



## BETHANY BEACON

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### *From the Pastor*

"...As each of you has received a gift (a particular spiritual talent), employ it for one another as good trustees of God's many-sided grace. Whoever speaks, let him do it as one who utters oracles of God; whoever renders service, let him do it as with the strength which God furnishes abundantly, so that in all things, God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and dominion forever and ever. (1 Peter 4:10–11)

Have you ever asked yourself, "What gifts do I have to offer?" I have a feeling that many of us have those thoughts pass through our minds. But the fact of the matter is God has blessed us all with so much, and we are supposed to be responsible with those gifts and talents.

We are to share the gifts God has given to us, to uplift and inspire and challenge each other. Our gifts are meant for encouraging others to rise to their full potential in God. We all have been given a gift that we can use to help someone else along the way. No matter what it is—big or small—we have a part to play, and we can use our gifts for God's glory.

If you are not sure what gift or talent you may have that God has given you—ask Him to reveal it to you. It may be what you consider a natural ability or talent, but when it's dedicated to the Lord, He can use it for His purposes. After all, even our natural abilities and talents are gifts from God. He has given them to us so we can use them to encourage and inspire others and therefore glorify God.

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We should use our gifts to encourage each other because through them, we can bless our sisters and brothers. Recently, we have asked you to share your talents with us here at the church. Through our time and talents, we serve God, and we contribute to helping the “kingdom.” True, there are some of us that are gifted in some areas and some in others, but we all have a responsibility to share our talents, and Bethany needs you all. As we are taking huge leaps of faith with new programs and ministries, Bethany needs your talents. In addition to that, please feel free to come by and discuss your gifts and talents with me, and we can find a place that best suits you. Please do not waste the gifts and talents that have been given—use them to glorify the church and all of God’s people!



## *Happy Hearts Luncheon*

### **Happy Hearts Luncheon – Friday, August 22**

Join us for a joyful afternoon at the next Happy Hearts Luncheon, featuring the return of crowd favorite Jesse Cockcroft, the strolling accordion player—who also dazzles on the piano! Back by popular demand, Jesse’s music and charm are always a hit.

Lunch will be served at 12 pm, featuring a delicious Tri-Salad Plate (chicken, egg, and broccoli), croissant, bag of chips, assorted desserts, and iced tea—all for just \$8.00.

### **Reservations are due by August 17.**

To reserve your meal, call Helen at 843.771.3979 (please leave a message with your full name) or email her at rooneyjrclan@mac.com. Doors open at 11 am for coffee and fellowship before lunch.

All ages are welcome—bring a friend and come enjoy uplifting music, great food, and warm company!



**As a new school year begins, we lift up our students, teachers, and parents in prayer:**

Gracious God,

We thank You for the gift of learning and the opportunity for fresh beginnings. As students prepare their backpacks and sharpen their pencils, may You also prepare their hearts and minds for the year ahead. Give them courage to try new things, wisdom to grow in knowledge, and kindness to share Your love with others.

For our teachers, we pray for strength, creativity, and patience. May they feel supported, encouraged, and equipped to inspire and guide each child entrusted to their care.

And for parents and caregivers, grant peace and reassurance in the midst of busy schedules and daily responsibilities. Help them to trust in Your provision, lean on Your grace, and find joy in watching their children learn and grow.

Bless every classroom, hallway, lunchroom, and playground. May Your presence go before us and be with us in every moment.

In Jesus’ name we pray,  
Amen.

# Bethany NOW

## **Threads of Grace**

### **Room 119**

#### **Led by Nancy Wiley**

A welcoming class for anyone interested in knitting or crocheting—whether you're just starting out or have years of experience. You'll learn or build on your skills in a supportive and creative environment. As part of the class, you'll also have the chance to join our Prayer Shawl Team, creating handmade shawls that bring comfort and care to those in need.

