

Christian sympathies go out to the family and friends of Lou Housand who joined the church triumphant on January 4, 2024.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wednesday Night BNOW

Join us on Wednesday nights for activities and classes for everyone. BNOW begins with a meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5 pm. Each week features a homemade meal that you would eat around your family table. The meal for this week (**Jan. 17**) will be chicken and dumplings, corn dog nuggets, coleslaw, green beans, salad bar, biscuit, and fruit pies.

The Sunday School classes that will be hosting are Daily Bread and SALT.

Meals are \$9 for Adults, \$7 for Seniors (over 65) and \$5 for Children (12 and under) with a family maximum of \$25 (2 parents and children under 12 that live in the same household). Meal reservations are no longer required.

### Happy Hearts Luncheon- January 26

The speaker for the January Happy Hearts meeting is Lieutenant Colonel Joe Tallon (Retired) who served over 37 years in the US Army from 1969 to 2007. Joe has written the book, *100 Days in Vietnam: A Memoir of Love, War and Survival* that tells of the day-to-day life of a first lieutenant in combat. This book is based on the letters Joe sent to his wife, Martha Anne, during his time in Vietnam.

The meal, served at 12pm, will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, assorted desserts, and tea for \$8. Reservations are due in by January 21.

**Note the change in making reservation: Register online at [happyhearts@bethany-umc.com](mailto:happyhearts@bethany-umc.com) or call 843.771.3979.**

### Global Missions

Interested in getting involved with Global Missions but don't want to go out of the country? Well, now is your chance. March 25-29, 2024, the Global Missions Team is going back to **Camp Nathaneal near Emmalena, Ky.** It is an easy 7-8 hour drive from Summerville. Camp Nathaneal is one of our Global Missions Partners that is supported by Missions Possible as well as the Global Missions Committee.

We will be doing some construction again this year under the guidance of Jeff McIntyre, Executive Director, Camp Nathanel. Since this is during spring break, youth ages 16 or older are welcome to participate as long they have parental consent. Youth ages 13-15 are welcome to attend along with a parent. Roanna will be the team leader again this year. The construction leader will be determined once we know what our project will be.

If you feel led to participate in this project, please sign up on the list posted on the GMC bulletin board near the kitchen or contact Roanna Payne at [roanna1958@bellsouth.net](mailto:roanna1958@bellsouth.net) or 843.343.9217.

### Wintertime Blues?

If more than temporary, maybe you could benefit from a warm and caring Stephen Minister. Grey and chilly days can bring on sadness, and talking about it can help. Let Stephen Ministry share your burdens. Please reach out.

For women: Sue Malphrus at 843.345. 9116 or Leah Martin at 404.408.5457. For men: Denis Tsukalas at 843.729.5348 or Pastor Mark Barnes at 843.873.2130.

### Safety and Assistance Emergency Number Change

Please note that there has been a change to the Safety and Assistance Emergency number. The new number is **854.429.1848**. This number is available on Sunday mornings 7:30am-12:30pm.

## THIS WEEK...

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

### Sunday, January 14

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  
5:30 PM Youth Ascend, Fell. Hall

### Monday, January 15

*Church Office Closed- MLK Day*

9 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym  
10 AM Upcycling/Plarning, 122  
10:30 AM Spell Dennis Circle, Friendship Circle  
12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, YH  
1 PM Brooks Swicegood, 125  
2 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler  
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115  
7 PM United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, January 16

8:30 AM Yoga, Gym  
10 AM Quilters, Blue House  
10:30 AM Grief Support, Parlor  
6:30 PM Finance Committee, Conference Room  
7 PM Gamblers Anonymous, Friendship Circle

### Wednesday, January 17

*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, January 18

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, Blue House  
6 PM Handbells, 234  
7 PM Tech. Ministries, Conf. Rm  
7 PM Gamblers Anon., 124  
7 PM Church Council, 213,214

### Friday, January 19

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

### 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](mailto:evick@bethany-umc.com)  
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Janice Harp 843.607.3493 [jharp@bethany-umc.com](mailto: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 854.429.1848.**

January 14, 2024  
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  
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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

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

## 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 To God Be the Glory No. 98

\* 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

(8:45 am - At the end of the Children's Moment, children may leave for Children's Church ~ ages K5 thru 2<sup>nd</sup> 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) A Gaelic Blessing John Rutter  
Chancel Choir  
(11:15) Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree Douglas E. Wagner  
Matthew Miantie, baritone

First Lesson 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 OT Pg. 247

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 Near to the Heart of God arr. Roger House  
Anne Poole, piano

\* 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 John 1: 43-51 NT Pg. 92

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon God Calls Rev. Michael Ritter

\* Hymn of Dedication Be Thou My Vision No. 451

\* 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.

## 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](mailto: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: Bob Johnson, Ernie Brockman, Larry McKeehan, Jim Parrish, Hank Sieling, Tom Tatum, Phil Richardson, David Martin

11:15 ~ Team Leader: Sam Dorr; Claude Rowe, Tim Rowe, Cameron Rowe, Kyle Boczkowski

### Liturgist

8:45 & 11:15 am – Gillis McAllister

Audio/Video Support Technical Ministries Team

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

### Gifts (\*Figures for December 31, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	74,443.76
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	1,955,384.26
*Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)....	-223,804.74 -10.27%

### Capital Campaign (Figures for December 31, 2023)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	4,304.35
*Building Contributions Year to Date .....	135,875.68
*Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+) .....	-51,672.32 -28%

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)... 462,318.66

### Presence (January 7, 2024)

8 am Spell – 84; Word & Table Worship - 125; Sanctuary Worship- 383  
Online Worship – 285; Sunday School - 384

## 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!

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Liz Rice; given by her daughter, Lee Smith, and family.