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From the Pastor

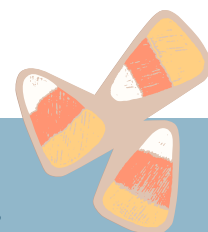
A friend sent me the following story. You may have already heard it, but appease me anyway. One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on in every person. He said, "My son, the battle is between two 'wolves.' One is evil—it is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego. The other is good—it is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith."

The grandson thought for a minute and then asked his grandfather:
"Which wolf wins?" The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

Need I say any more? So many times in our lives we feed that which should not be fed and neglect that which should. We need to start feeding the good wolf so that we might flourish for the Lord and do great things for Him! There's so much work to be done, and God needs our help tending the vineyard. We need to get back to our roots and follow where we need to follow and lead where we need to lead.

Bethany is our church "HOME," and some of us have been on a long vacation lately. There is so much that one can gain by being in worship together.

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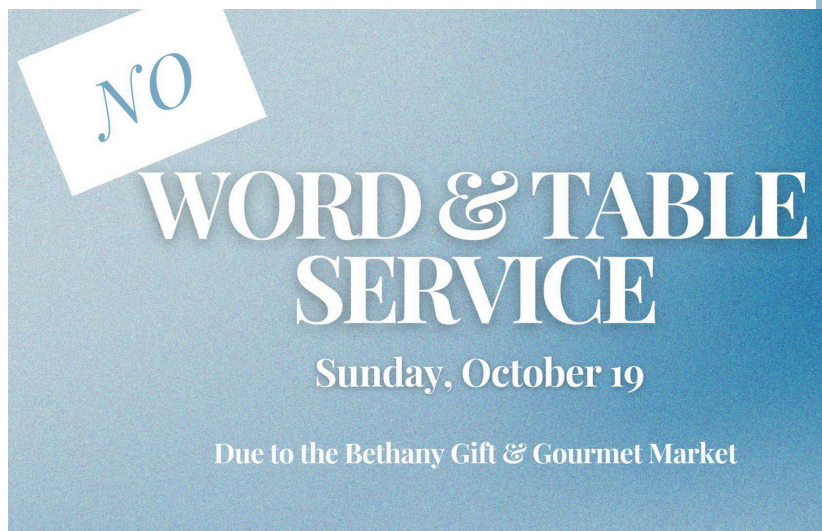
A disgruntled churchgoer once wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained: "I've gone to church for thirty years now, and in that time I have heard something like three thousand sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This began a major controversy that went on for weeks until someone wrote this reply: "I've been married for thirty years now. In that time my wife has cooked some three thousand meals. For the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this ... they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work."

Hmmm. So true. We need our spiritual nourishment to be able to do the work of the Lord effectively! Corporate worship, fellowship with our brothers and sisters, and godly counsel are great means to receive it!

God does not want us to isolate ourselves! He wants us to be in consistent fellowship with like-minded believers, teaching and exhorting one another, singing psalms and spiritual hymns together! Get together in worship, have fellowship at Bethany Now, join a Bible study, help out with the different missions, make a dish for the Gift & Gourmet Market—aka get involved, because you are needed, and you are missed when you are not here. Let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together (Hebrews 10:25)!

There's so much work to be done.
Which wolf are you feeding in your life today?



Bethany NOW

Bethany NOW – Nurture, Outreach, Worship

Bethany NOW is in full swing, and there's something for everyone each Wednesday evening! With opportunities for worship, study, fellowship, and fun, it's a mid-week pause that feeds both body and soul.

Classes & Activities

Adults can choose from seven different options this fall, including Invitation to the Psalms, The Seven Deadly Sins, Knitting, Crafting, Planning, and recreation in the gym. Youth enjoy choir practice, small groups, mission opportunities, and even the occasional ice cream run. Children can take part in choir, crafting, or Bible class—ensuring every age group has a place to belong.

Dinner

Dinner is served from 5:00–6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

- Adults: \$9
- Seniors (65+): \$7
- Kids: \$5
- Families: \$25

Classes for children begin at 6:00pm, with youth and adult classes following at 6:15pm.

Gym Activities (18+)

- Oct. 1 – Volleyball
- Oct. 8 – Pickleball
- Oct. 15 – Yoga
- Oct. 22 – Basketball
- Oct. 29 – Volleyball

Bethany NOW is a time to reconnect, recharge, and grow together. Whether you come for a meal, join a class, or take part in recreation, you'll find a place to belong.

