

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DON'T FORGET EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME WORK DAY OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY!

Next Sunday is the annual Work Day offering for Epworth Children's Home. This tradition dates back decades to when Methodists were challenged to "Give a Day's Pay" to the children at Epworth. While the emphasis has shifted a bit over the years, it is still important that we come together to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support for the children at Epworth. As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children, remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. He embraces them, welcomes them, loves them, and teaches them. Epworth is answering this call to let the little children come. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who are served by Epworth. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, please visit [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).

### Grief Support Group

Making the decision to attend a Grief Support Group is often the hardest step for people in grief to take. If you are grieving the death of a loved one, please join us on the journey through grief in our support group to share the loneliness of your grief. Scriptural wisdom will be used to explore the spiritual issues of grief and offer encouragement or 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. The group will meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month. We will start on September 19 from 10:30 - 11:30am in the church parlor. To register, please contact Jan Walker at 843.259.8342 or Pastor Mark Barnes at 843.873.1230 or simply come and be part of our grief community.

### 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 Sehrt, at 843.873.1230 or [jsehrt@bethany-umc.com](mailto:jsehrt@bethany-umc.com).

### Time to LIVE- Time to GIVE- Time to Renew Your Purpose!

Lighten your burdens. Open up and talk out your worries, so you can find joy in each day. **Call** for your personal Stephen Minister.

Combine your caring and empathy with active listening skills to help a hurting person. **Apply** for the Stephen Ministry Training - next class starts in January.

For info, contact: Women: Leah Martin 404.408.5457 or Marti Johnson 843.442.1675 Men: Denis Tsukalas 843.729.5348 or Mark Barnes 843.873.2130.

### Support for Maui

An UMCOR grant is providing food, water, hygiene items and tools to help survivors recover belongings. As first responders continue to provide initial aid, join us in prayer and support for the people of Maui in the aftermath of wildfires. Support relief and recovery efforts today by donating to UMCOR by scanning the QR code.



## THIS WEEK...

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

### Sunday, September 3

*No Youth Ascend*

- 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

### Monday, September 4

*Labor Day- Church Office Closed  
Labor Day Picnic*

- 10 AM Upcycling, 122
- 10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
- 12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, Youth House
- 2 PM Prayer Shawl Mtg., 118
- 3 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler
- 6:30 PM Worship Committee, 237
- 7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115

### Tuesday, September 5

- 8:30 AM Yoga, Friendship Circle
- 10 AM Quilters, Blue House
- 6 PM Lay Leadership, 118
- 6 PM Stephen Ministries Peer Group, Music Hall
- 7 PM Worship Council, 127

### Wednesday, September 6

*Wednesday Night BNOW*

- 5:30 AM Men's Prayer Group, 215
- 9 AM Bridge Club, 118
- 4 PM Safety & Assistance, Conf. Room
- 5-6 PM BNOW Meal, Fellowship Hall
- 6 PM BNOW Children's Programs
- 6:15 PM BNOW Youth Programs
- 6:15 PM BNOW Adult Classes
- 7 PM Chancel Choir, 234

### Thursday, September 7

- 7 AM Men's Prayer Group, Youth House
- 8:30 AM Yoga, Gym
- 9:30 AM Faithful Friends Ladies Bible Study, 239
- 10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
- 6 PM Handbells, 234
- 6:30 PM Stewardship, Conf. Room

### Friday, September 8

- 6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 127
- 9 AM Ladies Bible Study, 118

### Saturday, September 9

*No Activities Scheduled*

### Wi-fi Password

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

### 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**.

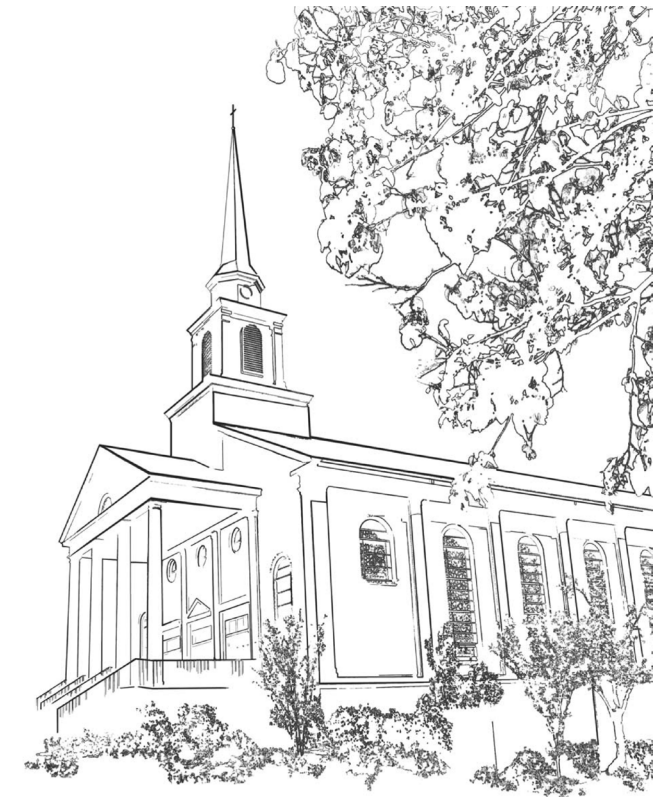
### Text to Give Option

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

September 3, 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

## 14<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

\* **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** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven **No. 66**

\* **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.*

**Anthem** When In Our Music God Is Glorified Mark Hayes  
Chancel Choir

**First Lesson** Exodus 3: 1-15 **OT Pg. 50**  
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** Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus W.J. Kirkpatrick  
Ken Myers, 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 16: 21-28 **NT Pg. 18**  
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** A Hero Inside of You Rev. Michael Ritter

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** **No. 12**  
*Gluten-free option available upon request.*  
(No Children's Church on Communion Sunday)

\* **Hymn of Dedication** Pass It On **No. 572**

### \* 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

\* For those who are able, please stand.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Mike and Kay Mercer.  
Thanks be to God for this family's birthday season.

## 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](mailto: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: Bill Phillips; Ron Clayton, Brian Collier, Bob Iannace, Tim McConnell, Ed Muckenfuss, Scott Muckenfuss, Marion Thompson, Lelon Fleischauer

11:15 ~ Team Leader: David Morris; Bart Burford, Greg Elliott, Jimmy Jackson, Gerry Purvis, Bob Minus, Steve Wilson, Justin Goethe, Pete Knight

### Liturgist

8:45 am & 11:15 am – Mr. Jack Sehart

### Communion Servers

8:45 am – JC & Peggy Ridgeway 11:15 am – Daniel Stone & Suzie Davis

**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 27, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

\*Operating Contributions Last Week.....27,416.06  
\*Operating Funds Year to Date.....1,238,432.05  
\*Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)..... -115,388.95 -8.52%

**Capital Campaign** (Figures for August 27, 2023)

\*Building Contributions Last Week.....1,188.50  
\*Building Contributions Year to Date ..... 86,279.52  
\*Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+) .....-30,234.48 -26%

**Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts** – YTD (Non-Budgeted)..... 290,390.05

**Presence** (August 27, 2023)

8 am Spell – 44; Word & Table Worship - 109; Sanctuary Worship- 286  
Online Worship – 399; Sunday School - 268

### Scan to Give Option

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