

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Monthly Newsletter 2024 Vol 2



Worship, Prayer, Mission, Action

The letter below was written to members of Church Council by Chris Glaze:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, Barbara Petrohovich and I welcome you to the 2024 Bethany Church Council. We appreciate your willingness to act as servant leaders during a critical time in our church and denomination's history. As Council members, you are the appointed stewards of God's gifts to our church, congregation, and community (1 Corinthians: 4-1). As such, you have been entrusted to guide our church body forward with vision, clarity, and reason. As your Chairperson, I would like to give you my thoughts on these three mandates.

Vision - Our vision for Bethany should be grounded in the Wesleyan tradition of social holiness. As Wesleyans, we believe that the love of God and love of neighbor are always linked together. Bethany is a church with a heart for missions and we have supported our church body and our community through our nurture, outreach, and witness ministries for decades. I believe these ministries define the discipleship resident at Bethany and project the church's spiritual leadership in the community. While we will have additional objectives in 2024, I believe missions must remain a priority at Bethany to ensure we are growing disciples for Christ.

Clarity - Our work within the Church Council should be oriented to our stewardship roles. In the process of conducting church business, we should seek clarity in purpose and in our communications. With so many issues of importance to our church body we cannot work in the shadows. I would expect each of you to be knowledgeable of Council business and available to church members when there are questions or issues they wish brought forward. Implementing a vision cannot occur without clear objectives and communications.

Reason – As Methodists in the Wesleyan tradition, our reason and decision-making process should be grounded not in emotion but in study of the scriptures, our religious affirmations, our church presence, and confirmed in our traditions and experiences. We recognize that Christians can disagree on matters, but as Wesley stated, “as to all opinions *which do not strike at the root of Christianity*, we think and let live.” And so, I would charge you all to fully engage in your Council roles – respectfully dialogue with your brothers and sisters in Christ in the spirit of love and scripturally-based reason.

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I look forward to working with each of you on the Church Council in the coming year. There will be challenges, but as David wrote in Psalm 119:81, “Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.” I have great hope for the future of Bethany – my church, your church, our church. If we place Christ at the center of our deliberations we cannot fail, because we will place the will of God before our own desires. Remember – Worship, Prayer, Mission, Action!

In His Service,

Chris Glaze, PhD 2024 Bethany Church Council Chairperson

Barbara Petrohovich 2024 Bethany Church Council Vice Chairperson

FREE TAX SERVICE

(VITA) is an IRS sponsored initiative that provides free federal and state income tax preparation and filing for low and moderate income taxpayers.

Bethany UMC in Summerville has been providing space for a tax site for several years. Blair Stewart at 843-270-3001 or bhsbtb@gmail for required appointments. The site will operate on Saturdays from 10-2 starting January 27.

AARP Tax-Aide will be providing free Federal and South Carolina income tax preparation and electronic filing. Appointment times will be available from 9 am to 2 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Preparation starts 5 February and ends 15 April 2024.

Appointments may be made online by going to tinyurl.com/2p86dr22 or by calling 843-900-1342., please leave a message.

Kids Care

February is here and that means KidsCare is gearing up for Spring Break Camp and planning for Summer Camp 2024! Spring Break camp is March 25th-March 28th, this camp is open to anyone between the ages of Kindergarten-5th Grade. We are happy to provide a place for your child(ren) to spend a few days participating in special activities that will help them to learn about how much Jesus loves them. No one loves us like God does! His love for us will endure forever. "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" John 14:6



We are excited to announce registration is open for our current families for Summer Camp 2024! Registration will be open for non-current families for Summer Camp in March. We have some new activities and adventures planned so don't delay contacting us!



Director of KidsCare Makala Boczkowski

Assistant Director of KidsCare Debra Trimeloni

KidsCare@bethany-umc.com/(854)-429-1842

Bethany Quilters

Bethany Quilters have continued to be busy completing numerous quilts this year helping us to contribute \$1,200 to local missions and activities at Bethany UMC.

We are now ready to add quilts to our list in 2024. Should you or someone you know be interested in having a quilt top hand quilted, contact Betsy Grubb at 843-875-1690 for information.

We welcome hand quilters to join us on Tuesdays 10-2 in the blue house across from Bethany's welcome center. Bring your sewing bag and a lunch and enjoy some quilter's fellowship while making tiny stitches!



Child Development Center



SHARING LOVE & JOY AT BETHANY CDC

February is a time to celebrate LOVE and at Bethany CDC, we LOVE our students, families and staff! We love teaching and helping our students grow. We also love building relationships with the families we serve. It is such a blessing to be part of their lives and to love one another as Jesus has called us to do!



