

Christian sympathies go out to Pat Lindenmeyer, whose son Jeff Lindenmeyer, joined the church triumphant on May 7, 2024.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today We Give to the Epworth Mother's Day Offering!

Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering to provide loving care, safety, and services for the children at Epworth Children's Home. Please find information about Epworth and the Mother's Day Offering on the bulletin insert. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org where you can also choose to make a secure credit card donation or enroll for monthly contributions.

Time and Talent Form

The 2025 Time and Talent form is now available. We are asking everyone to please take the time to complete one. Hard copies can be found after service in the Narthex, in the Business Office, Sunday school classrooms, and around the church. **Please turn completed forms into the Business Office at your earliest convenience!** Forms can also be completed by scanning the QR code or by visiting www.bethany-umc.com. The gift of your time and talent is vital to the success of our church and its ministries!



Graduation Sunday

We will be celebrating our graduating seniors next week during the 8:45am service in the main Sanctuary. High School and College graduates will be recognized during the service. If you have a student who is graduating, please contact Kyle or Mandy with that information ASAP. You may also register your student by scanning the QR code. There will also be a special dinner honoring our graduating high school seniors that night at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Families of graduating seniors are very welcome to attend.



Tonight at Ascend

We're wrapping up *The Temptations*, our series on dealing with temptation, this week. To close, we're encouraging students to see that even when they give into temptation, God offers grace to start again. We will be studying Paul's words to the Churches at Roman and Corinth as guiding beacons to help our young people find foundations that they can go back to when dealing with the repercussions from falling short. This has been a truly enlightening journey for our students and our adults and I welcome you to join us tonight. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm.

Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation will be next Sunday during the 11:15 service. Rev. Ritter and I have enjoyed working with our amazing mentors to guide these young people in making their decision to join the Church. We look forward to celebrating with all of the Confirmands next Sunday- Kyle Boczkowski.

Bethany Golf Tournament

Join us on Saturday, May 18 for the Bethany Annual Golf Tournament at Summerville Country Club. Registration can be done by scanning the QR code or by contacting Kyle via phone or kboczkowski@bethany-umc.com. The cost is \$70 per player and includes breakfast, BBQ lunch, awards and door prizes.



THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, May 12

Happy Mother's Day

- 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
5 PM Youth ASCEND, Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 13

- 10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
10 AM Plarning/Upcycling, 122
12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, Youth House
3 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler
6 PM KidsCare Board Mtg., 215
6:30 PM SPRC, Conference Room
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115

Tuesday, May 14

- 8:30 AM YOGA, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
6:30 PM Finance Committee, Conf. Room
7 PM Global Missions, 127
7 PM United Women of Faith, 118

Wednesday, May 15

- 5:30 AM Men's Prayer Group, 215
9 AM Bridge Group, F.C.
4 PM Safety & Assist., Conf. Room
6:15 PM Creative Sewing, Blue House
7 PM Technical Ministries, Conf. Room
7 PM Chancel Choir, 234

Thursday, May 16

- 7 AM Men's Prayer Group, Youth House
8:30 AM YOGA, Gym
9:30 AM Bible Study, 239
10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
1 PM Herbert McAlaney Circle, 127
6 PM Handbells, 234
7 PM Church Council, 213/214
7 PM Gamblers Anon., 124

Friday, May 17

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

Saturday, May 18

BUMC Golf Tournament
Miler Country Club

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.

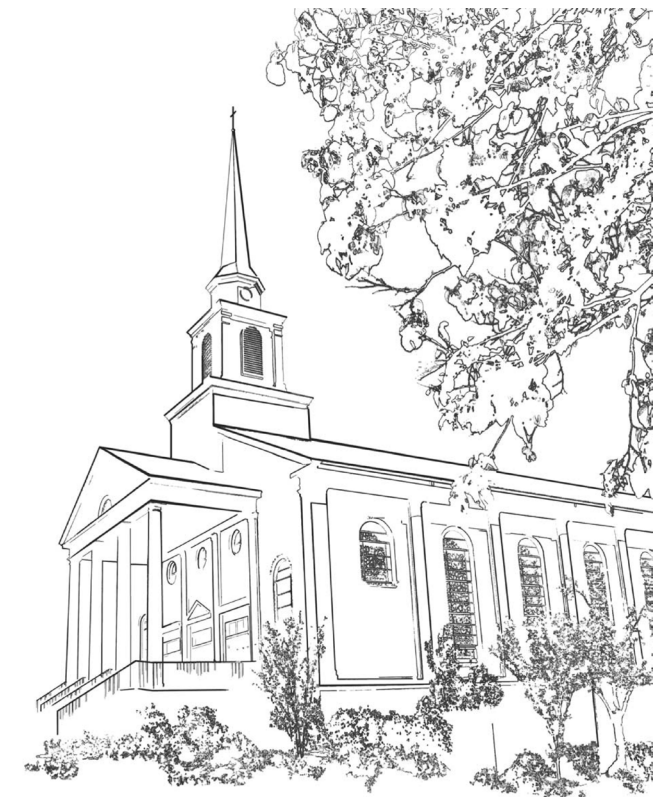
Safety and Assistance Emergency number available on Sunday mornings from 7:30am-12:30pm 854.429.1848.



May 12, 2024
8:45 and 11:15 a.m. 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

7th 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

Special Music (8:45) Your Word is a Lamp Lynn Russell
Cherub Choir

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing S. Eithun
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** God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian No. 648

* **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
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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.)

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (8:45) No. 33

Anthem (8:45) For the Beauty of the Earth J. Rutter
Chancel Choir
(11:15) There Will I Be C. Courtney
Men's Ensemble

First Lesson Psalms 1 OT pg. 489

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 The Works of Thy Hand C. Moglebust
Chancel Bells; Jessica Turner, flute

* **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** John 17: 11b-19 NT Pg. 111
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon Together Rev. Michael Ritter

* **Hymn of Dedication** What a Friend We Have in Jesus No. 526

* 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.



Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Hugo Floyd Nettles will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today during the 8:45 am worship service. Hugo is the son of Zachary Estes and Emily Nettles.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor and in memory of all mothers. Happy Mother's Day.

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 jsahrt@bethany-umc.com or 843.873.1230.

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 worshipers, please **turn off** cell phones and other electronic devices before the worship service begins. Thank you.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 ~ Team Leader: Narvie Bilbray, Jr.; Tom Thurman, Matt Lazzaro, Bobby Long, Al Lyman, Matt Bates, Allen Dobbs

11:15 ~ Team Leader- Roger McCants; Gillis McAllister, Mark Phillips, Joyce Stone, Chad Urban, Bill & Kathy Wire

Liturgist

8:45 & 11:15 am – Lynda Gildea

Audio/Video Support Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Gifts (*Figures for May 5, 2024. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	30,856.68
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	566,867.82
*Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)....	-53,601.18 -8.64%

Capital Campaign (Figures for May 5, 2024)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	1,988.00
*Building Contributions Year to Date	53,416.88
*Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)	52,746.00 1%

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)... 64,087.99

Presence (May 5, 2024)

8 am Spell – 80; Word & Table Worship - 104; Sanctuary Worship- 327
Online Worship – 551; Sunday School - 366

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!