

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.” 1 Peter 3:8

Children’s Sabbath

This morning we are celebrating the youngest members of our congregation. Children will have integral rolls in all aspects of worship today. Our theme is “We are God’s Masterpiece”.

Please Note: Children’s Church will not be offered this morning. Children are encouraged to attend and participate in worship with their families for Children’s Sabbath.

Fall Festival Today

Everyone is invited to join Children’s Ministries in the Bethany parking lot this afternoon from 2-4 pm for the Fall Festival! It is going to be a fun time for all. There will be games, inflatables, cake walks, trunk or treat, and more! Put your Halloween costumes on and bring the whole family!

Spell Chapel Open for Prayer

As part of the discernment process, the prayer subcommittee encourages you to visit Spell Chapel for a time of unity prayer. Spell Chapel will be open on Sunday mornings from 9-11:15 am and on Wednesday evenings from 4-7 pm. This is a time of quiet reflection and prayer, to help our church as we move forward.

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.

Special Speaker for BNOW- Nov. 8

Join us **November 8 at 6:15pm** for an informative presentation on dementia and it’s effect on the family. Elaine Russo, RN is a Certified Alzheimer’s trainer and specializes in Geriatrics. Her presentation, **You Can’t Do This Alone, Family Issues and Concerns** will cover a variety of topics including behaviors and how to deal with them, communication, family interaction and much more. This will be after the BNOW meal in the Fellowship Hall. If you have a family member that is suffering with dementia, this is a talk that will help you in your journey.

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 November 12** through the offering plate, online, or by mail. Please note that the funds are for Thanksgiving bags. Please give generously.

Start Filling Those Operation Christmas Child Boxes!

Please start packing your Operation Christmas Child boxes. The due date is **November 13**, however they can be turned in at any time. There is a table by the downstairs Welcome Center with a sign to drop boxes off. Bethany Global Missions is still accepting monetary donations, you can make a check out to Bethany UMC and in the memo line write Global Missions. If you have any questions, please contact Shawn Kahn at 609.319.6271.

Charge Conference

The annual Charge Conference will be held on **Tuesday, November 14** at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited to attend!

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, October 29

Bethany Gift & Gourmet Market

Fall Festival

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
2 PM Fall Festival, Parking Lot
5:30 PM Youth Ascend, Fell. Hall

Monday, October 30

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
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115

Tuesday, October 31

8:30 AM Yoga, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House

Wednesday, November 1

Bethany Gift & Gourmet Market

Wednesday Night BNOW

5:30 AM Men’s Prayer Group, 215
9 AM Bridge Club, 118
4 PM Safety & Asst., Conf. Room
4 PM Unity Prayer Time, Spell
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
7:30 PM Discernment Committee, Friendship Circle

Thursday, November 2

Bethany Gift & Gourmet Market

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 Stewardship Meeting, Conf. Room
7 PM Gamblers Anonymous, 124

Friday, November 3

Bethany Gift & Gourmet Market

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

Saturday, November 4

Bethany Gift & Gourmet Market

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 29, 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

22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Children's Sabbath

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 (8:45) The Butterfly Song Brian M. Howard
Cherub Choir
(11:15) Lord of the Dance arr. D. Wagner
Michael Lopez

* **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** All Things Bright and Beautiful **No. 147**

* **Affirmation of Faith** - Jack Baxter THE APOSTLES' CREED
*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**

Anthem Tree Song Ken Medema
Melody and Wesley Choirs; Jonah Willmarth, bells

First Lesson - Clara Wilmarth **Ephesians 2:10** **NT Pg. 192**
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Call to Prayer - Sarah Jane Moody
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer - Sarah Jane Moody

*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 You Raise Me Up arr. Roger Emerson
Youth Choir

* **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.*

* **Hymn of Assurance** Jesus Loves Me **No. 191**

* **Second Lesson** - Rose Dunaway **Psalms 139** **OT Pg. 577**
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon We are God's Masterpiece Emily Vick

* **Special Music** Psalm 139 Wonderfully Made
Cherub, Melody, Wesley and Youth Choirs
Refrain: *I praise you God, that I am fearfully wonderfully made*

* **Benediction** - Cruz Russo

* **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** Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken arr. G. Young
Michael Lopez

* For those who are able, please stand.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of George Keifer and in celebration of his 75th heavenly birthday from the Keifer family.

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 – Stephanie Mitchum

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 22, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	20,735.01
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	1,463,740.46
*Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)....	-199,525.54 -12.00%

Capital Campaign (Figures for October 22, 2023)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	763.50
*Building Contributions Year to Date	104,721.10
*Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)	-38,424.90 -27%

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)... 370,639.51

Presence (October 22, 2023)

8 am Spell – 54; Word & Table Worship - 104; Sanctuary Worship- 353
Online Worship – 386; Sunday School - 357

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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!