

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Souper Bowl Sunday

Today we will be collecting money for Souper Bowl of Caring. All the money raised will go to feed local students in area schools. Please look for kids standing outside the worship service when you leave to donate money or scan the QR code to give directly from your phone. Donate to your favorite Super Bowl team and let's see who raises the most money! Thank you for your support.



Bethany UMC
Souper Bowl of Caring
http://www.bethany-umc.com

Children's Church

There will be no Children's Church this week due to Communion. There will also be no Children's Church on February 11. February 11 is Kid's Sunday in Word and Table and kids will be involved with all aspects of service.

Camp Firelight- VBS 2024

Save the date for Vacation Bible School. This year's theme will be "Camp Firelight". June 17-21. Registration details coming soon!

Confirmation 2024- Classes begin February 25

Confirmation classes will begin **February 25**. Confirmation is open to all 7th graders and older who have not participated in Confirmation. Please reach out to Kyle for more information kboczkowski@bethany-umc.com or 843.873.1230.

New Member Sunday

Are you interested in joining our church family? Our next New Member Sunday will be **Sunday, Feb. 18** for all services. If you are interested in joining, or for more information, please contact our Membership Director Jack Sehart, at 843.873.1230 or jsehart@bethany-umc.com.

Ash Wednesday & Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday, **February 14**, is the beginning of the Lenten season. Worship services will be offered at 7 am in Spell Chapel and 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary. Each Wednesday night during Lent, we will have guest ministers preaching for our Lenten services in Spell Chapel at 6:15pm.

February 21: Rev. Richard Hogue

February 28: Rev. Jo Locklair

March 6: Rev. Burton Ott

March 13: Rev. Mitch Houston

March 20: Rev. Bob Lee

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 (**Feb. 7**) will be spaghetti and meatballs, salad bar, garlic bread and dessert. The Sunday School class that will be hosting is Sam Wood.

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.

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.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, February 4

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, February 5

9 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
10 AM Upcycling/Plarning, 122
10:30 AM Spell Dennis Circle, Friendship
12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, YH
2 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler
2:30 PM Care Team, 127
5:30 PM CDC Board Mtg., Conf. Rm.
6 PM KidsCare Board Mtg., 215
6:30 PM Worship Committee, 127
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115

Tuesday, February 6

8:30 AM Yoga, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
10:30 AM Grief Support, Parlor
5:30 PM Stephen Ministries, Conf. Rm.
7 PM Gamblers Anonymous, Friendship Circle

Wednesday, February 7

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

Thursday, February 8

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 Trustees, Conf. Room
7 PM Gamblers Anon., 124

Friday, February 9

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

Saturday, February 10

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 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

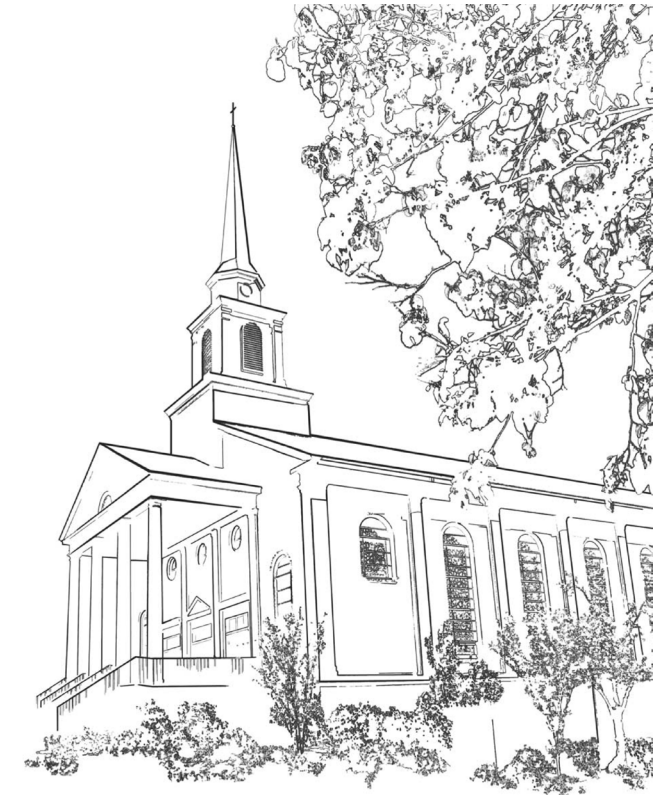
A minister is on call for pastoral emergencies after normal business hours during the week, as well as on weekends and holidays. If you have an emergency for which you need pastoral care, call the church emergency number, **843.425.1069**.

Safety and Assistance Emergency number available on Sunday mornings from 7:30am-12:30pm 854.429.1848.

February 4, 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

5th 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 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty No. 139

* 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

Anthem Truly the Light is Sweet Carson Cooman
Chancel Choir

First Lesson 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23 NT Pg. 171

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 This Little Light of Mine Trad. Arr. G. Mabry
Women's Ensemble

* 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: 29-39 NT Pg. 35

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon Change Could Be Good 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 Steal Away to Jesus No. 704

* 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.

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: Jeremy Dunlap; Greg Horres, Shane Kersting, Travis Wheeler, Mark Watson, Cory Rogers, Michael Wood, Debra Mahannah

11:15 ~ Team Leader: Mike Field; Bill Jones, Peggy Acord, Mac Burdette, Shawn and Mark Kahn, Marsha Humphries

Liturgist

8:45 & 11:15 am – Jillian Weatherford

Communion Servers

8:45- Rick and Susan Yochim 11:15 – Jamie and Amy Probin

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 28, 2024. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	28,993.86
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	120,117.21
*Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)....	-17,764.79 -12.88%

Capital Campaign (Figures for January 28, 2024)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	2,126.00
*Building Contributions Year to Date	19,515.00
*Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)	7,794.00 66%

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)... 19,253.70

Presence (January 28, 2024)

8 am Spell – 85; Word & Table Worship - 132; Sanctuary Worship- 364
Online Worship – 395; Sunday School - 399

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 celebration of the wedding anniversary of David and Becky Powell.