

# **BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

*“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”*

God promises to offer comfort to those who seek Him when pain and illness hit you or loved ones.

Karen and I were devastated two years ago when we learned that our youngest daughter, Emily, was diagnosed with breast cancer. It was so comforting to have family and friends come to us and offer support and prayers.

Our Bethany church family came to us in mass with the utmost compassion. Calls, cards, emails and in person kind words are so appreciated. Again, so many prayers. Bethany is a loving church that does so much for so many.

I feel blessed and privileged to have worked at Bethany for the past seven years. There hasn't been a day gone by that I haven't gone home enriched at the end of the day.

Emily has survived surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation. She is in remission, but will have to battle this terrible disease indefinitely. Strong medication, continued follow ups, a compression sleeve, special treatments and pain are ongoing. We're proud to say she is a courageous young woman, and she is a survivor. She complains minimally, yet always shows love and kindness for others with her huge heart.

God's Word in Isaiah reminds us that He is always with us no matter what crisis we face. May He strengthen and uphold you in your lives. May He strengthen and uphold our church family. May you continue your faith journey with the knowledge that God cares for you now and forever.

With Sincere Christian Love,

Jack Sehr

# **Charge Conference**

*Tuesday, November 14th at 7PM*

*In the Sanctuary. All are invited.*

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**These are memorials from August 3<sup>rd</sup> to September 26<sup>th</sup>.**

### **MEMORIALS**

#### **In Memory of Edward Chinnis**

By The Spiritual Growth Class (**Spell Chapel**)

By Ann Gill (**Operating**)

#### **In Memory of Betty Gabrielli (Memorials)**

By Stephen & Mildred Murray

#### **In Memory of Nancy Wolfe McClelland (Memorials)**

By Scott McClelland

By Dan & Bonnie Sweat

#### **In Memory of Cecil Buddin (Spell Memorial)**

By Patricia Riley

By Sharon Limehouse

#### **In Memory of Rev. Roy Stockman**

By Annette Goins (Epworth)

#### **In Memory of Beverly Kinsey Ritter (Operating)**

By Ann Gill

By Jerry & Sheryl Todd

By Ollie Lesch

By Ed & Margie Muckenfuss

By Dave & Karen Braddon

# ***Music Ministry***

Now the great news--which I have announced in the sanctuary, but some may not know: Mary's cancer on her chest and lung region was eliminated this summer. One more lesion remains, but it is shrinking. The new treatment is working beautifully! We are so happy. She does have a broken rib, so careful not to give her a bear hug! Mary's treatments continue, and are now being administered at MUSC. She is growing stronger, though we know it's a long road. But God is with us. Every step. We know that.

Now, the music ministry. First, I want to brag on how wonderful the music at Word and Table continues to be, as Mike and Narcie moved on to new positions in the upstate. Though I have the 8:45 service at the same time, I do try to listen to the Word and Table band whenever I can, and continue to be amazed at their quality. The same can be said about Holly Slice and the wonderful singers that offer their voices to the services in Spell Chapel. It is always a huge treat for our smaller ensembles to sing in Spell. There is a special feeling in that room.

I am so proud to say that the music in the traditional services is going very well indeed. The Chancel Choir continues to have a robust roster that comes to work in rehearsal every week. Their commitment to worship through the medium of choral music is a constant inspiration. The same can be said of the smaller ensembles (Chamber, Women and Men's Ensembles). We are currently working on music for our Sunday services, as well as our Christmas Festival of Carols -- which this year will be presented at both morning worship services on Dec. 17.

Our wonderful Chancel Bells deserve a special mention. I freely admit that I listen in amazement every time they play. Michael Lopez does a fantastic job with them. They are THE BEST church affiliated bell choir I have ever heard. I thought that the first time I heard them, and continue to feel that way. I also want to give a "shout out" to church members who share their talents through vocal solos and duets, and playing the piano for the offertory. Bethany is truly blessed with so much musical talent in our church.

Finally, how about our children and youth choirs! I tear up every time I hear the Melody, Cherub and Wesley choirs. They are so sweet! But they are also so good! Barbara, Janice and the many volunteers (such as Miss Robyn) provide such a rich experience to our sweet kids who in turn provide an equally rich experience to all of us! Our youth choir, while small in number, continues to impress every time they sing for us! The harmonies are so tight, and the tone so lovely. Maurice Burgess is doing a wonderful job with them!

I know this has been long! But I had a lot to say! Again, thanks to all!

