

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO BNOW this Wednesday Night

There will not be a Wednesday night BNOW meal this week. BNOW classes and meals will resume on April 3.

Church Directories Are In!

Church Directories are in and can be picked up and signed for on the following dates/locations:

- Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm and on Friday 9am-11am in the Business Office
- Wednesday nights during Bethany NOW
- Sunday mornings March 24, April 7 & 14 outside the Fellowship Hall

Preschool Sunday School Teacher Needed

Children's Ministry is looking for a preschool Sunday school teacher. We currently have a team, but we are looking for one more to add to the rotation. This is not a weekly commitment- you will work with the team to make your schedules. All lessons, activities and supplies are provided. If you would like more information - please email Stephanie Mitchum at smitchum@bethany-umc.com or call/text at 843.343.8494. Thank you for any consideration!

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 24

- 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
- 2 PM Easter Egg Hunt, Outside
- 4 PM Confirmation Class, 128
- 5 PM Youth Ascend Hockey Game

Monday, March 25

- 10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
- 10 AM Upcycling/Plarning, 122
- 12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, YH
- 3 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler
- 6 PM Mary & Martha Circle, 125
- 6:30 PM Local Missions, Conf. Room
- 7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115

Tuesday, March 26

- 8:30 AM Yoga, Gym
- 10 AM Quilters, Blue House
- 6:30 PM Nat'l Day of Prayer Mtg., 237
- 7 PM Technology Committee, Conf. Room

Wednesday, March 27

No Dinner/Classes for BNOW

- 5:30 AM Men's Prayer Group, 215
- 9 AM Bridge Club, 118
- 4 PM Safety & Asst., Conf. Room

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday Service

- 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 Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary
- 7 PM Gamblers Anon., 124

Friday, March 29

Good Friday Service

- 6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 118
- 9 AM Ladies Bible Study, 118
- 5 PM Respite, 115
- 7 PM Good Friday Service, Sanctuary

Saturday, March 30

- 9 AM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Bethany Youth ASCEND

No Bethany Youth ASCEND tonight. The youth will be going to the Stingrays Hockey game! If you are going to the game, please meet by the Youth House at 1:30 pm!

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 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 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.

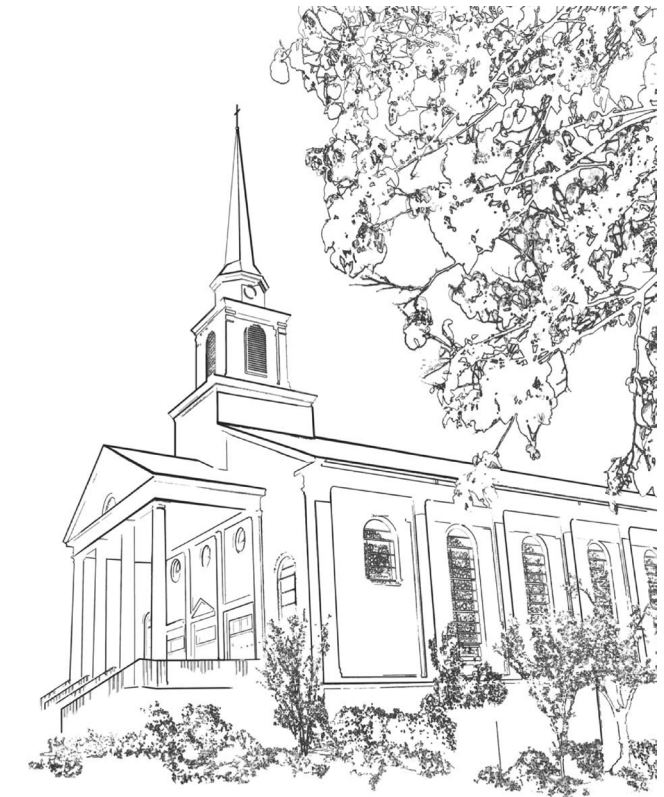
Emergency Phone

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 24, 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

Palm Sunday

Gathering

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Scripture: John 3:16

Call to Prayer: Let us think about the sixth nail, remembering how our faith has been weak and we have lacked courage for ministry in Jesus.

In Unison: O Lord, You do have mercy. Christ's light shines on even in our darkness. Yes, Lord, You renew us in this hour. Lord God of hosts, be with us yet, lest we forget. Amen.

The Driving of the Nail of Remembrance

(8:45) The Parker Family
(11:15) The Kahn Family

* **Opening Hymn** Hosanna, Loud Hossana **No. 278**

* **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.)

Anthem (8:45) Blessed Is He Dennis & Nan Allen
Melody and Wesley Choirs
(11:15) The Holy City S.Adams arr. Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir; Shelby Krallman, soprano

First Lesson **Mark 11: 1-11** **NT Pg. 47**

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 (8:45) The Humblest of Them All Kelly Vaneman
Wesley Choir
(11:15) Just a Closer Walk with Thee arr. P. Keveren
Michael Lopez, piano

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

* **Second Lesson** **Mark 15: 1-39** **NT Pg. 53**
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Beneath the Cross Rev. Michael Ritter

* **Hymn of Dedication** All Glory, Laud, and Honor **No. 280**

* 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 greens today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of A.C. Holler Jr. with love from his children.

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 Sehrt, Membership Director, at jsehrt@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 – Jamie Probin

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 17, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	23,147.34
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	346,183.77
*Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)....	-32,992.23 -8.70%

Capital Campaign (Figures for March 17, 2023)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	1,471.00
*Building Contributions Year to Date	38,515.21
*Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)	6,281.21 19%

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)... 46,811.88

Presence (March 17, 2024)

8 am Spell – 92; Word & Table Worship - 131; Sanctuary Worship- 442
Online Worship – 694; Sunday School - 401

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