



A monthly newsletter of Bethany United Methodist Church, Summerville, South Carolina

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#### *From the Pastor*

Over these past several weeks of paternity leave, I've missed you all more than I can say. Even while I've been away from the regular rhythms of church life, you have been on my mind and in my prayers. Thank you for the many ways you've cared for our family, whether through kind notes, thoughtful gifts, or faithful prayers. We have felt held by this church every step of the way.

Gemma Kate Dusenbury arrived on the night of February 6, weighing in at seven pounds and twelve ounces. Welcoming our newborn daughter has been a holy disruption in the best sense. There are moments (often quiet, sometimes sleepless) when I find myself simply watching her breathe, and I'm reminded again that God's love is both a reality and gift to be received. Kate and I might be exhausted, but we know that we also are being held and sustained through God's grace.

My mind has also been focused on the season of Lent. Lent calls us to slow down, to tell the truth about our limits, and to continuously return to the mercy of God. As we continue this journey toward the cross and the empty tomb, I encourage you to keep engaging Lent with intention: make room for prayer, for simple acts of repentance and reconciliation, for scripture, for generosity, and for whatever practices help you become more attentive to Jesus. It's about allowing God to meet you honestly and form you gently.

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I also want to offer my sincere gratitude to Pastor Michael for the way he has carried additional pastoral and ministerial responsibilities during my absence. Michael has served with steadiness and generosity, and I'm deeply thankful for his leadership, as well as for the many staff and volunteers who have supported our congregation so faithfully in these weeks.

Please continue to pray for our family as we adjust to this new season, and know that I'm grateful to be part of a church that embodies Christ's care in tangible ways.

I look forward to returning soon, seeing you, and worshiping together again.

Sincerely,  
Pastor Isaac



## *Lenten Season*

As we enter the sacred season of Lent, we invite you to journey with us through worship, fellowship, and reflection.

Each Wednesday night during Lent, we will have a special Lenten service in Spell Chapel at 6:15 pm, featuring guest ministers who will share powerful messages of faith and reflection:

- March 4 – Rev. Jeffrey Salley
- March 11 – Rev. Mitch Houston
- March 18 – Rev. John Poole
- April 2 – Rev. Schoneke Summerhill

We encourage you to set aside time during this season for worship and spiritual renewal.

### **Easter Lilies**

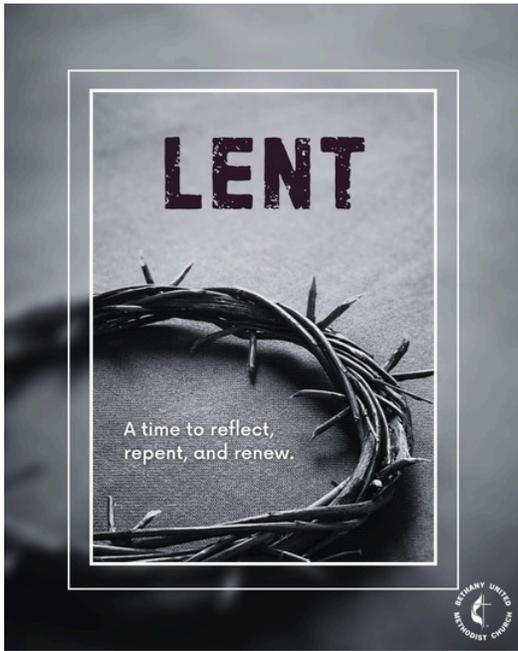
Help us beautifully adorn our worship spaces with Easter lilies this Easter Sunday. You are invited to order a lily in honor or in loving memory of a cherished loved one as we celebrate the joy and hope of the Resurrection. Scan the QR code, fill out the form in your Sunday bulletin, or stop by the Business office by March 22 to order yours!