Namaste and God Bless

Rob Taylor

# Kids Care

November means thankfulness at KidsCare! We are thankful for all that God has provided this past summer camp and this school year! He has provided us with qualified counselors, drivers, and children to fill up our classrooms and buses! We enjoy pouring our hearts into our after-school ministry and thank God for each blessing He brings our way! At the time of writing this we don't know the winner for the Scarecrows on the square this year. However, we want to thank everyone who came out to vote! Regardless of if we won or not, we are still spreading the Good News! We are Hooked on Jesus, and you should be too!

If you would love to learn more about KidsCare please contact Makala Boczkowski or Debra Trimeloni in the office at 854-429-1842, [mboczkowski@bethany-umc.com](mailto:mboczkowski@bethany-umc.com) or [dtrimeloni@bethany-umc.com](mailto:dtrimeloni@bethany-umc.com)

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## Child Development Center

*in* Every Thing  
give Thanks  
1 Thessalonians 5:18



In November, the students at Bethany CDC will have special Thanksgiving celebrations with their classmates and talk about the many blessings in their lives. They will continue to learn about the wonders of fall, take nature walks, and make the quintessential preschool craft handprint turkeys.

All of us at the CDC are thankful for our many blessings including:

- Wonderful students and families
- Caring, dedicated teachers who love their students like their own Children. A church community that supports our mission and ministry
- And of course... God's grace and love

As we are called to do in 1 Thessalonians 5:16 – 18, we will **rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances.**





# Playground Opening Celebration!



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## *Recreation*



**BETHANY  
BASKETBALL  
REGISTRATION IS  
NOW OPEN**

Visit [www.bethany-umc.com](http://www.bethany-umc.com)  
to sign-up or use the QR code.



# ***Grief Support Group***

How do you understand grief when your heart is broken by the death of a loved one? To survive and live forward, those who grieve must find answers. We are offering a support group for those who are grieving the death of a loved one and are in need of a community to share the loneliness of grief of all types. Scriptural wisdom will be used to explore the issues of grief and offer spiritual encouragement for a life of renewed hope and joy. The group will also offer some specific coping strategies to guide the way back to fullness of life. If you are grieving the death of a loved one, please join us on the journey through grief.

*Meeting Dates: November 7th & 21st, 2023*

*Time: 10:30am*

*Location: Church Parlor*

*For more information contact Jan Walker, 843-259-8342*

*or Pastor Mark Barnes, 843-873-1230*

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## ***Gift and Gourmet Market***

The Gift & Gourmet Market is up and running but we still need help! Homemade casseroles and desserts are needed each day. Casseroles and baked goods can be dropped off any day the Market is open in the serving area of the kitchen. And we would love to have you come help in the kitchen or in the shop.

Come shop! There are so many wonderful items to choose from – it's a great time to get Christmas gifts. The Market is open through November 5:

Wednesdays 4pm-7pm

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays 10am – 2pm

Sunday, October 29 8:30am – 12:30pm

Sunday, November 5 9:45am – 2pm





November 30 Starting at 6:30 – last car in line at 8:00

December 1 Starting at 6:30 – last car in line at 8:00

December 2 Starting at 5:30 – last car in line at 8:00

***This is earlier than previous years!***

Bethany's parking lot will become Bethlehem November 30 – December 2. The pavement and people will transform into the greatest story ever told through a drive-through reenactment of the way life was over 2,000 years ago on the night Jesus Christ was born.

Each night, over 200 volunteers are needed to bring the production to life. Sign-up for casting will begin on November 5. You can sign-up in person or online. We also need lots of help:

### **Volunteer Behind the Scenes –**

There are several ways you can help make the production a success. There will be a sign-up for the volunteer spots along with cast sign-up.

Set-Up – Beginning November 4 and each Saturday leading up to the Living Christmas Story, we will be assembling sets and setting up scenes. Work will start at 8:30am each Saturday. Many, many volunteers are needed to help each week. Our big set-up day will be Sunday, November 26 beginning at 12pm.

Food Prep/Serving – There will be soup & sandwiches each night. Help is needed in preparing the soup, setting up, serving food, and cleaning up.

Costumes/Props – Lots of help is needed with handing out costumes and props.

Volunteers will be needed to pull costumes and hand them out to cast members.

There will also be volunteers to help with dressing cast members and to restock the costumes and props.



## ***Living Christmas Story Continued***

### **Traffic –**

20 volunteers are needed each night to coordinate the lining up of cars and directing traffic.

