

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Informative Meeting for Camp Nathaneal Trip

There is an information and update meeting for the Camp Nathaneal trip on March 3 in the Conference Room at 10 am. For more information, contact Roanna Payne at 843.343.9217 or roanna1958@bellsouth.net.

Lenten Services

Each Wednesday night during Lent, we will have guest ministers preaching for our Lenten services in Spell Chapel at 6:15pm.

February 28: Rev. Jo Locklair

March 6: Rev. Burton Ott

March 13: Rev. Mitch Houston

March 20: Rev. Bob Lee

Special Lenten Offering

Our special Lenten Offering will go to Holy City Missions. Scan the QR code to give or leave your offering in the plate located by the front entrance.



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 28**) will be taco bar, Spanish rice, black beans, and pudding parfait. The Sunday School class that will be hosting is Searchers. 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

Today the Men of Bethany is having their BBQ Fundraiser. Pick up is 10:30am-12:30pm. You can still purchase tickets at the door! 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.

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.

Church Volunteers

Are you looking for a way to get involved and volunteer your time?

Bethany needs a Welcome Center receptionist on Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings. Also, every third month, we need someone to straighten pews, refill attendance pads and offering envelopes. If this sounds interesting to you- please contact Ann Gill at 843-873-1230 or agill@bethany-umc.com.

United Women in Faith Hygiene Collection

The United Women in Faith is doing a Hygiene Collection for local school counselors who will distribute items to those in need. Please bring items in no later than March 9. Drop off bins can be found outside the Business Office. Items needed: body wash, deodorant, body lotion, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and clothing detergent.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, February 25

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
4 PM Confirmation Classes
5:30 PM Youth Ascend, Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 26

10 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 Mary & Martha Circle, 125
6:30 PM Local Missions, Conf. Room
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115

Tuesday, February 27

8:30 AM Yoga, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
7 PM Technology Committee, Conf. Room

Wednesday, February 28

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 29

7 AM Men's Prayer Group, YH
8:30 AM Yoga, Gym
9:30 AM Faithful Friends Ladies Bible Study, 239
10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
6 PM Handbells, 234
7 PM Gamblers Anon., 124

Friday, March 1

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

Egg Hunt- Save the Date

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

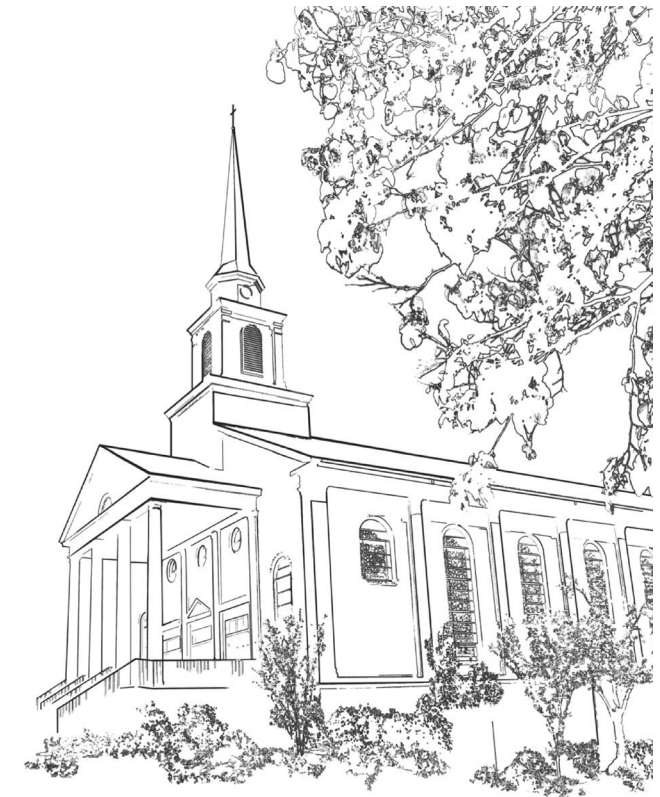
A minister is on call for pastoral emergencies after normal business hours during the week, as well as on weekends and holidays. If you have an emergency for which you need pastoral care, call the church emergency number, **843.425.1069**.

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

February 25, 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

2nd Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Scripture: Matthew 26:47-49

Call to Prayer: Let us think about the second nail, remembering how Judas betrayed Jesus. Judas loved his pride and rejected his master. Judas turned traitor and lost his way back.

In Unison: O Lord, have mercy. Lighten our darkness. We have all been selfish and insisted on our own way, and our way is dark. Lord God of hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget. Amen.

The Driving of the Nail of Remembrance

(8:45) The Dean Family

(11:15) The Probin Family

* **Opening Hymn** Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone **No. 424**

* **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**

Vacation Bible School Announcement

Anthem (8:45) Into the Woods My Master Went Richard Shepard
Youth Choir

(11:15) O Love Divine John Hudson
Chancel Choir

First Lesson **Isaiah 49: 15-16** **OT Pg. 680**

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 And Can It Be? Dan Forrest
Men's Ensemble

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

* **Second Lesson** **Romans 6:1-2, 6-18** **NT Pg. 156**

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

Sermon Freedom by Grace Rev. Mark Barnes

* **Hymn of Dedication** Grace Greater than Our Sin **No. 365**

* 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 Sehr, Membership Director, at jsehr@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 – Tom Walker

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 18, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	29,355.68
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	223,441.32
*Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)....	-17,852.68 -7.40%

Capital Campaign (Figures for February 18, 2023)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	2,147.83
*Building Contributions Year to Date	30,042.66
*Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)	20,512.00 46%

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)... 28,534.60

Presence (February 18, 2024)

8 am Spell – 53; Word & Table Worship - 121; Sanctuary Worship- 377
Online Worship – 319; Sunday School - 393

The offering this week will go towards our Lenten Offering that helps support Local Missions.

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 greens today are given to the Glory of God and in honor Bethany's Music staff and programs from Casey and Cheryl Conage.