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and currently don't
receive the church
newsletter
and other important
updates by email, please
send your email address to
Cindy Kite at
office.bethany@gmail.com.

Sunday, September 22

"It's a Wild Wonderful World"

Come out on Sunday, September 22 and join together with your church family for a unique and wonderful worship experience under our trees.

There will only be one service beginning at 10:30 am, but come out at 9:30 am to enjoy a continental breakfast in the fellowship hall. Food and drinks will be provided.

The service is an interactive service for all ages.

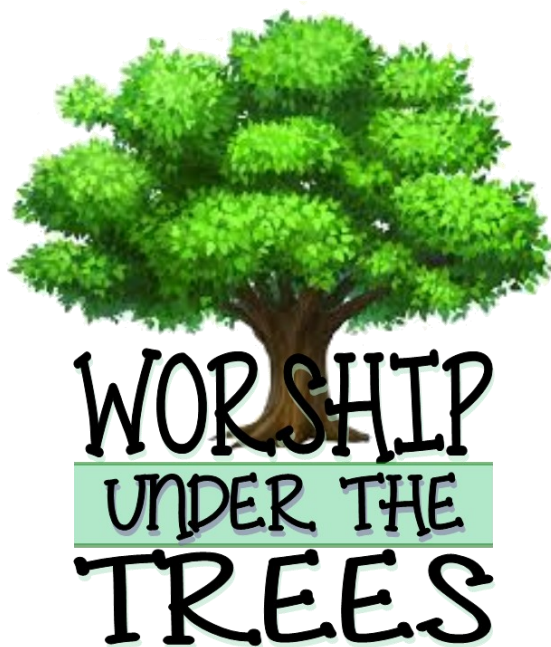
A shaded area on the blacktop will be provided for those who feel they might not be able to navigate the grass area.

Bring a blanket or chair

(we will have plenty of extra chairs).

Invite a friend or neighbor and plan to be a part of our

Worship Under the Trees!



From the Pastor's Desk

For Everything There is a Season

It seems like summer has gone speeding by. Although by the reckoning of the seasons it is still summer until September 23rd, once school starts the rhythm shifts and it seems like a new season begins. In the book of Ecclesiastes the narrator tells us, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh..." (3:1-4) We are told that God has "has made everything suitable for its time."

There is even, I think, a time suitable for a change in pastoral leadership. Years ago, Bishop Pennel taught a seminar for pastors taking new appointments. I remember he used the word **historicity** repeatedly. It was new to me. The Bishop said we should learn the historicity of our new churches. Simply put, our first priority needed to be learning the actual history of our churches. Of course, the history of a church is really the story or stories of its people.

This summer I have had a chance to visit and talk with church members. Sometimes this has happened between services, at church functions or in people's homes. Most of these deeper conversations have happened randomly; however, I would like to set aside some intentional time to get to know people more deeply. If you would like a visit, you can

drop a note in the collection plate on Sunday or call me to set up a time and a place at one of the following numbers: 757-653-7830 (my cell), 540-363-5612 (the parsonage) or 540-234-8577 (my office). Or you can email at reaves.susan.m@gmail.com.

I've found that some people want a visit from the pastor, while others would rather have a root canal than a home visit. For that second group of people, I will be hosting Pie with the Pastor on two Friday nights in September, the 13th and 27th. These will take place at 6:30 pm with pie, ice cream, coffee and tea and a time to chat. If you would like to take part there will be sign-up sheets at the welcome center. And if you just want pie, that's okay too.

I look forward to getting to know everyone a little or a lot better.

Pastor Susan

To everything there is a season,
a time for every purpose under heaven.

-Ecclesiastes 3:1



Mark Your Calendar: Mission Encounter/Charge Conference, October 19, 2019

The Harrisonburg District is doing something new! This year instead of the usual Charge Conference held at church, Bethany will gather at Bridgewater UMC together with McGayheysville UMC from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm for charge conference, a mission encounter and a training session. The event will have an individual Charge Conference (30 min), a missional practicum (30 min), and leadership training (60 min) based on Kouzes and Posner's book, *The Leadership Challenge*. We will rotate classrooms during the session in the fashion of Vacation Bible School. All of this will be followed by a covered dish lunch.

Missions Update

The season will be changing soon and we will have cooler nights and the trees will be changing colors. All the kids are back in school and it is time for routine life, once again. Welcome back to reality.

Welcome back to the people who were on the Honduras Mission Trip. We can't wait to hear all about your adventures.

I don't want to jinx the roofing project, but I hope that we got to put the roof on for the Kile family on August 24. THANK YOU to those of you who helped tear the roof off and put the new one back on. It was a long, hot day, but WE DID IT. Thanks to those who donated food and drinks to help us get through the day. Thank you Gary for being the lead on this project (even though it took a while to get completed, it is done). Great job everyone!!!

