

Christian sympathies go out to the family and friend of Kim Noviski, who joined the church triumphant on October 25.

Christian sympathies go out to the family and friend of Carolyn Weader, who joined the church triumphant on October 28.

Christian sympathies go out to the family and friend of Fenn Stallsmith, who joined the church triumphant on October 30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“There has never been a spiritual awakening in any country or locality that did not begin in united prayer.” A.T. Pierson

The Bethany Discernment Committee would like to invite you to join us for a conversation about the issues facing our Church. Open conversation, mutual respect and trust are imperative as we go through this period of Holy Discernment. These conversations will be a chance to share your feelings about the schism within the Church. These discussions are not intended to be a debate regarding the issues, but rather a chance for us to listen to others, speak what is on our hearts, and continue to do God’s work here at Bethany. We will continue to provide information that we have to help everyone make an informed decision about the future of our church.

We’d like to invite everyone to a Sunday afternoon conversation at 4pm each Sunday in November. These conversations will start this Sunday and several rooms have been reserved for small groups to ask questions and have an opportunity to share how they feel and why. Please join us and alleviate some of the fears and misconceptions that have been spread around Bethany.

Gift & Gourmet Market Breakdown- Help Needed!

Help is needed to break-down the Gift & Gourmet Market tomorrow, November 6 at 10am. We will be boxing up all unsold merchandise, putting up the tables and clearing out the room. Please come to the Fellowship Hall at 10am tomorrow.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes!

We are very excited to have almost half of our goal reached, but there are over 200 boxes out there that need to be returned and packed with love for Jesus! These children are waiting to hear God’s message, so PLEASE turn those boxes in! The final due date is **November 13**. 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.

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. 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.

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, November 5

Gift & Gourmet Market 8:30-12:30pm

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
3:30 PM Disc. Sub Comm., 124
5:30 PM Youth Ascend, Fell. Hall

Monday, November 6

9 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
10 AM Upcycling/Plarning, 122
12:30 PM Men’s Book Buddies, Y.H.
2 PM Prayer Shawl Mtg., 118
6:30 PM Worship Committee, 237
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Friendship Circle

Tuesday, November 7

8:30 AM Yoga, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
10:30 AM Grief Support, Parlor
5:30 PM SM Leaders Mtg., Conf Rm
6 PM SM Peer Groups, Music Hall
6 PM Tech. Committee, 124

Wednesday, November 8

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
7:30 PM Steering Committee, Conf. Room

Thursday, November 9

7 AM Men’s Prayer Group, Y.H.
8:30 AM Yoga, Gym
9 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
9:30 AM Faithful Friends Ladies Bible Study, 239
2:30 PM Care Team, 127
6 PM Handbells, 234
6 PM Prayer Sub. Comm., 118
6:30 PM Trustees, Conf. Room
7 PM Grace Circle, 127
7 PM Gamblers Anonymous, 124

Friday, November 10

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

Saturday, November 11

No Activities Scheduled

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 web site. 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.

November 5, 2023
8:45 and 11:15 a.m. Worship Services

BETHANY

United Methodist Church



Bob Barrows
Anne Batten
Cecil Buddin
Stephen Buddin
Ed Chinnis
Jim Ellis
Kerry Farmer
Betty Gabrielli
May Gunter
Ed Hickey
Martha Johnson
Janet Kaminski

Gene Malphrus
Martha Mason
Nancy McClelland
Kim Noviski
Billy Owens
John Riley
Fenn Stallsmith
Joe Stasiukaitis
Carolyn Weader
Jean Weidman
Robert Wren

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

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints' Sunday

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

Invocation

Prelude Come, Thou Fount, Of Every Blessing arr. P. Keveren
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** For All the Saints **No. 711**

* **Affirmation of Faith - THE APOSTLES' CREED** **No. 881**

* **Gloria Patri** **No. 70**

Roll Call of the Saints (pray responsively)

Ever living God, this day revives in us memories of loved ones. What happiness we shared when they walked among us. What joy, when, loving and being loved, we lived our lives together.

THEIR MEMORY IS A BLESSING FOR EVER.

Months or years have passed, and still we feel near to them. Our hearts yearn for them. Though the bitter grief has softened, a duller pain abides; for the place where once they stood is empty now. The links of life are broken, but the links of love and longing cannot break.

THEIR SOULS ARE BOUND UP IN OURS FOR EVER.

We see them now with the eye of memory, their faults forgiven, their virtues grown larger. So does goodness live and weakness fade from sight. We remember them with gratitude and bless their names.

THEIR MEMORY IS A BLESSING FOR EVER.

And we remember as well the members who but yesterday were part of our congregation and community. To all who cared for us and labored for all people, we pay tribute. May we prove worthy of carrying on the tradition of our faith, for now the task is ours.

THEIR SOULS ARE BOUND UP IN OURS FOR EVER.

We give you thanks that they now live and reign with you. As a great cloud of witnesses, they surround us with their blessings and offer you hymns of praise and thanksgiving.

THEY ARE ALIVE FOR EVER MORE. AMEN.

Remembering Our Saints

Anthem Stay With Me Lord Will Todd
Chancel Choir

First Lesson **Psalm 34: 1-10** **OT Pg. 508**

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 Deep River Trad. Spiritual, arr. H.T. Burleigh
Rob Taylor

* **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** **Revelation 21: 1-6a** **NT Pg. 259**
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon We Are Marked 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** Marching to Zion **No. 733**

* Benediction

* **Benediction Response** Irish Blessing L. Turner
*May the road rise to meet you, May the wind blow at your back,
May the sunshine 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** Saints Bound for Heaven 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 memory of our beloved classmates and loved ones from the Friendship Circle Sunday school class.

WELCOME

We welcome all guests to our service today. If you are visiting with us, please allow us to further acknowledge your presence 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 jsehr@bethany-umc.com or 843-873-1230.

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 worshipers, please **turn off** cell phones and other electronic devices before the worship service begins. Thank you.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 ~ Team Leader- Narvie Bilbray, Jr.; Jim Barrier, Dennis Bradshaw, Jody Dillard, Matt Lazzaro, Bobby Long, Al Lyman, Matt Bates, Allen Dobbs

11:15 ~ Team Leader- Roger McCants; Al Jackson, Barbara Jackson, Gillis McAllister, Mark Phillips, Joyce Stone, Chad Urban, Bill & Kathy Wire, Sarah Warren

Liturgist

8:45 & 11:15 am – Millie Runyon

Communion Servers

8:45 am – Roanna Payne & Gillis McAllister **11:15 am** – Leah Martin & Daniel Stone

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 29, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	34,770.22
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	1,498,510.68
*Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)....	-203,436.32 -11.95%

Capital Campaign (Figures for October 29, 2023)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	1,202.00
*Building Contributions Year to Date	105,923.10
*Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)	-40,551.90 -28%

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted) 390,798.51

Presence (October 29, 2023)

8 am Spell – 47; Word & Table Worship - 0; Sanctuary Worship- 470
Online Worship – 397; Sunday School - 381

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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!