



The Echo

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TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY, OCT. 27 FROM 4-6 PM



We're excited to hold our
second annual
Trunk or Treat.
It's a great outreach
project to our community.

But to make it a successful outreach event,

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

We need decorated trunks (go to Pinterest for ideas),
food items, cookies and cupcakes for the Halloween Walk,
individually wrapped candy - lots and lots of candy,
and volunteers to help that evening.

The best decorated trunk, voted on by the children,
will win a prize! And of course, bragging rights.

Please take a moment and stop by the table in the foyer
to sign up to bring something or volunteer.

(Save and bring your empty 2-liter bottles to the kitchen!)

Let's make this a church-wide event -
find a way YOU can participate.

From the Pastor's Desk

The Keeping of the Pigs

James W. Frick, former vice president at Norte Dame University once said, "Don't tell me where your priorities are. Show me where you spend your money and I'll tell you what they are." The other way to judge a person's priorities might be to see how they spend their time. Time and money are two of the resources we have at hand. God calls us to be good stewards of both. Merriam-Webster's Dictionary defines stewardship as "the conducting, supervising, or managing of something." However, within the church we often think of stewardship as being primarily about money.

In earlier times a steward was someone who watched or managed someone's property for them. The word is a combination of two others: sty and ward – meaning literally the watcher of the pigpen. Eventually a steward didn't just take care of the pigs in their pens, they became managers. A good manager could mean the difference between an estate that was prosperous and one that was struggling to provide food, shelter and clothing for those who lived and worked there.

Stewardship isn't necessarily about money. It is about caring for what has been entrusted to us. God places resources into our care. Those resources include our natural abilities and talents, as well as the spiritual gifts that Paul tells us we each are given. He writes in 1 Corinthians 12:4-11,

"God's various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people!" (The Message)



A **spiritual gift** is **given** to each of us so **we** can **help** each other

Stewardship is about relationship. It is about our relationship and trust in God and it is about our relationship with others. Our gifts differ. Some have musical talent, others are good with numbers, others are prayer warriors and some have the gift of organization. I believe our deepest satisfaction can come when our greatest gifts meet the deepest needs of the world. Over the month of October, I would encourage everyone to think about where they have invested their time and their money. May you be a good steward of all of your resources to the glory of God and the satisfaction of your soul.

Pastor Susan

Dear Pastor Susan

THANK YOU for the early Sunday mornings & and all the late night meetings.

THANK YOU for the seeds you plant & disciples you nurture.

THANK YOU for the sermons you preach & the prayers you lift up.

THANK YOU for the wise counsel & the words of encouragement.

THANK YOU for the sacrifice and service.

THANK YOU for being our Pastor!

October is ...
Pastor Appreciation Month!

Let Pastor Susan know how much she is appreciated by her church family here at Bethany during the month of October! There is a box for cards at the Welcome Center.



Missions Update by Lori Mooney

Pumpkin flavored everything..... it is that wonderful time of the year again. Football, warm sweaters and/or sweatshirts, booties are showing up, too. Enjoy this wonderful autumn season and all it has to offer.

Apple Dumplings will soon be on the horizon for everyone to help enjoy making and then eating. The date will be Tuesday, Oct. 29. Remember this is the big fundraiser for the youth to be able to do the Youth Mission Trip in July. Plan on buying lots of them to eat yourselves and share with friends.

We will again be helping Kingsway Ministries with their Apple Tree project and buying Christmas gifts for children of incarcerated parents. We usually need about 60 gifts purchased. You will see us soon out in the foyer with the kid's names and what they would like.

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, one will be for Wounded Warriors and the other pot will be a surprise. You will have to come out to see who the other donations will be going to and plan on enjoying a night of fun with your church family.

Of course, we will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army coming up soon, too.

Our mission focus for the month is the Backpack Pals. This program is to help feed children over the weekend while they are away from the free school breakfasts and lunches. We go in with 5 other community churches and sponsor the Backpack Pals program at Clymore Elementary. You can earmark donations in the offering plate for Backpack Pals or bring in donated goods and place in the basket marked Backpack Pals. Some needed items include: peanut butter, mac and cheese, tuna, granola bars, oatmeal, pop tarts, applesauce or fruit cups, juice packs, pudding cups, ramen noodles, soup, etc.