Mark your calendars! We will be having our Chili cook-off on Sunday, November 10 at 5 pm. Get those pots of yummy chili ready to be made and gobbled up. We will have a little competition to see who has the best. We will be taking a freewill offering. Please plan on coming out to eat and enjoy a night of fun with your church family.

Our mission focus for the month is the Food Pantry. We have a highly successful Food Pantry that we offer our neighbors to come and visit each week to help them with food needs. You can help in many ways ...

- donate food items
- donate money to buy food items from the Blue Ridge Food Bank in Verona
- help pick up food on Monday morning or setting it up to be ready for Monday night
- volunteer your time to work on a Food Pantry Monday night
- buy the "spice of the month" to donate
- buy diapers to help offset the cost to our neighbors.

There are many ways that you can be involved with our Food Pantry. Any questions, please ask Wayne Frizzelle or Pat Lynn.

If you know of anyone in need of help, please let us know.

Co-chairs: Lori Mooney, Brownsugarcookie@yahoo.com, 820-7394

Maggie Rhodes, r.maggiianne@gmail.com, 383-4752



You have responded so well to our request for spices this year for our Food Pantry ... thank you.

**So far we have collected minced onions, black pepper, Italian seasoning,
dry minced garlic, cinnamon and bouillon cubes!**

**The spices have been well received by our Food Pantry neighbors
and they are thankful to have them.**

For the month of September we will be collecting "seasoned salt."

There is a box in the foyer for donations!

BUM BITES

Do you know what time of year it is for our youth and parents? Hard to believe, but it's "Back to School Time!" For some that is exciting news, others, well, they may feel a little different. It is definitely back to early mornings, rushing around, outside school activities, and that dreaded word "homework".



With school officially on, I am looking forward to **Youth Sunday School being officially started on Sunday Sept. 8.** We have a few new 6th graders who will be beginning BUM Junior Youth, and we have a transition of a few youth going into BUM Senior class. If your son or daughter is in the 6th through 12th grade and have never come to class, we would love to have them come join us! I will be teaching the Junior Class, and Val Hiner will be teaching the Senior High Class.

The Youth Mission Team would like to thank everyone who was able to come out on Sunday, August 18 as we

shared about our Mission trip. We had an AWESOME week learning about faith, hope, and LOVE while growing in relationship with each other. We met some really great folks within the North Carolina Rebuilding Ministry and meeting the Pittman Family was such a blessing to all of us. We are looking forward to what God has planned for our next Youth Mission Trip 2020!!!

Our next BUM Bash will be Sunday, September 15 as the BUMS go rock climbing. Dani Martlock is helping lead this event and she has this to say about the trip....

"Join us for a fun and challenging day of rock climbing at Hidden Rocks. It is \$50 a person (financial assistance is available).

Anyone 12 or older is welcome to join us (youth, parents, young adults, young at heart) All gear is provided (helmets, shoes, harnesses) and **absolutely no experience is necessary.** We will be led by Lester Zook, who is a certified and insured climbing guide, with more than 30 years of experience. He is the director



of the Outdoor Ministry program at EMU and owner of Wild GUYde Adventures (wildguyde.com). He is also a really fun guy to be around and a great instructor. Please remember to pack a lunch and at least two liters of water. Because we are missing church, we will have a short Bible lesson at the top of the rocks during lunch. If you have any questions or concerns at all, please feel free to contact Dani Martlock (540-383-3357 or danimartlock@gmail.com)."

Please continue to pray for our Youth here at Bethany as they transition back into school, back into their outside school activities, and back to their routine. Let's not forget to continue to pray for all the teachers, faculty, and the parents. I look forward to sharing with everyone everything the Youth Ministry will be involved in between now and September in the next edition of BUM Bites!!

Blessings
Shawn Cook

Caring Cards Tuesday, September 3 10 am

Join us to send cards and notes of encouragement to our members! Besides sending cards, we have a great time fellowshiping with each other! We would love to have you join us!

"You can't have a perfect day without doing something for someone who'll never be able to repay you."
(John Wooden)

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 8 am at the church. All men in the church are invited and encouraged to join us! It's a time of fellowship, good food and prayer for our church and it's members, for our community and for our world. Please contact Eddie Moyer at canesfinfan@aol.com for more information.



Church Directory Update

For the first two Sundays of September, a draft of the new church directory will be available at the Welcome Center.

Please take the time

to stop and look over your information to make sure it is all up-to-date ... phone numbers, address, emails, birthdays, etc. If your birthday or anyone's in your family is not listed, please write them in ... including the year please! If all your info is correct, just put a big checkmark across your info.

If not, please write the correct info beside your picture. If there's not a picture or you don't want to use the one that's there, please send one to Cindy at office.bethany@gmail.com.

As soon as this is done, directories will be printed!