## **Planning: Crafting with a Purpose**

### **4-week class**

### **Room 122**

#### **Led by Janet Crain**

This class introduces you to the creative and eco-friendly art of turning plastic bags into "plarn" (plastic yarn). In this hands-on class, you'll learn how to cut, connect, and crochet or knit plarn into useful items like sleeping mats for those in need. No experience is necessary—just bring your willingness to learn and help the environment while making a difference in your community.

## **Seven Deadly Sins**

### **7 week class**

### **Room 118**

#### **Led by Rev. Isaac Dusenbury**

Join us for a transformative 7-week Bible study, The Seven Deadly Sins, as we explore how God's Word confronts the destructive patterns of pride, envy, anger, sloth, greed, gluttony and lust. Each week offers practical guidance and spiritual insight to help us break free and live in the freedom Christ provides.



Wednesday Nights  
Beginning September 10  
Supper begins at 5 pm  
Children's Activities start at 6 pm  
Classes for others start at 6:15 pm

## **Invitation to Psalms**

### **Friendship Circle Room**

#### **Led by Rev. Michael Ritter**

This course provides a clear and engaging introduction to the Book of Psalms, one of the most treasured books in the Old Testament. It invites participants to explore the Psalms' powerful language, vivid imagery, and deep spiritual themes through thoughtful reading and discussion.

## **Creative Sewing**

### **Room 127**

#### **Led by Penny Limehouse**

A relaxed and welcoming group for anyone who enjoys crafting, no matter the skill level or project type. Whether you're mending, crafting, or creating something entirely new, bring your work-in-progress and enjoy a time of creativity and connection. This group is all about fellowship—sharing ideas, encouraging one another, and enjoying the joy of making things together.

## **Gym Activities**

### **Gym**

#### **Led by Various Leaders**

A fun and active weekly class held in the gym, featuring a rotating schedule of activities. All skill levels are welcome, and the focus is on staying active, having fun, and building community. The rotations will include Yoga, Pickleball and Adult Basketball.

## **Bethany NOW Meals – Groups Needed!**

We are looking for classes and groups to take charge of Wednesday night meals for Bethany NOW this fall. Each group will be responsible for planning, cooking, serving, and cleaning up the meal. This is a wonderful opportunity for your group to work together and serve our church family in a meaningful way.

Bethany NOW runs from **September 10 through December 10**, and we'd love for your group to get involved.

If your group is interested in helping, please contact Emily Vick to sign up for an available date.



# Missions

## Serving in Mission: Western North Carolina

This summer, members of our congregation, youth group, and wider community participated in two impactful mission trips to Western North Carolina—June 22–28 and July 20–26. These teams worked faithfully to support long-term recovery efforts in the wake of Hurricane Helene, offering hope and hands-on help to those still rebuilding their lives.



## Katie's Krops Desserts Needed!

We are in need of individually wrapped homemade desserts to be paired with Katie's Krops meals on **August 14** for the hungry in the local area. Please deliver to the Business Office by Thursday, **August 14 no later than 11 am.**



Please scan the QR code to sign up for a spot. Thank you for your help with this ministry.



## Get Connected

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## A Free Gift from Our Church

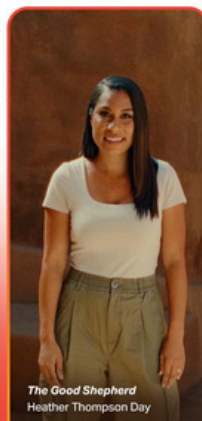
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What is the Church?  
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## Free Streaming Resources Available to You!

Bethany is excited to provide our members with free access to two incredible streaming platforms filled with Bible studies, devotionals, podcasts, and more — **RightNow Media** and **Amplify Media**.

To explore Amplify, visit

<https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify> and enter our congregation code: SFGRVP.

To sign up for RightNow Media, go to

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/bethany-umc>.

These tools are a great way to grow in your faith anytime, anywhere!





