



Announcements & Upcoming Activities



Exciting Opportunity to Shape Our Future: Capital Campaign Feedback

As we continue to grow and serve our community, we recognize that our physical space plays a significant role in furthering our ministry. To ensure that we can effectively carry out our mission and meet the needs of our congregation, we are inviting you to participate in an important feedback session to learn about our proposed capital campaign for building repairs and ministry enhancements.

These meetings will provide an opportunity for you to learn more about the necessary repairs and improvements to our building, as well as other proposed projects. Your insights and feedback are vital as we work together to ensure that the projects we pursue will further our ministry and support our church's mission.

Whether you're a long-time member or new to our church family, we want to hear from you! Your voice is important in guiding this process and ensuring that we remain a place of hope, love, and service for generations to come.

Sunday, Feb. 16 (8:30—9:30 am) & Sunday, March 2 (11:00 am—noon) in person.

(For childcare needs contact Lisa Weaver at children@bethanymadison.org.)

Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 pm and Monday, March 3 at 7:00 pm. via Zoom.

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 February 22nd from 4:30 pm — 6:30 pm.

Youth Group — 2nd Harvest Food Bank

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to serve at Second Harvest Food bank on March 1 from 12:30 to 3:30. Bethany youth will join with First UMC for an afternoon of serving. Contact Kathy Mohs, Youth Director, at youth@bethanymadison.org for more information or to sign up. We are excited about this opportunity for serving and fellowship.

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.



**Sunday, February 9, 2025
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

"Trumpet Voluntary in D Major"
(John Stanley, 1713-86)

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.

Call to Worship * (Responsively) (please stand)

Carol Compton

L: What do you bring to worship this day?

P: **We bring joy and thanksgiving for God's forgiving love.**

Congregation: sing verse 1 of #617 "I Come with Joy"

Red Hymnal
Evan Lange, Piano

L: What is this community in which we are gathered?

P: **It is a community of love and forgiveness, of hope and peace.**

Congregation: sing verse 2 of #617 "I Come with Joy"

Red Hymnal
Evan Lange, Piano

L: Christ breaks the bread of life for us.

P: **We are bound together in the love of Jesus Christ.**

Congregation: sing verse 3 of #617 "I Come with Joy"

Red Hymnal
Evan Lange, Piano

L: Praise be to God!

P: **AMEN!**

Congregation: sing verse 4 of #617 "I Come with Joy"

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Children's Message

Lisa Weaver, Director of Children's Ministries

Anthem

"Do Not Leave Your Cares at the Door"

By Elizabeth Alexander

Chancel Choir

Evan Lange, Piano;

Nick Bonaccio, Percussion

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

Scripture (Matthew 18:15-20) CEB

¹⁵"If your brother or sister sins against you, go and correct them when you are alone together. If they listen to you, then you've won over your brother or sister. ¹⁶But if they won't listen, take with you one or two others so that *every word may be established by the mouth of two or three witnesses.* ¹⁷But if they still won't pay attention, report it to the church. If they won't pay attention even to the church, treat them as you would a Gentile and tax collector. ¹⁸I assure you that whatever you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. And whatever you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven. ¹⁹Again I assure you that if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, then my Father who is in heaven will do it for you. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I'm there with them."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Message

"Jesus Heals a Conflict"

Pastor Julie

Song

#402 **"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"**

Red Hymnal
Evan Lange, Piano

Offering



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Pastor Julie

Discipleship Moment

Pastor Julie & Linda Huttenburg

Song

#2171 **"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"**

Faith We Sing
Evan Lange, Piano

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

#2184 **"Sent Out in Jesus' Name"** (2 times)

Faith We Sing
Evan Lange, Piano

Final Blessing and Greeting One Another

Closing Music

"Allegro"

(G. F. Handel, 1685-1759)

Sue Poullette, Organist

* Ministry Matters

Simple Gifts for February: Africa University

The mission of Africa University is to provide quality education within a Pan-African context, through which students can acquire general and professional knowledge and skills, grow in spiritual maturity, and develop sound moral values, ethics, and leadership qualities.

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