It's time to start planning for the 2020 budget. If you are a committee chair, you have received a "2020 Budget Request Form."

We urge you to complete them so we have an accurate and realistic budget for 2020 and have them turned in to Cindy Kite by Sept. 2.

Treasurer's Report by Cindy Kite

It's September! Where did the summer go?! Kids and teachers are back to school. School buses are making stops every couple miles in front of us as we try to get places on time ... arrrrrrrrr. Harrisonburg has again been invaded by college students ... another arrrrrrrrr! And thoughts of getting in a weekend vacation before the end of summer is on our minds.

As we get back into our normal routines, I encourage you to get back into the routine of attending church every Sunday. Of finding a Sunday School class or small group to get involved with. And I know no one wants to hear this, but of getting in the routine of giving your offering every Sunday. Let's talk about some of the ways your offering is being spent. A new way of doing children's Sunday School is underway, and I encourage you to bring your child, age 3 to grade 5, to try out the new rotation SS. New adult SS classes are being formed and small groups will resume or start soon. Our P&W band will be learning and teaching us new songs. Worship Under the Trees is coming up this month and our second Annual Trunk or Treat will be held in October. And we all just had a great time at the Ice Cream Social at the end of August! The funds you give the church go much further than paying a salary or keeping the lights on. It touches people by giving Bethany the opportunity to fund all of these things.

So now, let's look at our current finances ... as of August 25 our receipts were \$134,950.32 which is 15.1% behind where we want to be and our expenses are at \$138,632.44. That reflects a deficit of \$3,682.12. Yes, we are a little behind where we had hoped to be; however, the good news is we are paying the bills! And with summer coming to an end, more people will be attending church on a regular basis and we expect to see an increase in giving over the fall months!

"No person was ever honored for what he received. He was honored for what he gave."
(Calvin Coolidge)

August 25 - Week 34		
Budget	242,967.00	
Where We Should Be		158,862.96
Where We Are		134,950.32
Deficit of		(23,912.64)
Net Percentage		-15.1%

PROMOTION SUNDAY SEPT. 8

If you have a 4th, 6th or 9th grader,
please let Rosemary Wagoner or the church office know
so they can be recognized!



A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who donated mason jars for my class fundraiser. These jars will be used to make various cookie and soup mixes, as well as bath scrubs for our Exceptional Learners Holiday Shoppe. My students and I greatly appreciate your generosity. If you ever have jars lying around your house and you need them gone just let me know. I will gladly take them off your hands! With love, Val Hiner

Between the Pages

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Momma, look what I found," the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's suit!"



Young at Hearts

will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 12 noon for lunch at Country Cooking in Staunton. If you are 55 or over, and still young at heart, we encourage you to join us! We always have a great time. Need more info about this group? Contact Carolyn Swartz at 540-434-1470.

NOW'S THE TIME!

If you have ever considered the idea of joining the Praise and Worship Team, well, now's the time!

We will be starting practice on some new songs the beginning of September and would love to have more folks join the team!

You DO NOT have to read music, just have a desire to use your voice to praise God. You are needed!

Plus, we have lots of fun!

Come check it out.

You don't have to make an immediate commitment.

We rehearse on Wednesdays at 7 pm or occasionally right after the 8:30 am worship service.



Trunk of Treat

With fall fast approaching, leaves will soon be falling and all the “pumpkin spice” everything will be everywhere! And that means, we need to start planning for our 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat!

What a great experience it was last year! It was so much fun watching all the children in their costumes having a great time going from decorated car to decorated car (thanks to all those who came with a decorated car!) and playing games in between. There was a cupcake and cookie walk, food and popcorn, hayrides and a bouncy house. What FUN!!

Right now, Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Sunday, October 27, TBD. All those who helped organize this event last year were wonderful and had a great time doing it. If you would like to join the Trunk or Treat committee, please contact Cindy Kite at cindykite0915@gmail.com or office.bethany@gmail.com. We would love to have you! New people with some new ideas would be wonderful. If you were on the committee last year and would be willing to do a repeat (please be willing to do a repeat!!!), please let Cindy know ASAP. October will be here before we know it!



Do you love having a snack and a cup of coffee after the first worship service or be able to grab a cup of coffee and a snack to take to your Sunday School class with you?

VOLUNTEER
all that's missing is U!

Do you ever wonder where the snacks and coffee come from or who does that? Well ... the answer to that question is ... people just like you! People just like you bring a few snacks ... nothing fancy ... donuts, muffins, fruit, cheese and crackers, whatever might be in the fridge or pantry at the church ... just whatever you might want to bring to share with your church family.

So, you can do that, right? Nothing difficult, no meetings to attend and **best of all ... this is NOT AN EVERY SUNDAY COMMITMENT!!** Sign up once a month, once a quarter or just once! You will notice the sign up sheet at the Welcome Center has lots of available Sundays! On the Sundays that no one has signed up ... there will be no snacks between services. So, grab a friend, a group of friends, your SS class or a committee you serve on and sign up today! Questions? Contact Julie Ritchie at jaritchie@comcast.net.