# Get Connected

## Men's Ministry Steak Night – You're Invited!

The Men of Bethany warmly invite all men of the church—young and old—to an evening of fellowship, food, and faith-filled connection.

Whether you're new to Bethany or a long-time member, this is a great opportunity to build relationships and grow in community.

Come enjoy a hearty steak dinner with all the fixings for just \$15. The night kicks off at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall on **Monday, August 18**. Reserve your spot by calling the church office or signing up in your Sunday school classroom the week before.



## Altar Flower Dates Available for 2025

Providing altar flowers is a beautiful way to honor a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, or give glory to God through the beauty of creation.

We currently have the following 2025 dates available:

**September 21, October 5, November 9 & 23, and December 28.**

To reserve a date, please contact Mandy Killiri at [mkilliri@bethany-umc.com](mailto:mkilliri@bethany-umc.com) or 843.873.1230.

You may also sign up on the flower calendar located on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary hallway.

Thank you for helping make our worship space more meaningful and beautiful.



## Get Ready for the Gift & Gourmet Market!

**October 19–26, 2025**

It's never too early to start preparing for one of Bethany's favorite annual events—the Gift & Gourmet Market! This beloved tradition is right around the corner, and we need your help to make it a success.

Now is the perfect time to start crafting and cooking! We'll need a wide variety of homemade casseroles, baked goods, and handcrafted items to fill our tables and delight our shoppers.

### Here's how you can help:

- **Casseroles:** We're looking for 9x9 casseroles in disposable pans—easy to freeze and sell. Start doubling your favorite recipes and tuck a few away in the freezer.
- **Crafts:** Popular items include Halloween and Christmas decorations, wood crafts, greeting cards, treat-filled gifts, jewelry, and kid-friendly creations.
- **Baked Goods:** Cakes, cheesecakes, pies, and other sweet treats are always big sellers—get your recipes out and start baking!

**Volunteer sign-ups will begin in September**, so stay tuned for ways to lend a hand during Market week. This is a great opportunity to support the church and share your gifts. Let's work together to make this year's Market better than ever!

## Get Connected

### Opportunities for Fellowship This Summer

It is the perfect time to connect, celebrate, and enjoy fellowship with your church family! Mark your calendars and join us for these upcoming events filled with food, fun, and community:

#### Summer Treats & Trivia

**Sunday, August 3 at 4 PM | Fellowship Hall**

Cool off and enjoy some classic Southern treats—homemade ice cream, boiled peanuts, and watermelon—while testing your knowledge with summer-themed trivia and games. If you're able to bring a churn of homemade ice cream, please let Emily know!

#### Back to School Bash

**Sunday, August 10 from 4–6 PM | Gym**

Celebrate the end of summer and the start of a new school year with music, dancing, snacks, and games for all ages! A DJ will keep the energy up while we enjoy a great time together as a church family.

Everyone is invited!

#### Labor Day Picnic

**Monday, September 1 at 4:30 PM | Fellowship Hall**

Join us for a classic Labor Day celebration with hamburgers, hotdogs, and all the fixings—just \$5 per person. We'll have the snow cone truck back again for a cool treat. Come be a part of the fun, fellowship, and community as we enjoy these special events together!





# United Women in Faith

## United Women in Faith Blanket Ministry

The United Women in Faith have been lovingly crafting handmade children's blankets as part of their ongoing outreach ministry. Once completed, these comforting blankets are donated to the Epworth Children's Office next door, where they are given to children entering foster care. The local office distributes blankets to those in immediate need, and any extras are sent to Epworth centers throughout South Carolina, extending warmth and care to children across the state.



*Finding* **JOY** *in the Journey*

**Bethany UMC 2026 Women's Retreat**

February 6-8

Camp St. Christopher

Johannah Myers - Retreat Leader

Registration begins September 14, 2025



# Children's Ministries

BY EMILY VICK

## Thank You for Making VBS a Huge Success!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Vacation Bible School an incredible experience! With 320 children joining us for an exciting week of faith and fun, our "Road Trip" theme took us on a journey full of learning, laughter, and discovery.

