

Christian sympathies go out to the family and friends of Toni Skidmore who joined the church triumphant on January 9, 2024.

Christian sympathies go out to the family and friends of Bob Cheatham who joined the church triumphant on January 14, 2024.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Wednesday & Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday, **February 14**, is the beginning of the Lenten season. Worship services will be offered at 7 am and 6:15 pm in Spell Chapel. Wednesday night Lenten services will be at 6:15 pm in Spell Chapel.

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. 24**) will be pizza, salad bar and cookies. The Sunday School class that will be hosting is Spiritual Growth.

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

Reservations for the January Happy Hearts meeting are due TODAY! The speaker for this month is Lieutenant Colonel Joe Tallon (Retired) who served over 37 years in the US Army from 1969 to 2007.

The meal, served at 12pm, will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, assorted desserts, and tea for \$8.

Register online at 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 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.

Save the Date- Mission Possible!

Mark your calendars! Missions Possible week will be March 4-10.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, January 21

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 22

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
2 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler
6 PM Mary & Martha Circle, 125
6:30 PM Local Missions, Conf. Room
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115

Tuesday, January 23

8:30 AM Yoga, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
7 PM Gamblers Anonymous, Friendship Circle
7 PM Technology, Conf. Room

Wednesday, January 24

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 25

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
6 PM Handbells, 234
6:30 PM Nat'l Day of Prayer Planning
7 PM Gamblers Anon., 124

Friday, January 26

6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 118
9 AM Ladies Bible Study, 118
12 PM Happy Hearts Luncheon, Fellowship Hall
5 PM Respite

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 Change

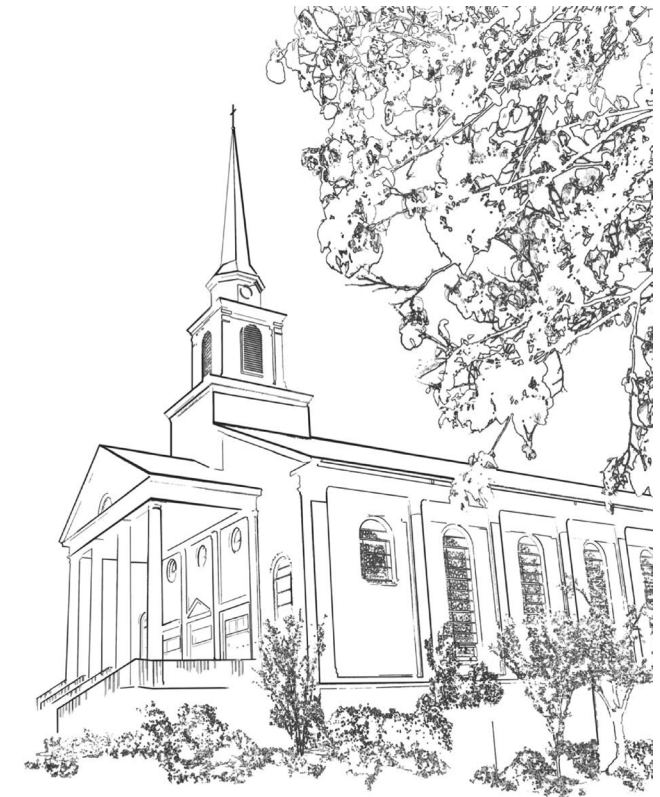
Please note that there has been a change to the Safety and Assistance Emergency number. The new number is **854.429.1848**. This number is available on Sunday mornings 7:30am-12:30pm.

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January 21, 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
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

3rd 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 Andante Tranquillo Mendelssohn

* **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** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God **No. 110**

* **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 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) God Is So Good/He's Still Working on Me J. Hemphill
Melody and Wesley Choirs
(11:15) How Can I Keep From Singing? Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

First Lesson **Jonah 3: 1-5, 10** **OT Pg. 860**

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 What God Ordains Is Always Good Forrest
Ken Myers, 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** **Mark 1: 14-20** **NT Pg. 35**
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon Have You Been Convicted? Rev. Michael Ritter

* **Hymn of Dedication** Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me **No. 361**

* 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** Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him Pritchard

* 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 Sehrt, 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: 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 – Deb Luce-Richardson

Audio/Video Support Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for January 14, 2024. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	18,493.22
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	49,720.05
*Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)....	-19,220.95 -27.88%

Capital Campaign (Figures for January 14, 2024)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	1,701.50
*Building Contributions Year to Date	14,486.50
*Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)	8,625.50 147%

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)... 9,187.35

Presence (January 14, 2024)

8 am Spell – 67; Word & Table Worship - 134; Sanctuary Worship- 398
Online Worship – 350; Sunday School - 421

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 our son, Joshua's birthday.
From Tom and Jan Walker.