

*Christian sympathies go out Marilyn Barrows and the family and friends of Bob Barrows who joined the church triumphant on September 11, 2023.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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.

### Happy Hearts

Happy Hearts meeting on September 22 will feature "The Story Behind the Song," by our own Linda Grant. *His Eye is on the Sparrow, Let There Be Peace on Earth, In the Garden, and America the Beautiful* are some of the songs Linda will discuss followed by the audience singing. A meal of fried chicken, rice pilaf, hot veggie, yeast roll and a brownie for \$8 will be served at 12 pm. To make your meal reservation, call Dot by the end of TODAY at 843.343.5450 or email her at dmprevatte@yahoo.com. ALL AGES ARE INVITED.

### National Day of Prayer Breakfast- Planning Meeting

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please join us for a planning meeting on Thursday, September 28 at 6pm in the Conference Room.

### Men of Bethany

The Men of Bethany will have their monthly meeting Monday, September 18 at 7 pm. If you would like to attend, please use the sign-up sheets located in the Sunday School classrooms and at the Welcome Center front desk. The meal will be \$12 and will consist of salad, prime rib, starch, vegetable, and dessert. Help is needed to prep the meal as well as the Pinelands lunch. If you are available to help, please show up in the kitchen any time after 3 pm. For more information, please text Rodney McKanna 843.709.0953 or Bill Jones 843.607.6671.

### 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.

### 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.

### Acolyte and Cross-Bearer Training

Join us for Acolyte training on Sunday, October 8 during the Sunday school hour (10 am). You will learn the procedures for this important part of worship and be able to sign-up for dates. Any kids 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> that are in Sunday school will be participating in the training. Anyone up through grade 12 is welcome to attend as well. Parents, if you would like to attend, we would love to have you!

A sign-up will be available at the training. Any questions, email Stephanie Mitchum at smitchum@bethany-umc.com or Emily Vick at evick@bethany-umc.com.

## THIS WEEK...

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

### Sunday, September 17

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, Fell. Hall

### Monday, September 18

9 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym  
10 AM Upcycling, 122  
10 AM Upcycling/Plarning, 122  
12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, Youth House  
1 PM Brooks Swicegood Cir., 125  
3 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler  
5:30 PM Nominations, 118  
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115  
7 PM UMM, Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, September 19

8:30 AM Yoga, Gym  
10 AM Quilters, Blue House  
10 AM Grief Support, Parlor  
6 PM UWF, 115  
6:30 PM Finance, Conf. Room

### Wednesday, September 20

#### *Wednesday Night BNOW*

5:30 AM Men's Prayer Group, 215  
9 AM Bridge Club, 118  
4 PM Safety & Asst., 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 Tech. Ministries, Conf.Rm

### Thursday, September 21

7 AM Men's Prayer Group, Youth House  
8:30 AM Yoga, Gym  
9 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym  
9:30 AM Faithful Friends Ladies Bible Study, 239  
2 PM Herbert McAlaney, 127  
6 PM Handbells, 234  
7 PM Church Council, 213/214

### Friday, September 22

6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 127  
9 AM Ladies Bible Study, 118  
12 PM Happy Hearts, Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, September 23

*No Activities Scheduled*

### Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one. The following dates are available for 2023: October 8; November 19 and December 31. Please contact Mandy Killiri at mkilliri@bethany-umc.com or 843.873.1230 to reserve a date.

### 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  
Stephanie Mitchum 843.343.8494 smitchum@bethany-umc.com  
Janice Harp 843.607.3493 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**.

**Safety and Assistance Emergency number available on Sunday mornings from 7:30am-12:30pm 854.429.1839.**

September 17, 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  
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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

16<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** Holy, Holy, Holy arr. M. Blanton  
Chancel Bells

\* **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** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing **No. 400**

\* **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**

## Children's Moment

**see insert (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)** Eagle's Wings Joncas/Wagner  
Chancel Choir  
**(11:15)** God Be In My Head Jennifer Canfield  
Women's Ensemble

**First Lesson** **Romans 14: 1-12** **NT Pg. 163**

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** Grazioso A. Sherman  
Chancel Bells

\* **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 18: 21-35** **NT Pg. 20**  
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
People: *Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon** "A Forgiving Attitude" Rev. Michael Ritter

\* **Hymn of Dedication** Blessed Assurance **No. 369**

## \* 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.

## 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 Sehr, 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: 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 & 11:15 am** – Mr. Tom Walker

**Audio/Video Support** Technical Ministries Team

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

**Gifts** (\*Figures for September 10, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	33,881.23
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	1,300,473.32
*Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)....	-130,708.68 -9.13%

**Capital Campaign** (Figures for September 10, 2023)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	3,532.22
*Building Contributions Year to Date .....	92,097.42
*Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+) .....	-31,074.58 -25%

**Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts** – YTD (Non-Budgeted)... 298,280.57

**Presence** (September 10, 2023)

8 am Spell – 54; Word & Table Worship - 102; Sanctuary Worship- 439  
Online Worship – 0 (technical difficulties); Sunday School - 371

## Scan to Give Option

It's easier than ever to give now! Simply scan this QR Code and you will be directed to PushPay, our online giving platform.



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

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Julie Nicole Jett by Bob, Pat and Brad Jett.