

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Hall Meeting Today

Bethany will host our second Town Hall Meeting today at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the Town Hall is for members of the congregation to speak directly to Church Council members before the Council's upcoming vote on June 26 to (1) end Holy Discernment & remain UMC or (2) continue Holy Discernment with a vote of the professing members of the congregation to separate from UMC or not.

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 the end of today at 843.771.3979 (leave message) or email her at rooneyjrclan@mac.com to make your meal reservation. ALL AGES ARE INVITED!

Rivers Dogs Baseball Game

Join us for a night of fun, fellowship, and baseball on Sunday, July 14. First pitch starts at 5:05pm. More information coming soon!

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.

Covered Dish Lunch

On Sunday, July 28 please join us for worship at 8am in Spell Chapel or a combined 10am worship in the Sanctuary followed by a covered dish lunch. Please bring a covered dish with enough to serve your family plus 5 more.

THIS WEEK...

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

Sunday, June 23

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 Town Hall Meeting, Sanctuary

Monday, June 24

9 AM Volleyball Camp, Gym
10 AM Upcycling/Plarning, 122
12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, Youth House
3 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler
5:30 PM Pickleball, Gym
6 PM Mary & Martha Circle, 125
6:30 PM Local Missions, Conf. Room
7 PM United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115

Tuesday, June 25

8:30 AM Yoga, Fellowship Hall
9 AM Volleyball Camp, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
5:30 PM Pickleball, Gym

Wednesday, June 26

5:30 AM Men's Prayer Group, 215
8:30 AM Bridge Club, Friendship Circle
9 AM Volleyball Camp, Gym
4 PM Safety & Assist., Conf. Room
5:30 PM Pickleball, Gym
6:15 PM Creative Sewing, Blue House
7 PM Special Church Council Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 27

7 AM Men's Prayer Group, Youth House
8:30 AM Yoga, Fellowship Hall
9 AM Volleyball Camp, Gym
5:30 PM Pickleball, Gym
7 PM Gamblers Anon., 124

Friday, June 28

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

Saturday, June 29

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

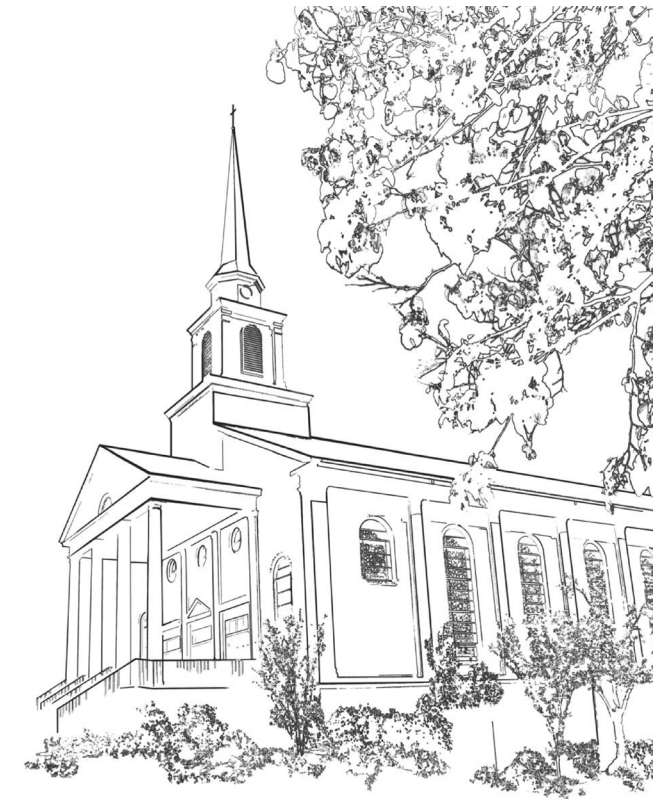
A minister is on call for pastoral emergencies after normal business hours during the week, as well as on weekends and holidays. If you have an emergency for which you need pastoral care, call the church emergency number, **843.425.1069**.

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

June 23, 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

5th 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** Lift Every Voice and Sing No. 519

* **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 - 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 Be Still and Know arr. Tom Fettke
Barbara Bassett, Barbara Dobbs,
Annamaria Myers, Diane Rodwell

* **First Lesson** Mark 4: 35-41 NT pg. 39

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 Safe Within Your Arms Mark Hayes
Annamaria Myers

* **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 8: 26-39 NT Pg. 127
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon On the Road Again Rev. John Poole
Director of Charleston Wesley Foundation

* **Hymn of Dedication** How Firm a Foundation No. 529

* 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.

**Today we welcome the Rev. John Sterling Poole,
Director of the Charleston Wesley Foundation.
See insert for details regarding this ministry.**

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 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 – Rev. Michael Ritter

Audio/Video Support Technical Ministries Team

Gifts (*Figures for June 16, 2024. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	22,608.66
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	742,646.93
*Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)....	-84,645.07 -10.23%

Capital Campaign (Figures for June 16, 2024)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	1,556.89
*Building Contributions Year to Date	62,582.89
*Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)	-7,745.11 -11%

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)... 244,302.04

Presence (June 16, 2024)

8 am Spell – 117; Word & Table Worship - 98; Sanctuary Worship- 299
Online views 646; Sunday School - 305

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 60th Wedding Anniversary of Don and Barbara Garraghty.