

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To our Graduates-
As you embark on the next chapter of your journey, we send you our heartfelt good wishes and blessings. Your church family will be steadfast in their support and prayers for your success and happiness. Congratulations!

Tonight at Ascend

Tonight at Youth Ascend we will have a special dinner honoring our graduating high school seniors at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Families of graduating seniors are welcome to attend.

VBS Take Home Projects!

Camp Firelight is just around the corner- only 4 weeks away! If you're unable to volunteer during the week Vacation Bible School, we have a perfect solution. Take home decoration projects are still available! They can be signed out on the 3rd floor by the elevator!

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!



Summer Athletic Camps

Bethany's Recreation Ministries will host five weeklong camps this summer that will feature some of the best high school coaches in the area! This is a great opportunity to improve on skills in a great nurturing, Christian environment. We will offer three different basketball camps and two volleyball camps. If you are interested, please scan the QR code or visit the Recreation Ministry website at <https://bethanygym.sportsengine-prelive.com/>.



Church Directory

Extra copies of the church directories are in for those who may want one but did not have their picture taken. The cost is \$5.00 and they can be picked up in the Business Office.

Become a Stephen Minister!

What motivates you to pursue Stephen Ministry training? Make a difference, extend help, and seize the opportunity to learn. If these reasons resonate with you, kindly submit your application today! You may obtain the forms from the church kiosks or call Pastor Mark Barnes at 843.873.2130; call or text Michelle Helton at 843.709.1679 or Brenda Byrd at 912.674.8314. This journey will deepen your faith and involvement in the ministry.

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.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, May 19

Pentecost Sunday
Graduation/Confirmation Sunday
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 20

10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
10 AM Plarning/Upcycling, 122
10:30 AM Brooks Swicegood Cir., 125
10:30 AM Dennis Spell Circle, FC
12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, YH
3 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler
4 PM SPRC, Conference Room
6 PM Mary & Martha Circle, 125
6 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115
7 PM UMM Ladies Night

Tuesday, May 21

8:30 AM YOGA, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House

Wednesday, May 22

5:30 AM Men's Prayer Group, 215
9 AM Bridge Group, F.C.
4 PM Safety & Assist., Conf. Room
6 PM Bethany Bells, 235
6:15 PM Creative Sewing, Blue House
6:30 PM Church Council Society Mtg., 218
7 PM Chancel Choir, 234

Thursday, May 23

7 AM Men's Prayer Group, YH
8:30 AM YOGA, Gym
9:30 AM Bible Study, 239
10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
6 PM Handbells, 234
6:30 PM Nat'l Day of Prayer Planning, Conf. Room
7 PM Gamblers Anon., 124

Friday, May 24

6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 118
9 AM Women's Bible Study, 118
12 PM Happy Hearts, Fell. Hall

Saturday, May 25

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.

May 19, 2024

8:45 a.m. Worship Service- Graduate Recognition

BETHANY

United Methodist Church



High School

Grace Bower- Summerville High School
Dylan Cade Brunner- Summerville High School
Matthew James Dominianni- Ashley Ridge High School
Katelyn Michelle English- Ashley Ridge High School
Mary Ruth Horres- Summerville High School
Kaylee Knight- Ashley Hall
Kayleigh Austin Leonard- Summerville High School
Mac McElheny- Pinewood Preparatory School
Evan James Parrish- Summerville High School
Piper Ashley Redick- Summerville High School
Graham Isaac "Ike" Rutherford- Summerville High School
Adam Yates Traylor- Summerville High School
Emily Claire Truluck- Summerville High School
Hope Elizabeth Young- Ashley Ridge High School

College

Charlotte Barker- Wofford College
Mariann Elizabeth Fisher- University of South Carolina
Gavin Hunt- Clemson University
Carolyn Annette Paxton- MUSC Doctor of Pharmacy
Payne Rutherford- University of South Carolina
Page Caroline Vick- University of South Carolina
Gracie Weatherford- University of South Carolina

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Day of Pentecost

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** O Church of God, United No. 547

* **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.

Recognition of Graduates

Anthem The Lone, Wild Bird arr. Jessica Nelson
Youth Choir; Grace Bower, flute

First Lesson Romans 8: 22-27 NT pg. 158

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 How Can I Keep From Singing Jay Althouse
Matthew Miante

* **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** Acts 2: 1-21 NT Pg. 119
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon New Beginnings Rev. Michael Ritter

* **Hymn of Dedication** Spirit of the Living God No. 393

* 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 flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Jay and Christy Buddin's 35th Wedding Anniversary.

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 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 – Dr. Frank Monterisi

Audio/Video Support Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Gifts (*Figures for May 12, 2024. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	33,406.50
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	600,274.32
*Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)....	-70,386.10 -10.50%

Capital Campaign (Figures for May 12, 2024)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	1,300.01
*Building Contributions Year to Date	54,716.89
*Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)	52,746.00 4%

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)... 69,124.71

Presence (May 12, 2024)

8 am Spell – 55; Word & Table Worship - 127; Sanctuary Worship- 336
Online Worship – 1,097; Sunday School - 350

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!