A graphic for the Lenten season. It features a dark background with green foliage. In the center, a wooden bowl contains dark soil with a small wooden cross planted in it. The text "The Season of Lent" is written in a large, white, cursive font. To the left, the text "Wednesday Worship Services 6:15 pm Spell Chapel" is written in a white, sans-serif font. Below this, a list of dates and ministers is provided in a smaller white font.

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Wednesday  
Worship Services  
6:15 pm Spell Chapel  
*Season  
of  
Lent*  
February 25: Rev. Rick Rogers-Berry  
March 4: Rev. Jeffrey Salley  
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March 25: Rev. Schoneke Summerhill

A graphic for Easter lilies. It features a close-up photograph of a white lily flower with green leaves. The text "Easter Lilies" is written in a large, black, cursive font. Below this, the price "\$20/each" and the deadline "Deadline: Sunday, March 22" are written in a black, sans-serif font.

*Easter Lilies*  
\$20/each  
Deadline: Sunday, March 22



**Don't Forget to Spring Forward!**

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8!  
Remember to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night before bed, so you don't miss church. Yes, we'll lose an hour of sleep, but we'll gain more daylight to enjoy!

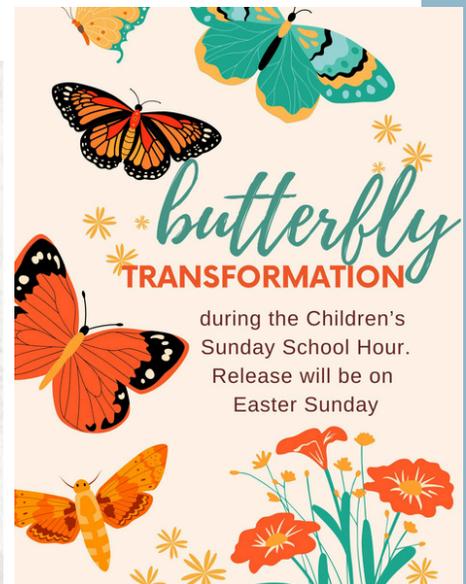


BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

**HE IS RISEN**

<p><b>6:30 AM</b></p> <p><b>SUNRISE SERVICE</b> <b>AZALEA PARK</b></p>	<p><b>8:30 AM</b></p> <p><b>TRADITIONAL SERVICE</b> <b>SANCTUARY</b></p>	<p><b>11 AM</b></p> <p><b>CONTEMPORARY WORD &amp; TABLE</b> <b>FELLOWSHIP HALL</b></p>
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# *The Last Supper; A Dramatic Presentation*

Step into one of the most powerful moments in Scripture as Bethany presents *The Last Supper*, a dramatic performance inspired by Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, *The Last Supper*.

During this moving presentation, the familiar painting comes to life. One by one, each disciple steps forward to deliver a monologue, reflecting on his personal relationship with Jesus and wrestling with the stunning announcement that one of them will betray Him. As they grapple with confusion, fear, sorrow, and even suspicion, each man asks the piercing question, "Lord, is it I?" The tension of that moment unfolds before the audience, revealing the very human emotions behind the sacred story.

Periodically, the story will pause for a musical interlude, giving the congregation time to prayerfully reflect and contemplate what they have just experienced. These moments of music and stillness deepen the impact of the drama and prepare hearts for what comes next. The production is directed by Melonea Marek and features a talented cast including: Casey Canonge, Roland Fulcher, Barton Gerwig, Chuck Lewis, Keith Locklair, Shannon Locklair, Toler Maloy, Gillis McAllister, Patrick McAllister, Anthony Pieretti, Dow Ritter, Rick Rogers-Berry, and Paul Weinreich.

Mary Lynn Harlow is leading the Costume, Hair, and Makeup Team, and Faye Campbell is overseeing set decoration, helping transform the Sanctuary into the upper room of that sacred night.

## **Performance Dates**

- Maundy Thursday – April 2 at 7:30 pm
- Good Friday – April 3 at 7:30 pm

Location: Sanctuary

Admission is free, but a ticket is required for entry.