Bethany
NOW
Nurture • Outreach • Worship

Wednesday Nights
Supper begins at 5 pm
Classes for everyone start at 6:15 pm

October Meals

- Oct. 1 – Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad, Cake
- Oct. 8 – Chicken Burrito Casserole, Corn, Carrot Sticks & Ranch, Dessert
- Oct. 15 – Hamburgers, Pasta Salad, Chips, Dessert
- Oct. 22 – Barbecue & Sides, Dessert
- Oct. 29 – Baked Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert



Happy Hearts Luncheon

Mark your calendars! On **Friday, October 24**, Happy Hearts is delighted to welcome The Plantation Singers together with the Community Gospel Choir of Charleston for a special concert. Founded and directed by Lynnette White, this professional a cappella ensemble is celebrated locally, nationally, and internationally for their moving performances of Gullah spirituals and Lowcountry music. The concert will take place in Bethany's main sanctuary; doors open at 12:30pm. Admission is free, and a love offering will be collected for the singers.

Make a full day of it! Arrive early to enjoy the Bethany Gift & Gourmet Market, open from 9 am–2 pm. At 11:30am, join us upstairs for a delicious Happy Hearts lunch featuring a Chick-fil-A sandwich, chips, cookies, and tea—all for just \$8. To reserve your meal, call Helen at 843.771.3979 (please leave a message with your full name) or email rooneyjrclan@mac.com. Meal reservations are due by **October 19**.

This is a wonderful opportunity to shop the market, share a meal, and experience the joy of powerful music together. All ages are welcome—bring a friend and join us for a day filled with uplifting music, good food, and great fellowship!



Katrina's Klost

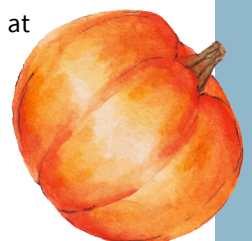
On Wednesday, September 25, Epworth celebrated the grand opening of its new Family Resource Center in Columbia, SC. The center is also home to *Katrina's Klost*, a special place providing free clothing and household items to families in need. Named in honor of Katrina Patton, a cherished member of Bethany and a dedicated member of Epworth's Board of Trustees, the closet stands as a lasting tribute to her generous spirit. Luke Biggs, Pastor Isaac Dusenbury, and Betsy and Berlin Myers were on hand to show support and celebrate this meaningful milestone. Katrina's legacy of kindness and her unwavering commitment to our church and community will always be remembered and cherished.



Altar Flowers

Only two dates remain on the 2025 flower calendar—**November 23** and **December 28**! Altar flowers are a beautiful way to honor or remember a loved one.

To reserve one of these dates, contact Mandy at mkilliri@bethany-umc.com or call the church office at 843.873.1230.



Get Connected



Mark your calendars for **December 10-14**! Start dusting off those treasured family nativity sets and plan to be part of this special celebration. More details will be shared soon—stay tuned!



Find Your Place in the PEPR Class

Parenting young children is a joy—and sometimes a challenge! The PEPR (Parents Enjoying Praising and Raising) Sunday School Class is a place where couples can come together, breathe, and find encouragement from others walking the same road. While your kids enjoy the nursery or their own Sunday School classes, you can join other parents in Room 239 for conversation, learning, and laughter.

In PEPR, you'll discover more than a Sunday School class—you'll find a community. Together, they share the ups and downs of family life, support each other through prayer, and grow stronger in faith. It's a place where friendships form and where faith and family go hand in hand.

Having a Christian group around you while raising children makes a world of difference. In the busyness of life, it's easy to feel isolated or unsure. Being surrounded by other parents who share your faith provides encouragement, wisdom, and a reminder that you are not alone on this journey. Together, you can seek God's guidance, celebrate milestones, and lean on one another during the tougher seasons of parenting. Come see what PEPR is all about—we'd love to welcome you!

Bridges Special Needs Ministry: Building a Path to God for Every Child

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." — Psalm 139:14

At Bethany, we believe every child deserves a place where they are welcomed, loved, and shown the love of Christ—just as they are. That's the heart behind our Bridges Special Needs Ministry, a vital part of our church life and outreach.

Why Bridges Matters

Did you know that 1 in 6 children today has some form of disability or special need? And that the divorce rate for parents of special needs children is as high as 90%? The need for support, encouragement, and community for these families is urgent and real.

Bridges began more than 15 years ago, and we are blessed to continue this important ministry today. It exists to create a path to God for every child with unique needs—and to provide their parents with the opportunity to worship, learn, and grow in fellowship, knowing their children are safe, loved, and spiritually nurtured.

Church can be overwhelming for children with sensory or cognitive differences. Our goal is to change that. If a child feels comfortable, welcomed, and eager to walk through our doors, we know we've fulfilled the calling God has placed on this ministry.