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

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You come into the world
with nothing, and the
purpose of your life is to
make something out of
nothing.

- Henry Louis Mencken

Pool Funny Quotes

Fall Festival Benefit for Maggi

Mark your calendars! There will be a Fall Festival Benefit held here on the lawn at Bethany on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 10-3 pm to help offset medical expenses for Maggi Peterson!

There will be baked goods, silent auction, cornhole tournament, drawings for gift cards, face painting, activities for the kids, food trucks and more!

For more information or if you would be willing to help, please contact Janet Peterson at 540-246-4640.

It's Apple Dumpling Time!

The Youth will be making apple dumplings on Tuesday, Oct. 29. It will be the one and only time this fall and will be their big fundraiser for the year for the Youth Mission Fund.

Sign up sheets are in the foyer for needed ingredients! Dough will be made on Sunday, Oct. 27 during the Connections hour. The Apple Dumpling Gang will begin making dumplings on Tuesday, Oct. 29 around noon. Come anytime during the afternoon or evening, even if you can only stay an hour, we need your help! You won't be just making dumplings, you'll be fellowshiping with your church family. This is a fun event for all involved.

We ask that you please help us sell apple dumplings by selling to your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. The cost is \$3 each and there are sign up sheets for orders with the ingredient sheets. Only with your help will this be a successful fundraiser for our youth! So get out there and sell, sell, sell. (They freeze very well ... so you might want to think about dessert for your Thanksgiving dinner!)



BUM BITES



It is hard to believe that we are in that time of year already where we soon will be transiting into a new season. That's right Fall is fast approaching us, time for cooler weather, raking leaves, and time to indulge into all types of pumpkin flavored products. It is also time for another very important mission project for our Youth and that is Apple Dumplings happening Oct. 29!! These yummy apple dumplings help support the Youth Ministry on their Mission Trip for the Summer. There will be many ways you can help support the Youth either by buying dumplings, help making them, and help with donations towards ingredients.

Youth Sunday School officially started September 8th and we also began

looking at doing various Mission Projects. Sunday, Sept. 29 we will be putting together Kingsway Card for the Prison Ministry. We are also looking forward to working with the Men's Ministry on Oct. 6 as we help with picking up trash along one of the road's Bethany has adopted.

The Youth had a really great time Rock climbing with Wild Guyde Adventures. For some of us, including myself, we did not know what to expect, not to mention some fear we had. Lester was such a great instructor and gave each of us a great discussion on fear. I loved how he said, "Fear is like a fog, sometimes we have to get past the fog to see there was nothing to fear" I would like to thank Dani Martlock for putting all this together and would like to thank all the adults who was able to come along and be a part of this AWESOME event.

Our next BUM Bash will be Sunday

Oct. 20 at the home of Jeff and Julie Ritchie. We will be having a Fall celebration and I am asking the Youth to dress in one of their favorite Biblical characters. We will be roasting hot dogs and marshmallows, not to mention having a great time with various activities planned. The Senior Youth Class will be heading out Oct. 30 to Grand Caverns as we explore the Haunted Cave.

Yes there is A LOT happening in the Youth Ministry and we are looking forward to each event coming up. Each event and mission opportunity helps us draw closer to God and to each other.

I continue to thank you for your support of the Youth at Bethany and continue to ask you to pray for our Youth as they continue to grow in their faith.

Lots of LOVE

Shawn Cook

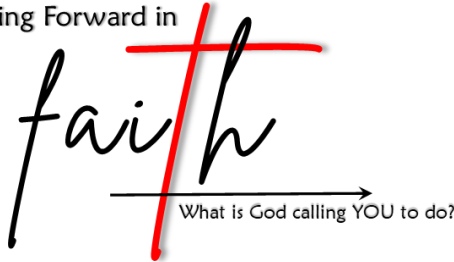
October is ... Stewardship Month

“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.”
James 4:8

Pastor Susan’s sermon series during the month of October encourages us, as Christians, to examine our relationship with God. October seems to be a great month for such an exercise. The kids are back in school; the days are getting cooler and shorter; and it’s a sort of calm before the hustle and bustle of the holidays kicks in.

I encourage us to take advantage of this reflective time to consider what God is calling each of us to do. What of our time, talents and resources does He ask of us? How can we best serve and honor a God who knows us by name and provides for our every need? As most Christians know, if we stop and take the time to listen, He will lead us in the

Moving Forward in



direction He wants for us.

