

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Epworth is our Ministry!

Last year Epworth Children's Home served over 1,400 children and families through their statewide programs. Each of these children had this opportunity because of churches in South Carolina who embrace and provide for this ministry. On Sunday, May 12, we will participate in the annual Mother's Day Offering to benefit the children who call Epworth home, as well as each child and family touched by Epworth's ministries. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).

### Wednesday Night BNOW

Join us on Wednesday nights for activities and classes for everyone. BNOW begins with a meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5 pm. The meal for this week (**April 24**) will be a taco bar, Spanish rice, black beans and pudding parfaits. The Sunday School class that will be hosting is Friendship Circle. Meals are \$9 for Adults, \$7 for Seniors (over 65) and \$5 for Children (12 and under) with a family maximum of \$25 (2 parents and children under 12 that live in the same household). Meal reservations are no longer required.

### 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 **TODAY** by calling 843.771.3979 or email [rooneyjrclan@mac.com](mailto:rooneyjrclan@mac.com). ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

### Graduation Sunday

Graduation Sunday will be May 19 in the 8:45 worship service. If you have a graduating high school senior and would like for them to be recognized, please visit [www.ascendstudentministries.org](http://www.ascendstudentministries.org) and click the "Bethany Graduate Celebration 2024" button. There will also be a celebratory dinner that night during Youth Ascend. To RSVP, please visit [ascendstudentministries.org](http://ascendstudentministries.org).

### Singers of Summerville Concert

**Sunday April 28 at 3:00 pm** the Singers of Summerville will present their 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://singersofsummerville.org).

### 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, please help with this important ministry.

## THIS WEEK...

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

### Sunday, April 21

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, FH

### Monday, April 22

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 KidsCare Board Mtg., 214  
6 PM Mary & Martha Circle, 125  
6 PM Handbells, 234  
6:30 PM Local Missions, Conf. Room  
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115

### Tuesday, April 23

8:30 AM Yoga, Gym  
10 AM Quilters, Blue House  
7 PM Technology Committee, Conf. Room

### Wednesday, April 24

#### *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

### Thursday, April 25

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  
5:30 PM Nat'l Day of Prayer Mtg., Conf. Room  
7 PM Gamblers Anon., 124

### Friday, April 26

6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 118  
9 AM Ladies Bible Study, 118  
12 PM Happy Hearts, Fellowship Hall  
5 PM Respite

### Saturday, April 27

*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](mailto: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 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

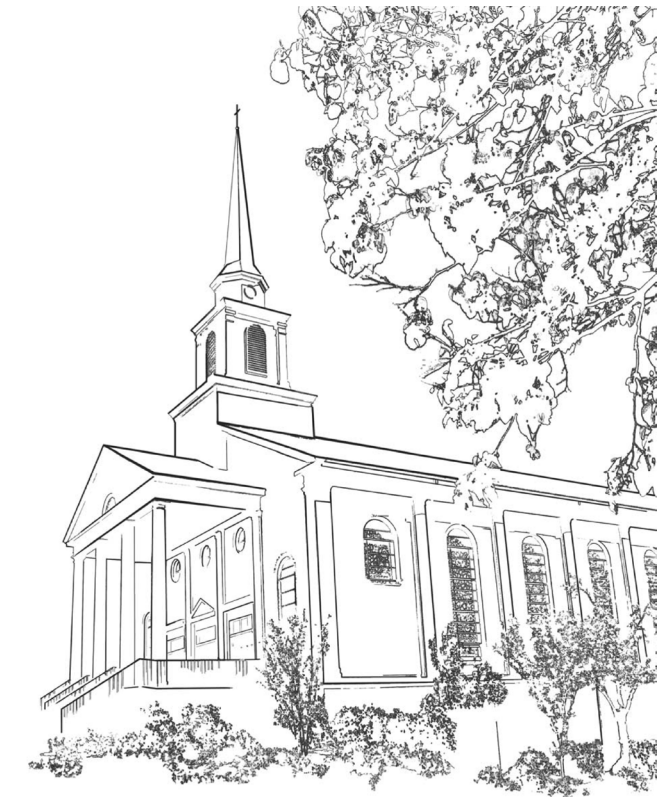
A minister is on call for pastoral emergencies after normal business hours during the week, as well as on weekends and holidays. If you have an emergency for which you need pastoral care, call the church emergency number, **843.425.1069**.

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

April 21, 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

4<sup>th</sup> 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** Lord of the Dance arr. Kevin McChesney  
Chancel Bells

\* **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** The Gift of Love **No. 408**

\* **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)** This Little Light of Mine Trad. Arr. George Mabry  
Youth Choir  
**(11:15)** O Love Elaine Hagenberg  
Chancel Choir

**First Lesson** **Psalm 23** **OT Pg. 501**

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** Cantabile Emily Li  
Chancel Bells

\* **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** **1 Peter 5: 2-3** **NT Pg. 235**

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

**Sermon** **Listening to the Master's Voice** Rev. Michael Ritter

\* **Hymn of Dedication** Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus **No. 349**

## \* 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 Sehr, Membership Director, at [jsehr@bethany-umc.com](mailto:jsehr@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** – Christy Buddin

**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 14, 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 14, 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 14, 2024)

8 am Spell – 55; Word & Table Worship - 107; Sanctuary Worship- 421  
Online Worship – 525; Sunday School - 261

## 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 memory of Janice Lyman from the Lyman family.