannaugle3@gmail.com, 843-875-2850 or 843-810-5358.

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Hello Bethany Family,

On August 17th, 2023, Church Council voted to begin a period of Holy Discernment as guided by our bishop to determine the future of Bethany United Methodist Church. The motion that passed specifically states that no Church Conference vote can be taken until after June 1, 2024. Therefore, we will begin to put together a program, guided by our Senior Pastor and District Superintendent, to go through the discernment process. The Path Forward Committee should be commended for their hard work over the last several months. Because of their efforts, much of the discernment process has been started. We are now at a place where much conversation needs to happen. We will continue our efforts to educate and communicate to the congregation the challenges that lie before us as a church family. In the meantime, we all need to be in prayer and remember our commitment to our church and our God with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.

May God continue bless Bethany.

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

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

Blessing of the Animals

**October 8th
at 3:00PM**

**In Azelea
Park**



Child Development Center

September will be an exciting month in the CDC! God has blessed our school ministry with wonderful teachers, students, and families. The children are enjoying the new school year! They are making new friends and learning many new things. This month we will start having art classes, music classes and chapel. We will have our CDC parent nights, fall pictures, and our kindergarten class will take a field trip to Bee City.



As we go through our days in the CDC, we are guided by the words of Jesus: ***“Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*** John 13:34-35. It is truly an honor to care for every child in our program and to share the love of Jesus with them.

If you would like to learn more about our preschool or kindergarten program, please contact Toni Pinkard or Mona Gilbert in the CDC office at 843-821-1946, tpinkard@bethany-umc.com or mgilbert@bethany-umc.com. We would love to talk with you!



Love ♦ ONE ♦ *Another*

Kids Care

September is a month of our students finally settling into their day to day schedule of school and their afternoons with KidsCare! For our Kindergarteners and maybe new students to DD2 or even KidsCare August can be scary time; as tears are shed and anxiousness is evident when starting the new school year .

However, by not leaning on our own understanding, but the Lords we are able to comfort and have patience for our students through these trivial new school year beginnings. Take a moment to remember what it is like to do something new for the first time and pray for our students to have courage and embrace the hard. Pray for our teachers, administrators, and parents to help them through the tough.

This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

If you would love to learn more about KidsCare please contact Makala Boczkowski or Debra Trimeloni in the office at 854-429-1842, mboczkowski@bethany-umc.com or dtrimeloni@bethany-umc.com

Bethany United Methodist Church

ASCEND SUNDAYS

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

ASCEND is the youth ministries of Bethany United Methodist Church. All middle and high school students are invited to join us in an evening of fellowship, games, youth led praise and worship, a message geared towards teenagers, and then age appropriate small groups.

ASCEND also has several retreats, events, and mission opportunities throughout the year! To learn more about what ASCEND has to offer visit www.ascendstudentministries.org.

September

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 <i>Labor Day</i>	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

- ASCEND, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- Youth Sunday School, 10:00 am (YH)
- BNOW Dinner & Small Groups
- Fridays with Flynn 8 am (Youth house)

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Friday morning breakfast before school @8am in th Youth House

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WELCOME BACK ASCEND!!



SEPTEMBER 22 HAPPY HEARTS

Meal Reservations due by September 17

Our own Linda Grant will present "The Story Behind the Song." She will be discussing the history of many favorite hymns such as *Amazing Grace* and *How Great Thou Art*. As an added treat we will join in a sing-along of these classics.

A meal of fried chicken, rice pilaf, a hot veggie, yeast roll and a brownie for dessert will be served at 12:00 noon for \$8. Please contact Dot by September 17 at 843-343-5450 or dmprevatte@yahoo.com to make your meal reservation. ALL AGES ARE WELCOME.



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.

FALL BNOW September 6th—December 13th

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, just join us for classes.

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

Bethany NOW Dinner Costs

\$9 Adults

\$7 Seniors 65 & Older

\$5 Kids 12 & under

\$25 Family Max (immediate family)

Reservations are not needed.