If you have not received it yet, you will soon be receiving a letter from Pastor Susan along with the Bethany Annual Commitment card. This serves two purposes. It is a reminder to you of your decision to support God’s mission through Bethany. It also helps Church leaders set budgets and make plans for the coming year. The commitment cards will be collected the last Sunday in October at both services. They can also be mailed or dropped off at the church.

I’m sure you will agree with me that Bethany is a small, but a dynamic and mission based church. Please join with me in praying through October as to how we can continue to participate in God’s mission for us and how each of us can be a part of His plan.

Jerry Sheets, Stewardship Chair



FINANCIAL UPDATE by Cindy Kite

Gee whiz ... it’s October already! Can you believe it? Fall is an exciting time at Bethany! Fall brings the return of small groups, children’s activities, and the beginning of some new ministries here at Bethany! There are so many opportunities for you to give of your time, your talents and financially.

October is also Stewardship Month. Now you’re rolling your eyes and saying to yourself “here comes the pitch for money again!” Well, stewardship is NOT ALL ABOUT MONEY! You will be receiving a commitment card and letter in the mail NOT ONLY asking for your financial support, but also asking you to share your time and talents with your church family. As a church we want to “Move Forward in FAITH!” What is God calling you to do to help Bethany move forward? With all that God gives each of us, what can we give back to Him? To his church? Hummmm, I’m thinking the possibilities are endless!

As you can see, we have fallen behind in our giving this year. We are currently \$25,672.63 behind where we should be at this time of the year. The third quarter definitely wasn’t one of our best, but the good thing is the fourth quarter looks promising! We want to be able to continue to fund the many ministries we have here at Bethany; however, we can only do this through your generous giving. Don’t forget that we offer online giving! It’s a fast and easy way to give to Bethany even on the Sundays you aren’t at church. Just visit the website a www.mybethanyumc.org and click on “Online Giving” at the bottom of the home page. Follow the easy instructions and set up your giving weekly, monthly or however you like. Have questions or need help? Contact me at office.bethany@gmail.com.

September 30, 2019 - Week 39		
Budget	242,967.00	
Where We Should Be		182,225.16
Where We Are		156,552.53
Deficit of		(25,672.63)
Net Percentage		-14.1%



Opportunities to Give ...

SOUTH RIVER SHOE SHARING - Starting Sunday, Oct. 13 you can pick up a “shoe” in the Gathering Space. Missions will be collecting new pairs of donated athletic sneakers at their Chili Cookoff on Sunday, Nov. 10. There will also be a collection bin in the Gathering Space. All of the donated shoes will be going to children in need at South River Elementary School in Grottoes. Questions? Contact Maggie Rhodes or Jackie Dunsmore.

It’s time for the APPLE TREE PROJECT! - Also starting Sunday, Oct. 13 the Apple Tree Project will begin. There will be a tree in the Gathering Space with “apples” for you to take and purchase gifts for children who have a parent that is incarcerated. Please stop by and pick an apple from our tree! Unwrapped gifts are due back to the church by Sunday, Nov. 17. Thank you for caring and having a generous heart!

Do you knit or crochet? We will once again be taking a Sunday during Advent to focus on giving back to our community through mission projects. We will be collecting adult scarfs and hats for Open Doors (Harrisonburg’s traveling homeless shelter) as well as prayer shawls for The Sadie Rose Foundation (they help and support families who have lost a child). Prayer shawls need to be complete by Dec. 8. Hats and scarfs will be collected all fall and winter.

October

- 1st Carolyn Roller
Tara Stroop
- 2nd Wayne Frizzelle
- 3rd Linda Byers
Landon Ryan
- 4th Brantley Metcalfe
- 6th Kenneth Diehl
Mary Beth Hill
Stephen Metcalfe
- 10th Jan Peterson
Emma Riddle
- 12th Maggie Rhodes
- 16th Maecy Ann Frizzelle
- 17th Wyatt Dunsmore
- 19th Jennifer Cook
- 21st Barbara Somers
Wyatt Dunsmore
- 22nd Jan Fulton
Beth Metcalfe
- 23rd Tom Ott
- 27th Jenny Campbell
- 29th Amy Michael
Lois Huffer
Ruth Ann Mikesell
- 30th Mary Tyree
- 31st Nathan McCarty
Leslie Wagoner
Doug Hiner



