

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Camp Meeting Returns

We will have Camp Meeting services for the month of July. This is a special time at Bethany UMC, as we recognize our time-honored roots in the Christian faith dating back to the 19th Century. This is a time we can relax and be less formal. So dress comfortably and casually.

Wonderful Wednesdays

Join us on Wednesday evenings in July for Wonderful Wednesdays! Kids and parents are invited to join us for fun and fellowship on July 10, 17, 24, and 31 from 6-7:30 pm. This **Wednesday, July 10** meet us on the Bethany playground for some outdoor fun. We will have popsicles for everyone to enjoy on our newly renovated playground!

RiverDogs Baseball Family Night

Join us for a night of fun, fellowship, and baseball on **Sunday, July 14**. First pitch is at 5:05pm. Tickets are \$10 and can be picked up from Emily Vick

Happy Hearts

The instrumental group, Gloryland Trio, will provide entertainment for the **July 26** Happy Hearts gathering. This group of Bethany members consist of Luke Biggs, Charlie Davis, and Jim Griffin. Doors open at 11am for fellowship. The lunch menu will be a cold salad trio, croissant, chips, assorted desserts, & tea for \$8 served at 12pm. Reservations for the meal are due by **July 21**. Call Helen at 843-771-3979 (leave message) or email her at rooneyjrclan@mac.com

Hands of Christ Supply Drive

The Local Missions Team is excited to be able to offer and support our Hands of Christ School supplies drive again this year for our local schools. Thanks to our VBS team for collecting some supplies for us! In addition, we will be purchasing more supplies and backpacks on tax-free weekend, as we do each year. We also would like to ask the congregation for donations of backpacks and/or monetary donations. We need 200 backpacks again this year! Last year, our members were amazing, and we surpassed that goal! Monetary donations may be made online, placed in the offering plate on Sunday, or dropped off at the Business Office. Please put in the memo line "Hands of Christ."

Promotion Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 11 will be Promotion Sunday and the Blessing of the Backpacks. On this Sunday, all children will move up to their new Sunday School class. Bring your backpacks to church and receive a special blessing. We will also be handing out tags for the kids to attach to their backpacks to remember that their church family is praying for them and that Jesus is always with them!

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, July 7

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, July 8

9 AM Basketball Camp, Gym
10 AM Upcycling/Plarning, 122
12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, YH
1:30 PM Volleyball Camp, Gym
3 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler
5:30 PM Pickleball, Gym
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, 115

Tuesday, July 9

8:30 AM Yoga, Fellowship Hall
9 AM Basketball Camp, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
1:30 PM Volleyball Camp, Gym
5:30 PM Pickleball, Gym
7 PM Global Missions, 127

Wednesday, July 10

5:30 AM Men's Prayer Group, 215
8:30 AM Bridge Group, Friendship Circle
9 AM Basketball Camp, Gym
10 AM UWF Epworth Blankets, 118
1:30 PM Volleyball Camp, Gym
4 PM Safety & Assist., Conf. Room
5:30 PM Pickleball, Gym
6 PM Playground & Popsicles, Playground
6:15 PM Creative Sewing, Blue House

Thursday, July 11

7 AM Men's Prayer Group, YH
8:30 AM Yoga, Fellowship Hall
9 AM Basketball Camp, Gym
1:30 PM Volleyball Camp, Gym
6 PM Handbells, 234
6:30 PM Trustees, Conf. Room
7 PM Gamblers Anon., 124

Friday, July 12

6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 118
9 AM Basketball Camp, Gym
1:30 PM Volleyball Camp, Gym

Saturday, July 13

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

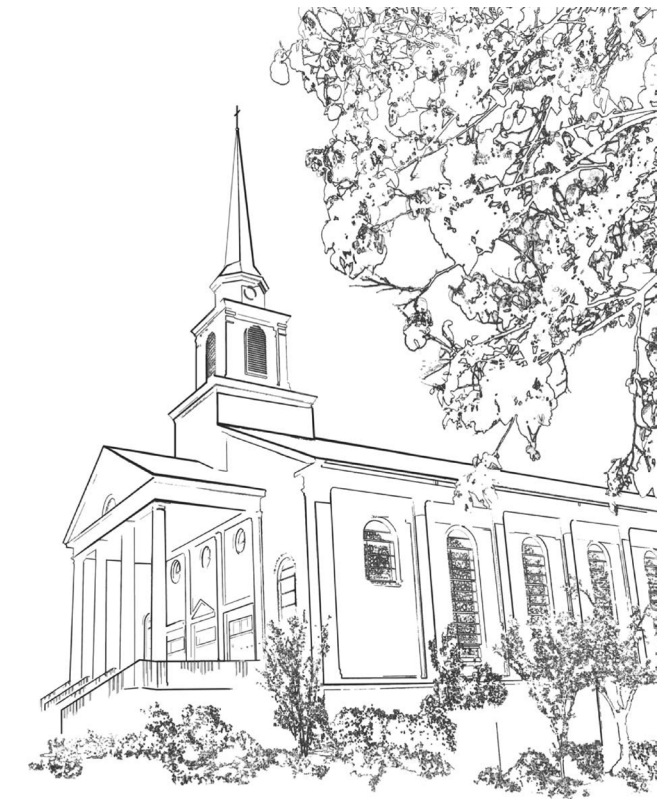
A minister is on call for pastoral emergencies after normal business hours during the week, as well as on weekends and holidays. If you have an emergency for which you need pastoral care, call the church emergency number, **843.425.1069**.

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

July 7, 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

7th 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

* Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

* Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands; one brotherhood, uniting all mankind in service and in love.

* 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 of the Ages No. 698

* 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 Battle Hymn of the Republic arr. M. Hayes
Chancel Choir
Emma Bassett, horn

First Lesson Psalm 48 OT Pg. 518

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 God Bless America I. Berlin
Shelby Krallman, soprano

* 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 6: 1-13 NT Pg. 40
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Home Sweet Home 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** America the Beautiful No. 696

* 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 memory of our niece, Kaydence Lee, on her 2nd birthday. From Charlie, Jodi and C.G. Watson.

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the wedding anniversary of Jack and Karen Sehrt.

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.

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: Bob Johnson, Ernie Brockman, Larry McKeehan, Jim Parrish, Hank Sieling, Tom Tatum, Phil Richardson, David Martin

11:15 ~ Team Leader: Sam Dorr; Claude Rowe, Tim Rowe, Cameron Rowe, Kyle Boczkowski, Kent Lee

Liturgist

8:45 & 11:15 am – Jillian Weatherford

Communion Servers

8:45- Bill & Janice Onusko

11:15 – Sonny & Linda Grant

Audio/Video Support Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for June 30, 2024. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	31,557.65
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	791,390.95
*Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)....	-104,842.05 -11.70%

Capital Campaign (Figures for June 30, 2024)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	2,619.69
*Building Contributions Year to Date	65,202.58
*Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)	-10,986.42 -14%

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)... 244,782.04

Presence (June 30, 2024)

8 am Spell – 79; Word & Table Worship - 123; Sanctuary Worship- 286
Online Worship – 1142; Sunday School - 303

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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!