

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Church

We will not have Children's Church or a Children's Moment this morning. It is Kid's Sunday in Word & Table so we are encouraging everyone to worship with us!

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. 14**) will chicken bog, cabbage, bread, fruit and cookies. The Sunday School class that will be hosting is Connections along with Holy City Missions Volunteers.

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.

Happy Hearts

The next Happy Hearts Luncheon is Friday, February 23. The Plantation Singers will be our guest performers. The Plantation Singers of Charleston, SC are a professional a cappella singing group renowned locally, nationally and internationally for their singing of the music of the Lowcountry. The lunch of fried chicken, rice, hot vegetable, rolls, Boston Cream pie and tea for \$8 will be served at 12pm. Meal reservations are due by February 18. Make your meal reservation by calling 843.771.3979. ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, February 11

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 12

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 Mtg., 215
6:30 PM SPRC, Conf. Room
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115

Tuesday, February 13

8:30 AM Yoga, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
7 PM Global Missions, 127
7 PM United Woman of Faith, 118

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday Night BNOW

5:30 AM Men's Prayer Group, 215
7 AM Ash Wednesday Service, Spell Chapel
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 Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary
7 PM Chancel Choir, 234

Thursday, February 15

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, February 16

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

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!

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

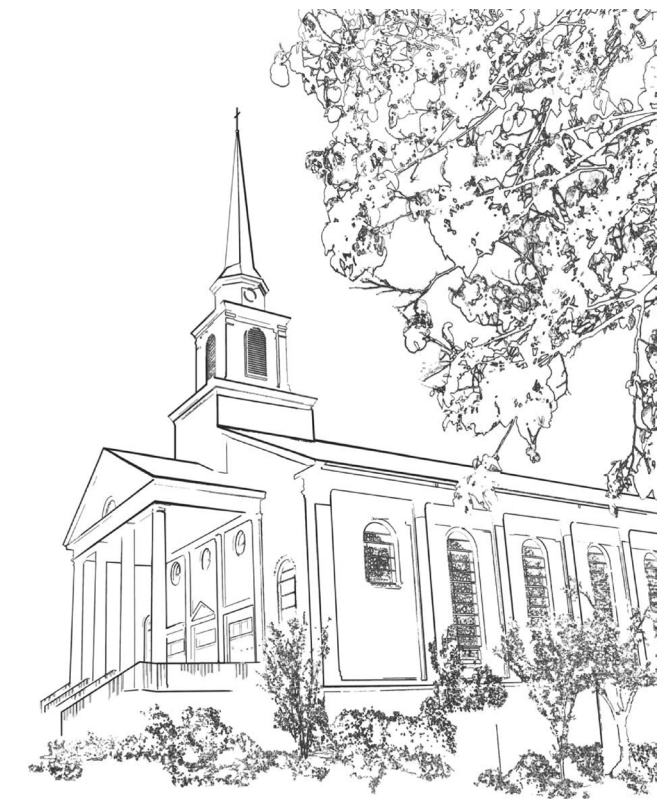
A minister is on call for pastoral emergencies after normal business hours during the week, as well as on weekends and holidays. If you have an emergency for which you need pastoral care, call the church emergency number, **843.425.1069**.

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

February 11, 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

Transfiguration Sunday

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** Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing **No. 400**

* **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 (8:45) The Music of Living Dan Forrest
Chancel Choir
(11:15) O Nata Lux C.V. Stanford arr. A. Lewis
Chamber Singers

O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, accept our praises and prayers.

O you who once deigned to be hidden in flesh on behalf of the lost, grant us to be made members of your blessed body.

First Lesson 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 **NT Pg. 179**

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 Nearer, My God, to Thee arr. D. Forrest
Michael Lopez, 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 9: 2-9 **NT Pg. 44**

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon Climbers Rev. Michael Ritter

* **Hymn of Dedication** The Gift of Love **No. 408**

* **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 – Bill McIntosh

Audio/Video Support Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for February 4, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	42,152.39
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	162,269.60
*Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)....	-10,083.40 -5.85%

Capital Campaign (Figures for February 4, 2023)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	4,768.00
*Building Contributions Year to Date	24,893.00
*Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)	9,631.00 66%

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)... 21,980.74

Presence (February 4, 2024)

8 am Spell – 67; Word & Table Worship - 106; Sanctuary Worship- 381
Online Worship – 342; Sunday School - 389

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 memory of my parents, Harold and Mildred Dorr, and in honor of my children, Ryan, Bryceton and Grayson, and seven wonderful grandchildren.

From Sam Dorr