What Bridges Offers

- **Sunday Worship Care**
During both the 8:30 and 11 am services, the Bridges Room provides a calm, welcoming space with activities designed specifically for children with special needs.
- **Sunday School Support**
At 9:45 am, while parents attend their adult classes, children in Bridges receive Bible lessons and activities geared to their individual learning styles and developmental levels.
- **Respite Nights**
Every 4th Friday from 6–9 pm, we host Respite Night—a fun evening of crafts, snacks, and play for children with special needs and their siblings (up to age 12). It's a blessing for the kids and a much-needed break for parents.

How You Can Help

You don't need special training to serve with Bridges—just a patient heart, loving spirit, and willing hands. Help is needed in all areas, especially on the Respite nights.

Whether you're a teen or an adult, who is interested in serving, we invite you to consider stepping in. Your presence could make all the difference for a child who just needs to know they're seen, valued, and loved by God.

To learn more or get involved, contact:

Jennifer Horres – 843.425.2260

Let's walk this path together—and build bridges that lead straight to the heart of God.

Get Connected



**BETHANY MEMBER
GUEST GOLF
TOURNAMENT**

Summerville Country Club

Two Person Teams
One Bethany Member and One Guest
18 Holes - Captains Choice and Best Ball
Net and Gross Winners
Lunch and Awards After Golf

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15TH
TEE TIMES WILL BEGIN
AT 7:30 AM
SUMMERVILLE
COUNTRY CLUB

COST IS \$200 PER TEAM

More Information or to Register Scan QR
Code or Call Kyle 843-469-5917



Bethany UMC Women's Retreat 2026

**Finding
joy
in the
journey**

BETHANY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

February 6-8, 2026
St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center
2810 Seabrook Island Rd. Seabrook Island, SC

Bethany UMM BBQ Fundraiser

Mark your calendars! Bethany's United Methodist Men will host their annual BBQ Fundraiser on **Saturday, October 25**, from 11 am – 2 pm. Meals will be available for dine-in or take-out.

For just \$10 per plate, enjoy a delicious meal of pork BBQ, baked beans, coleslaw, a slice of bread, and a nut-free brownie.

Tickets may be purchased through Sunday school classrooms, on Wednesday nights, or from any UMM member. Your support helps fund the ministries and mission work of Bethany's United Methodist Men.




UNITED METHODIST MEN

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**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 25**

**PICK-UP IN KITCHEN AREA
BETWEEN 11A-2P**

FUNDRAISER

\$10 PLATE

SUPPORTS LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSIONS

Missions

Operation Christmas Child

It's that time of year again when God gives us the opportunity to love our neighbors and witness to children. Operation Christmas Child, led by Samaritan's Purse, is an international mission that shares God's love with millions of children in more than 170 countries through simple shoebox gifts.

Shoeboxes are available throughout the church—feel free to pick one up, fill it, and return it to the same location by **November 14**. Scan the QR code below for ideas of what to pack.



Our youth will help prepare the boxes for local pickup at Crossroads Community Church. They will also add a small stuffed animal with a Bible verse attached, so please do not seal your box. Each box will be prayed over before being sent.

If you would prefer to donate financially, please mark your gift for Operation Christmas Child. As always, every mission at Bethany is sustained by your prayers and would not be possible without God's provision. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the love and grace of Jesus Christ across the world.

For questions, please contact Benjie and Kelly Rodgers at kbrodgers1@aol.com.



Katie's Krops Desserts Needed!

We are in need of individually wrapped homemade desserts to be paired with Katie's Krops meals on

October 9 for the hungry in the local area.

Please deliver to the Business Office by Thursday,

October 9 no later than 11 am.



Please scan the QR code to sign up for a spot.

Thank you for your help with this ministry.

United Women in Faith:

Supporting Lowcountry Orphan Relief

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated pajamas and underwear in September—your generosity truly makes a difference in the lives of children served by the Lowcountry Orphan Relief Center!

For October, we are collecting wipes and pull-ups. Donations may be placed in the bin in the hallway through **October 5**.

As you transition your closets for fall, we also invite you to donate gently used clothing (infant through teen sizes). These items will go directly to Lowcountry Orphan Relief to help children in need.

If you have any questions, please contact Cede McNutt, United Women in Faith – Social Action, at mcnuttpa@gmail.com.





Bethany UMC Blessing Box

To help keep the Blessing Box stocked, donation drop-off containers will now be available in each adult Sunday school classroom. We hope this makes giving a little easier and more convenient. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support!

CHARLESTON
WESLEY FOUNDATION
METHODIST STUDENT MINISTRIES

Please Join Us For The 2nd Annual

FUNDRAISING gala

NOVEMBER 8TH 2025
— 6:00 PM —

Gala Attire
Testimonials | Dinner
Silent Auction | Music

NORTH CHARLESTON UMC
1125 E Montague Ave, North Charleston, SC 29405

\$50 per Ticket

Want to be a sponsor?
Email:
treasurer@wesleychs.org



Scan to purchase tickets!

