

Announcements & Upcoming Activities



UWF Salad Luncheon

Tickets for this year's United Women in Faith Salad Luncheon, scheduled for Saturday, May 4 at noon, will be on sale this week in the lobby and at the door on May 4th. The entertainment, *Let There Be Chocolate*, will be presented by Gail Ambrosius.

Town Hall Meeting May 5 - 8:30am

Pre-worship Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, May 5th, led by our Leadership Board and Pastor Julie. Pastor Julie will provide insights from General Conference, detailing decisions made and their potential impact on Bethany UMC. Additionally, we'll share updates on the MCCI process, time permitting. See you there! Childcare will be available at 8:30.

FLASH! Choir

Children, youth and adults are welcome to participate in the FLASH! Choir on Sunday, May 5. Rehearsal will be at 9:00 am.

Vacation Bible Camp

Registration is open for Vacation Bible Camp 2024 (VBC), June 10-13 (Mon to Thurs), 3:00 - 5:00 pm at Bethany. VBC is designed for children who are ages 4 - 11 years old. Contact Lisa Weaver, Director of Children's Ministries, (Children@BethanyMadison.org) for details.

Favorite Bible Display

Do you have a favorite Bible or one that is special to you? Maybe it's a family heirloom, maybe it's the one you use every day, or maybe it's one you got as a child. Bring it by Sunday, May 12 for our Bible Display. Our 2nd Grade students will be receiving Bibles that day and as part of the celebration, we want to share that Bible reading is a lifelong journey. You can add your Bible to the table in the lobby. Be sure to also fill out one of the slips of paper and share why the Bible you brought is special to you. Thanks for sharing!

Youth Mission Opportunity

Youth who have completed grades 6-12 are invited to join our summer mission trip July 22-26. The focus will be on Ecology, Justice and Faith, Food Security and Homelessness. This will be an opportunity to serve with and learn from our neighbors here in Wisconsin.

The first day and night will be spent in Milwaukee, then we will return to Madison for some local serving and learning. There will be some fun and faith building along the way and the final day will be spent enjoying a water park in Wisconsin Dells. Contact Kathy Mohs, Director of Youth Ministries, (youth@BethanyMadison.org) to register or for

About Bethany

Refreshments: Enjoy coffee and refreshments in the lobby from 9:30 am until 10:00 am and following worship.

Keep in Touch

Church Office Hours: Weekdays, 8 am to 2:30 pm Bethany UMC 3910 Mineral Point Rd. Madison, WI 53705 608.238.6381 **Childcare:** Sunday morning childcare is offered in the church library from 9:00 - 9:45 am during music rehearsals. From 9:45 - 11:15 am, the nursery is open in Room 225 for children ages 5 and younger.

Website: BethanyMadison.org

more information.

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All Staff: BethanyMadison.org/staff



Sunday, April 28, 2024 10:00 am



Welcome

We are honored you chose to worship with us today.

To learn more about the life of the church, visit our website: BethanyMadison.org

Bethany's Vision for the World

Every person feels, knows, and shares God's love.

Gathering Music

Sue Poullette, Organ

"Variation I on 'When Love is Found"

(arr. Janet Linker, b. 1938) "Gather Us In"

(arr. John Behnke, b. 1953)

Welcome! Pastor Brad

We believe all people are recipients of God's love and grace, and that God intends the church to be a community that embodies love, grace, and justice for all people. We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, social status, and so much more. Everyone is welcome!

Breakthrough Prayer

Pastor Brad

God of all possibilities, we are listening. Embolden us to recognize where love and hope are needed most. Amen

Opening Prayer (On Screen)

Diane Johnson

Song **#2236** "Gather Us In"

Faith We Sing Sue Poullette, Organ

Children's Message

Lisa Weaver

Scripture (1 John 4:7-13, 18-21) CEB

Diane Johnson

⁷Dear friends, let's love each other, because love is from God, and everyone who loves is born from God and knows God. 8 The person who doesn't love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how the love of God is revealed to us: God has sent his only Son into the world so that we can live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: it is not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son as the sacrifice that deals with our sins.

¹¹ Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other. ¹² No one has ever seen God. If we love each other, God remains in us and his love is made perfect in us. ¹³ This is how we know we remain in him and he remains in us, because he has given us a measure of his Spirit.

¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear expects punishment. The person who is afraid has not been made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love because God first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, "I love God" and hate their brothers or sisters are liars. After all, those who don't love their brothers or sisters whom they have seen can hardly love God whom they have not seen! ²¹ This commandment we have from him: Those who claim to love God ought to love their brother and sister also.

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Children are invited to walk to Sunday School following the scripture)

Message

"Love, In Deed"

Chancel Choir

By Our Love by Tom Kendzia I Will Walk this Way by Ken And Michael Berg Love Will Rise Again by Mark A. Miller For Everyone Born arr. Brian Mann Lead with Love by Melanie DeMore

Musicians: Evan Lange, Piano; Amy Harr, Cello Soloists: Jackie Day, Barb Graham, Becky Day

Song "Lead With Love"

On Screen

Offering

Pastor Brad



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Discipleship Moment

Pastor Brad

Song

#2026 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Faith We Sing Sue Poullette, Organ

Time of Prayer

Pastor Brad

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Song

#2190 "Bring Forth the Kingdom"

Faith We Sing Evan Lange, Piano

Final Blessing and Greeting One Another

Pastor Brad

Closing Music

Sue Poullette, Organ

"When in Our Music God is Glorified"

(arr. David Cherwien, b. 1957)

Simple Gifts for April: Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice

Simple Gifts during the month of April are going to support Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice, which connects and empowers faith communities and individuals to work for the common good and a life of dignity for everyone.

Simple gifts can be made by placing loose coins in the offering plates, or by putting cash or a check in mission envelopes.