



## Announcements & Upcoming Activities



### Game Night

Board games, card games, jigsaw puzzles, a coloring table...you are invited for fellowship with the Bethany community during this time of relaxed conversation and fun. Perhaps you may even want to invite a neighbor or friend! Supper is included in the evening — often a taco bar or soup. All ages are welcome, and Bethany childcare staff members are present to play games and help tend to our youngest friends. We meet in Fellowship Hall on October 12 at 4:30 pm — 6:30 pm.

### Youth Group Adventure!

On Sunday, Oct. 20th youth will be heading to Schuster's Farm! We will meet up in room 228 following worship for a quick lunch and then head out to the farm! We'll walk the corn maze, have treats, and pick pumpkins to be painted to decorate Bethany! Youth attending do not need to be members of Bethany if you would like to bring a friend — the more the merrier! Please RSVP to Kathy Mohs, Youth Director, at youth@bethanymadison.org by Sunday, Oct. 13!

### Pheasant Branch Seed Collection

Come and experience the beauty of God's creation on Saturday, October 26, 10:30-11:30 am at Pheasant Branch Conservancy (4864 Pheasant Branch Rd, Middleton). We will be collecting prairie seeds under the guidance of a Pheasant Branch Naturalist. The collected seeds will be used the following spring throughout Dane County to start new prairies or diversify established prairies. If you've ever wanted to "leave the path" at a nature preserve, this is your opportunity! All ages welcome for this community service project. See Ms. Lisa (Director of Children's Ministry) for more information.

### New Member Class

The vision of Bethany UMC is that every person knows, feels and shares God's love. We do this through worship, fellowship and service. God's love is available to all and needed by all. Would you like to learn more about officially joining Bethany UMC and joining in fulfilling this mission? Pastor Julie is offering a two-part membership information class on October 27 and November 3 from 8:30 to 9:30 am and everyone is welcome. Come and learn how you can be part of the Bethany family.

### To Parents of Young Children

God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel like you have to suppress those wiggles in church.

- Consider sitting closer to the front, where it's easier for your little ones to engage.
- Quietly explain the parts of worship and actions of the worship leader, musicians, pastor and others who are involved in the service.
- Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. That's how children learn.

If your child needs a bathroom or water break please feel free to leave the Sanctuary, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

### 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  
Website: BethanyMadison.org

**Childcare:** From 9:00 to 9:45 am our childcare staff are available in the library for children whose adult family members are preparing for worship. From 9:50 - 11:15 am, the nursery is open in Room 222 for children ages 5 and younger.



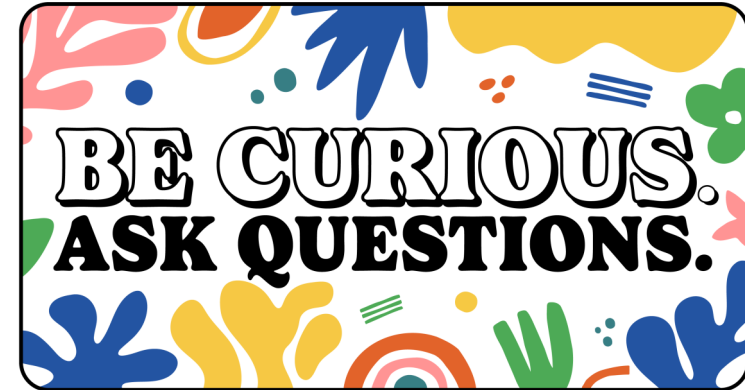
**Bethany**

United Methodist Church



Sunday, September 22, 2024

10:00 am



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### 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](http://BethanyMadison.org)

### Bethany's Vision for the World

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

### Gathering Music

*Sue Poullette, Organist*

**"I Danced in the Morning"**

*(Emma Lou Diemer, b. 1927)*

**"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"**

*(Emma Lou Diemer, b. 1927)*

### Welcome!

*Linda Huttenburg*

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

*Linda Huttenburg*

Timeless God, challenge us to know your radical love that created each person in your image. Open us to wonder, as we work for justice with kindness following the example of Christ. Amen.

## UWF Vision Statement (together)

*Linda Huttenburg*

Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

## Opening Prayer (together)

*Marge Lyford*

Creator God, we have gathered here in your sanctuary this morning as members of your family to worship you as our Living God. Community-making God, you have called us to be in community with each other. Enable us to center ourselves for renewal in your presence, commitment to your mission and ministry with the least of these, here and around the world. Equip us with your Holy Spirit to witness your love and power, healing and reconciliation, nurturance and new life. Inspire us once again to be tellers of the old, old story in ever new contexts, that Jesus has come so that we may have life, in fact, more than life, life in its fullness. Amen.

## Song

#114 “Many Gifts, One Spirit”

Red Hymnal  
*Sue Poullette, Organ*

## Children’s Message

*Lisa Weaver, Director of Children’s Ministries*

## Anthem

“The Gift of Love”  
By Hal Hopson

*Chancel Choir*  
*Evan Lange, Piano*

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

## Scripture (Acts 16:11-15) CEB

*Marge Lyford*

<sup>11</sup> We sailed from Troas straight for Samothrace and came to Neapolis the following day. <sup>12</sup> From there we went to Philippi, a city of Macedonia’s first district and a Roman colony. We stayed in that city several days. <sup>13</sup> On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the riverbank, where we thought there might be a place for prayer. We sat down and began to talk with the women who had gathered. <sup>14</sup> One of those women was Lydia, a Gentile God-worshipper from the city of Thyatira, a dealer in purple cloth. As she listened, the Lord enabled her to embrace Paul’s message. <sup>15</sup> Once she and her household were baptized, she urged, “Now that you have decided that I am a believer in the Lord, come and stay in my house.” And she persuaded us.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Message

“Just Who Are the United Women in Faith?”

*Women of Bethany*  
*UWF*

## Song

#707 “Hymn of Promise”

Red Hymnal  
*Evan Lange, Piano*

## Offering



Scan the QR Code or

Text “Bethanyumc” to 73256

*Kory Douglass*

## Mission Recognition

Service Pin Presentation to Beverly Klumpf

*Linda Huttenburg*

## Song

#437 “This Is My Song” (verse 1)

Red Hymnal  
*Evan Lange, Piano*

## Time of Prayer

*Kory Douglass*

## Lord’s Prayer

*Kory Douglass*

**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

#569 “We’ve A Story to Tell to the Nations”

Red Hymnal  
*Sue Poullette, Organ*

## Final Blessing and Greeting One Another

## Closing Music

“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”  
*(Emma Lou Diemer, b. 1927)*

*Sue Poullette, Organist*

### Simple Gifts for September: The Road Home Dane County

Simple Gifts help The Road Home provide supportive case management services, student enrichment, in-home counseling, rental assistance, employment assistance, and transportation.

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