

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Services

This Wednesday will be the last Wednesday Lent service. Join us in Spell Chapel at 6:15pm with Rev. Bob Lee. Next week is Holy Week and we will NOT be meeting on Wednesday night for BNOW.

Wednesday Night BNOW

The meal for this week (**March 20**) will be chicken tenders, mac & cheese, hot vegetable, salad bar, rolls and dessert. The Sunday School classes that will be host is Spiritual Growth.

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.

Maundy 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.

March Happy Hearts

Happy Hearts will meet on March 22 at noon in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and entertainment. Reservations are due by **TODAY** by calling 843.771.3979.

Flowertown Festival Parking Fundraiser

For the first time in many years, we are adjusting the parking fee for the Flowertown Festival, held from April 5- 7. **The new parking fee will be \$20.** 100% of the proceeds from the parking fees will be channeled into our cherished missions - supporting global and local outreach initiatives and bolstering our Student Ministries. To offer added convenience to our Church members, we will be selling prepaid parking passes. Each Wednesday during BNOW and Sunday at the Welcome desk downstairs until March 31, you can purchase these passes: **Single-Day Pass:** Available for \$10, this pass allows entry into the parking lot on one of the festival days (subject to availability).

Weekend Pass: Priced at \$20, this pass allows access to the parking lot throughout the festival weekend, exclusively for Church members.

Please note that the purchase of a pass does not guarantee a parking spot at a specific time, and we encourage early arrival to secure your space.

Flowertown Festival "Task Force"

This year, we are introducing a "Task Force," composed of dedicated church members volunteering in various ministry areas throughout the festival weekend. We need YOU! We're calling on volunteers to assist in several key areas: Parking Management (this is open to everyone to volunteer and is no longer a Student Ministries exclusive.); Bethany Hospitality Area; Pancake Breakfast; YMCA Hospitality Suite. This is more than just volunteering; it's a chance to engage, connect, and make a difference in a tangible way. Please see the sign-up boards down stairs to sign up for an area!

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

The Local Missions Committee will host its annual All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 6 in the Fellowship Hall from 7-10 a.m. Tickets are \$5 each and are available in the church business office, from Local Missions Committee members, or at the door. Join us to enjoy pancakes, sausage, coffee and milk. Proceeds will benefit Local Missions. Parking is NOT included in the ticket price this year.

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

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, March 17

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 Class, 128
5:30 PM Youth ASCEND, Youth House

Monday, March 18

10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
10 AM Upcycling/Plarning, 122
10:30 AM Dennis Spell Circle, FC
12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, YH
1 PM Brooks Swicegood, 125
2 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler
2:30 PM Care Team, 127
7 PM United Methodist Men, FH
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115

Tuesday, March 19

8:30 AM Yoga, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
10:30 AM Grief Support, Parlor
11 AM UWF Luncheon, FC
6:30 PM Finance, Conf. Room
6:30 PM New Hope Circle, 125

Wednesday, March 20

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
7 PM Chancel Choir, 234
7 PM Tech. Ministries, Conf. Rm.

Thursday, March 21

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
1 PM Herbert McAlaney Circle, Blue House
6 PM Handbells, 234
7 PM Church Council, 213/214
7 PM Gamblers Anon., 124

Friday, March 22

6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 118
9 AM Ladies Bible Study, 118
12 PM Happy Hearts, FH

Saturday, March 23

2 PM Easter Egg Hunt, Outside

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.



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 ages of 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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Recording/Photography

Portions of Worship services are recorded and made available for viewing on our website. As a worshipper, 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.

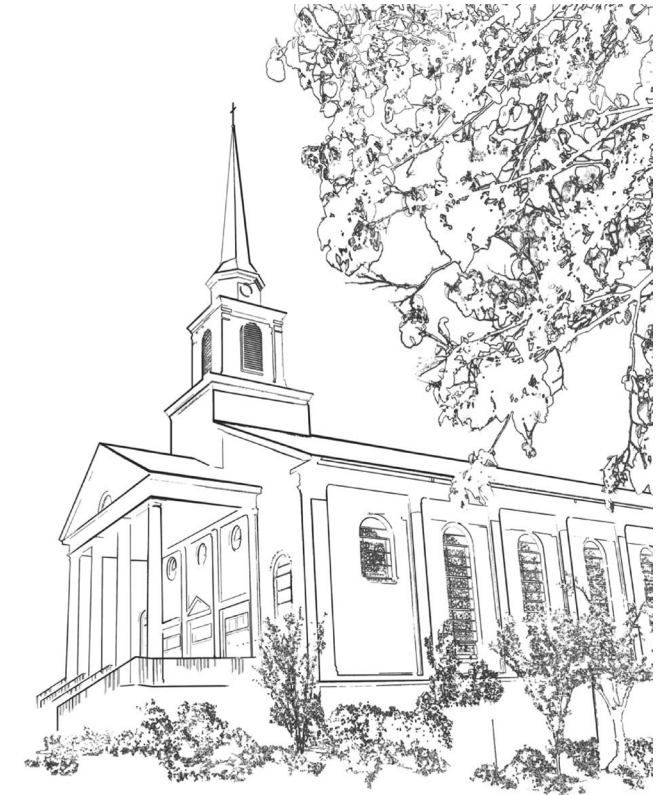
Emergency Phone

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**.

March 17, 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

5th Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude What Wonderous Love is This arr. C. Dobrinski
Chancel Bells
Alison Harvey, violin; Elton Machado, double bass

Call to Worship

Scripture: Mark 15: 6-15

Call to Prayer: Let us think about the fifth nail, remembering how the crowd shouted, "Crucify Him!"

In Unison: O Lord, have mercy. Lighten our darkness. We forget what Christ suffered for us. Lord God of hosts, be with us yet, lest we forget. Amen.

The Driving of the Nail of Remembrance

(8:45) The Fleischauer Family
(11:15) Greg Cook

* **Opening Hymn** Go to Dark Gethsemane **No. 290**

* **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 (8:45) **No. 38**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:15) **No. 39**

Anthem (8:45) Shalom Dan Forrest
Shelby Krallman, soprano; Maurice Burgess, tenor;
Alison Harvey, violin
(11:15) Arise, My Soul, Arise Dan Forrest
Chancel Choir; Alison Harvey, violin; Elton Machado, double bass

First Lesson **Jeremiah 31: 31-34** **OT Pg. 735**
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 Canticle of Peace K. Buckwalter
Chancel Bells

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

* **Second Lesson** **John 12: 20-33** **NT Pg. 106**
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Risk Takers Rev. Michael Ritter

* **Hymn of Dedication** When I Survey the Wonderous Cross **No. 298**

* **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.



Walker Brock Lewis will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today during the 11:15 am worship service. Walker is the son of Matthew and Dianne Lewis and brother of Caleb Lewis. Grandparents are Garland and Mary Beth Crump of Holly Hill and Mark and Olivia Lewis of North Charleston.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar greens today are given with thanksgiving for God's gift of marriage and in celebration of the wedding anniversary of Elliott and Penny Locklair.

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 – David Powell

Audio/Video Support Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Stewardship is being loyal to your commitment through your presence, your prayers, your gifts, your service and your witness.

Gifts (*Figures for March 10, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	22,470.40
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	323,036.43
*Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)....	-21,668.57 -6.29%

Capital Campaign (Figures for March 10, 2023)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	2,433.50
*Building Contributions Year to Date	37,044.21
*Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)	7,741.21 26%

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)... 44,760.35

Presence (March 10, 2024)

8 am Spell – 45; Word & Table Worship - 0; Sanctuary Worship- 391
Online Worship – 268; Sunday School - 214

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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!