



## Announcements & Upcoming Activities



### 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 a.m. 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 a.m. and everyone is welcome. Come and learn how you can be part of the Bethany family.

### Election Day Volunteers

Bethany will be an election polling location for the upcoming general election on November 5th. The Welcoming Team is requesting volunteers to greet our neighbors and/or provide a snack for them and the poll workers. You can help out by either volunteering to greet and/or provide snacks. A signup is available on our website (BethanyMadison.org) on the Upcoming Events page and in the e-Banner.

### 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 p.m.  
Bethany UMC  
3910 Mineral Point Rd.  
Madison, WI 53705  
608.238.6381  
Website: BethanyMadison.org

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

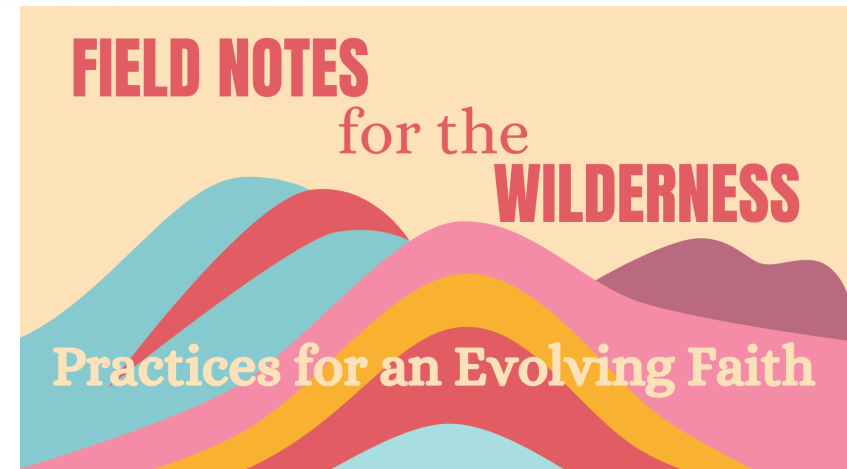


# Bethany

United Methodist Church



Sunday, October 13, 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, Organist*

**"To God, the Holy Spirit, Let Us Pray"**

*(Dietrich Buxtehude, 1637-1707)*

**"Comfort, Comfort, O My People"**

*(Gregg S. Sewell, b. 1953)*

### Welcome!

*Pastor Julie*

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 Julie*

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.

## Opening Prayer\*

Blow, wind of God. Blow away the tight rules that hold me back from trusting, risking, loving. Blow away my sin that stands in the way of encountering my neighbors. Ready me for birth. Prepare me for risk. Equip me with courage and vision for the new thing that waits around the corner. We cannot choose the stories we have inherited. But we can choose the stories that we become. Amen.

**Song** #383 “This Is a Day of New Beginnings” (verses 1-4) Red Hymnal  
*Sue Poullette, Organ*

**Children’s Message** *Lisa Weaver and Pastor Julie*

### Blessing of Sunday School Teachers

Lead Teachers: Tom Doran, Kris Jacobson, Melissa Jacobson, and Lisa Weaver  
Helpers: Numerous volunteers, parents, grandparents, and childcare staff

**Anthem** “I Want Jesus to Walk With Me” *Deb Kuehl, Soloist*  
*(Arr by Lloyd Larson) Evan Lange, Piano*

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

## Scripture (John 3:1-8) CEB

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a Jewish leader. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could do these miraculous signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “I assure you, unless someone is born anew, it’s not possible to see God’s kingdom.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus asked, “How is it possible for an adult to be born? It’s impossible to enter the mother’s womb for a second time and be born, isn’t it?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “I assure you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it’s not possible to enter God’s kingdom. <sup>6</sup> Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Don’t be surprised that I said to you, ‘You must be born anew.’ <sup>8</sup> God’s Spirit blows wherever it wishes. You hear its sound, but you don’t know where it comes from or where it is going. It’s the same with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Message** “Born Again” *Pastor Julie*

**Song** #2085 “He Came Down” Faith We Sing  
*Evan Lange, Piano*

**Offering** *Pastor Julie*

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Text “Bethanyumc” to 73256

## Discipleship Moment

**Song** #393 “Spirit of the Living God” Red Hymnal  
*Sue Poullette, Organ*

## Time of Prayer

### 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** #394 “Something Beautiful” (two times) Faith We Sing  
*Evan Lange, Piano*

## Final Blessing and Greeting One Another

**Closing Music** *Sue Poullette, Organist*  
“Let Us Pray to God, the Holy Spirit”  
*(Charles W. Ore, b. 1936)*  
\*RE Worship

### Simple Gifts for October: Mujila Falls Agricultural Center

The men and women of the Lunda tribe at Mujila Falls learn sustainable methods for growing crops and managing livestock, benefiting people across a large area of Zimbabwe.

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