Adult Activities

Creative Sewing – Led by Penny Limehouse

Disciple 1 – led by Marc Jacques

Methodism – 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

Safety and Assistance Training—led by Mike Mercer

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.

New Children’s BNOW Class

This Fall we are starting a new BNOW class for kids who don’t go to choir. Bible Adventures will focus on Bible skills (learning the books of the bible, finding verses, knowing how the Bible is organized, etc.) and will have a couple of lessons on the different parts of worship. The class will start Wednesday, Sept. 6 when BNOW begins. From 6:00 – 6:45pm 1st & 2nd graders will have the option of attending either Melody choir practice OR Bible Adventures. 6:45 – 7:30pm 3rd – 5th graders can choose either Wesley Choir OR Bible Adventures. Please see the BNOW article for all information about BNOW including the schedule, adult classes, and meals.

Youth (6th – 12th grades) Activities

Crusaders Youth Choir Practice

Small Groups

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

6:00 – 6:45	3 year olds, 4 year olds, Kindergarteners	Cherub Choir Practice
	1st – 2nd Graders	Melody Choir Practice or Bible Adventures
	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

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!



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:
September 7th, October 5th, November 2nd, & December 7th



Calling all Crafters

Pick up your scissors, find your glue gun and get crafting! Start working now on making crafts for the Bethany Gift & Gourmet 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, 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. On Wednesdays this Fall, we will be offering a class to make items for the Market. All supplies will be provided, and anyone can do these! Come join us then or get working at home!



SAVE THE DATE

November 30th,
December 1 & 2, 2023

A drive-through reenactment of The Christmas Story

Grief Support Group

How do you understand grief when your heart is broken by the death of a loved one? To survive and live forward, those who grieve must find answers. We are offering a support group for those who are grieving the death of a loved one and are in need of a community to share the loneliness of grief. of all types. Scriptural wisdom will be used to explore the issues of grief and offer spiritual encouragement for a life of renewed hope and joy. The group will also offer some specific coping strategies to guide the way back to fullness of life. If you are grieving the death of a loved one, please join us on the journey through grief.

Meeting Dates: September 19, 2023

Time: 10:30

Location: Church Parlor

***For more information contact Jan Walker, 843-259-8342
or Pastor Mark Barnes, 843-873-1230***

MEMORIALS

These are memorials from May 24th to August 1st.

In Memory of Lynn Skelton's Mother (Childrens Min.)

By Donna Crowe

In Memory of Anna Brocato Cohen

By Mona Gilbert (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)

In Memory of Jim Miller (Word/Table)

By Mona Gilbert

In Memory of Cecil Buddin (Spell Memorial)

By Mona Gilbert
By William Buddin
By Claire Palmer
By Heywood & Evelyn Hutson
By Pat & Becky Wylie
By Mildred Blanton
By Betsy Moore
By W. Lang Foster Jr.
By Gus & Miriam Holladay
By Limehouse & Sons Inc.
By Cleveland & Lydia Hiott, III
By the Friday Morning Breakfast Group
By Anthony Pope
By Michael Bergeron
By Franklin Weathers
By Laurence & Donna Clair & Margaret B. Martin
By Buford Blanton Family
By Gil & Sandy Hager
By Ed & Margie Muckenfuss

In Memory of John Riley (Local Missions)

By Pat Riley
By Ollie Lesch

In Memory of Sandra Little Schneir (Memorial)

By Claire Palmer
By Ann Gill

In Memory of Louise Taylor (Childrens Ministry)

By Mr. & Mrs. William G. Stevenson

In Memory of Catherine McDougal Moore (Memorial)

By Betsy Moore

In Memory of Ray Goins (Music Needs)

By Annette Goins, Children & Grandchildren

In Memory of Billy Owens (Memorial)

By Jeff & Regina Kirby

HONORARIUMS

In Honor of Colton Stephen McCoy (Kids Care)

By Julie Hall

In Honor of the Local Missions Team (Local Missions)

By the Spell Dennis Circle

In Honor of the Mike & Narcie Jeter (Bethany Student Ministries)

By Gil & Sandy Hager



A Stephen Ministry Minute

During this Stephen Ministry Emphasis Month, we are pleased to introduce our newest Stephen Leader, Michelle Helton!

