

Marti Johnson joined the church triumphant on September 30, 2023.
Christian sympathies go out to Bob Johnson and the family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*“Be united with other Christians. A wall with loose bricks is not good.
The bricks must be cemented together.” Corrie Ten Boom*

Acolyte and Cross-Bearer Training

Acolyte and Crucifer training TODAY at 10 am in the Sanctuary.
Parents, please sign your children in and out in the Sanctuary. Training is for anyone in 3rd grade or above that would like to learn more about this special, meaningful and important aspect of worship.

Operation Christmas Child

Bethany Global Missions is looking to pack 323 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Some suggestions are small balls, Slinkys, play cars or trucks, plastic animals and figures, yo-yos, marbles, etc. Some “WOW” items that can be included are small stuffed animals, clothing items, small musical instruments, etc. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can make a check out to Bethany UMC and in memo line please write Global Missions. Please drop off any checks in the Business office. **Individual boxes to fill will be available today at all services.** Filled boxes will be due November 13, and there will be a table by the downstairs Welcome Center with a sign to drop filled boxes off. If you have any questions, please contact Shawn Kahn at 609.319.6271.

Happy Hearts - October 20

The Plantation Singers will be our guest performers at Happy Hearts on Friday, October 20. ***Please note that this is the third Friday instead of the normal fourth Friday, because of the Bethany Gift & Gourmet Market that starts the following week.***

The Plantation Singers of Charleston are a professional a cappella singing group renowned locally, nationally and internationally for their singing of the music of the Lowcountry. A fried chicken lunch for \$8 will be served at 12 pm. To make your meal reservation, call Dot by October 15 at 843.343.5450 or email her at dmprevatte@yahoo.com. ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

All Saints' Sunday – November 5

Bethany UMC will honor our church family who became Saints this past year. We will recognize their names on Sunday, November 5 during all services. The All Saints' Banner will be in the Narthex each Sunday until All Saints' Day. Please write the names of loved ones you want to be remembered on this special day. If you have a name that you want on the banner and you are not here, you can call or email the office to have it added.

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.

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 Sue Malphrus 843.345.9116 Men: Denis Tsukalas 843.729.5348 or Mark Barnes 843.873.2130

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, October 8

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
3 PM Blessing of the Animals, Azalea Park
5:30 PM Youth Ascend, Fell. Hall

Monday, October 9

9 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
10 AM Upcycling/Plarning, 122
12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, Youth House
3 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler
6 PM KidsCare Board, 215
6:30 PM SPRC, Conf. Room
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115

Tuesday, October 10

8:30 AM Yoga, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
6:30 PM UWfaith Board, 124
7 PM Global Missions, 127

Wednesday, October 11

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 Chancel Choir, 234

Thursday, October 12

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
6 PM Handbells, 234
6:30 PM Trustees, Conf. Room
7 PM Grace Circle, 127

Friday, October 13

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

Saturday, October 14

No Activities Scheduled

Blessing of the Animals

Bring your pet for a special worship service and blessing **today at 3pm** in Azalea Park. All pets are welcome! Bring a chair and please remember to clean up after your pet!

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

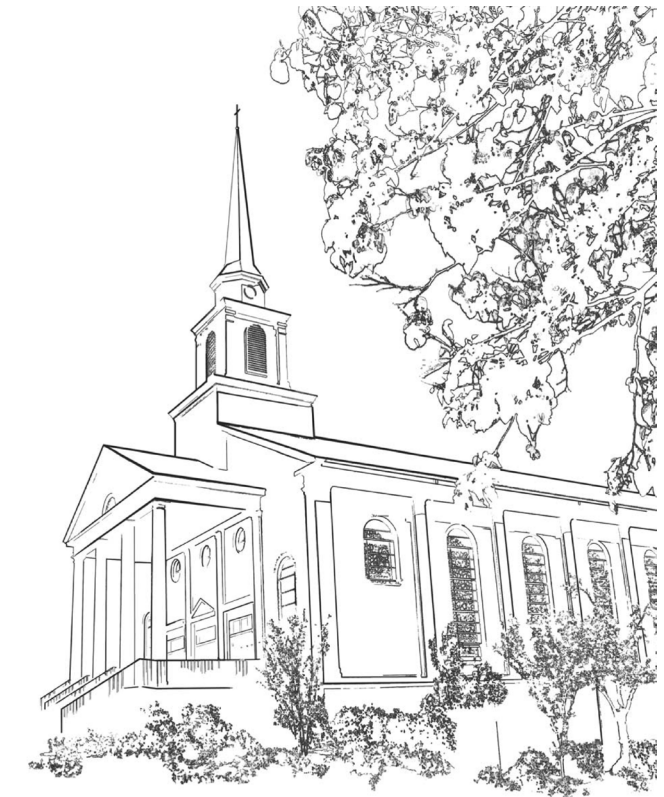
A minister is on call for pastoral emergencies after normal business hours during the week, as well as on weekends and holidays. If you have an emergency for which you need pastoral care, call the church emergency number, **843.425.1069**.

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

October 8, 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

19th 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** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty No. 64

* **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 2nd 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.)

Reception of New Members (11:15) No. 38

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:15) No. 39

Anthem (8:45) You Do Not Walk Alone Elaine Hagenberg
Women's Ensemble
(11:15) How Firm A Foundation John Rutter
Chancel Choir

First Lesson Matthew 21: 33-46 NT Pg. 24

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 (8:45) Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus arr. M. Ham
Anne Poole
(11:15) You Do Not Walk Alone Elaine Hagenberg
Women's Ensemble

* **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** Philippians 3: 4b-14 NT Pg. 198
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon "First Things First" Rev. Michael Ritter

* **Hymn of Dedication** O Worship the King No. 73

* 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.



Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Amiyah and Robert Hopkins will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today during the 11:15 am worship service. Amiyah and Robert are the grandchildren of Amy and Brian Fenton and the great-grandchildren of Bruce and Susan Schreffler.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Greg's mother, Corrie Mae Elliott- from Greg and Jaye Elliott.

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.

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: Billy Hay; Laurence Clair, Stuart Courtney, Steve Davis, Jim McElheny, Jonathan Patterson, Ce Buddin, Marion Watson, Arthur Dehay

11:15 ~ Team Leader: David Huffman; Marty Eubanks, Rick Yochim, Martha Proctor, Charlotte Wasmund, Jillian Weatherford, Bill McIntosh, Chad Edens

Liturgist

8:45 & 11:15 am – Dr. Frank Monterisi

Audio/Video Support Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for October 1, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	32,093.00
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	1,378,349.61
*Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)....	-168,874.39 -10.91%

Capital Campaign (Figures for September 17, 2023)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	1,940.00
*Building Contributions Year to Date	97,761.92
*Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)	-35,397.08 -27%

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)... 301,056.92

Presence (October 1, 2023)

8 am Spell – 55; Word & Table Worship - 107; Sanctuary Worship- 351
Online Worship – 460; 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!