

# What's Happening

at Bethany

Sept. 24, 2020

## Get Ready for Holy Communion

Finally, it's coming! On Sunday, **October 4** we will take communion as part of our worship service.

Holy Communion is at the heart of United Methodist worship. Through it we affirm our connection to one another and God's unfailing love for us. During these unusual time we may now extend communion to people watching our service on-line. If you will be watching on Facebook Live, I invite you to have bread or crackers and juice (or water if juice is not available) on hand as I bless the elements, so you can take part in the liturgy and receive the bread and juice.

For people who are coming to the drive-in or outdoor service, there will be a basket with pre-packaged communion elements available when you check in at the parking lot.



(cont.) I invite you to take a package for each person in your vehicle. Then proceed to your spot with the elements.

Make sure you have the elements near at hand after the sermon when we begin the communion liturgy. If you are sitting outside your vehicle, you may remove your mask briefly so you can eat the wafer and drink the juice.

Although we be separated by distance, Holy Communion reminds us we are united through Jesus Christ.



Have a Blessed Day!

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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,

## Please be in Prayer for ...

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

**Extended Members:** Don Smiley - brother of Carolyn Swartz,

## 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.

Happy Birthday to ...

**24th - Elva Shifflett**

**26th - Weezer Crawford**

Sunday's Sermon Title & Scripture

**The Peculiar Economy of God (Matthew 20:1-16)**

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 ...

The deadline 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)