Tickets are available on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, or at the Welcome Center anytime the church office is open.

The evening will conclude with the celebration of Holy Communion, inviting all present to move from observers to participants — remembering Christ's sacrifice and grace in a deeply personal and meaningful way.

Join us for this powerful Holy Week experience as art, Scripture, music, and worship come together in a dramatic retelling of the night that changed the world.



## THE LAST SUPPER

Thursday, April 2 and Friday April, 3  
7:30 pm in the Sanctuary

# Missions

## Free Tax Assistance at Bethany UMC

Bethany UMC will host AARP Tax-Aide and VITA Tax Services this tax season, offering free federal and state income tax preparation.

**AARP Tax-Aide** will be available at Bethany UMC (Room 118) from February 2 – April 14, on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 8 am – 4 pm. Appointments can be made by calling 843.900.1342 (please do not call the church).

**VITA Tax Services**, sponsored by the IRS and Trident Urban League, assists low- to moderate-income taxpayers (under \$70,000/year). Services will be offered at Bethany UMC on Saturdays, 10 am – 2 pm, from January 24 – April 11. To schedule an appointment, contact Blair Stewart at 843.270.3001 or bhsbtb@gmail.com.



Bethany United Methodist Church

## Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, March 28

7-10am

Fellowship Hall

All You Can Eat Pancakes served with sausage, coffee, orange juice & milk.



118 West 3rd South Street, Summerville

donations appreciated!

## United Women of Faith



During the month of March, we are collecting items urgently needed by Lowcountry Orphan Relief. Their most pressing needs at this time are toddler girls' shoes (sizes 2–9), toddler boys' shoes (sizes 3–10), and girls' and boys' winter tops (size 12).

Donations may be placed in the collection box located in the hallway, and items will be collected **through April 5**. As always, gently used children's clothing is greatly appreciated and continues to help meet ongoing needs. Thank you for your compassion and generosity. Together, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of these children.



## Katie's Krops Desserts Needed!

We are in need of individually wrapped homemade desserts to be paired with Katie's Krops meals on **March 19** for the hungry in the local area.

Please deliver to the Business Office by Thursday, **March 19** no later than 11 am.



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



# Flowntown Festival- March 27-29

The Flowntown Festival is almost here, and once again, we are blessed to be right in the middle of it all! Each year this incredible community event brings thousands of visitors to town — and to our doorstep. It's one of our greatest opportunities to serve our neighbors while also supporting the ministries of our church.

Throughout the weekend of **March 27–29**, we will open our campus as a welcoming space for the community while holding a fundraiser to support Missions and our Youth Group. This is a joyful, high-energy weekend that allows us to show the love of Christ in practical ways — offering hospitality, smiles, directions, and a place to rest.

But we need LOTS of help to make it all run smoothly!

## Vendor Set-Up (March 25 & 26)

Before the crowds arrive, we need volunteers on **Wednesday, March 25**, and **Thursday, March 26** to help with:

- Checking in vendors
- Assisting with reserved parking
- Answering questions
- Helping vendors locate their assigned spaces

## During the Festival – Where Can You Help?

### Parking Lot Team

Our parking lot will be bustling all three days.

Volunteers are needed to:

- Collect parking payments
- Direct cars to available spaces
- Help guide traffic safely at the exit

If you enjoy being outside and interacting with lots of people, this is a great place to serve!

### Hospitality Area Team

Our hospitality area provides a welcoming place for festival-goers to rest and eat. Volunteers will:

- Wipe down tables
- Monitor and manage trash
- Help keep the area clean and inviting
- Engage with guests and share a little joy

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with community members in a relaxed setting.

### Shift Leaders Needed

Shift Leaders will serve in the Hospitality Area during each 3-hour shift. Leaders commit to working the same shift all three days, providing guidance and support to volunteers and helping ensure everything runs smoothly. Contact Lynda Gildea if you can help in this capacity.