CDC REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY

Bethany's Child Development Center provides quality early childhood programs in a loving, nurturing, Christian environment for children who are 2 years old through kindergarten. With small classes and two teachers in every classroom, your child is provided with everything he or she needs for the best in social, spiritual, intellectual, physical and emotional development.

Registration for the 2024/2025 school year is currently underway. If you are interested in having your child attend in the fall, please call us at 843-821-1946 or email Mona Gilbert at mgilbert@bethany-umc.com or Toni Pinkard at tpinkard@bethany-umc.com.

Global Missions

Happy 2024! On behalf of the Global Missions team, I'd like to THANK our Bethany family for their generosity during the Operation Christmas Child campaign!

Our goal had been to be able to send 323 boxes to underprivileged children around the world in our first year of collection. Your prayers, donations, and participation amounted in 495 boxes, blessing this wonderful mission. Many hands made light work! Families took multiple boxes and shopped with their grandchildren! Our Youth Group filled boxes! Seasoned members of our congregation got their adult grandchildren to help them fill boxes. This was a true team effort and I'm so proud of my church family for being so supportive and encouraging.

Because of your generosity, 495 children will have the ability to receive the gospel message and possibly accept Jesus Christ! You were missionaries without leaving SC. Praise be to God for this wonderful mission through Samaritan's Purse.

If anyone would like to have a box or two (or 5) to get a jumpstart on Christmas 2024, please contact me anytime.

Thank you

Shawn Kahn - 609.319.6271



Happy Hearts



February 23

Meal Reservations due by February 18

THE PLANTATION SINGERS

Gullah and Spiritual A cappella Group

The Plantation Singers will be our guest performers at Happy Hearts on Friday, February 23.

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. This group of very talented singers is special in that each has a lifetime of musical experience that began with the music of the southern church. The Plantation Singers were first created in June 1996; they are under the direction of Ms. Lynnette White.

The lunch of fried chicken, rice, hot vegetable, rolls, Boston Cream pie and tea for \$8 will be served at 12:00 pm. Make your meal reservation online at happyhearts@bethany-umc.com or call 843-771-3979. **Note the change in making reservations.**

ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.



THE ARK OF SC AND AGING LIFE CARE CHARLESTON PRESENTS

ALZHEIMER'S & YOU

A FIVE WEEK EDUCATIONAL SERIES FOCUSING ON THE UNIQUE CHALLENGES OF ALZHEIMER'S AND OTHER DEMENTIAS.

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
206 CENTRAL AVE, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 | 2ND FLOOR LIBRARY - FAMILY LIFE CENTER

WEEK 1: DEMENTIA FROM THE INSIDE OUT
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024 | 6 - 8 PM
What are the differences between Alzheimer's and Dementia? Take a look at healthy brains versus brains for people with dementia. Discuss how the changes in each specific area of the brain relate to the behaviors we see expressed.

WEEK 2: COMMUNICATION IS KEY
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024 | 6 - 8 PM
Learn more about the changes to the brain that occur in someone with dementia. We will discuss the best tips and tools for communication so that you are not finding yourself in conflict with the person you are caring for.

WEEK 3: EVERY ELDER IS A GEM PART-1
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024 | 6 - 8 PM
We will learn about the stages of dementia by developing a common language to use that describes each stage, focusing on the positives and not simply the loss. We will discuss some of the common traits we see at each stage of the disease and how we as caregivers can respond.

WEEK 4: EVERY ELDER IS A GEM PART-2
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024 | 6 - 8 PM
We will continue the discussion about the stages of dementia and how we can best relate as a caregiver at each stage.

WEEK 5: LOVE YOUR ELDER & YOURSELF
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024 | 6 - 8 PM
We will look specifically at caregiving. Learn about the five basic human needs that need to be met-both in the lives of caregivers and those living with dementia.

THIS CLASS SERIES IS FREE

TO REGISTER:
CONTACT JAN HYATT, NOAH DIRECTOR
843-822-4703 | NOAH.DIR@THEARKOFSC.ORG

REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 15, 2024

ABOUT THE GUEST SPEAKER / TRAINER:
KAREN NICHOLS, RN, CRCA, NHA



Karen Nichols, RN, CRCA, NHA was born and raised in upstate South Carolina. She has Bachelor's degrees in Psychology from the University of South Carolina and in Nursing from Lander University. She has spent most of her 25 years of her career dedicated to nursing seniors. Her work on the state and national level toward creating person-centered care has made her a well respected speaker, advocate and advisor. She helped design senior care communities and services as well as served in executive leadership for organizations throughout SC. Karen is particularly passionate about caring for and training people to care for people with dementia and feels that helping people understand these is her life's calling.



