

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS 2024- Camp Firelight!

VBS is this week! Registration is closed. You should have received an email from our VBS leadership team with all the information you will need for your child! If you registered your child and did not get an email, please call the Children's Ministry office at 843.873.1230.

Colors of the day are:

Monday – Green

Tuesday – Yellow

Wednesday – Orange

Thursday – Blue

Friday - Red

Donations are needed to make VBS a success. If you have not paid at the time of registration, please bring your \$15.00 per child donation in on Monday of VBS. Please consider bringing an appetizer, snack or 2-liter soda to our volunteer table. Volunteers get a short break in the day to get refreshments. This is a great way to support all our volunteers.

Town Hall Meeting, June 23

There will be a Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, June 23 at 4 pm in the Sanctuary to discuss the issues facing the UMC and Bethany.

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.

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.

. 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 16

Happy Father'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

Monday, June 17

Vacation Bible School

12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, Youth House
3 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler
5:30 PM Pickleball, Gym
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115

Tuesday, June 18

Vacation Bible School

10 AM Quilters, Blue House
5:30 PM Pickleball, Gym
6:30 PM Finance Committee, Conf. Room

Wednesday, June 19

Vacation Bible School

5:30 AM Men's Prayer Group, 215
4 PM Safety & Assist., Conf. Room
5:30 PM Pickleball, Gym
6:15 PM Creative Sewing, Blue House
7 PM Tech. Ministries, Conf. Room

Thursday, June 20

Vacation Bible School

7 AM Men's Prayer Group, Youth House
1 PM Herbert McAlaney Circle, Blue House
5:30 PM Pickleball, Gym
7 PM Gamblers Anon., 124

Friday, June 21

Vacation Bible School

6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 118

Saturday, June 22

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

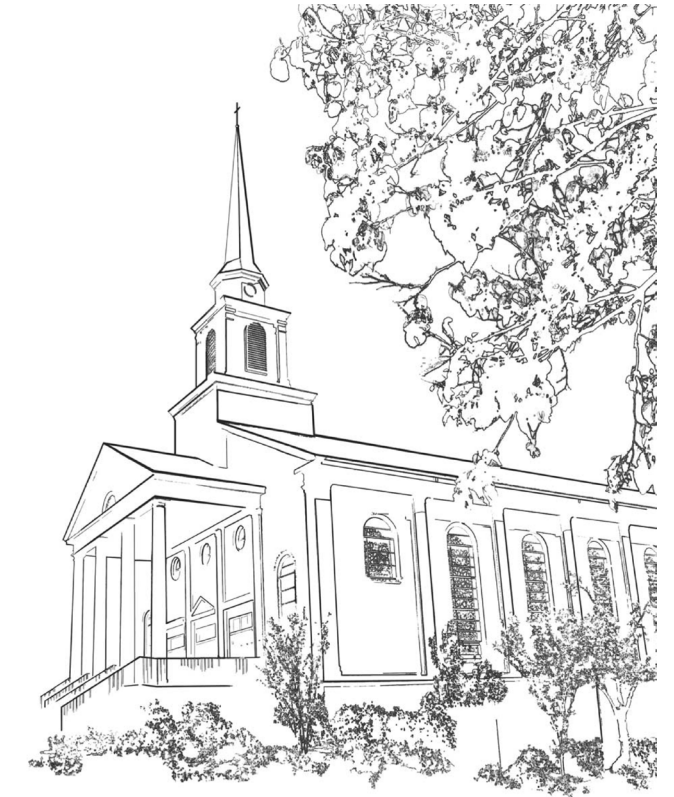
A minister is on call for pastoral emergencies after normal business hours during the week, as well as on weekends and holidays. If you have an emergency for which you need pastoral care, call the church emergency number, **843.425.1069**.

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

June 16, 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

4th Sunday after 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** Sing with All the Saints in Glory No. 702

* **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.

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

Vacation Bible School Dedication (see insert)

Children's Church

(8:45 am - 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.)

Anthem (8:45) Come to the Water J.B. Foley
Maurice Burgess, tenor & Shelby Krallman, soprano
(11:15) How Firm A Foundation arr. J. Rutter
Chancel Choir

First Lesson Psalm 20 OT pg. 499

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 Great is Thy Faithfulness arr. D. Forrest
Ken Myers, 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 4: 26-34 NT Pg. 38
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon Giant Steps Rev. Michael Ritter

* **Hymn of Dedication** Sent Forth by God's Blessing No. 664

* 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.

HAPPY
Father's Day

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor and in memory of our beloved fathers, with love Jerry and Sheryl Todd.

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 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

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

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

Liturgist

8:45 & 11:15 am – Jamie Probin

Audio/Video Support Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Gifts (*Figures for June 9, 2024. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	26,856.00
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	720,038.27
*Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)....	-38,312.73 -5.05%

Capital Campaign (Figures for June 9, 2024)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	1,731.00
*Building Contributions Year to Date	61,026.00
*Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)	-6,372.00 -9%

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)... 78,811.03

Presence (June 9, 2024)

8 am Spell – 38; Word & Table Worship - 112; Sanctuary Worship- 370
Sunday School - 344

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!