PLANNING MINISTRY

DROP OFF
IN THE
CHURCH
OFFICE

Donate Your Plastic Bags!

CHARGE CONFERENCE

November 10
Sanctuary
7 pm

FALL BACK

Sunday, November 2




Bethany Gift & Gourmet Market

October 19–26

Fellowship Hall

Mon–Thur: 12–6pm | Fri–Sun: 9am–2pm

Bethany's Gift & Gourmet Market is just around the corner, and we need your help to make it a success! This annual tradition is a wonderful opportunity for our church family to come together, create something special, and support mission organizations in our community and beyond.

The Market is more than a place to shop for handmade crafts, homemade casseroles, holiday ornaments, and delicious desserts—it's a way for us to live out our calling to serve others. Proceeds will benefit our Bethany ministries such as Hands of Christ School Supplies, Angel Tree, Thanksgiving Food Bags, and the Blessing Box. It also provides funding for many organizations in our community and beyond including:

Chas. Port & Seafarer's Society
Charleston Wesley Foundation
Keys to Change-Light House & Anchor House
Doors to Freedom
Dorchester Children's Advocacy Center
Dorchester Habitat for Humanity
Epworth Children's Home
Florence Crittendon Home
Hearts for Summerville
HELP of Summerville
Holy City Missions
Katie's Krops
Lowcountry FCA
Lowcountry Food Bank
Lowcountry Orphan Relief
Magdalene House
Meals on Wheels
Purpose/Pinelands Group Home



How You Can Help

- **Pray** – Surround this event in prayer for energy, generosity, and impact.
- **Craft** – Donate your handmade creations. Drop-off begins Sept. 29 at the Welcome Center.
- **Bake** – Bring desserts, cakes, pies, or cookies. Drop-off begins Oct. 19.
- **Cook** – Prepare casseroles for the freezer or fresh casseroles on your assigned day. Frozen drop-off starts Oct. 17.
- **Volunteer** – This is where we especially need hands!
 - Volunteers are needed in the gift shop as cashiers, baggers, and floaters
 - Set-Up: Wed., Oct. 15 at 6 pm
 - Merchandise Display: Oct. 16 & 17 at 9 am
 - Break-Down: Sun., Oct. 26 at 3 pm
- **Shop** – Invite friends and neighbors to come discover the treasures of the Market!

The Market is a powerful way for us to bless others, but it takes many hearts and hands to make it happen. Please prayerfully consider how you can take part this year—whether that's crafting, baking, cooking, volunteering, or shopping.

Sign up today through the link below or on the boards at the foot of the stairs.

<https://bethanyumc.ccbchurch.com/goto/scheduling/51/public>

Questions? Contact Emily Vick at evick@bethany-umc.com or 843-343-2506.

Children's Ministries

Calling All Acolytes and Crucifers!

Children's Ministries is inviting all kids in 3rd grade and up to be part of something truly meaningful—serving as acolytes and crucifers in our 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service.

Each Sunday, our worship begins with a beautiful symbol of faith: the Cross of Christ lifted high, followed by the light of Christ leading our pastors and choir into the sanctuary. At the close of service, that same light is carried out into the world—reminding us to bring the love of Jesus into our everyday lives.

This timeless tradition is more than a ceremony—it's a powerful way for young Christians to actively serve and grow in their faith. It's also a wonderful way to build confidence, leadership, and a deeper connection to the worship experience. Ready to serve?

Sign up here:

<https://bethanyumc.ccbchurch.com/goto/scheduling/25/public>

If your child would like training—or just a refresher—please contact Janice Harp at jharp@bethany-umc.com.

Children's Sabbath – Life is Sweet with Jesus

Mark your calendars! This year's Children's Sabbath will be celebrated on **Sunday, October 26** during the 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service. Our theme is "Life is Sweet with Jesus"—a joyful reminder of the love, grace, and goodness that come from walking with Christ.

During this special service, our children (1st–5th grade) will lead in a variety of ways—through Scripture, prayer, music, and more. It's a beautiful opportunity for the congregation to witness the faith and gifts of our youngest members as they step into meaningful roles in worship.

We invite you to come and support these precious young ones as they share the sweetness of Jesus with us all.

Would your child like to participate?

Please contact Emily Vick at evick@bethany-umc.com to get involved.

Let's come together to celebrate the joy of children in worship!



October at KidsCare

October is a season of joy for our students! By now, school routines are in full swing, and we love cheering on our kids as they balance homework, activities, and faith. At KidsCare, we encourage them to shine their light, celebrate their successes, and lift up one another in Christ.

