

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 3rd-5th 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.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BAGS

Local Missions is now accepting monetary donations to provide turkeys/bags of food to Dorchester County families in need. 415 families were recipients in 2022! DONATE by Nov. 12 through the offering plate, online, or by mail. Please note that the funds are for Thanksgiving bags. Please give generously, as costs continue to increase.

TIME TO LIVE -TIME TO GIVE -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.

SCAN TO GIVE OPTION

It's easier than ever to give now! Simply scan this QR Code & you will be directed to PushPay, our online giving platform. You can also text 833.245.8417 and give right from your phone! If you would prefer to give the traditional way, giving envelopes can be found in your pew for cash and check donations.



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

Welcome to

Word & Table



WORKING
in the
VINEYARD

REV. MICHAEL RITTER
MATTHEW 20: 1-16

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

SONGS OF FAITH

OFFERING

SONG OF FAITH

KIDS' MOMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 20: 1-16

MESSAGE

“WORKING IN THE VINEYARD”

COMMUNION

SONG OF FAITH

BENEDICTION

Matthew 20: 1-16 (NIV)

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. “He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. “He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’ “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’ “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

PRAYER BREAKFAST PLANNING MEETING

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

HABITAT WORKDAY

The congregation is invited to participate in a Habitat Mission workday on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 8am-12pm. The house is located at 704 N. Hickory Str. in Summerville. No skills are necessary and everyone ages 16 and over is invited to participate. We have also set up a Habitat for Humanity account enabling church members to donate funds to help buy supplies. If you need more information contact Barney Duncan at bduncan1008@gmail.com or call 843.224.1898.

PRESCHOOL HELP

Children’s Ministry is looking for one more addition to our Preschool Sunday school rotation. We have a team so that your commitment is not every week. We provide you with the lesson and all activities, everything is ready and prepped for you each week. This truly is such a sweet class - you will be blessed by spending a little time with them each week. If you would like more information, please email Stephanie Mitchum at smitchum@bethany-umc.com.

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.

BETHANY’S BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Bring your pet for a special worship service and blessing on Sunday, Oct. 8 at 3pm in Azalea Park. Bring a chair and please remember to clean up after your pet!