Security – Each night that the sets are up, there must be on-site security. It is vital that we have someone here through the night to patrol the grounds beginning Sunday, November 26th

Take-Down – We disassemble the sets Saturday night after the last car goes through. Be here by 8:30pm on Saturday December 2nd to help us get the parking lot and building ready for Sunday.

### **Donate –**

You can help provide sandwiches, chips, desserts and drinks for the cast and crew. Sign-up to provide food in your Sunday School class or contact Karen Eubanks at [kareneub9561@bellsouth.net](mailto:kareneub9561@bellsouth.net).

### **Promote –**

Help us spread the word that the LCS is happening! You can deliver posters to businesses around town, let your neighbors and friends know about it, share any social media posts and just talk it up! We know that the community looks forward to this happening and we want everyone to know about it!!

## **Dementia and Alzheimer's “You can't do this alone” Family concerns.**

Join us Nov. 8 at 6:15 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.



# ASCEND



[ascendstudentministries.org](http://ascendstudentministries.org)

WWW.ASCENDSTUDENTMINISTRIES.ORG

Bethany United Methodist Church

## ASCEND SUNDAYS

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

ASCEND is the youth ministries of Bethany United Methodist Church. All middle and high school students are invited to join us in an evening of fellowship, games, youth led praise and worship, a message geared towards teenagers, and then age appropriate small groups.

ASCEND also has several retreats, events, and mission opportunities throughout the year! To learn more about what ASCEND has to offer visit [www.ascendstudentministries.org](http://www.ascendstudentministries.org).

It is hard to believe but we are getting closer and closer to the end of the year!  
 Looking forward to a great next month.  
 Kyle and Brandon

## Ascend in November

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 GAME NIGHT	2	3	4
ASCEND 5:30-7:30	5	6	7	8 GAME NIGHT	9	10
ASCEND 5:30-7:30	12	13	14	15 GAME NIGHT	16	17
19 NO ASCEND TONIGHT	20	21	22	23	24	25 TAILGATE PARTY @ YOUTH HOUSE
26 GAME NIGHT	27	28	29 GAME NIGHT	30		

\*SUNDAY SCHOOL: EVERY SUNDAY MORNING AT 10 O'CLOCK

# ***Bethany Global Missions***

is looking to pack 323 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child (our goal is very close to our hearts to collect 323 boxes in honor of Ryan MacCluen's NCPD badge number. )

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/OCC shoeboxes. Please drop off any checks in the Business office.

Individual boxes to fill will be available October 1st and October 8th at all services. Filled boxes will be due November 13th, and there will be a table by the downstairs welcome center with a sign to drop filled boxes off.

If you should have any questions, please contact Shawn Kahn at 609-319-6271.







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*



**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

*Men: Denis Tsukalas 843-729-5348 or*

*Mark Barnes 843-873-2130*

# **FALL BNOW September 6th—December 13th**

## ***Fellowship+ Faith+ Food Wednesday Nights this Fall***

Began September 6th, and will continue until December 13th. Bethany NOW provides incredible opportunities for discipleship for the entire family. It is all about relationships and your church family. Every week adults, students and kids gather to eat, learn and grow in their faith. Join us for a meal in the Fellowship Hall so you don't have to worry about dinner plans, and stay for a class. Not interested in dinner? No problem, just join us for classes.

After dinner, we offer several programs and ministries on Wednesday nights. The highlights are our classes, which give you time to connect with others and the church. Adults have the options of taking a bible study-type class, learning how to use their faith in their daily life, or simply doing a fun activity. Let's don't forget about the kids and youth! We have programs that will teach important lessons as well as providing an opportunity for them to build lasting Christian bonds with others. Bring the whole family!

### ***Bethany NOW Schedule***

5— 6pm Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

6— 7:30pm Kids Activities

6:15— 7:30 Youth and Adult Activities

### ***Bethany NOW Dinner Costs***

**\$9 Adults**

**\$7 Seniors 65 & Older**

**\$5 Kids 12 & under**

**\$25 Family Max (immediate family)**

**Reservations are not needed.**

### **Adult Activities**

***Creative Sewing – Led by Penny Limehouse***

***Disciple 1 – led by Marc Jacques***

***Methodism – Led by Tom Thurman and David Powell***

***Planning Mat Ministry - led by Clara Stonner***

***Trivia and Games – led by Michael Ritter***

***Undistracted & Dream Big by Bob Goff – led by Mary Lynn Harlow***



# FALL BNOW

*continued*

We are also planning to have some special speakers come in periodically from 6:15 – 7:30 on a variety of topics. Worship services will start on November 29 with Hanging of the Greens and Advent worship December 6 & 13. Kids activities will continue as usual during Advent.

