

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Informative Meeting for Camp Nathaneal Trip

There is an information and update meeting for the Camp Nathaneal trip today 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.

March 6: Rev. Mitch Houston

March 13: Rev. Burton Ott

March 20: Rev. Bob Lee

Special Lenten Offering

A part of Bethany's participation in the Lenten season is the giving of a special offering as a church that is above and beyond our regular tithes and offerings. 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 (**March 6**) will be fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, biscuit, salad bar and dessert. The Sunday School class that will be hosting is Charles Peace. 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).

Holy Week and Easter Worship Times

Bethany offers many special worship services during the Lenten season and Holy Week. It is a time of reflection and a reminder of God's grace and love for us all.

Maunder Thursday Service - March 28 at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

Good Friday Service - March 29 at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday Services - March 31 Sunrise Service is Azalea Park at 6:30 am. Spell Chapel Service at 8am, Word & Table Contemporary Service at 8:45am in the Fellowship Hall and Traditional Services at 8:45 and 11:15 in the Sanctuary.

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. If this sounds interesting to you- please contact Ann Gill at 843-873-1230 or agill@bethany-umc.com.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, March 3

8 AM **WORSHIP**, Spell Chapel
8:45 AM **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary
8:45 AM **WORD & TABLE**, FH
10 AM Sunday School
10 AM Camp Nath., Conf. Room
11:15 AM **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary
4 PM Endowment, Conf. Room
4 PM Confirmation, Youth House
5:30 PM Youth Ascend, Fell. Hall

Monday, March 4

Missions Possible Week

10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
10 AM Upcycling/Plarning, 122
12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, YH
2 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler
2 PM Prayer Shawl, 118
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, March 5

Missions Possible Week

8:30 AM Yoga, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
10:30 PM Grief Support, Parlor
5:30 PM Stephen Min., Conf. Rm.

Wednesday, March 6

Lenten Service

No Adult Classes for BNOW

Missions Possible Week

5:30 AM Men's Prayer Group, 215
9 AM Bridge Club, 115
4 PM Safety & Asst., Conf. Room
5-6 PM BNOW Meal, Fellow. Hall
6 PM BNOW Children's Programs
6:15 PM Lent Service, Spell Chapel

Thursday, March 7

Missions Possible Week

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

Friday, March 8

Missions Possible Week

6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 118
9 AM Ladies Bible Study, 118
7 PM Missions Dance, Fell. Hall

Saturday, March 9

Missions Volunteer Extravaganza

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
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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

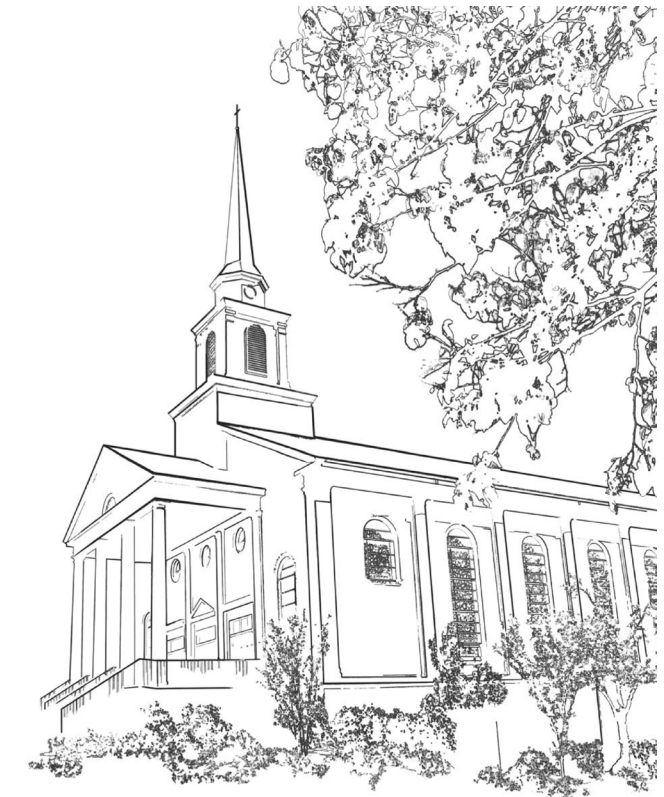
A minister is on call for pastoral emergencies after normal business hours during the week, as well as on weekends and holidays. If you have an emergency for which you need pastoral care, call the church emergency number, **843.425.1069**.

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

March 3, 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 in Lent

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

Scripture: Luke 22:54-62

Call to Prayer: Let us think about the third nail, remembering how Peter three times denied that he knew Jesus. Peter vexed and tired, thrice denied his own Master, said he never knew Him, in order to stop a girl's questions and protect himself from danger.

In Unison: O Lord, have mercy. Lighten our darkness. We often deny that we know You by our lack of compassion and good faith. Lord God of hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget. Amen.

The Driving of the Nail of Remembrance

(8:45) The Bates Family
(11:15) The Brickman Family

* **Opening Hymn** In the Cross of Christ I Glory **No. 295**

* **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 Drop, Drop Slow Tears Roland E. Martin
Chancel Choir

*Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet,
Which brought from heav'n the news and Prince of Peace.
Cease not, wet eyes, His mercies to entreat;
To cry for vengeance, sin doth never cease.
In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears,
Not let His eye see sin, but through my tears. Amen.*

First Lesson **1 Corinthians 1: 18-25** **NT Pg. 166**

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 Jesus Paid It All J. Grape arr. H. Helvey
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** **John 2: 13-22** **NT Pg. 93**

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

Sermon Soup For My Soul 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** Beneath the Cross of Jesus **No. 297**

* 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 flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Bethany Youth from Frank Monterisi Jr.

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: Bill Phillips; Ron Clayton, Brian Collier, Bob Iannace, Tim McConnell, Ed Muckenfuss, Scott Muckenfuss, Marion Thompson, LeLon Fleischauer

11:15 ~ Team Leader: David Morris; Bart Burford, Greg Elliott, Jimmy Jackson, Gerry Purvis, Bob Minus, Steve Wilson, Justin Goethe, Pete Knight

Liturgist

8:45 & 11:15 am – Frank Monterisi

Communion Servers

8:45- David & Becky Powell **11:15** – Peggy Acord & Lynda Gildea

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 25, 2024. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	39,616.00
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	263,057.32
*Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+).....	-12,706.68 -4.61%

Capital Campaign (Figures for February 25, 2024)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	1,275.00
*Building Contributions Year to Date	31,317.66
*Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)	7,874.66 34%

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)... 33,439.53

Presence (February 25, 2024)

8 am Spell – 62; Word & Table Worship - 108; Sanctuary Worship- 414
Online Worship – 442; Sunday School - 404

Scan to Give Option

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You can also text 833.245.8417 and give right from your phone!