

Larry Bailey joined the church triumphant on November 2, 2023.
Christian sympathies go out to Marth Bailey and the family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"I do verily believe that when God shall accomplish [unity], it will be the effect of love, and not the cause of love. It will proceed from love, before it brings forth love." John Owen

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.

Bethany Gift and Gourmet Market

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Bethany Gift & Gourmet Market this year by making items, baking delicious desserts, making casseroles and other savory items, volunteering or shopping. We raised over \$32,000 that will be donated to local mission organizations after expenses are paid. Many, many thanks to those that organized, decorated and staffed the Market.

What a wonderful experience!

Local Missions Sock Drive

During the month of November Bethany will be collecting men's socks for the Holy City Mission clothing closet to be distributed at the warming shelter. Containers with signs will be placed at the entrances/exits for Spell Chapel, the Sanctuary, and the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to bring your new or gently used socks to be donated with you whenever you come to Bethany. No holy socks please. Socks are the number one item requested at shelters. The Holy City Mission clothes closet gives out nearly 60 pairs of socks every week. If you need further information, please contact Barbara Nimocks 843.276.4230 or John Lyons 843.708.9837. Thank you all in advance for your generosity!

Operation Christmas Child Boxes!

Boxes need to be returned by tomorrow! We're very excited to announce that we've almost reached our goal! There are still boxes out there that need to be packed with love and returned! These children are waiting to hear God's message, so PLEASE turn those boxes in! 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.

Thanksgiving Food Bags

Tomorrow is the deadline to give a monetary donation towards turkey bags for Dorchester County families in need!! Monetary donations are needed to provide turkey/bags of food to Dorchester County families in need. Please donate TODAY through offering, mail or drop off at the church.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, November 12

8 AM WORSHIP, Spell Chapel
8:45 AM WORSHIP, Sanctuary
8:45 AM WORD & TABLE, FH
9 AM Unity Prayer, Spell Chapel
10 AM Sunday School
11:15 AM WORSHIP, Sanctuary
4 PM Discernment Discussions
5:30 PM Youth Ascend, Fell. Hall

Monday, November 13

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

Tuesday, November 14

Charge Conference

8:30 AM Yoga, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
7 PM Charge Conf., Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 15

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, Spell Chapel
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 PM Tech. Ministries, Conf. Rm
7:30 PM Discernment Comm., FC

Thursday, November 16

7 AM Men's Prayer Group, YH
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 Gamblers Anon., 124

Friday, November 17

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

Saturday, November 18

No Activities Scheduled

Charge Conference

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

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

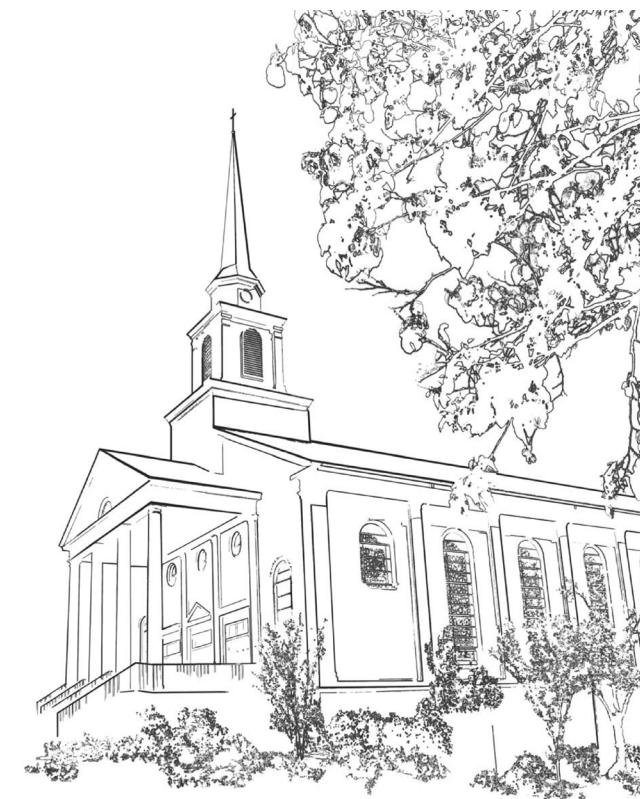
A minister is on call for pastoral emergencies after normal business hours during the week, as well as on weekends and holidays. If you have an emergency for which you need pastoral care, call the church emergency number, **843.425.1069**.

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

November 12, 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

24th 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 All Glory Be to God on High J. Kirnberger
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** Rejoice, the Lord Is King **No. 715**

* **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**

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

Children's Moment

(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.)

Anthem (8:45) America the Beautiful Samuel Ward, arr. Landes
Chancel Choir
(11:15) Battle Hymn of the Republic arr. Wilhousky
Men's Ensemble

First Lesson **Psalms 78: 1-7** **OT Pg. 537**
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) Battle Hymn of the Republic arr. Wilhousky
Men's Ensemble
(11:15) Nearer My God to Thee arr. D. Forrest
Michael Lopez

* **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 25: 1-13** **NT Pg. 28**
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Be Prepared Rev. Michael Ritter

* **Hymn of Dedication** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee **No. 89**

* 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** The Brightest Trumpet G. Peterson
Michael Lopez

* For those who are able, please stand.



Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Thomas Declan Haithcock will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today during the 11:15 am worship service. Thomas is the son of Judson and Jennie Haithcock. Grandparents are Richie Ellis, Betts and Marc Funderburk and Dana and Nancy Haithcock.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are from Lynda Gildea,
given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her son, Alan.

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.

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- 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 – Chris Rogers-Berry

Audio/Video Support Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for November 5, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	35,048.50
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	1,533,559.18
*Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)....	-207,067.82 -11.90%

Capital Campaign (Figures for November 5, 2023)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	3,188.15
*Building Contributions Year to Date	109,111.25
*Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)	-40,692.75 -27%

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)... 412,983.83

Presence (November 5, 2023)

8 am Spell – 65; Word & Table Worship - 128; Sanctuary Worship- 378
Online Worship – 512; Sunday School - 375

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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!