## Youth (6th – 12th grades) Activities

Crusaders Youth Choir Practice

Game Night

## Kids (ages 3 by Sept. 1, 2023 – 5th grade) Activities

6:00 – 6:45	3 year olds, 4 year olds, Kindergarteners	Cherub Choir Practice
	1st – 2nd Graders	Melody Choir Practice or Bible Adventures
	3rd – 5th Graders	Crafting Faith
6:45 – 7:30	3 & 4 year olds	Sprouts Bible Story Time
	Kindergarten - 2nd Graders	Crafting Faith
	3rd – 5th Graders	Wesley Choir Practice or Bible Adventures

***Check the Bethany website and Bethany NOW brochure for full class descriptions.***

## BNOW menus and hosts for November 2023

11/1/2023	During market - meal will be	Lasagna, garlic bread, salad bar, dessert	Sue Knight
11/8/2023		Chicken tenders, mac & cheese, hot	Sam Wood
11/15/2023		Breakfast casserole, homestyle potatoes,	Connections
11/22/2023	Thanksgiving Eve - No BNOW		
11/29/2023	Worship Hanging of the Greens No Adult Classes	Chicken & dumplings, coleslaw, green beans, biscuit, salad bar, dessert	Friendship Circle

# ***Children's Ministry***

## **Call for Acolytes and Crucifers**

Calling all kids 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up! We invite you to serve as an acolyte or crucifer in our 8:45 and 11:15 Traditional services. Whether you are new to acolyting or are a returning acolyte, please sign up if you are interested in serving in this important ministry.

We begin worship with the Cross of Christ held high, followed by His light leading the processional of our ministers and choir to the altar. We end each service by extinguishing the altar candles and carrying Jesus' light out into our community with us as we leave. This tradition represents the very basis of our Christianity. This is an excellent opportunity for a young Christian to serve his/her church.

We especially need children to serve at the 11:15 service. The 8:45 service spots quickly fill up, but 11:15 is a constant struggle to fill. Please consider serving at this service, even if just once. You can sign up using this link:

<https://bethanyumc.ccbchurch.com/goto/scheduling/25/public>

We also need adults to meet the kids before service and make sure they are ready to go and have all the information they need about what to do in the service.

If you would like for your child to be trained, or have a refresher, please contact Children's Ministries at [smitchum@bethany-umc.com](mailto:smitchum@bethany-umc.com) or [evick@bethany-umc.com](mailto:evick@bethany-umc.com).

## **A Great Big Thank You**

The Children's Ministry Team would like to extend a heartfelt Thank you to all who participated in Children's Sabbath. It was truly a special time of worship, where we talked about being God's Masterpiece. Look for pictures from the day in the December Beacon.

## **Bridges Special Needs Ministry**

Our Bridges Special Needs Ministry is a vital part of our church life. We offer a class during the 8:45 worship time and during Sunday School. We also offer a once per month Respite night to give parents a much-needed break. Volunteers are needed to help in Bridges for these programs. There is no special training needed: simply a love of children and a patient heart. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Jennifer Horres at 843-425-2260.

# Thanksgiving Food Bags

## Local Missions

Monetary Donations are now being collected to provide turkeys/bags of food to Dorchester County families in need. 415 families were recipients in 2022!

DONATE by Nov. 12th through the offering plate, online, or by mail. Please give generously, as costs continue to increase.



## 2024 Flower Calendar

Altar flowers are a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one.

The 2024 Flower Calendar is now open.

Please contact Mandy Killiri at [mkilliri@bethany-umc.com](mailto:mkilliri@bethany-umc.com) or 843.873.1230 to reserve a date.

There is also a signup calendar located in the Sanctuary hallway on the bulletin board.



## Katie's Krops Desserts

We are in need of **600** individually wrapped homemade desserts to be paired with Katie's Krops meals. Please deliver to the business office by Thursday no later than 11:00 am. Thank you for your help with this ministry.

**The dates from September-February are as follows:**

October 5th, November 2nd, & December 14th  
2024 - January 18th & February 22nd

## BETHANY UNITY PRAYER

Gracious Heavenly Father,

We come to You, acknowledging that Bethany is Your church. You have brought together people who love You and Your church with a desire to serve together in Your Kingdom. Give us a spirit of humility, gentleness, and patience. Help us be united in thought and purpose. WE seek the Holy Spirit to enable us to see our sin and suffering caused by our division. Unite us in seeking Your perfect will for Bethany.

In Your Holy Name we pray.  
Amen



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