### Why It Matters

The money raised during the festival directly supports our Missions and Youth ministries, helping us continue serving both locally and beyond. More importantly, this weekend allows us to be a visible, welcoming presence in the heart of our community.

Each shift is just three hours, and volunteers always have a great time serving together. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or brand new to serving, there is a place for you!

### Sign-Up Now

You can sign up:

- This QR Code: 
- In person on the bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall

If you have questions, please contact Kyle Boczkowski or Emily Vick.

Let's come together to make this important weekend a joyful, successful ministry for our church and our community!



# Outreach Opportunities



## Bethany NOW Schedule

### 5-6pm Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

#### 6:15 Lenten Worship Services

#### 6 – 7:30pm Kids Activities

Spring is just around the corner, and Bethany NOW continues each Wednesday evening in March with fellowship, food, worship, and meaningful programming for all ages!

### Wednesday Night Dinner 5–6pm

Join us for a delicious meal and warm fellowship each week:

- **March 4** – Chicken Spaghetti
- **March 11** – Chicken Cacciatore, Salad, Bread & Dessert
- **March 18** – Taco Bar
- **March 25** – Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans & Cookies

Dinner is a wonderful time to reconnect with friends and meet new ones before our evening activities begin.

### Children & Youth Schedule

Our children will continue their regular schedule of music and faith formation:

#### 6:00–6:45 PM

- 4's & Kindergarten – Cherub Choir
- 1st & 2nd Grade – Melody Choir
- 3rd–5th Grade – Crafting Faith

#### 6:45–7:30 PM

- 4's–2nd Grade – Crafting Faith
- 3rd–5th Grade – Wesley Choir or Bible Adventures

**Youth (grades 6-12)** will participate in the Lenten Worship Services each week at 6:15 PM in Spell Chapel, except on March 11, when they will be hosting and serving the Wednesday night meal.

There's something engaging and meaningful for every age group!

### Adults

During the season of Lent, adults are invited to participate in Lenten Worship Services at 6:15pm in Spell Chapel. This sacred time of reflection and worship helps prepare our hearts for Easter.

Following Easter, Rev. Dusenbury will lead a four-week study on the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, offering a deeper look at the life and teachings of Jesus through each Gospel's unique perspective.

We hope you'll make Bethany NOW part of your Wednesday rhythm this March. Come for dinner, stay for worship, and grow in faith together!



# KidsCare

BY MAKALA BOCZKOWSKI

As we begin to see the first signs of spring, we are reminded of God's beautiful promise of new beginnings: *"For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds has come..."* — Song of Solomon 2:11-13

There is something so special about this season—longer days, fresh starts, and the excitement of all that is ahead for our KidsCare families.

## **Spring Break Camp: March 30 – April 2**

There is still time to sign up for our Spring Break Camp! We are looking forward to an unforgettable week filled with hands-on activities, laughter, faith-filled moments, and time to build sweet friendships.

If you are still making plans, we would love to have your child join us. It is always such a joy to spend these extra days together.

## **Summer Camp 2026 Registration Opens March 16**

We are officially counting down the days until summer break. Registration for Summer Camp 2026 opens March 16th, and we cannot wait to share eight straight weeks of summer fun with your children.

Each week is filled with exciting adventures, creative activities, outdoor play, meaningful devotion time, and opportunities for children to grow socially and spiritually.

Spaces are limited, so please reach out as soon as registration opens to secure your child's spot. Summer at KidsCare is something truly special.

## **Work With Kids This Summer**

Are you (or someone you know) a junior or senior in high school, or a college student home for the summer?

If you have a heart for children and desire to grow deeper in your love for Jesus, we would love to talk with you about joining our KidsCare team. This is a meaningful opportunity to gain valuable experience, build leadership skills, and pour into the lives of children in a Christ-centered environment.

## **2026–2027 After-School Registration Is Open**

We are already looking ahead to the next school year, and registration for our 2026–2027 after-school program is now open.

