

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blood Drive

Give the gift of life by donating blood. American RedCross will be here on TODAY from 8am-1pm in the Gym. To register, visit www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsorcode: BETHANYUMC, or call Rodney 843.709.0953.

A Conversation on General Conference

Please join us on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:15pm in the Fellowship Hall for an informative meeting about the upcoming United Methodist General Conference. Dave Braddon, a Bethany member and General Conference Delegate, along with George Howard, Bethany Discernment Committee, will be present to answer questions from the Bethany Discernment Committee. Greg Cook, the Discernment Committee Chair, will lead the questioning and help direct the conversation. During the meeting, Dave and George will discuss key topics such as What is General Conference, How does General Conference work, Why it is important to Bethany, and potential voting topics that could arise at the Conference.

The regular Bethany NOW dinner will be available from 5-6pm. We will be having fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, and a hot vegetable. The cost is \$9 adults, \$7 seniors, and \$5 kids 12 & under. There will not be regular Bethany NOW Adult classes this evening.

Everyone is welcome to attend, but please note that this is an informational meeting and there will not be time for questions from the congregation.

National Day of Prayer Breakfast Help Needed

The National Day of Prayer Breakfast will be Thursday, May 2. Help is needed on Wednesday, May 1st setting up the room and prepping food. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm to help clean the room, set up tables, and decorate. Meet in the kitchen at 6pm to help prepare casseroles and other food. We need at least 6 people in each area. If you can help with this important ministry, please meet us on May 1.

Singers of Summerville Concert

Sunday April 28 at 3:00 pm the Singers of Summerville will present their 20th Anniversary Concert – *A Sentimental Journey*. Former directors Paul Fletcher, Dr. Valerie Bullock and David Richardson will be sharing the podium with the new Artistic Director, Ryan Pagels. The performance will be at Bethany Methodist followed by a reception at Timrod Library. Tickets are \$15 at the door (and now at the Welcome Desk), or \$10 in advance – online at singersofsummerville.org.

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. 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.

Happy Hearts Luncheon

The next Happy Hearts Lunch meeting will be on Friday, April 26 and will feature singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist Kevin Jarvis. A lunch of lasagna, green beans, salad, garlic bread, assorted desserts and tea will be served at 12 pm for \$8.00. Make your lunch reservation by **April 21** by calling 843.771.3979 or email rooneyjrclan@mac.com. ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, April 14

Blood Drive

- 8 AM Blood Drive, Gym
8 AM WORSHIP, Spell Chapel
8:45 AM WORSHIP, Sanctuary
8:45 AM WORD & TABLE, FH
10 AM Sunday School
11 AM Children's Ministry Team, Conference Room
11:15 AM WORSHIP, Sanctuary
3 PM Endowment Directors, Conference Room
4 PM Confirmation Class, 128
5:30 PM Youth Ascend, FH

Monday, April 15

- 10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
10 AM Upcycling/Plarning, 122
10:30 AM Spell Dennis Circle, FC
12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, YH
1 PM Brooks Swicegood Cir, 125
3 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler
6 PM Handbells, 234
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115
7PM United Methodist Men, FH

Tuesday, April 16

- 8:30 AM Yoga, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
10:30 AM Grief Support, Parlor

Wednesday, April 17

Wednesday Night BNOW

- 5:30 AM Men's Prayer Group, 215
9 AM Bridge Group, FC
4 PM Safety & Assist., Conf. Rm
5-6 PM BNOW Meal, Fellowship Hall
6 PM BNOW Children's Programs
6:15 PM BNOW Youth Programs
6:15 PM BNOW Adult Classes
7 PM Tech. Ministries, Conf. Rm.

Thursday, April 18

- 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
2 PM Herbert McAlaney, Blue House
7 PM Gamblers Anon., 124

Friday, April 19

- 6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 118
9 AM Ladies Bible Study, 118

Saturday, April 20

No Church Activities Scheduled

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
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 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

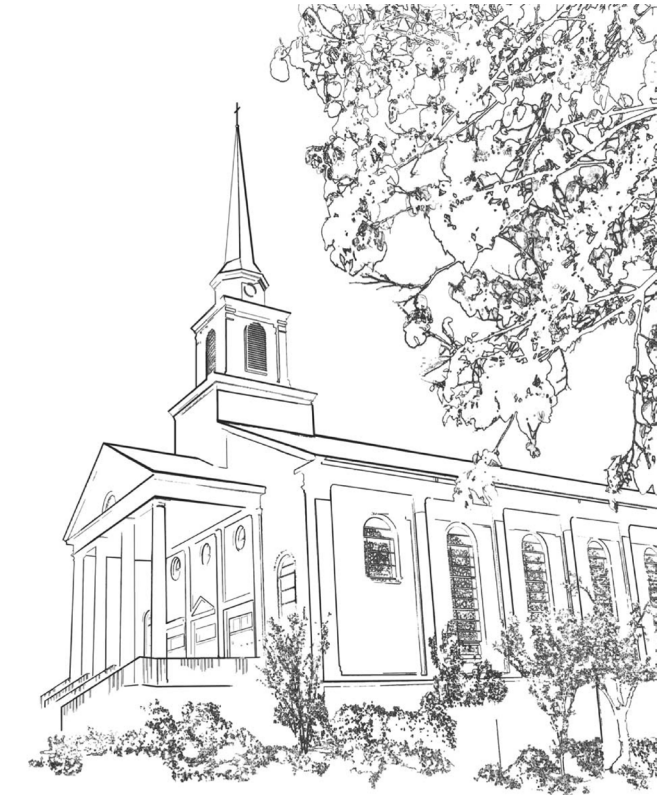
A minister is on call for pastoral emergencies after normal business hours during the week, as well as on weekends and holidays. If you have an emergency for which you need pastoral care, call the church emergency number, **843.425.1069**.

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

April 14, 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 of Easter

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 Sanctuary J. Thompson and R. Scruggs

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

* Opening Hymn Up from the Grave He Arose No. 322

* 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 (8:45) Crown Him with Many Crowns C. Courtney
Chancel Choir
(11:15) Forever King Dan Forrest
Men's Ensemble

First Lesson 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 NT Pg. 179

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) Forever King Dan Forrest
Men's Ensemble
(11:15) The Old Rugged Cross arr. Marilyn Ham
Anne Poole, piano

* 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 Mark 9: 2-9 NT Pg. 44

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

Sermon Climbers Rev. Michael Ritter

* Hymn of Dedication Christ Is Alive No. 318

* 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.

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: Billy Hay; Laurence Clair, Steve Davis, Jim McElheny, Ce Buddin, Marion Watson, Arthur Dehay

11:15 ~ Team Leader: David Huffman; Marty Eubanks, Rick Yochim, Martha Proctor, Charlotte Wasmund, Jillian Weatherford, Bill McIntosh, Chad Edens

Liturgist

8:45 & 11:15 am – Chris Rogers Berry

Audio/Video Support Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for April 7, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	29,978.50
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	441,261.58
*Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)....	-41,325.42 -8.56%

Capital Campaign (Figures for April 7, 2023)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	2,627.50
*Building Contributions Year to Date	43,861.71
*Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)	41,025.00 7%

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)... 58,317.48

Presence (April 7, 2024)

8 am Spell – 52; Word & Table Worship - 90; Sanctuary Worship- 251
Online Worship – 544; Sunday School - 241

Scan to Give Option

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!

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the Searchers Sunday School Class. From Casey and Cheryl Canonge.