She completed the first training course in 2017. After successfully serving several Care Receivers, she agreed to take the Leader Course in early 2023. Michelle will be commissioned as a Stephen Leader in the September 10 Word & Table Service. She shares her story below.



Michelle Helton - Registered Nurse, traveler, mom to two awesome kids and their fabulous spouses; now 'living my best life as Gramma Chelle to my first grand baby.'

“ Many years ago Linda Carter asked me if would be interested in becoming a Stephen Minister. So, she planted the seed!

I had first heard of Stephen Ministry through a program with the chaplain's department when I was an ICU nurse at Trident Medical Center. I did not realize then that this is a world-wide program extending across denominations. Also I didn't understand that it could be experienced on such a personal level, “being there” for someone in a time of crisis. While I initially declined recruitment due to scheduling constraints at that point in my life, I knew it was something calling me. I was experienced with and comfortable in supporting people in the middle of trying times in my nursing career. Also I am a caregiver and compassionate by nature, a good listener, a strong communicator, and filled with faith. I knew how my faith had seen me through tough times, and how important my supports were to me. Years after that seed was planted, I went through the 2017 training class and then Stephen Leader training this year. It is an honor to be matched with someone who is hurting and be a part of their journey to healing.”

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

If you are encouraged to learn the helping skills that Stephen Ministry teaches, please apply.

Applications are in one of the church tabletop kiosks. Please return to Rev. Barnes. For questions, please contact Rev. Mark Barnes or any Stephen Minister or Leader.

Children's Ministry

Bridges Special Needs Ministry

Our Bridges Special Need Ministry is a vital part of our church life. We offer a class during our 8:45 worship time and during Sunday School. Also, a Respite Night is offered every month giving parents some much-needed time off. Volunteers are needed to help in the Bridges room for these programs. There is no special training needed, simply a love for children and a patient heart. If you would like to help in this ministry, or need more information, contact Jennifer Horres at 843-425-2260.

Third Grade Bible Presentation

3rd Graders and their families are invited to join us for a special bible presentation

Sunday, September 10

8:45 Traditional service

Please contact Emily Vick at evick@bethany-umc.com if you would like to participate or have any questions.

Save the Dates

Melody & Wesley Choirs will sing on Sunday, September 24 at the end of the 8:00 service, at Word & Table and at the 8:45 traditional service.

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***Children's Sabbath & Fall Festival, Sunday, October 29, 2023
Children's Choirs Singing***

Children's Church

Children's Church is geared to Kindergarteners – 2nd graders, but any child 4 & up is welcome to attend. Children begin in worship with their families, and at a designated point in the service, dismissed to Children's Church. Volunteers walk them from the Sanctuary or Word & Table to room 214 for a Bible lesson and activities. Please make sure to complete the Children's Church sticker, located in the pews or at the rear of the Fellowship Hall, to let us know if you will be picking up your child after worship or if they will attend Sunday School at 10:00. Children who are attending Sunday School are signed into their classes by volunteers. We are looking for people to help with Children's Church on a rotating basis. All curriculum and supplies are provided, and you will be a part of a teaching team. If you would like more information, contact Stephanie Mitchum at smitchum@bethany-umc.com.

Children's Ministry

Children's Ministries Team

The CMT is a group of volunteers who work with the Children's Ministries staff to plan, organize and volunteer at our kid's events. This includes Sunday School, special events such as Fall Festival, VBS and more. We need your ideas and help to make Children's Ministries meaningful and exciting. We meet the first Sunday of each month at 11:00am in the Conference Room. In September, however, we will meet on Sunday, September 10. Anyone who would like to be part of the CMT is welcome to join us.

! 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!

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agill@bethany-umc.com

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