THE ARK OF SC
SERVING FAMILIES WITH ALZHEIMER'S
AND RELATED DEMENTIA SINCE 1996

Our mission is to provide hope and relief to families living with Alzheimer's Disease or a Related Dementia (AD/RLD) through support services such as respite care, support groups, education, caregiver consultations, memory referrals, we enhance & "host" respite, training and community development.

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**SPRING
BREAK
Camp**

MARCH 25TH-MARCH 28TH

**KIDSCARE AT BETHANY-K5-5TH GRADE
7:30AM-5:30PM**

**FOR PRICING INFORMATION AND TO
SIGN UP CONTACT**

**Makala or Debra at
KidsCare@bethany-umc.com**



Katie's Krops Desserts

We are in need of **600** individually wrapped homemade desserts to be paired with Katie's Krops meals. Please deliver to the business office by Thursday no later than 11:00 am. Thank you for your help with this ministry.

Next date is February 15, 2024

The upcoming 2024 dates are as follows:

February 15th, March 21st, April 18th, May 9th, June 13th, July 18th,
August 22nd, September 19th, October 17th, November 14th, December 12th

Grief Support Group

How do you understand grief when your heart is broken by the death of a loved one? To survive and live forward, those who grieve must find answers. We are offering a support group for those who are grieving the death of a loved one and are in need of a community to share the loneliness of grief of all types. Scriptural wisdom will be used to explore the issues of grief and offer spiritual encouragement for a life of renewed hope and joy. The group will also offer some specific coping strategies to guide the way back to fullness of life. If you are grieving the death of a loved one, please join us on the journey through grief.

Meeting Dates:

February 6th - Chapter 7 Faith in Grief Book

February 20th - Chapter 8 Acceptance in Grief Book

March 5th—Chapter 7 Praise in Grief Book

Time: 10:30am

Location: Church Parlor

For more information contact Christina Robinson 609-513-4971

or Pastor Mark Barnes, 843-873-1230

ASCEND

Bethany United Methodist Church

ASCEND SUNDAYS

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

ASCEND is the youth ministries of Bethany United Methodist Church. All middle and high school students are invited to join us in an evening of fellowship, games, youth led praise and worship, a message geared towards teenagers, and then age appropriate small groups.

ASCEND also has several retreats, events, and mission opportunities throughout the year! To learn more about what ASCEND has to offer visit www.ascendstudentministries.org.



High Schoolers Only
SKI TRIP
ENJOY A WEEKEND FULL OF FELLOWSHIP AND FUN

FEBRUARY 16 - 19
Presidents Day Weekend -
Depart Friday after school and return Monday afternoon

AT TEEN VALLEY RANCH

*More details coming soon

ascendstudentministries.org



This February
GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

American Red Cross

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST

BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00AM - 1:00PM @GYM

118 WEST 3RD SOUTH STREET SUMMERVILLE SC 29483



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DORCHESTER CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

AIDS CHILDREN WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED TRAUMA, AND BETHANY SUPPORTS THEM IN MANY WAYS.

THEY PROVIDE PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS TO CHILDREN WHO ARE REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES ON A DAILY BASIS. AT THE CURRENT TIME, THEY HAVE A NEED FOR:

- SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER
- LIQUID BODY SOAP
- MEN'S AND WOMEN'S DEODORANT

COLLECTION BOXES WILL BE AT THE TOP AND BOTTOM OF THE STAIRCASE. PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING OUT IN THIS SMALL WAY.

Safety & Assistance Team
Emergency Control Room Phone Number

The emergency number for the Control Room has changed.
The new number is: 854-429-1848

Bethany NOW

6:00-6:45 **3- & 4 year olds**

Cherub Choir

In room 233.

Kindergarten – 2nd Graders

Melody Choir Practice or Bible Adventures

Pick from Melody Choir practice in the Sanctuary or a bible skills class in room 124.

3rd-5th Graders

Crafting Faith

A brief Bible study with an Arts & Crafts component led by the amazing Mrs. Sharon Willmarth. In the Art Room, #121.

6:45-7:30 **3 & 4 year olds**

Sprouts Bible Story Time

Bible story time! They hear basic bible stories combined with playtime in room 110.