Do you have a friendly smile?

A firm handshake?

Like to talk to people?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, we have the perfect place for you to volunteer your services!

Volunteer to be a Greeter!

Greeters are so important!

They are the first impression visitors have of Bethany!

It's hard walking into a church with people you don't know!

So, having that friendly smile, handshake or hug greet you when you walk through the door makes visitors, and members, feel very welcome.

Sign up for just one Sunday! I bet you'll sign up again! There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. If you have questions, please contact Mary Beth Schwab at mschwab25@aol.com.



For those of you asking for
Pastor John's
new address, here it is ...

165 Campbell Lane
Stephens City, VA 22655

*On Sunday, Sept. 8, please join us in wishing
Johnnie Barr a very happy 99th birthday
with a reception between services in the fellowship hall.*

September

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Jerry Cook | 3 Linda Byers |
| 3 Lori Mooney | Landon Ryan |
| 4 Audrey Bradshaw | 4 Brantley Metcalfe |
| 6 Johnnie Barr | 6 Mary Beth Hill |
| Laiken Huffer | Stephen Metcalfe |
| 8 Randy Kite | Kenneth Diehl |
| 11 Mary Beth Schwab | 10 Janet Peterson |
| 12 Bridgett Crawford | 12 Maggie Rhodes |
| 17 Jean Radocha | 16 Macey Anne Frizzelle |
| 18 Joe Howard | 19 Jennifer Cook |
| Hattie Castle | 21 Barbara Somers |
| 19 Val Hiner | Wyatt Dunsmore |
| 20 Sandra Elkins | 22 Jan Fulton |
| 22 Ben Michael | Beth Metcalfe |
| Susan Reaves | 23 Tom Ott |
| 24 Elva Shifflett | 27 Jenny Campbell |
| 26 Weezer Crawford | 29 Lois Huffer |
| | Ruth Mikesell |
| | Amy Michael |
| | 30 Mary Tyree |
| | 31 Doug Hiner |
| | Leslie Wagoner |

October

- 1 Carolyn Roller
- Tara Stroop
- 2 Wayne Frizzelle



Congratulations to
Gary & Bettina Ruleman on the
birth of their new granddaughter,
CaliAnne Grace Ruleman.



We express Christian sympathy
to Mae & Stanley Houff
and the Houff family
upon the death of Mae's mother.



Prayer List

Members

Bud Somers, Hazel Truslow
Todd Ott, Tom & Jan Gorden
Louise Motley, Phil Mikesell

Extended Family

cousin of Pam Lynn
David Hylton - uncle of Amanda Hughes
Dan Koons, Hailey Green family
Brayden Stillner family - Stuarts Draft
HS senior killed in car accident
David Kirkendall
Maggi Peterson - granddaughter of Jim
& Jan Peterson
Jim Brittle, father of Gerald Fulton
Charles Schneider - father of Pastor
Susan

If your birthday is not listed
or is listed incorrectly,
please notify Cindy Kite!

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 Office Closed	3 10 am - Caring Cards 12 pm - Young at Hearts Luncheon	4 7 pm - P&W Practice Resumes!	5	6 <i>Be the reason someone smiles today.</i>	7
8 	9 6 pm - Worship Meeting	10	11 10 am - Les Feldick Small Group Bible Study	12	13 	14
15 	16	17	18 	19	20 October Newsletter Deadline	21 8 am - 
22 	23 <i>happy fall y'all!</i>	24 7 pm - Finance Meeting	25 10 am - Les Feldick Small Group Bible Study	26	27	28 
29	30					

PRAYER LIST

MEMBERS ... Bud Somers, Hazel Truslow, Todd Ott, Tom & Jan Gorden, Louise Motley, Phil Mikesell

OUR SHUT-INS ... Ruby Botkin, Agnes Carter, Margaret Crickenberger, Judy Faby, Helen Figgins, Jean Houff, Jean Radocha, Bitsy Saufley, Bud & Barbara Somers

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays

8:30 am—Contemporary Worship Service
9:50 am—Sunday School for all ages
11 am—Traditional Worship Service

Mondays

4-5 pm—Food Pantry

Wednesday

7 pm—Praise & Worship Practice

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Smile
more than you cry.
Give
more than you take
and
Love
more than you hate.



Sunday, Sept. 22
One Service @ 10:30 am

The Echo

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Oct. Newsletter Deadline: Sept. 20, 2019

Please submit articles to Cindy Kite at
office.bethany@gmail.com



connect. grow. serve.

At Bethany we ...

Connect with God in community
Grow in our likeness to Jesus Christ
Serve our neighbors