

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS Teen Helpers

If any of our teen helpers have an hour or so to help decorate for VBS this week, please let Stephanie know. You can text her at 843.343.8494. All help is appreciated; this is a great way to get in volunteer hours for school.

Kindergarten Sunday School Teachers Needed

We are looking for two more people to complete our four-person Kindergarten team. We have all of the lessons prepared and there is minimal preparation needed; just loving caring souls to teach our Kindergarten class. When we have a team of four, you will be teaching two Sundays per month. If you have questions, please reach out to Stephanie at 843.343.8494.

VBS Decorating

VBS Decorating started last week.

We will be here Monday to Thursday from 9 am - 3 pm each day to work on transforming our hallways into a campground. We would love for you to join us. Please stop by the Children's Ministries office during these times to check in and find out where we need help. If you'd like to help outside of these hours, we can arrange that as well. Even if you only have an hour to spare, we can put you to work. Additionally, if you have any projects you're working on at home, please make sure to turn them in soon. We have some larger items that need to be done, so stop by the project table near the elevator on the third floor if you can help with this.

Happy Hearts

At Happy Hearts on June 28, local, talented, and very gifted musician, Mr. Jesse Cockcroft, the strolling accordion player, will be performing. Doors open at 11 am for fellowship. A meal of BBQ, hash and rice, baked beans, cornbread, dessert, and tea will be served at noon for \$8. Please contact Helen by June 23 at 843.771.3979 (leave message) or email her at rooneyjrclan@mac.com to make your meal reservation. ALL AGES ARE INVITED!

Camp Meeting

Camp Meeting will be in July starting July 14! Do you have a favorite hymn that you want us to sing during Camp Meeting this year? Please write it down and put it in the music mailbox in the Business Office or email Barbara Bassett at bbassett@bethany-umc.com.

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. If you are interested, please scan the QR code.



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, June 2

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

Monday, June 3

10 AM Upcycling/Plarning, 122
12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, YH
3 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115

Tuesday, June 4

8:30 AM Yoga, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
5:30 PM Stephen Ministries Leaders Mtg., Conf. Room
6 PM Stephen Ministry Peer Groups, Music Hall

Wednesday, June 5

5:30 AM Men's Prayer Group, 215
9 AM Bridge Group, Friendship Circle
4 PM Safety & Assist., Conf. Room
6:15 PM Creative Sewing, Blue House
6:30 PM Church Council Society Mtg., 128

Thursday, June 6

7 AM Men's Prayer Group, YH
8:30 AM Yoga, Gym
6 PM Handbells, 234
6:30 PM Stewardship, Conf. Room
7 PM Gamblers Anon., 124

Friday, June 7

6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 118

Saturday, June 8

No Church Activities Scheduled

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.

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

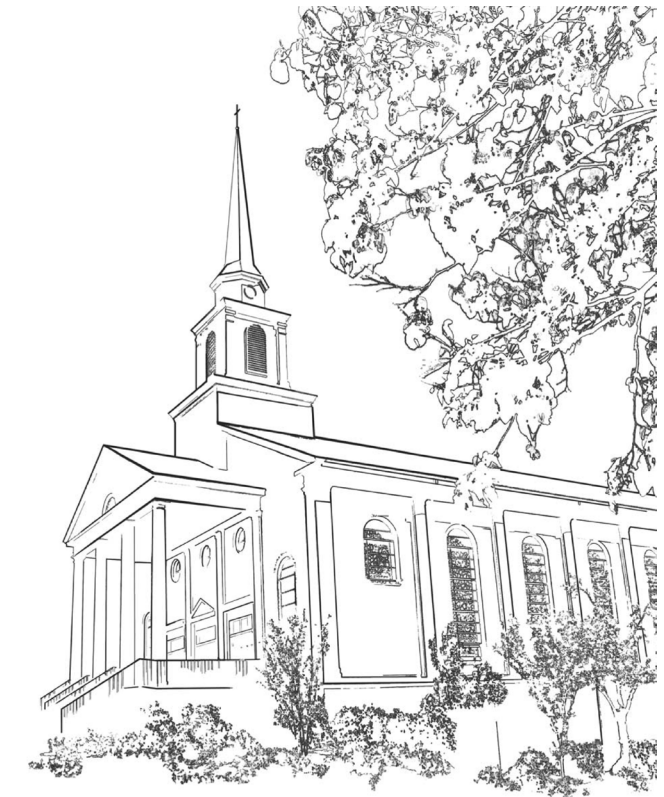
A minister is on call for pastoral emergencies after normal business hours during the week, as well as on weekends and holidays. If you have an emergency for which you need pastoral care, call the church emergency number, **843.425.1069**.

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

June 2, 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

2nd Sunday 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** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty **No. 139**

* **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 The Lord is My Shepherd A. Pote
Chancel Choir

First Lesson Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18 **OT Pg. 577**

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 Let Us Break Bread Together arr. C. Courtney
Chancel Choir

* **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** 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12 **NT Pg. 180**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon A Treasure Worth Finding Rev. Michael Ritter

The Sacrament of Holy Communion **No. 12**

Gluten-free option available upon request.

(No Children's Church on Communion Sunday)

* **Hymn of Dedication** One Bread, One Body **No. 620**

* 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

8:45 ~ Team Leader: Rett Fowler, Jerry Bateman, Kevin Carter, William DeLong, Rick Farthing, Gene Smith, David Zoellner, Ben Perkins

11:15 ~ Team Leader: Henry Thompson, Gil Hager, Chris English, Michelle English, Bruce Bohon, Ellen Bohon, Karen Miller

Liturgist

8:45 & 11:15 am – Linda Huffman

Communion Servers

8:45- Bill & Janice Onusko

11:15 – Leah Martin & Roanna Payne

Audio/Video Support Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for May 26, 2024. These figures are unverified.)

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| *Operating Contributions Last Week..... | 27,031.01 |
| *Operating Contributions Year to Date..... | 667,295.67 |
| *Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)..... | -56,585.33 -7.82% |

Capital Campaign (Figures for May 26, 2024)

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| *Building Contributions Last Week..... | 1,739.50 |
| *Building Contributions Year to Date | 58,199.39 |
| *Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+) | -3,337.61 -5% |

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)... 75,259.71

Presence (May 26, 2024)

8 am Spell – 59; Word & Table Worship - 98; Sanctuary Worship- 339
Online Worship – 977; Sunday School - 330

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 50th Wedding Anniversary of Gillis and Martha McAllister.