If you know of someone in K-5th grade, we encourage you to tell them about KidsCare and to register early to secure your child's place. We are so grateful for the trust that is placed on us each day to partner with our families in caring for and guiding their children.

As always, thank you for being such an important part of our KidsCare family. It is truly an honor to walk alongside your children as they grow—not only academically and socially—but in their faith and understanding that God has a beautiful plan for their lives.

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Director

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# CDC

BY TONI PINKARD



Spring is in the air at Bethany CDC! Our students will be learning about plants, animals, insects, spring weather and much more. They will plant seeds, watch caterpillars transform into butterflies, and ladybug larvae become ladybugs. They will make bird feeders, take nature walks, and visit Azalea Park to observe the tadpoles. Spring is such a fun time to learn about the beauty and wonder of God's creation!

Parent-teacher conferences will take place in April & May. During the conferences parents and teachers will celebrate all the new skills the children have learned and discuss how to best support each child as they continue on their learning journey. At Bethany CDC, parents and teachers truly work as a team to support the children.

# Ministry Spotlight

## Outreach at Bethany:

### Sharing Christ with Our Community

At Bethany United Methodist Church, outreach is more than a program — it is who we are. Throughout the year, we open our doors, step into the community, and create meaningful opportunities to share Christ's love with our neighbors in Summerville and beyond.

### Flowertown Festival

Each spring during the Flowertown Festival, Bethany's campus becomes a hub of hospitality and service.

We provide paid parking as a fundraiser supporting our Youth and Mission ministries, and we offer a welcoming hospitality area where festival-goers can rest, cool off, and enjoy a meal.

This weekend is more than a fundraiser — it is an opportunity to connect with thousands of visitors, extend kindness, and let the community see what Bethany is all about: faith, service, and genuine hospitality.

### Living Christmas Story

Our annual Living Christmas Story is a beloved Summerville tradition. This drive-through reenactment of the night Jesus was born welcomes more than 4,000 people each year.

As families journey through the scenes of Bethlehem, they experience the wonder of Christ's birth in a powerful and memorable way. It is a beautiful opportunity to share the true meaning of Christmas with our community.

### National Day of Prayer Breakfast

In March, Bethany partners with the Summerville Family YMCA to host the National Day of Prayer Breakfast.

Community members gather for a morning of song, prayer, and encouragement, united in a shared spirit of faith.

This special event reminds us of the power of prayer and the importance of coming together as one community under God.

### Gift & Gourmet Market

Each October, the Gift & Gourmet Market opens its doors to the community for a time of fellowship and fun. Guests shop for handmade crafts, delicious baked goods, and homemade casseroles — perfect for gifts or holiday gatherings.

Most importantly, every dollar raised at the Market is given to local mission organizations serving our community.

It is a joyful way to bless others while celebrating creativity and generosity.

## The Last Supper Drama

Our dramatic presentation of *The Last Supper* invites the Summerville community into a meaningful Holy Week experience. Inspired by Leonardo da Vinci's iconic painting, the cast brings the scene to life, allowing audiences to witness the disciples wrestle with Jesus' announcement that one of them will betray Him. Through powerful storytelling and the sharing of Holy Communion, attendees experience Christ's death and resurrection in a deeply personal way.

Through festivals, markets, worship experiences, and community partnerships, Bethany seeks to be a light in Summerville — welcoming all, serving generously, and sharing the hope of Jesus Christ.

Outreach is not just something we do. It is how we live out our faith together.

## Happy Hearts Luncheon



### Friday, March 20

Please note: Happy Hearts will meet one week earlier this month due to the Flowertown Festival. Join us on **Friday, March 20** for a wonderful time of food, fellowship, and entertainment!

We are excited to welcome our very own talented Luke Biggs for what promises to be an unforgettable performance. You're in for a real treat—Luke is truly a man of many talents!

Lunch will include a delicious potato bar with all the fixings, chili and crackers, Ambrosia for dessert, and refreshing tea—all for just \$10.

