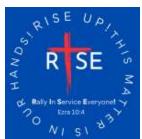
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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Join us for a week dedicated to celebrating, pledging, and volunteering! It is a way to share with the congregation all that we do for our community, and beyond, as well as provide opportunities for you to serve. Our theme is RISE – Rally In Service Everyone! And we want you to follow Ezra 10:4 "Rise Up! This matter is in your hands."

This will be a one-week event this year – a change from just a weekend event in years past. Beginning on Monday, March 4, there will be opportunities for you

to volunteer at some of the organizations Bethany supports on an on-going basis. This includes delivering meals for Meals on Wheels, helping with projects at Purpose (formerly Pinelands Group Home), serving meals at one of the homeless shelters, and more. There are several other projects, and we hope that you will participate in at least one!

Friday night is our Missions Celebration Dance. Come dance the night away in the Fellowship Hall from 7-9. We will have music, light refreshments, and lots of fun. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available online or contact Emily Vick. This is going to be an exciting time, so come join us.

Saturday morning will see some larger service projects that we need lots of help with. This includes yard work and pressure washing at the homeless shelter, helping to move the Meals on Wheels office, projects around the church and a couple more. You can sign-up for these projects and the weekday projects on the bulletin board downstairs near the kitchen or call the church office.

Jeff McIntyre, with Camp Nathanael, will be our guest speaker at the combined 8:45 service (so no Word & Table on March10) and at the 11:15 service. He will share with us his experience serving the people of Kentucky and how you can RISE. Also, that morning there will be a Missions Fair in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 – 11:00. This will be a chance for you to meet some of our mission part-

ners and learn how you can help them. We hope that your class will take time out of the Sunday School hour to visit with these folks.

As Ezra says, "this matter is in your hands." It is up to you to serve those in our community who need help. Missions Possible is just one small time when you can make a difference. Please prayerfully consider participating in some way. You and those you help will be blessed more than you can imagine. Everyone should commit to at least one project – it is our responsibility to help others. This is a perfect chance to RISE UP.

Spell Chapel (Traditional) 8AM

Word & Table (Contemporary) 8:45AM

Sanctuary (Traditional) 8:45AM & 11:15AM



Event ScheduleMonday, March 4 through Friday, March 8

Each day there is something with which you can help.

All ages are welcome unless specified.

Monday

Charleston Wesley Foundation

Provide and serve dinner for 60 Citadel cadets. Dinner items should be at the church kitchen by 4:30. Dinner must be ready to serve on the Citadel campus at 6:15.

Epworth Foster Family Support

Provide and serve dinner for a family of 10. Food should be ready to eat and delivered to the church kitchen by 4:30 on the day selected.

Tuesday

Purpose (formerly Pinelands Group Home)

Serve pizza lunch to 20 male residents and staff. Provide items to go with pizza. Meet at Purpose, 201 E Luke Street, at 12pm. Must be 18 to serve.

Wednesday

Epworth Foster Family Support

Provide and serve dinner for a family of 10. Food should be ready to eat and delivered to the church kitchen by 4:30 on the day selected.

Home of Hope & Hope's House

Prepare and deliver food to Home of Hope men's homeless shelter, or Hope's House women's shelter. Food should be ready to eat and delivered to Bethany between 4 – 4:30. Delivery people should be at Bethany by 4:30 to take food to Home of Hope at 821 Central Ave or Hope's House at 700 Central Avenue. Volunteers are welcome to stay and meet the guests and tour the facility. Servers are not needed.

Hearts for Summerville

Join other volunteers in visiting neighborhoods and spending time with kids and families.

Meet at 1141 Bacons Bridge Road at 5:30.



Event Schedule—cont'd Monday, March 4 through Friday, March 8

Each day there is something with which you can help.

All ages are welcome unless specified.

Thursday

Moments with Seniors

Go with a group of volunteers to visit and sing with residents at Cypress Square. Meet at 10:30am at Cypress Square, 205 Midland Parkway.