We're excited to once again have a Squarecrow on the Square **starting October 18**. This year's theme is "God had a plan for Jonah, and He has one for you too!" Our past two entries won 1st place, and the children are eager to do it again! Votes are \$1 each and benefit the JSL of Summerville's School Supply Fund for Dorchester Districts 2 & 4.

Students have also been busy making beautiful bracelets, available at the Market this month, with proceeds supporting Bethany ministries.

Looking ahead, KidsCare will offer a short Thanksgiving Week Camp—details coming soon!

To learn more about KidsCare—enrollment, volunteering, or joining our team—contact Makala Boczkowski or Debra Trimeloni at 854.42901842 or kidscare@bethany-umc.com.

Fall is such an exciting time, and it is even more exciting when seen through the eyes of a child! The trees may not have their fall foliage just yet, but our sweet students are doing a variety of fall activities that delight the senses... carving pumpkins, making applesauce, painting with warm fall colors, visiting the pumpkin patch and corn maze, and much more. It is all so new and exciting for the children, and it reminds us to look ahead with joy and anticipation because God has wonderful plans for each new season of our lives.

*For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. **Ecclesiastes 3:1***

Bethany CDC is always looking for substitute teachers who love working with children and want to work in a warm, friendly Christian environment. For more information, please contact the CDC director Toni Pinkard at 843.821.1946 or tpinkard@bethany-umc.com.



Administrative

In an effort to clean up our membership roll, we have generated a list of individuals we need more information on. These members either live outside the Summerville area or we do not have accurate contact information for them, and our attempts to reach them have been unsuccessful. If you know anyone on this list, please contact them directly and ask if they would like to remain on our church roster. It is important that we receive **first-hand confirmation from the individual themselves**—simply knowing they have moved is not enough. Once you have spoken with them, please report their status to Ann Gill or Emily Vick. If they wish to be removed, ask whether it is because they transferred to another United Methodist church, transferred to another denomination, or for another reason. If they wish to remain, please try to collect updated contact information, including a mailing address, email, and phone number. Your help in this process is deeply appreciated!

Joe & Deb Abbey	Jason & Lisa Cates	Kent & Anne Eddy
Bonni Agnew	Joy Causey	Ann Edlund
Ashley Albrecht	Bruce & Heather Ciccone	Ron, Kathryn, & Genia English
David, Donna & Christopher Alexander	Lance Clair	Leslie Ann Erskine
Jimmy Anderson	Kim Cline	Jason Ervin
Jeff Andrews	Wayne Cockrell	Steven Estep
Lisa Andrews	Jerry, Colleen & Benjamin Cohen	Jack Evans
Woodie & Cyndi Arsenault	Brett, Elizabeth, Magige, Mary,	Bill Everett
Becca Askins	Zachary & Nancy Cole	Brian & Monica Fachko
Madison Avant	Foster & June Coleman	Georgia Fallaw
Ingrid & Katherine Barbera	Bill & Carol Constantino	Tracy Fallaw
Elaine Bartku	Chad & Stephanie Cosby	Stephanie Falter
Sherrie Bartku	Gene & Laura Crane	Ralph & Carol Files
Karen Bassford	Danny, Kim & Tallie Crocker	Jeff & Beth Fiorito
Troy & Diane Baxter	Ricky Crosby	Mark & Rhonda Floyd
Douglas & Maegan Bell	Joe Culler	Peggy Foshee
Ryan & Carolyn Bieber	Eileen D'Addezio	Terry & Nikki Fowler
Alexandra Biller	Kenny Dadisman	Scott Gailey
Darin & Kristen Bish	Lynn Daniel	Bill & Susan Gamble
Jerry & Judy Black	Lita Boehler Davenport	Jill & Ansley Garnsey
Michele Blanch-Barr	Garth & Ashley Davies	Robert Garrison
Beth Blank	Seth, Aimee & Charlie Davis	Ray Geist
Emma Blanton	Sandra Brown Dayton	Gregg, Jeanne, Kyle & Layne Gierke
Casey & Kathy Brabham	Erica Dean	Ted & Carol Givler
Bill Brandhorst	Tamara DeClemente	Michael Glock
Amanda Brazelton	Art, Allison & Emily Devereux	Sonja Glock
Jan Bryant	Jody & Sheryl Dillard	Carlos, Mary Beth, Paul & Morgan Gonzales
Jordan Bryngelson	Randy Donaldson	Billy, David & Nancy Goshorn
Raymond & Christine Bupp	Grayson Dorr	Joe & Angie Grant
Wayne Burdette	Claire Doucet	Kit Graves
Judy Burke	Patsy Douglas	Edward Graves
Carolyn Bush	Cindy Douglas	Buzzy, Harrison, Karen, & Maddison Green
Barbara Butt	Julia Driver	Rosemary Green
Beth Butts	Kathy Dubis	Shane Griffin
Jen Butts	Mark & Lynette Duchnak	Lisa Griffith
Brian Byrd	Robby, Marcia & Laura Dudley	Matt Grossman
Mandy Caceres	Dan Dugan	Jennifer Grossman
Kenneth, Priscilla & Sarah Calcutt	Jesse Dunaway	Gwen Guinn
Kimberly Carlson	Ray Dunham	Angie, Hayden, Logan & Kendall Guyer
Cathy Jo Knight Carroll	Grace Dutton	Bruce Halajcsik
Michael & Amy Carter	Ryan Dyro	Taylor Hall