Doors open at 11:15 am, so come early to enjoy fellowship before lunch is served at 12 pm.

### Reservations are due by Sunday, March 15.

To reserve your spot, call Dot Prevatte at 843.343.5450 or email her at [dmprevatte@yahoo.com](mailto:dmprevatte@yahoo.com).

We can't wait to see you there!

# Thrivent Choice Dollars



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Annually, eligible *Thrivent* clients have an opportunity to direct *Choice Dollars* to registered causes and organizations that they care about. Eligible clients are *Thrivent* customers who own qualifying products – annuities or insurance policies. Program details can be found at:

[www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice)

Clients are assigned *Choice Dollar* amounts to direct based on:

- The amount paid in annual premiums for insurance products – life, disability income and long-term care; or
- The total contract value of their annuities and life insurance.

By now eligible clients should have received an email or letter from Thrivent stating the amount of *Choice Dollars* available for them to direct (based on 2025 premiums and account values). Clients can verify their eligibility and designate *Choice Dollar* recipients by logging into their Thrivent account using the link above or calling the Client Help desk (800) 847-4836 and stating “Thrivent Choice” at the prompt.

Bethany United Methodist Church is registered to receive *Choice Dollars*. Funds received go into the Bethany Endowment Fund.

**Note: This is a time-limited opportunity, available only until 31 March 2026.** After that, *Thrivent* will direct the remaining *Choice Dollars* to organizations of their choice. Funds will not accumulate for use next year.

For Endowment questions contact David Stamps, Chairman, ([dwstamps@sc.rr.com](mailto:dwstamps@sc.rr.com)).

# Get Connected

**Sunday  
March 8**



*New Member Class*

**BETHANY BASICS**  
3-5:30 pm  
Friendship Circle  
to register  
call Mandy 854.429.1843

JOIN US  
*yoga class*  
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS  
8:30 AM

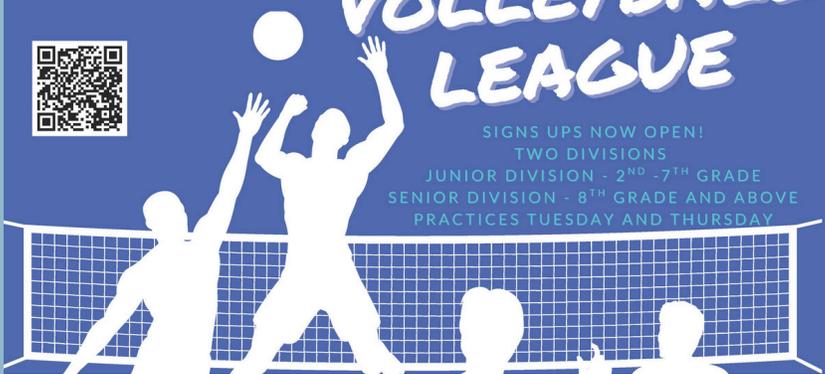


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1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAYS OF THE MONTH  
10AM-1PM ROOM 127

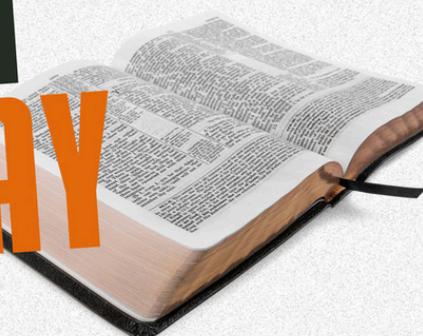
beginners and experts are encouraged to join!

**YOUTH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE**



SIGNS UPS NOW OPEN!  
TWO DIVISIONS  
JUNIOR DIVISION - 2<sup>ND</sup> - 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
SENIOR DIVISION - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AND ABOVE  
PRACTICES TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

**YOUTH SUNDAY**  
March 8



**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

If you or someone you know would like to speak with a Stephen Minister, please contact the church office or Rev. Isaac Dusenbury. 11



### Bethany Prayer Group

We are developing a dedicated email address where individuals and Sunday School classes will soon be able to share prayer concerns and praises. More details will be available in the coming weeks as this ministry continues to take shape.