Holy City Missions

Meet at Aldersgate Soup Kitchen at 7am to prepare and at 9:15 serve food to the homeless community. Meet at 1444 Remount Road, North Charleston

Habitat for Humanity

Meet at 712 North Hickory Street or 114 or 118 Dean Drive to work on homes

Friday

Epworth Foster Family Support

Provide and serve dinner for a family of 10. Food should be ready to eat and delivered to the church kitchen by 4:30 on the day selected.

Friday, March 8

Missions Celebration Dance

7:00 -9:00pm Fellowship Hall

Tickets are \$10 per person. Light refreshments will be served. Purchase tickets online or call the church office.

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Saturday, March 9

Volunteer Extravaganza

Breakfast 8:00-9:00am in the Fellowship Hall 9:00am Prayer & leave for mission sites



This day will feature larger projects that need help. All ages are welcome unless specified. A nursery will be available for children 5 & under from 8:30 – 11:30am. Please consider helping with one of the following:

Home of Hope – fence repairs, pressure washing, lawn care, bike repair Hope's House- garden prep, lawn care, cleaning gutters

DCCO Office – relocate office from St. Paul's Ambler Hall

Meals on Wheels Office – relocate office from St. Paul's Ambler Hall

Purpose (formerly Pinelands) – repair wood on metal frame tables, clean plastic tables **Must be 18 to serve**

United Women in Faith – make mastectomy pillows

Bethany UMC – flower bed clean out, painting, general repairs, and maintenance

Sunday, March 10

8:45 & 11:15 worship

Join us for a combined service in the sanctuary at 8:45 or at 11:15 to hear Jeff McIntyre, with Camp Nathanael, speak. We will also receive Missions Promise Cards, and you will be asked to prayerfully consider how you can support all we do in Missions.

Mission Fair

9:00 - 11:00am Fellowship Hall

Over 22 organizations will attend the Mission Fair. Sunday School classes are invited to participate for all or part of their class time. Learn more about the missions Bethany supports.

Let the SON SHINE in!!

Allow HIM and YOUR Stephen Minister to help carry your burdens. It will lighten your life and lift your spirits.

Sharing weighty problems or concerns with another can help you sort through your feelings. Having a non-judgmental and confidential listening friend can make all the difference.



All can benefit- Women and Men - matched with a trained and caring Stephen Minister. Please accept this gift with a note or call to Pastor Mark Barnes at 843-873-2130.

Also reach out with a call or text to: Sue D. Malphrus at 843-435-9116 or Leah Martin at 404-408-5457.

Message from SPRC on Bethany Staffing Changes

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters in Christ! On behalf of Bethany's Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), I would like to share the following organizational announcements.

Music Ministries

Our Director of Music Ministries, Dr. Robert (Rob) Taylor, has elected to retire, effective immediately, to focus his time and energies on his wife's health issues. Most of you are aware that Mary Taylor was diagnosed with cancer in 2015 and the cancer returned shortly after Rob joined Bethany in June 2022. After aggressive treatments, Mary's prognosis has improved, and the cancer is in remission. Praise The Lord! Still, the follow-up treatments have proven to be very taxing for her, and Rob wants to be able to lend his full support and nurturing care in the uncertain times ahead.

Interim leadership will be provided by **Barbara Bassett** and **Shelby Krallman**. Both Barbara and Shelby are choir members who have already been taking active roles in Bethany's music ministries. Barbara is Director of Children's Choirs and Shelby is Associate Youth Choir Director.

Technical Ministries

Our Technologies Director, Danny Trump, has left Bethany to pursue other opportunities, and **Bryan Wolfe** has been hired as his replacement. Bryan has many years' experience in the AV industry. Bryan will remain in the sound booth at the Word & Table service and join the volunteers assisting at 11:15 Traditional Service and 8:00 Spell services. **Ryan Sherk** will assist Bryan. Bryan has been helping with IT for some time, so you may have already seen him at work all around our church. We have a large facility and multiple services, so more volunteers are always welcome!