We're so grateful for each person who played a part—whether you worked on projects at home, helped decorate our spaces, provided snacks, or served during the week. Your time, creativity, and generosity made a lasting difference in the lives of every child who walked through our doors.

It truly takes a team, and because of you, this year's VBS was filled with joy, energy, and the love of Christ.

Thank you for going the extra mile—we couldn't have done it without you!

## Mark Your Calendars for a Fun-Filled August 10!

**Sunday, August 10**, will be a fun day full of celebration! We're excited to move all the kids up to their new Sunday School classes, bless backpacks for the new school year, and wrap it all up with a Back-to-School Bash complete with music, snacks, and dancing. It's a wonderful way to kick off the school year with friends, family, and lots of good vibes — hope to see you there!

### Sunday School Locations:

Class	Drop-Off Room	Pick-Up Room
3 & 4 Year Olds	Room 110	Room 110
Kindergarten	Room 244	Room 244
1st & 2nd Grade	Room 213	Room 245
3rd - 5th Grade	Room 213	Room 213

## Don't Forget Your Backpack!

Bring your backpack to church on **August 10** for a special blessing before the school year starts! Backpacks will be blessed during all services, and each participant will receive a special backpack tag as a keepsake. This blessing is open to everyone — students, teachers, grandparents, and anyone who wants to join in this meaningful tradition.

## Back-to-School Bash | August 10 | 4-6 pm | Gym

Celebrate the end of summer and the start of a new school year with us! Join the fun in the gym for:

- A lively DJ
- Delicious snacks
- Dancing and games

Bring your friends and family for a joyful evening of music, fun, and community as we kick off the new school year together!



# Children's Ministries

## Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed!

Are you looking for a meaningful way to get involved and make a difference? Children's Ministries is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help with Sunday School, Children's Church, and Bethany NOW activities. Whether you can commit weekly or just occasionally, we would love to have you join our team!

## Sunday School:

Sunday School runs Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 am. Each grade level has two teaching teams, so you won't be on duty every week. Joining a Sunday School team is a wonderful way to support our kids as they grow in their faith — and who knows, you might learn something new too!

## Children's Church:

Children's Church takes place Sunday mornings during the 8:30 & 11 am worship services. Children meet in Room 213 for engaging lessons, activities, and a short video that complements the day's story. We have a rotating volunteer schedule, so no weekly commitment is necessary.

## Bethany NOW (Wednesday Nights):

Wednesday evenings offer several ways to help:

- Crafting Faith Class (6 –7:30 pm): Assist Sharon Willmarth by helping with lessons and activities.
- Preschool Cherub Choir Practice (6–6:45 pm): Two helpers are needed to assist with bathroom breaks and sign-in/out for the choir.
- Bible Adventures Class (6-7:30 pm): Lead or assist a small group of kids as they dive deeper into Bible stories and learn how to use their Bibles.

All curriculum and supplies are provided, making it easy and fun to help. If you feel called to support our children's faith journey, please reach out! Contact Children's Ministries at 843.873.1230 or email [evick@bethany-umc.com](mailto:evick@bethany-umc.com). Your time and talents make an enormous difference — come be part of this amazing ministry!



## Children's Church & Children's Moment

### Return August 10!

We're excited to announce that Children's Church and the Children's Moment will resume on Sunday, August 10!

These special times during our worship service are designed to help children engage with God's Word in fun and meaningful ways.

During the Children's Moment, a volunteer shares a brief, age-appropriate lesson with the children. Following this, kids are dismissed to Children's Church in Room 213, where they enjoy Bible-based lessons, activities, and discussions tailored to help them grow in their faith.

Children's Church is designed for children ages 4 through 2nd grade, but any elementary-aged child is welcome to attend. To help us keep everyone safe and organized, please complete the Children's Church sticker found in the pew or attendance pad and attach it to your child before they are dismissed.