We are also gathering a team of Prayer Warriors who feel called to faithfully lift up these requests. Members will receive praises and prayer concerns by email each Monday and are asked to pray over them throughout the week.

If you would like to be part of this meaningful ministry and receive the weekly prayer list, please contact Mandy Killiri at [mkilliri@bethany-umc.com](mailto:mkilliri@bethany-umc.com) or 843.873.1230. We look forward to launching this ministry in the near future!



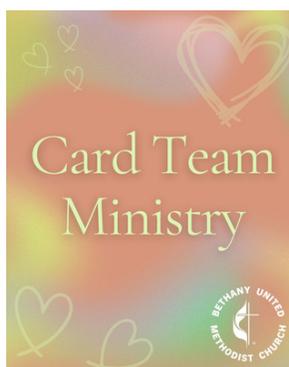
### Card Team Ministry

The Bethany Card Team, a ministry of Bethany's Congregational Care Team, shares encouragement and care with church members through handwritten notes and cards. Volunteers reach out to those experiencing illness, grief, hardship, loneliness, or who are homebound—because a simple card can make a meaningful difference. If you know a Bethany UMC member who would be blessed by a card, please contact Card Team Leader Brenda Byrd at [Brendagbyrd@gmail.com](mailto:Brendagbyrd@gmail.com) or 912.674.8314 (call or text). Thank you for helping us extend Christ's love through caring connections.

### Altar flowers

Altar flowers offer a beautiful and meaningful way to honor or remember a loved one, or to celebrate a special occasion. Several dates are still available in the coming months, including **April 12**, **May 3**, and **May 24**, as well as additional openings throughout the summer and later in the year.

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.



# Children's Ministries

## Get your snow gear on and get ready for Snowball Mountain Challenge at Bethany United Methodist Church!

Planning is in full swing for this year's Vacation Bible School, and excitement is building as we prepare to welcome 350 Challengers for an unforgettable week. Our theme verse is Philippians 4:13 — *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* Throughout the week, children will discover that no challenge is too great when we trust in Jesus. From high-energy worship to engaging Bible lessons, creative crafts, fun snacks, and exciting games, Snowball Mountain Challenge is sure to be an incredible adventure of faith and fellowship!

### How Can You Help?

We need YOU to make this year's VBS a success! There are many ways to get involved and serve as we prepare for this exciting week:

#### Volunteer Opportunities:

- Classroom teachers (for all ages)
- Classroom assistants (for all ages)
- Decorators
- Snack helpers
- Material preparation helpers
- At-home project helpers
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#### Greatest Needs:

- Classroom teachers (all ages)
- Classroom assistants (all ages)
- Help with projects that can be completed at home
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Whether you have years of experience or simply a heart willing to serve, there is a place for you on our team. Prayerfully consider being part of what promises to be a very special week in the life of Bethany.

To volunteer, please contact Emily Vick at [evick@bethany-umc.com](mailto:evick@bethany-umc.com).



### Registration Details

- **Bethany members: Registration opens March 1**
- **Community members: Registration opens March 15**

Children will register for the grade they are currently in. We welcome children ages 4 (by September 1, 2025) through 5th grade.

A special class for 3-year-olds will be available for volunteers' children only. Register online at: [www.bethany-umc.com](http://www.bethany-umc.com).

To help offset the costs of providing this amazing program, we are asking each family to consider making a \$25 donation per child. Donations may be made online during registration or at the church business office (Monday–Thursday, 9 am–5 pm; Friday, 9 am–12 pm).

### Prayers Are Vital!

As we continue planning, we ask for your prayers. Our team is preparing to introduce Jesus to children who may not yet know Him and to help others grow deeper in their faith. Your prayers and support are essential as we seek to bring God glory through this ministry.