Bethany is incredibly blessed to have such talented and capable individuals who are willing to serve! Please join me in praying for Rob and Mary Taylor in the weeks ahead, and please extend your full support to Barbara, Shelby, Bryan, and Ryan as they assume their new responsibilities! Thanks, and God Bless!

Respectfully,

Gillis McAllister SPRC Chair

Memorials from November 22nd to January 19th

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Marti Johnson (Epworth)

By Joe & Sheria Alexander

By Jack & Donna Mobley

In Memory of Ed Hickey (Local Missions)

By David & Linda Huffman

By Jack & Donna Mobley

In Memory of Sandy Hickey (Memorials)

By Tony & Brenda Frye

In Memory of Carolyn Weader (Memorials)

By Tony & Brenda Frye

In Memory of Robert Wrenn Jr. (Memorials)

By David & Linda Huffman

In Memory of Larry Bailey (Memorials)

By Tony & Brenda Frye

By Dan & Bonnie Sweat

By Whit & Nancy Spell

By Jack & Donna Mobley

By Robert & Linda Long

By Sharon Limehouse

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs.Arthur B. McDougal (Memorial)

By Betsy Moore

In Memory of Fenn Stallsmith (Memorial)

By Tony & Brenda Frye

By Mona Gilbert

In Memory of Stephen Buddin (Spell Chapel)

By Gus & Miriam Holladay

By RG & Barbara Waring

In Memory of Bob Lesch (Handbells)

By Ollie Lesch

In Memory of Cecil Buddin (Spell Chapel)

By R.G. & Barbara Waring

By Sharon Limehouse

In Memory of Sharon Chellis (Endowment)

By Happy & Cindy Finucan

By Berlin & Betsy Myers

By Rich & Debbie Call

By Amanda & Frank Rainwater

By Joan McKissick

By Perrin Cothran Conrad

By Kristen Barenborg

By James Chellis

By Dr. William R. Lomax

By Dan & Bonnie Sweat

By Clara Heinsohn

By Ernest & Beverly Brockman

By Robert & Linda Long

By Dr. & Mrs. Edwin C. McGee

By Betty Ann & Maitland Chase

By Kelly & Henry Sieling

By Mr. & Mrs. H. Walter Barre

By Jaye & Greg Elliott

By Sandy & Angelyn Bridges

By Charleston Trident Assoc. of Realtors

By Sharon Limehouse

By Finley & Laura Clarke

In Memory of Valerie Oldham (Bridges)

By Berlin & Betsy Myers

By Tony & Brenda Frye

By Mona Gilbert

By Skip & Judy Burn

By Sam Wood Sunday School Class

By Rick & Heather Merrithew

By Ann Gill

By Claire Palmer

In Memory of Lou Housand (Memorials)

By Gail & Billy Hay

By Jay & Marilyn Tothacer

By Bob & Vera Helmly

By Peter & Ruth Ann Cook

By The Keil Family

In Memory of Olin McCurry (Epworth)

By Marion & Sadie Thompson

By Claire Palmer

By Tony & Brenda Frye

By Gary & Linda Bone

By Joan McKissick

Memorials

By Mark & Beck Fentress

Bob Barrows Carolyn Weader

Anne Batton Jean Weidman
Cecil Buddin Robert Wrenn

Marti Johnson Nancy McClelland

Janet Kominski Olin McCurry

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Gene Malphrus Stephen Buddin

Martha Mason Ed Chinnis

Billy Owen Kerry Farmer

Fenn Stallsmith

Joe Stasiukaitis

May Gunter

Ed Hickey

Larry Bailey

HONORARIUMS

In Honor of Jami & Leah Martin (Stephen Ministry)

By Lil & Dale Watts

<u>In Memory of Alvin Edgar Holmes</u> (Memorials)