Children should be picked up promptly at the end of the service in Room 213. If you would like to help with either of these activities, please contact Children's Ministries. We look forward to welcoming our children back and sharing God's love with them each week!

# Sunday School

## Find Your Place in Sunday School at Bethany

Looking to deepen your faith, connect with others, and grow in community? Sunday School offers a welcoming place for everyone—no matter your age, life stage, or spiritual background. Classes meet every Sunday from **9:45–10:45 am**, between worship services.

Sunday School is more than just a time for learning. It's a chance to build meaningful relationships, explore Scripture together, and discover how faith impacts your daily life. Whether you're brand new or have been attending for years, there's a seat waiting for you.

## What Can You Expect?

- A variety of classes—some based on age or life stage, others focused on specific topics or styles of study
- Engaging discussions, supportive communities, and a place where questions are welcome
- Opportunities to serve, encourage others, and grow in your walk with Christ

## Children & Youth Classes

Our younger members have their own age-appropriate classes where they can explore the Bible, ask questions, and build friendships:

- Preschool (Room 110)
- Kindergarten (Room 244)
- 1st & 2nd Grade (Room 213)
- 3rd–5th Grade (Room 213)
- Youth (6th Grade and up – Youth House)



Our children and youth classes are led by caring teachers who create a fun, safe, and meaningful environment to help kids grow in faith.

## Explore Our Adult Classes:

- **Connections (Room 118):** A multi-generational class focused on ministry, missions, meaningful relationships, and practical faith.
- **Daily Bread (Room 237):** Thought-provoking study of Scripture, including lesser-known texts like the Apocrypha.
- **Friendship Circle (Room 115):** For adults in their 50s–80s features informal lectures and vibrant conversation.
- **PEPR (Parents Enjoying Praising and Raising) (Room 239):** Discussion, encouragement, and connection for parents of young children.
- **SALT (Sharing and Learning Together) (Room 238):** Bible-based learning for adults in their 40s, with open discussion.
- **Living Word (Room 240):** In-depth biblical study exploring scripture with historical, theological, and Methodist insights.
- **Searchers (Room 128):** Blends biblical and topical studies for adults 50+.
- **Sue Knight/Charles Peace (Room 126):** A traditional format with music, prayer, and post-class fellowship for older adults.

We're excited to announce a new Sunday School class launching this fall, specifically designed for those in the empty nest stage of life. This class will feature video-based lessons that spark meaningful discussion, along with opportunities for fellowship and mission involvement. It's a wonderful way to connect with others in a similar season of life and grow in faith together. The class will meet in Room 236, beginning with a drop-in reception on Sunday, August 10. Be a part of this new beginning—you're warmly invited!

Visit a class and see where you feel at home. You're welcome to try more than one to find the right fit. Let Sunday School be the place where you belong, learn, and grow—together.

10 If you would like more information, or have any questions, contact Emily Vick at [evick@bethany-umc.com](mailto:evick@bethany-umc.com).



## Back to School with KidsCare!

August is here, and that means Back to School! Our summer flew by, but what an amazing time it was—full of adventure, exploration, creativity, and joy!

We learned how to follow recipes and whipped up some tasty treats, made colorful friendship bracelets and keychains, and ventured all over the Lowcountry! Our adventures took us to places like Summit Trampoline Park, Bee City, Central Creek Park, Splash Zone Waterpark, and of course, we enjoyed sweet treats from Sweet Frog—and plenty of pizza!

But summer wasn't just about fun—we also focused on serving others. Our students helped with the Blessing Box each week, hosted a Food Drive to restock the Bethany Food Pantry, and even took part in clean-up days at Azalea Park and around the Bethany grounds. We're teaching our students that by setting the example, others will follow.

And who could forget the end-of-summer parties? We wrapped things up with Foam Zone, Carnival Day, Field Day at Doty Park, and the always-favorite Dual Splash Waterslide!