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Angela Harris
Sara Harrison
Sean Harrison
Jean Harter
Gigi Haug
Jeff, Mike, & Tim Havens
Betty Hayes
Kiera Henderson
Geoffrey & Laura Hendrick
Wesley & Brittany Herring
Douglas & Mallory Hetzel
Harriet Hetzel
Dylon Hickey
Betty Hill
Randy & Susan Hill
Roy Hill
Brad & Von Hincer
Kohl Hoffman
Mellinda Holloway
Nick Holt
Michelle Hood
Kathy Hopkins
Tiffany Hopkins
J. J. & Matthew Horvath
Ray & Valerie Hudson
Mark S. Huggins
Thomas Hull
Deborah Hunt
Alan Hunter
Jerry & Denise Hurd
Robert Hutson
Heyward G. Hutson
Rachel Hyatt
Susan Hyde
Richard S. Ivey
Barbara Jackson
Leslie Ann James
Myrna C. James
James & Jessica Jang
Charlie Jenkins
Tristan & Tara Jennings
Ann Johnson
Christopher & Jennifer Jones
Reuben Jones
Mike, Jordan & Brian Keels
Bart & Rose Anne Keller
Julie Knight
Rosie Knotts
Steven Knotts
Chris & Linda Koenig
Dean Kohlhepp
Meri Kolaski
Ray & Kay Kornahrens

Lisa Krueger
Tommy Langdale
Judy Larocque
Tony & Jeanna Lawrence
Lee Lear
Kayla Lee
Ron Leffler
Kayleigh Leonard
Alexandra Lesley
Paula List
Christina & Kim Loenichen
Laura Logan
Bev Long
Jamie & Naysha Lucarelli
Jan MacLeay
Kelley, Autumn & Haley Magnuson
Traci Maloney
Kaytlin Mapes
Savanna Mapes
Diana Marelli
Sandy Marrow
Shell Martin
Daniel & Amy Martin
Sydney Martin
Tricia Mazell
Gary McAmis
Larry & Jill McCandless
Vicki McCartney
Kevin G. McClelland
P.J. McConnell
Kelley McCormick
Stephen McCracken
Terry & Judy McDaniel
George & Sherry McDowell
James McLendon
Jeff & Allison McMeans
Phaedra McMillian
Drew & Sherry McPhail
Andy & Heather Meador
Ken Messick
Norman Miller
Rachel Mills
Mark, Meliaa & Andrew Mitchum
Ann Marie Monk
Richard, Ann Marie, Bill & Brian Monk
Shannon Montgomery
Scott & Lynn Moody
Rob Moore
Staci Moore
Greg & Molly Moore
Pam Moore
Melanie Morgan
Walter, Terri, Rachel, Deanna, & Cassie Morgan
Jennifer Morillo
Travis & Valerie Moser

Shane Mott
Sandilee Mott
Jimmy & Kenny Murray
Jeannette Nepivoda
Lauren Nichols
David & Pamela North
Trey Odom
Tom & Chryl Oenbrink
Tony & Wendy Offerle
Paul & Ann Olson
Mike & JoAnn Onorato
Jeff Overcash
Joan Owen
Laura Owenby
Ashley Padgett
Jim & Beth Parker
Steven Patterson
Ben Patterson
Kathy Peacock
Jason Martin Phalen
Buddy & Misty Phillips
Greg & Rashell Pipkin
Larry & Pat Pitarra
Eason & Angie Polk
Blake Polk
Daphne Hutson Poore
George L. Pope
Frank Pope
William Porter
Marcella L. Postell
Bryan Potts
Grayson Potts
Monica Potts
Faye Raisley
Michael & Farrah Redmon
Jim & Cynthia Reeves
Mary Regan
Anita Renalds
Kristen Richard
Rebecca Richardson
Anna Ridenour
Josh & Kelly Ridley
Melanie Robinson
Hal & Rhonda Rockwell
Monique Tuzo Roe
Matthew Rogers
Robin Rogers
Chip, Austin, Tammy & Tara Rogers
Leslie & Anne Rogers
Meredith Rogers
Aaron & Stacy Ross
Keith, Tiffany & Tatum Rowland
Will Russell
Joe Rutledge

