

What's Happening at Bethany

May 14, 2020

Sunday's Sermon Title & Scripture

Being Church When the Building is Empty ... No Time for the Old Time Religion

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we too are his offspring."

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

(Acts 17:22-31 NRSV)



To keep up with what's going on at Bethany ...

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[BethanyUnitedMethodistChurchWeyersCaveVA/](https://www.facebook.com/BethanyUnitedMethodistChurchWeyersCaveVA/)), and our website (www.mybethanyumc.org). Join us for Facebook Live each Sunday morning at 9:30 am for our worship service. Pastor Susan and Cindy are in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 9 am - 3 pm and Pastor Susan is in on Tuesdays.

The coronavirus affects each of us in different ways. Some may be working from home, while others have reduced hours or have lost their jobs. Please remember, your church is here for you in your time of need. Please call us if you are in need of financial assistance, food, someone to pick up your groceries or prescriptions, or if you just need someone to talk to. **Please don't hesitate, please call.**

Baskets Needed

If you have baskets laying around your house, garage, basement, etc., just collecting dust and would like to get rid of, we have a need for them!! Kathy Kile would like to have them to use as "giving baskets." She fills them with goodies and takes them to church members, nursing homes, and to first responders. If you would like to donate those unwanted baskets to Kathy, please bring them to the church kitchen and she will pick them up.

Thank you in advance for your donations!



This Sunday is Graduate Recognition Sunday!

We only have one high school graduate this year and that is Paige Crawford. Of course, Paige won't get to celebrate her graduation with a ceremony and parties because the world is so different today from previous years. But ... there will be a special video celebrating Paige this Sunday during the Facebook Live worship service!

If you would like to send Paige a graduation card, her address is 25 Eastover Blvd., Mt. Sidney, VA 24467. I'm sure she would love to hear from her church family!

Another way we will be celebrating Paige's graduation is a "drive by parade" on Sunday at 4 pm. We will gather at Karis parking lot. Decorate your cars with balloons, streamers, noisemakers and signs. Paige is graduating from Ft. Defiance HS and will be attending VA Tech in the fall.

Also graduating from Blue Ridge Community College with an associates degree is Garrett Roller. He is in the transfer program and is planning to continue his education to become a physical therapy assistant.



Be In Prayer For ...

Barbara Somers, Tom & Jan Gorden, Bill Kile,
Peggy Lucas, Linda Byers, Dale Roller
Mother of Susan Meadows
John Michael - brother of Jean Moyer
Margaret Kisamore
Father of Kelly Heron
Cofer Family in the passing of Chris Cofer
Janet W. (food pantry neighbor)
Infant son of Alec & Heather (Pence) Miller

We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Bud Somers who lost his long fought battle with cancer on Wednesday, May 13. The Somer's address is 131 Millstone St., Bridgewater, VA 22812.

We also extend Christian sympathy to Hazel Truslow on the unexpected passing of her brother, Lloyd Francis. The Truslow's address is 259 Oakland Farm Road, Weyers Cave, VA 24486.

Happy Birthday to ...

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15th - Brian Shifflett

16th - Gary Lucas & Debbie Schofield

23rd - Zac Hittie



Good Medicine

I try to adopt a Bible reading plan every year that takes me through the Bible. Right now, my plan has me reading Proverbs. Which brought me to this verse in Proverbs 17, "A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." The following "bar" jokes might be good medicine or they just might make you groan, but I thought you might just need a chuckle or a light hearted moment in the midst of all the serious stuff happening in the world.

A horse walks into a bar. The bartender says, "Hey." The horse says, "You read my mind, buddy."

Two men walk into a bar. You'd think at least one of them would have ducked.

A rabbi, a priest, and a pastor walk into a bar. The bartender says: "What is this, some kind of joke?"

A priest, a minister, and a rabbit walk into a bar. The rabbit says, "I might be a typo."

Helvetica and Times New Roman walk into a bar. The bartender yells, "Get out of here. We don't serve your type in here."

A guy walks into a bar and finds a horse serving drinks. The horse asks, "What are you staring at? Haven't you ever seen a horse tending bar before?" The guy says, "It's not that. I just never thought the parrot would sell the place."

Well, I hope these made you smile. If not, I will take my cue from Proverbs 17:28, "Even fools are thought wise if they keep silent, and discerning if they hold their tongues," so as not to look too foolish, I guess I'll stop for now.

Pastor Susan