But the best part of the summer was the opportunity to praise God and give thanks for the blessing of every child we've poured into all season long.

## A New School Year Begins – August 6

With school starting on August 6, we're gearing up for another wonderful year filled with:

- Homework help
- Bible verse challenges
- Meaningful play and fellowship



## Tutoring Volunteers Needed

While KidsCare provides daily homework assistance, some students benefit from extra one-on-one support. If you're strong in a particular subject and feel called to help a child who may need a little extra attention, we'd love to hear from you. Whether you can offer tutoring once a week or more frequently, your time and talents can make a meaningful difference.

As we step into a new school year, we remind our KidsCare students (and ourselves) that faith is greater than fear. Whether it's a new classroom, a tough subject, or trying something for the first time—God walks with us through it all.

*"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."*

— 2 Timothy 1:7

At KidsCare, we teach our children to lean on their faith and face challenges with courage. Faith over fear—every day.



# Stephen Ministries

## Please join us in congratulating our newest Stephen Ministers!

This dedicated group of four were commissioned during the June 15 traditional worship. They are pictured here at the close of the service, having just received their official name tags. Left to right are: John Kuphal, Barbara Petrohovich, Marge Pezza, and Jason Waite. Rev. Isaac Dusenbury, along with Stephen Leader Gillis McAllister, led the group in their pledges to serve. They begin their roles in August, joining the Stephen Ministry team at monthly continuing education meetings. Here is a brief introduction for each of the new Stephen Ministers:

1. John Kuphal – Retired executive and U.S. Marine; husband of 57 years and grandfather of “7 beautiful grandchildren”; chose this path “because I love the Lord!”
2. Barbara Petrohovich – Retired from a 12-year career as an IRS Revenue Agent; currently a respite worker through Dorchester County; mother of 2 “wonderful adult children”; “called because of my ability to actively listen and affirm the other person’s feelings.”
3. Margaret “Marge” Pezza – Retired after working with the elderly for 20 years; mother of one son; two college-aged granddaughters and one high school-aged grandson; committed to this course “to continue my calling to care.”
4. Jason Waite – Retired manufacturing engineer for automotive parts; husband of 52 years with 5 grandchildren ages 11–18; wanted to train “so, with God’s help, I can help other men deal with the trials of life.”

We welcome these four newly trained ministers to this vital ministry of one-to-one caring!

Please be in touch with Pastor Isaac 843.873.1230, or Sue Dixon Malphrus.



## Become a Stephen Minister! A Call to Care

What motivates you to pursue Stephen Ministry training? Make a difference, extend help, or 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 Isaac at 843.873.1230 or text or call Brenda Byrd at 912.674.8314.





## An Epic Summer of Faith, Fun, and Fellowship with Bethany Youth Ministries

This summer has been nothing short of incredible for Bethany Youth Ministries! Our 2025 Summer Series was packed with energy, laughter, and meaningful connection as our students came together for a variety of awesome experiences. Whether it was splashing around at Whirlin' Waters Water Park, competing on the go-kart tracks at Charleston Fun Park, or rafting down the rapids at the U.S. National Whitewater Center in Charlotte, our youth were building friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. We kicked off the summer with fun in the sun at Whirlin' Waters, where wave pools and water slides were only matched by the smiles and laughter of our group. Midway through the season, we enjoyed a night at the movies with *How to Train Your Dragon*—a perfect segway into our biggest adventure yet: the Epic Summer Trip to Universal Studios, including Islands of Adventure and the brand-new Epic Universe theme park in Orlando. That trip truly lived up to its name! Our local outing to Charleston Fun Park had everyone playing mini-golf, racing go-karts, and racking up points in the arcade. The summer wrapped up with an unforgettable adventure at the U.S. Whitewater Rafting Center, where students tackled zip lines, climbing walls, and the rapids together—pushing boundaries and strengthening bonds.