Ben & Katie Salamanca
Bill Schmitz
Mattie Seastrunk
Carolyn Seay
Charles, Charles M., Kelly, Melissa & William Seay
Jason & Irma Self
Eric & Melissa Shepler
Gina Shorey
Amanda Singleton
Joy Singleton
Jonathan & Britt Terry Sircy
Tricia & Tammie Sizemore
Benjamin Smith
Clarke Smith
Douglas Smith
Paige Smith
Deb Smith
Jill Smith
Millie Smith
Leeny Spires
Sam & Deb Sprayberry
Phyllis Stall
Colette Stepp
Steven & Michelle Stoddard
Elaine Stone
Barry Keith, Mary Sue, & Billy Strange
Sarah Stutts
Bill & Elizabeth Sutton
Taryn Svicarovich
Chuck & Ginny Swenson
Ken & Maria Swift
Barbara, Chad & Ray Taylor
Sarah Elizabeth Taylor
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Ministry Spotlight

Spotlight on Children's Ministries

"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him." — Psalm 127:3

This October, Bethany is excited to shine a spotlight on Children's Ministries, one of the most vibrant and vital areas of our church life. Children are our most precious members, and it is our sacred duty to guide them in their faith journey.

The mission of Children's Ministries is clear and heartfelt: *Children's Ministry exists to create a safe environment in which to bring children into age-appropriate worship where they can belong to the family of God, grow in their relationship with Christ, be inspired to serve, and then go share Christ in the world.*

A Commitment to Safety

We know how important it is to keep our children safe. Bethany's Safe Sanctuary Policy sets procedures to protect children of all ages. All staff and volunteers complete specialized training, including a national background check, so that parents can feel confident their children are loved and secure while they are here.

Weekly Opportunities for Children

Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings are full of opportunities for children to learn, grow, and participate in church life. From Children's Church during worship and Sunday School classes, to choir rehearsals and midweek activities, there is always something designed to help kids belong, serve, and deepen their faith.

Nursery Ministry

Our Nursery Ministry is top-notch, caring for children ages five and under on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and during church-wide events. Bethany's nursery staff are paid employees, trained in CPR and First Aid, and committed to providing consistent, loving care. Our nursery policies and guidelines help ensure each child's safety and well-being. Parents can worship, serve, and participate knowing their little ones are safe, happy, and loved.

Bridges Special Needs Ministry

Bethany is also blessed with a ministry dedicated to embracing and serving children with special needs and their families. Bridges Special Needs Ministry exists to make the love and acceptance of Jesus Christ, the encouragement of fellowship, and the joy of worship fully accessible to every child.

Bridges provides a specially equipped classroom tailored for children with unique needs. Our director works closely with families to provide the best care and plan for each child—whether that means time in worship, a Sunday School buddy, or a quiet space for rest.

In addition, Bridges offers a monthly Respite Night giving parents and caregivers a much-needed evening out while their children enjoy a night of fun and care.

Child Development Center and KidsCare

Bethany is home to both a preschool and an elementary after-school program, serving families throughout our community.

The Child Development Center (CDC) offers half-day preschool for children ages 2 through Kindergarten. With over 150 students, it is one of the top preschools in the area, committed to nurturing young children in a safe, positive, and Christ-centered environment.

KidsCare provides after-school and summer camp care for Kindergarten through 5th grade students, picking up from 8 local schools. With chapel, field trips, mission projects, and plenty of fun, KidsCare teaches children how to live like Jesus in their everyday lives.

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Special Events Throughout the Year

Children's Ministries also hosts memorable events that become highlights of the church calendar. From special Sundays where children lead worship, to our Back to School Bash, to the annual Easter Butterfly Release and Jesus' Birthday Party in December—each event reminds us of the joy and faith of our youngest disciples. Of course, Vacation Bible School is the biggest week of the year, when over 350 children experience the love of Christ through worship, learning, games, and fellowship.

There truly is something for every child at Bethany. If you would like more information about Children's Ministries, please contact the Children's Ministries Department. Here, your children will be loved and cherished, while learning about God's love for them and how they can share that love with others.

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WHO WILL FEED YOU
WITH KNOWLEDGE AND
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JEREMIAH 3:15



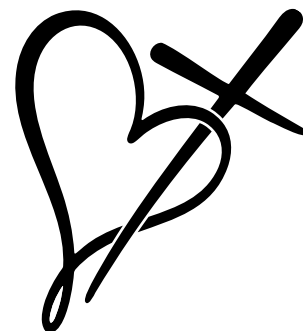
If you or someone you know would like to speak with a Stephen Minister, please contact the church office or Rev. Isaac Dusenbury.