Kindergarten – 2nd Graders

Crafting Faith

A brief Bible study with an Art & Crafts component led by the amazing Mrs. Sharon Willmarth. In the Art Room, #121.

3rd – 5th Graders

Wesley Choir Practice or Bible Adventures

Pick from Wesley Choir practice in the Sanctuary or a bible skills class in room 124.



Children's Ministry

Souper Bowl of Caring – February 4th

Children's Ministry will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 4th. Leading up the Super Bowl- our children are taking this day to make a difference. They will be at of each worship services with large soup pots for you to drop donation. A QR code will be available in the bulletin and on the collect pots. All money collected will be donated to a local school.

Vacation Bible School 2024: *Camp Firelight!!*

Mark your calendars for June 17-21! Campers will learn to face their fears while trusting in God! We will invite children gear up for this camping adventure!

VBS is for children who have completed 3K to 6th grade. Teen helpers are kids that have completed 7th grade and up.



Registration will open March 1st for Bethany families only. On March 15th, registration will open to the public. Register early as we fill up fast! The \$15.00 per participant collected will go to help offset the cost of a program of this size and scope.

If you would like to volunteer during this fun-filled week, please let us know. We need over 200 volunteers to make the week a success. We need classroom leaders, special area helpers, decorators, and folks to help prep materials ahead of time.

For more information about Vacation Bible School, contact the Children's Ministries department at 873-1230 or evick@bethany-umc.com or smitchum@bethany-umc.com.

KIDS Sunday in Word and Table! Feb 11th

Be mark your calendars and be sure to worship with us on Kids Sunday in Word and Table on February 11th! This special worship service will focus on LOVE and our children will play integral parts in the service. Come hear the message and songs of praise to fill your cup your cup for the week!

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH IN ALL SERVICES

Missions Possible

Save the Date



March 4th– 10th

Missions Possible Week

*Service projects throughout the week.
Saturday morning Volunteer Extravaganza
with large projects for the community.*

Saturday night

7-9pm dance to support missions

Sunday

Jeff McIntyre with Camp Nathanael will speak at 8:45 and 11:15 worship

Mission Fair 10-11 in Fellowship Hall

Children's Ministries—What we are teaching.



What's your dream job? Do you want to be a pilot or astronaut? A teacher or musician? There are so many incredible jobs for us to pick from! God has given each of us special talents and skills that can help us discover what we want to do. But God gives us another job, too. It's the chance for us to follow God right now! In this four-week series from the Gospels, we'll read about Jesus starting out his ministry and how he invited his followers — and us — to **listen to God's voice, trust Jesus knows us, trust God's plans for us, and include people who aren't like us.**

To find out more,
scan this code!





Stephen Ministry Minute

Bethany's Stephen Ministers met on Saturday, January 27 for a day-long retreat. The annual retreat provides an opportunity for continuing education, fellowship, and food. This adds to the skills and teamwork needed to provided Christ-centered care fo those in need.

"Listening for Healing" was this year's theme. It was facilitated by Rev. Rich Robinson, Executive Director and Senior Chaplain with the local Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy (CCC). He conducted a refresher tutorial on listening and models for care and self-care.



The CCC works primarily with law enforcement officers in stressful situations. Rev. Robinson is uniquely qualified for his role, having been a pastor for 10 years at Epworth UMC on James Island and having served law enforcement for 8 years. In addition to holding a B.A. in Organizational Management, Rich is certified as a Critical Incident Stress Management practitioner and a trained Crisis Negotiator.

Pastor Mark Barnes gave the morning's devotional, and Stephen Minister Kevin Byrd played guitar for musical interludes and singing during morning breaks. The day concluded after lunch with a Communion Service in Spell Chapel. Everyone agreed that it was a welcome and much-needed time of reflection and renewal.

Stephen Leader Gillis McAllister says, " I met Rich Robinson through Summerville Rotary club, and I have always admired his sincerity and warmth. He did a fabulous job, and his perspective helped to expand our understanding of listening and caring." Thank you, Rev. Rich Robinson!

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry is an important ministry at Bethany. The shawls are prayed for as they are made, the pastors bless them, and they are given out to support people in Christian love and support.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets quarterly, the first Monday of the quarter - January, April, July, and September in room 118 at 2 pm.

If you have any questions about being a part of this meaningful ministry or if you would like to give one of the prayer shawls to a person in need, please contact Marge Veneziano at 843-607-4519.

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agill@bethany-umc.com

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