By Sam Wood Sunday Class

HONORARIUMS

By Mark & Becky Fentress

Sam & Elaine Brock Martha Bailey
Rev. James Alewine Judy Hagen

Rev. Richard Hogue Rev. Jo Locklair

Janie Banks Elliott & Penny Locklair
Martha McLamb Robert Cheatham

Casey & Cheryl Canonge Nellita DuBose
Brian Collier Bob Johnson

Ruth Ann Ivey Stephanie Mitchum

Harriet Hetzel Emily Vick

Janice Harp

Grief Support Group

Will meet with Rev. Mark Barnes on;

Tuesday, March 5th and

Tuesday, March 12th in the Parlour at 10:30am

Child Development Center

Spring is in the air at Bethany CDC! Our students will be learning about plants, animals, insects, spring weather and much more. They will plant seeds, watch caterpillars transform into butterflies, and ladybug larvae become ladybugs. They will make bird feeders,



take nature walks, and visit Azalea Park to observe the tadpoles. Spring is such a fun time to learn about the beauty and wonder of God's creation!

Parent-teacher conferences will take place in April. During the conferences parents and teachers will celebrate all the new skills the children have learned and discuss how to best support each child as they continue on their learning journey. At Bethany CDC, parents and teachers truly work as a team to support the children.









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.

Kids Sunday















FRFF TAX SFRVICE

(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.







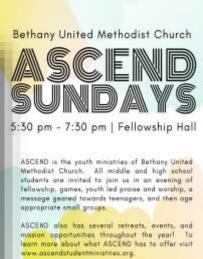
'All You Can Eat' Pancake Breakfast

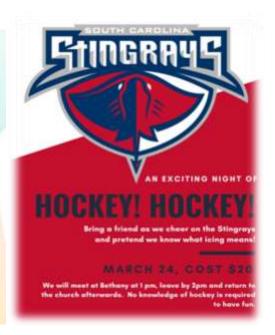
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KidsCare

Spring is here! We will be having our annual KidsCare Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday March 21st. Then we follow that up with a fun week of adventures during Spring Break Camp March 25th-March 28th. If you are interested in joining us, we are still taking sign-ups for any day during the week.



Summer Camp 2024 is fast approaching, and registration is open. Reach out so you don't miss out on a spot as space is limited. If you are a Jr/Sr High School student or College aged student home for the summer looking for some experience working with school-aged kids and deepening their love for Jesus, KidsCare would love to talk with you! Reach out to us today!

God bless you this Easter as we are reminded once again Jesus has Risen!! "Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live." John 11:25





Director Makala Boczkowski and
Assistant Director Debra Trimeloni
KidsCare@bethany-umc.com
Phone Number: 854-429-1856/854-429-1842

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!



SPRING UWF WORKDAY

COME AND JOIN US ON SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH.

THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD IN CONJUCTION WITH THE

MISSION POSSIBLE WEEKEND.

BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED FROM 8AM-9AM

OUR EVENT WILL BE FROM 9:30AM-12PM

WE WILL BE STUFFING MASTECTOMY PILLOWS, (NO SEWING REQUIRED!)
WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON SUCH A
WORTHWHILE ENDEAVOR.





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CARE TEAM Serving and caring for our Church Family

Mission Statement

1 Peter 5:2-3 God Calls us to care for his people. The Care Team of Bethany United Methodist Church will respond to the joys and concerns of its members in such a way that members will feel God's presence.

Care Team Ministries

The following Ministry groups are within the Care Team. Please review the brief descriptions of each as provided below and let us know which team you want to become an active member of, we are looking forward to you joining us.

Care Team Steering Committee

The mission of this committee is to seek out needs in the church and community, by opening all lines of communications. while also providing support and guidance, to the Care Team Member Leaders.

Visitation Ministry

Personal visitations to individuals while homebound or in a care facility.

Flower Ministry

Teams rearrange altar flowers into individual arrangements for members in care facilities and those who are homebound.