Scan to learn more about Stephen Ministry



Grief Support Group

Are you, or someone you know, navigating a difficult time or coping with loss? Our Grief Support Group meets in the Parlor every first and third Sunday at 10:30 am. Everyone is welcome—come for yourself or invite someone who may benefit from the support, encouragement, and understanding of others who care.



Youth Ascend

BY KYLE BOCZKOWSKI

Student Ministry Update – October Edition

This past month has been an incredible season of growth and connection for our Student Ministry!

On Sunday nights, our students wrapped up a three-week series on friendship, faced the difficult but important subject of anxiety, and our Senior High group wrestled with the challenging question: Where is God when tragedy strikes? These conversations reminded us that faith is not about avoiding hard questions, but about finding God's presence and hope in the middle of them.

Our students also enjoyed some great trips and experiences together! We spent a day at Carowinds, enjoyed an outing to Top Golf, and launched our Wednesday Night Bethany Now program. Each Wednesday includes fellowship, fun, and once a month a chance to serve with Hearts for Summerville—a wonderful way for our students to give back to our community.

Looking ahead, we are beginning a new three-week series at ASCEND called "Make it Make Sense." This study explores how modern science does not contradict our faith but actually strengthens and fortifies it. We're excited for students to lean into curiosity and discover how faith and science work together to point us toward God.

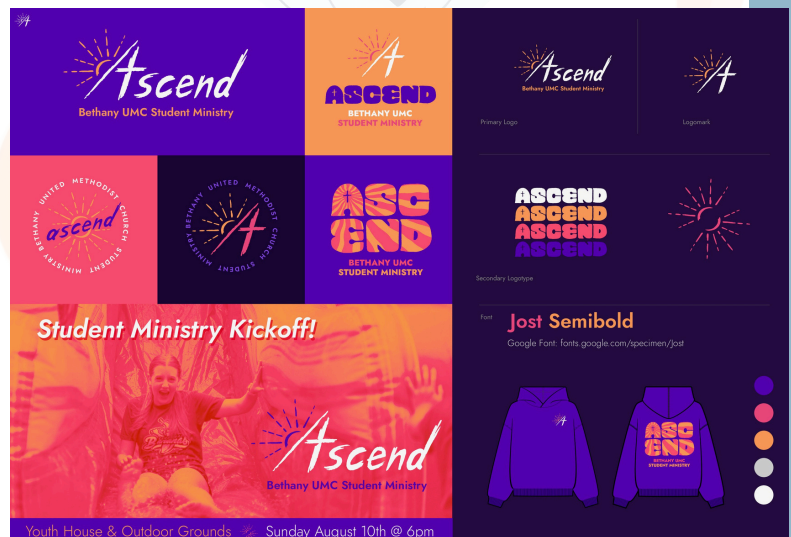


October also brings some exciting opportunities for our whole church family:

- **Fall Festival – Sunday, October 26th, 2–4 pm**
Our annual Fall Festival is a chance for students and adults to partner together in ministry. We need your help! Decorate your trunk for our Trunk or Treat or connect with your Sunday school class to help run a game or activity. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our community as one church family.
- **Westfarm Corn Maze Trip – Wednesday, October 22**
A fun evening for our students to get lost in the maze and enjoy fellowship.
- **ASCEND Halloween Party – Sunday, October 26, 5:30–7:30 pm.** A night of costumes, games, food, worship, and small groups. Don't miss it!

Finally, we're excited to unveil our brand-new ASCEND logo! Branded t-shirts, polos, and sweatshirts will be available soon—stay tuned for how you can grab some gear and rep our student ministry!

Come be a part of what God is doing in this exciting and growing ministry. Thank you for your prayers and your partnership as we continue to lead students into a deeper relationship with Jesus.



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Fall Festival Volunteers Needed!

Bethany's Fall Festival is right around the corner—join us on **Sunday, October 26** at 2pm in the church parking lot for an afternoon of fun! We need your help to make this a special day for our children. Decorate your trunk, bring candy, and be part of the excitement. With 150–200 children expected, the more trunks we have, the more fun it will be! Businesses, groups, classrooms, and individuals are all welcome to participate.

To sign up, simply complete the form in the Sunday bulletin or around the church and return it to the offering plate or Youth Office—or scan the QR code to register online.



We're also collecting bottled sodas (any size) for the always-popular Drink Toss game. Donations can be dropped off in the Youth Office.



JOIN US!!

Join us for Youth ASCEND every Sunday at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall! All students in grades 6–12 are invited to come grow in faith, build friendships, and enjoy exciting trips and activities. Bring a friend and be part of the fun!

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