

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blood Drive

Give the gift of life and give blood today! American Red Cross will be in the gym today from 8am-1pm. To make an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code BETHANYUMC or call Rodney at 843.709.0953.

Youth ASCEND

The youth group is currently at the TVR Winter Ski Retreat. Please keep them in your prayers. **Ascend will not be meeting tonight.**

Confirmation classes begin next Sunday, February 25. There will also be a Parent/Youth meeting at 4pm in the Bethany Youth House. We plan to have a great time in Christian fellowship learning about Bethany United Methodist Church, our broader United Methodist Connection, and the Universal Church. If you wish to sign up your youth, please follow the link below.
<https://bethanyumc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/389/responses/new>

Lenten Services

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

BNOW will continue during Lent with dinner, Children's Activities and Lenten Worship. Dinner will be from 5-6 pm, with Children's Activities starting at 6 pm. Lenten Worship will be at 6:15 pm in Spell Chapel.

The meal for this week (**February 21**) will be ham, scalloped potatoes, hot vegetable, roll, salad bar and dessert. The Sunday School class that will be hosting is Friendship Circle. 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).

Men's BBQ Fundraiser

The Men of Bethany will have a BBQ Fundraiser next Sunday, February 25. This is carry out only by the plate, or you may purchase BBQ pork by the pound. Tickets are \$10 per meal (includes pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, bread and dessert). Two tickets (\$20) will get you a lb. of BBQ with sauce. Pick up is 10:30am-12:30pm. Tickets will be available at the door or you can get them early from Ann Gill in the church office.

Happy Hearts

The next Happy Hearts Luncheon is Friday, February 23. 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 today.** Make your meal reservation by calling 843.771.3979. ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

Wintertime Blues?

If more than temporary, maybe you could benefit from a warm and caring Stephen Minister. Grey and chilly days can bring 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 18

Blood Drive

- 8 AM Blood Drive, Gym
- 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

Monday, February 19

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

Tuesday, February 20

- 8:30 AM Yoga, Gym
- 10 AM Quilters, Blue House
- 10:30 AM Grief Support, Parlor

Wednesday, February 21

Lenten Service

No Adult Classes for 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 Lent Service, Spell

Thursday, February 22

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

Friday, February 23

- 6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 118
- 9 AM Ladies Bible Study, 118
- 12 PM Happy Hearts, Fellowship Hall
- 5 PM RESPITE, 115

Egg Hunt- Save the Date

Mark your calendars for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24. More details coming soon!

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

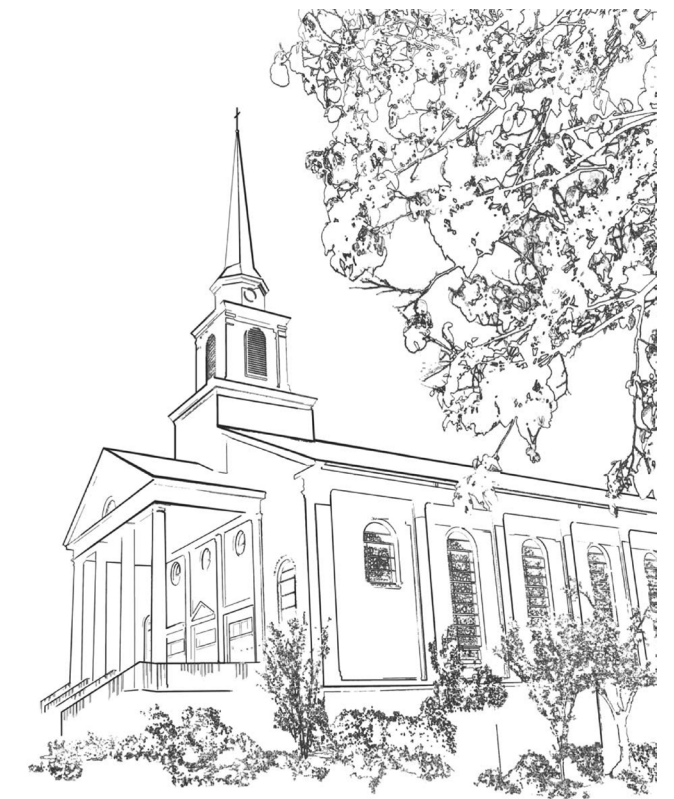
A minister is on call for pastoral emergencies after normal business hours during the week, as well as on weekends and holidays. If you have an emergency for which you need pastoral care, call the church emergency number, **843.425.1069**.

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

February 18, 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.

UR MISSION STATEMENT:

Love and follow Jesus, invite others on the journey, joyfully serve in Jesus' name.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

1st Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude There is a Fountain arr. K. Meyer
Chancel Bells

Call to Worship

Scripture: Luke 22:39-46

Call to Prayer: Let us think about this first nail, remembering how the Disciples fell asleep in Gethsemane while Jesus prayed. They could not stay awake; they were not able to be with a friend.

In Unison: O Lord, have mercy. Lighten our darkness. We too have turned our back on you when you have called upon us. Lord God of hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget. Amen.

The Driving of the Nail of Remembrance

* **Opening Hymn** Ah, Holy Jesus **No. 289**

* **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.)

Reception of New Members **No. 38**

Anthem (8:45) Touch Me with Ashes Stacey Nordmeyer
Barbara Bassett, Shelby Krallman, Ken Myers, Jacob Turner
(11:15) Touch Me with Ashes Stacey Nordmeyer
Chancel Choir; Barbara Dobbs-mezzo-soprano

Touch Me with Ashes

Touch me with ashes, teach me Your way.
Here in this silence, reach me, I pray.
Kneeling before You, Lord, I implore You:

Kyrie, kyrie, eleison.

Grant me Your mercy, Show me Your face.
Here in this moment, clothe me in grace,
Kneeling before You, Lord, I implore You:
Kyrie, kyrie, eleison.

Life is a vapor, a dream fading fast.
Only the things of the Spirit will last.
We are like dust, with beginning and end,
A flower that fades, a reed in the wind.

Lord, I am weary, weak and alone.
Lord, I am list'ning; speak to my soul.
Kneeling before You, Lord, I implore You:
Kyrie, kyrie, eleison.

First Lesson **Genesis 9: 8-17** **OT Pg. 7**

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 Te Deum H.D. Wagner
Chancel Bells

* **Doxology** **No. 95**

* **Second Lesson** **Mark 1: 9-15** **NT Pg. 34**

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

Sermon Would you take the Crown without the Cross?
Rev. Michael Ritter

* **Hymn of Dedication** Lift Every Voice and Sing **No. 519**

* 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar greens today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our parents, Herbert and Susan Travis, and William and Jeannette Stamps, and our son Eric by Alice and David Stamps.

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 worshipers, 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 – Charlie Davis

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 11, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	31,816.04
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	194,085.64
*Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)....	-12,737.36 -6.16%

Capital Campaign (Figures for February 11, 2023)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	3,611.83
*Building Contributions Year to Date	27,894.83
*Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)	10,312.83 59%

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)... 24,535.74

Presence (February 11, 2024)

8 am Spell – 85; Word & Table Worship - 195; Sanctuary Worship- 331
Online Worship – 239; Sunday School - 402

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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!