

# What's Happening

at Bethany

Sept. 17, 2020

## Missing Your Church Family?

If you're like most people, you miss coming to church where you see and spend a little time socializing and catching up with your Bethany family on Sunday mornings. So, on Friday, Sept. 25 from 6-7 pm, we are giving you the chance to do just that!! You are invited to come, get out of your car and just visit with people!! Say hello to those you haven't seen since March! This event will be held outside and masks and social distancing will be required. Or you can choose to sit in your car, if you prefer, and folks can come by and say hello.



## In Person Meetings at Church

With the approval of the District Superintendent, we can now start to have in-person meetings at the church. For the safety of all participants, the VA Annual Conference has set the following guidelines that must be followed:

- Gatherings cannot exceed 50 people.
- Everyone who comes into the building must wear a mask.
- Everyone must read the questions on the Health Acknowledgement Poster before entering and be able to answer yes to each of the four questions.
- A greeter should meet people just outside the front door to ensure everyone has answered the health questions and is wearing a mask.
- Everyone must keep at least 6 feet between themselves and people who are not part of the same household. No hugs or handshakes.

**In order to meet these guidelines, we are asking that everyone contact the church office to ensure that no other group has already signed up to use the church.**

Because of the social distancing requirement, most meetings will need to take place in the social hall.

- If chairs or tables will be used, please wipe them down with sanitizing wipes (located in the kitchen) before you use them. Gloves are also available.
- To maintain social distancing, enter through the

double front doors and exit through the double doors in the Fellowship Hall.

No materials can be shared including papers, food and drinks.

## Communion

Many have been asking about having communion. And after thinking through how to do this and still respect the VA Conference guidelines on what we are allowed and not allowed to do, we have come up with a solution! We will be sharing communion together as a church family on Sunday, Oct. 4. More details will be sent out the closer it gets.



Thank you for the cards, signs, balloons, gifts, singing and shout outs for Johnnie Barr's 100th birthday. We had a great celebration with family and friends at church on Sunday, Sept. 6. Again, thanks to all who made Johnnie's birthday so special to him and us. -The Shifflett Family

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## Worship Outside Your Car!

You have the option to remain in your car during the outdoor service or you can sit outside of your car. If you choose this option you will need to do a few things to prepare.

- Let us know that you are going to take part in the outdoor option.
- Bring a blanket to sit on or some lawn chairs. The grass might still be a little wet at 9:30.
- Bring a mask – it's a bummer I know, but everyone who isn't in a vehicle is supposed to have one on.
- Have everyone review their health. If anyone is sick, stay home, get comfy and watch the service on-line.
- Check in with the parking attendant and read the Health Acknowledgement Poster.
- Let our parking lot attendant know that you want to sit outside of your vehicle. He will put a card under your windshield wiper so we can direct you to a spot in the shade near a boom box.
- Bring your song sheet so you can sing along. Yes, you can sing along under your mask. Sing loud! Remember Buddy the Elf says, "The best way to spread cheer is singing loud for all to hear." We need lots of cheer!

Now sit back and enjoy the service, but if you have to leave your spot to go to your vehicle, please maintain social distancing--staying at least six feet away from anyone who isn't a family member or living in your home.

## Please be in Prayer for ...

**Members:** Barbara Somers, Tom & Jan Gorden, Linda Byers, Carolyn Roller, Pat Lynn, Phil Mikesell, Leslie Wagoner, Howard Family

**Extended Members:** Don Smiley - brother of Carolyn Swartz, Liam Jadin - grandnephew of Pastor Susan (only 4 lbs, 7 ozs)

## Happy Birthday to ...

18th - Joe Howard & Hattie Castle

19th - Val Hiner

20th - Sandra Elkins

22nd - Susan Reaves & Ben Michael

24th - Elva Shifflett

26th - Weezer Crawford



We extend Christian sympathy to Phil & Ruth Ann Mikesell on the passing of Phil's brother, Arthur Mikesell. The Mikesell's address is: 29 Strickley Road, Grottoes, VA 24441-4906.

We also extend Christian sympathy to Rebekah & Ron Castle upon the death of Rebekah's grandmother, Dreha Sours. The Castle's address is: 45 Leaport Road, Mt. Sidney, VA 24467-2513.

## Sunday's Sermon Title & Scripture

I Owe You One (Matthew 18:21-35)

## 2020 Charge Conference

As with everything, charge conference will look different this year! Our charge conference will be held on Saturday, October 24 at 11:30 am **by Zoom**.

## Please Note ...



Cindy Kite will be enjoying her second week of vacation next week, Sept. 21-25.

Pastor Susan will be in the office. **There will be NO Happenings next Thursday!!**

The last day to submit articles for the October newsletter is Sunday, Sept. 27. Please email to [office.bethany@gmail.com](mailto:office.bethany@gmail.com).



**You are the only Bible some unbelievers will ever read.** (John MacArthur)