# What's Happening at Bethany

**Christmas in** 

Now more than ever we need specific times to gather, worship and celebrate! What would be better than celebrating Christmas without the extra hustle and bustle of gift buying and hectic schedules! On Sunday, July 19, at our Drive-In Worship Service, we will do just that. Come, proclaim and celebrate the birth of our Savior. We will sing carols, retell the Christmas story and be reminded that Emmanuel, God with Us, has not changed, which we need to be reminded in today's chaotic world.

One way we connect as a church family is to join together in blessing others. Christmas is a time of giving. So ... let's give! We are going to focus on Our Community Place, an organization that meets the needs of many in our local community. Here is a list of their most needed items: masks, hand sanitizer, coffee, sugar, razors, deodorant, travel size sunscreen, tents, backpacks and sleeping bags. You can bring your donated items to the church this Sunday! You can place them in a tote as you stop to sign in at the top of the driveway. In addition, we will have a tote available outside the main entrance doors during weekdays from 9 am - 5 pm.

Giving to others expresses our thanks for God's continued blessings, and giving makes our hearts happy! :)

#### **Drive-In Worship Services**

If you haven't attended a Drive-In Worship Service yet, we invite you to join us this Sunday morning at 9:30 am in the church parking lot! It's the next best thing to being in the church for worship!! We encourage you to come and join us!

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#### **On-Line Worship Service**

We are streaming the Drive-In Worship Service to give those who can't attend the experience of being there! So, if you can't come to the service, look for the live stream on Facebook Live at 9:30 am or you can view it later on Bethany's Facebook page or on the website!

# **Youth Summer Mission Trip**

Our BUM's summer mission trip didn't look like past mission trips. Instead of "going" to NC to help those in need, they "stayed" and helped those in need in our area. They did yardwork, pressure washing, painting and staining, worked (and played) at Camp Overlook and worked for a local organization helping replace roofs. What a great group of teens, who adapted quickly to their new way to do their mission trip. Thank you to all the kids and adults who helped this week. And a special thanks to Shawn Cook for organizing the week and to Bridgett Crawford for cooking for this hungry group! **YOU ARE AWESOME!!** Watch for details and pictures in the August edition of The Echo.

#### Please be in Prayer for ...

**Members:** Barbara Somers, Tom & Jan Gorden, Linda Byers, Jake Dunsmore, Brian, Kelly & Layne Shifflett, Carolyn Roller, Dale Roller

**Extended Members:** Michelle - daughter of Dianna Eicher, Margaret Kissamore, mother of Kathy Kile

Many have asked for the address of Louise Motley's daughter, Angela Urgo. The address is: Joe & Angela Urgo, 149 Longfield Lane, Crimora, VA 24431-2003

#### August Newsletter

All articles and pictures for the August newsletter are due by Monday, July 20. Please email them to Cindy Kite at office.bethany@gmail.com. Thanks for your help in getting the newsletter out on time!

# What it means to you ...

If you have a devotion, scripture, song, poem, recipe, etc. that speaks to you in some way and you would like to share it and a paragraph about how it speaks to you or reminds you of someone or something, or helped you through a difficult time, please send it to Cindy Kite at office.bethany@gmail.com to be placed in an edition of the newsletter. In the July newsletter, I had a recipe reminding Laura Hittie of her grandmother, Bitsy Saufley. What, and by whom, will be in the August newsletter?

# Sunday's Sermon Title & Scripture

Christmas in July (Luke 2:21-35)

# Happy Birthday to ...

- 16th Karen Ott & Ralph Reese
- 17th Sandy Gibson, Jean Radocha,

Agnes Carter

- 18th Dollie Wilfong
- 19th Nancy Colvin
- 20th Taylor Rhodes
- 22nd Dan Harrell



# **Card Shower**

Charlene Michael will be turning 90 on July 25 Let's shower her with cards and love on her

birthdayl Her address is ... 22 Blue Ridge Avenue Mt. Sidney, VA 24467-2222