In addition to the fun, our youth also made a powerful impact through service. More than 30 students served as volunteers during our incredible week of Vacation Bible School. The leadership, joy, and energy that our "teen helpers" bring to each classroom are an invaluable part of what makes VBS so special for our younger children. We're so proud of the way they model servant leadership. This summer, Bethany's student ministries also took part in Local and Global Mission trips to Western North Carolina. Four of our students—Sam Carden, Daniel and Susie Horres, and Gracie Boczowski, —joined me, Brandon, and Greg Horres (Chairperson of the Youth Advisory Committee) for an incredible week of hands-on mission work. From painting and drywalling to installing flooring and siding, these students worked hard and served with love. These trips were truly life-changing opportunities, not only for the people we served but for every student and adult who participated.

## Youth Ministries- *ASCEND*

BY KYLE BOCZKOWSKI

As we look ahead, we're already hard at work planning for the 2025–2026 school year, which will kick off with a huge Youth Kickoff Party on **Sunday, August 10** at 6 pm in front of the Youth House. It will be a celebration of what's ahead—and everyone is invited! We are so grateful for the amazing leadership of Brandon, our Assistant Director of Student Ministries. His heart for this program and his commitment to helping each student have the kind of experience he had as a youth is evident in everything he does. We are blessed to have him as part of our team. Finally, a huge thank you to the volunteers, parents, and supporters who made this summer possible. Your time, prayers, and energy are the heartbeat of our ministry. We can't wait for what's next—see you this fall!







## Recreational Ministries

BY KYLE BOCZKOWSKI

### Summer Recap & Fall Preview with Bethany Recreation Ministries

It's been a summer full of energy, growth, and fun at Bethany! We hosted five weeks of basketball and volleyball camps led by incredible coaches like Kurt James, Greg Elliott, Calvin Davis, Cindy Baggott, and Leigh-Ann Carter—helping young athletes sharpen their skills and build confidence.

### Fall Youth Volleyball registration is now open!

Open to 2nd–12th grade students, practices are Monday nights, with games on Saturdays. We're excited to welcome back Coach Abby Whitworth to lead this dynamic program. Register or learn more:

<https://bethanyumc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/537/responses/new>

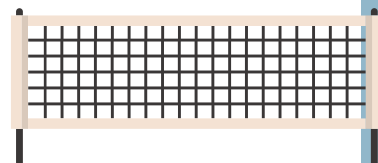
### Adult Rec is thriving too!

Join us for:

Pickleball – Mondays & Wednesdays, 9 am–1 pm (\$2/session)

Wednesday Night Rec – New this fall during Bethany Now: rotating yoga, basketball & pickleball

Golf Outings – Mondays, 3 pm at Summerville Country Club. No commitment—just call ahead!



Recreation at Bethany is about more than sports—it's about connection, community, and faith. Come play, grow, and belong!



# Music Ministries

BY REAGAN LORD

What a wonderful week of music and ministry at Drama Camp 2025. 21 registered children along with music staff members, Barbara Bassett, Maurice Burgess, Annamaria and Ken Myers, and Sharon Willmarth joined forces to teach the beloved children's musical The Tale of the Three Trees. Mark your calendars now and don't miss next years drama camp and production!

Chancel Choir resumes for the fall season on Wednesday, August 6, to begin preparations for a festive fall and Christmas season.

## August Anthem Schedule

**August 3**—Walk Together Children—Moses Hogan  
Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether--Friedell

**August 10**—Christ is Made the Sure Foundation—  
Dale Wood

Lamb of God—Tom Fettke; Karen Thompson and  
Kathy Jones, soloist; Anne Poole, piano

**August 17**—Fight the Good Fight—John Gardner  
Guide My Feet—Jacqueline Hairston; Kyai Ward, soloist

**August 24**—How Can I Keep From Singing—Bradley  
Ellingboe

The Lone Wild Bird—Jessica Nelson

**August 31**—For Everyone Born—Tom Trenny  
For the Beauty of the Earth—John Rutter  
Chancel Choir Women



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