We can't wait to see all the smiling faces as we journey together up Snowball Mountain — trusting that with Christ's strength, we can conquer every challenge!



# Children's Ministries

## A Beautiful Easter Journey for Our Children

This March, an exciting and meaningful opportunity awaits the children of Bethany! During Sunday School, our children will witness one of God's most beautiful miracles of transformation — watching tiny caterpillars become butterflies.

As the caterpillars grow, form their chrysalises, and eventually emerge as butterflies, our children will reflect on the story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Through weekly devotions, each stage of the butterfly's transformation will be connected to an important part of Jesus' journey:

- **The Caterpillar** – Jesus' life and ministry as He taught, healed, and showed God's love.
- **The Chrysalis** – A time of waiting and mystery, reflecting on Jesus' death and the quiet of the tomb.
- **The Butterfly** – The joy and hope of the resurrection, new life bursting forth on Easter morning.

This hands-on experience will help bring the Easter story to life in a powerful and memorable way for our children. On Easter Day, the children will celebrate the joy of resurrection by releasing their butterflies at the Flowering Cross. We warmly invite you to join us for this special and symbolic moment as we rejoice together in the promise of new life.

Come witness the beauty of transformation — in butterflies and in hearts — as we celebrate the risen Christ!



## Kids' Sunday in Word & Table a Joyful

### Success!

What a beautiful and Spirit-filled morning we shared at Bethany United Methodist Church for Kids' Sunday in Word & Table!

Centered on the theme "God Is Love," our children led worship with confidence, joy, and heartfelt faith. They did an amazing job reading Scripture, leading prayers, singing with enthusiasm, and helping serve Holy Communion. It was a powerful reminder that God works through every generation and that our children are not just the future of the church — they are an important part of the church right now.

Their smiles, voices, and servant hearts filled the sanctuary with warmth and meaning. The message of God's love was not only spoken — it was beautifully demonstrated.

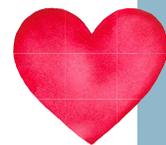
### A heartfelt thank you to:

- The children who courageously led
- Parents and families for their encouragement
- Our volunteers and teachers who prepared and guided them
- Everyone who supported and participated in this special service

It truly was a celebration of faith, love, and community.

We are so proud of our children and grateful for a church family that nurtures and supports them.

"God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."



## Easter Egg Hunt

Join us on **April 4** at 2 pm for an afternoon of Easter fun for the whole family!

- Preschool – Egg hunt on the playground
- Kindergarten–2nd Grade – Egg hunt in Azalea Park
- 3rd–5th Grade – Scavenger hunt at the Youth House

Bring your baskets and invite a friend—we can't wait to celebrate with you!

# Memorials

September 25, 2025 - February 24, 2026

## **In Memory of Joan McKlissick ( Memorials)**

By Dan & Bonnie Sweat

## **In Memory of Cynthia Riley (Memorials)**

By Berlin & Betsy Myers

By Mary Putnam

By Claire Palmer

By Sandra & Hozel Rourk

By Jan Waring Woods

By Mary Hezel

By Charleston Trident Assoc. of Realtors

By Mac & Rossie McLaurin

By Ann Gill

## **In Memory of Dr. James E. Wynn Sr. ( Memorials)**

By Joyce Wynn

## **In Memory of Bob Lesch (Handbells)**

By Ollie Lesch

## **In Memory of Doris Murray (Operating)**

By Claire Palmer

## **In Memory of Ollie Lesch (Music)**

By Jim & Jeanne Griffin

By Ann Walker

By Billy & Gail Hay

By Berlin & Betsy Myers

By Unni Waterhouse

By Ann Gill

By Sandy Mills

## **HONORARIUMS**

### **In Honor of Ann, Mac, Ben, Pauline & Charlie Burdette (Memorials)**

By Carol Danner Benfield



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