Card Ministry
Team members send cards to Bethany members in ent and support 843-810-9987 Laferte001@msn.com

Batry Welcoming Ministry
A Celebration gift is delivered to the new parents, to welcome the newest member to their family. Sandy Mills 843-425-0622 m2007@gmail.com

Home Communion Ministry This Team delivers the Biessed com

once a month, to church members and friends in health care facilities and to those who are

JC & Peggy Ridgeway 240-538-4457 peggyridgeway@yahoo.com

icridoeway@gmail.com

Grief Support Ministry and Bereavement Ministry Bareavement information is sent monthly to members overeavement internation is sent monthly to m following the death of a loved one. Team men help to prepare and serve food for Bethany far after a funeral service.

Stephanie Parker 843-442-4236 Sparker@1@comcast.net

Prayer Shavel Ministry
This Team Makes hand knitted and crocheted shavis, to comfort those who are experiencing difficult times. If you like to knit or crochet, please join us (Lessons are also provided) Marge Veneziano 843-607-4519 mveneziano58@gmail.com

Ptaming Ministry
Teams crochet plastic grocery bags into sleepiung bags for homeless verticans, and others need. He is needed for crocheting and preparing plastics bay for us.

843-821-8910 clarastonner@aft.net

The Care Team Ministry of Bethany United Methodist Church encompasses many ministry groups who rejoice with those who rejoice, mourn with those who mourn, and serve those who need encouragement and support. Through this ministry, we seek to follow Christ's command to love one another as he loves us, showing His love through prayer, care, and support. If you or someone in your life is experiencing one of life's battles or sorrows, or if you would like to be part of the Care Team, please contact us. Whatever your gift or talent, the Lord can use you

Rev. Mark Barnes Congregational Care Pastor Bethany United Methodist Church

Please note: Contact information for each Care Team Leader is located on the back of this brochure.

www.bethany-umc.com, (843) 873-1230

Children's Ministry

Get ready for Camp Firelight

Planning is in full swing for Camp Firelight VBS! Over 500 Campers, ages three through sixth grade, will experience the fun June 17-21. Campers will face new challenges and learn to put their trust in God in every situation. Here are some details about how you can help with this important ministry:

Volunteers

Each year we prepare for the over 500 children to join us for VBS, and we need many hands! We need adults to serve in a variety of ways. We need: teachers and assistants in classrooms, snacks for volunteers, assistance preparing classroom materials, help decorating and more. Our greatest needs currently are:

Classroom teachers (all ages)

Classroom assistants (all ages)

Working on projects at home

Items from our Amazon Wishlist so we can begin prepping

Please prayerfully consider being a part of what promises to be a very special week in the life of BUMC. To sign up to help, contact Stephanie Mitchum at smitchum@bethany-umc.com.

Teacher Training

A training session will be held Saturday, April 27 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the Kids Wing. If you are a teacher or assistant, we encourage you to attend. This one-time session will provide a review of our curriculum and plans for crafts, snacks and more. Teen Helpers do not need to attend this training; we will have a training for them at a later date.

Registration

Registration opens for Bethany members on March 1 and for the community on March 15. Children are registered for the grade they are currently in. In an effort to offset the rising cost associated with a program of this size and scope, we ask that each registrant consider making a \$15 donation. It is our goal to continue to offer a high-quality program and your donation will help us do that. Monetary donations will be accepted online with the registration or in the business office during church business hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Friday). Register on-line at www.bethany-umc.com

Wishlist

Our Amazon wishlist has lots of items needed to make VBS great. From things used for decorations, to mission items, to science elements – we need it all. Using the wishlist makes it easy for you to help out – just purchase from the list and the items will be shipped directly to us. Use this link to find the wishlist. https://a.co/97mgc5b

Prayers are vital!

Our VBS team needs your prayers as we plan for this special week. We have such a wonderful opportunity to introduce Jesus to so many children who might not otherwise know Him and reacquaint Him with others who already do. We need your prayers and support as we strive to be the hands and feet of Christ. We ask you to petition the Lord on our behalf so that we may bring him all the glory.

If you have any questions, please call the Children's Ministries office at 843-873-1230.

Children's Ministries





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