November

- 1st Ruby Botkin
- 3rd Addyson Mooney
- 4th Jean Moyer
- 9th Barry Shifflett
- 11th Donald Michael
- 13th Rosemary Wagoner
- 14th Kelly Shifflett
- 15th Tom Thompson
- 17th Lorna Frizzelle
Ethan Cook
- 21st Carla Whitecotton
James Craun
- 25th Cindy Kite
- 27th Kathleen Stump
Susan Frease
- 30th Anthony Streiff

If your birthday is listed incorrect or is not listed, please contact Cindy at office.bethany@gmail.com with the correct information!



Prayer List

Members

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

Extended Family

Maggi Peterson - granddaughter of
Jim & Jan Peterson
cousin of Dale Roller
Eric - friend of Mary Beth Schwab

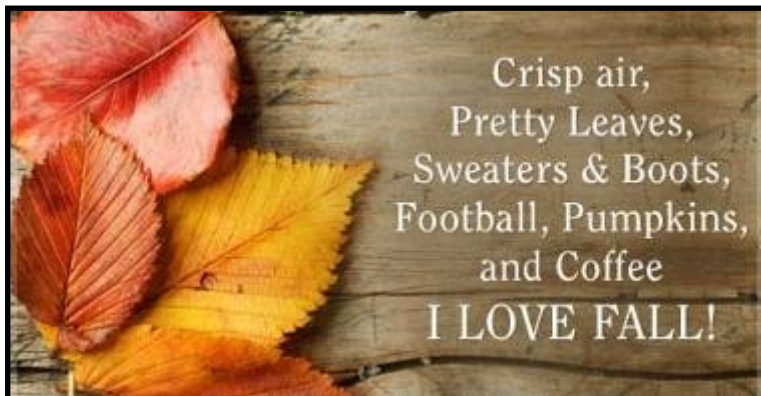


November 1 is Ms. Ruby Botkin’s
102nd birthday!
Let’s let her know how much her
Bethany family appreciates her
with a card shower.
Her address is:
946 Wilda Road
Stuarts Draft, VA 24477-3022





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><i>It's National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month!</i></p>		<p>1 10 am - Caring Cards 12 pm - Young at Hearts 7 pm - Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>2 7 pm - LOAFERS & Soaking Up the Word of God Small Group</p>	<p>3 6:30 pm - Holy Yoga 7 pm - Still Small Voice Small Group</p>	<p>4  NATIONAL SMILE DAY</p>	<p>5  be AWESOME today</p>
6	7	<p>8  Be the reason someone smiles today.</p>	<p>9 10 am - Les Feldick Bible Study Small Group</p>	<p>10 6:30 pm - Holy Yoga</p>	11	12
<p>13  Pastor Appreciation</p>	<p>14 6 pm - Worship Meeting  HAPPY Columbus Day</p>	15	<p>16 6 pm - Christmas Choir Practice 7 pm - LOAFERS & Soaking Up the Word of God Small Group</p>	<p>17 6:30 pm - Holy Yoga 7 pm - Still Small Voice Small Group</p>	18	<p>19 8 am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30 am - Charge Conference</p>
<p>20 November Newsletter Article Deadline!</p>	21	22	<p>23 10 am - Les Feldick Bible Study Small Group 6 pm - Christmas Choir Practice</p>	<p>24 6:30 pm - Holy Yoga</p>	<p>25  Happy National Pasta Day!</p>	<p>26 10 am - Fall Festive Benefit for Maggi Peterson</p>
<p>27  TRUNK OR TREAT</p>	28	<p>29 12 pm - Make Apple Dumplings! </p>	<p>30 6 pm - Christmas Choir Practice</p>	<p>31 6:30 pm - Holy Yoga  Happy Halloween!</p>		



<u>WEEKLY SCHEDULE</u>	
<u>Sundays</u>	
8:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service
9:50 am	Connections Hour
11 am	Traditional Worship Service
<u>Mondays</u>	
4-5 pm	Food Pantry
<u>Wednesday</u>	
7 pm	Praise & Worship Practice

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generously*



Youth Apple Dumping
Fundraiser - Oct. 29

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November Newsletter Deadline: Oct. 20, 2019

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At Bethany we ...

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