

What's Happening

at Bethany

Oct. 22, 2020

2020 Charge Conference

As with everything, charge conference will look different this year! **Our charge conference will be held this Saturday, October 24 at 11:30 am by Zoom.** All are encouraged to participate. We will be voting on the 2021 budget and slate of church officers and committee chairs. The Zoom link will be sent out by email. If you are new to Zoom and need assistance getting it installed on your computer, please let Pastor Susan know by Friday. Please don't wait until the day of the meeting.



The Great Pumpkin Party

The Great Pumpkin Party 2020 will be held at the Weyers Cave Community Center Sunday (Oct. 25) afternoon from 4-6 pm. It will be held rain or shine since we'll have plenty of space for social distancing.

Unfortunately, we are not able to have decorated trunks this year, but we will have food, games and prizes. Wear your costume and bring a friend (and their family) with you. All must wear a mask.

Those volunteering to help with the Pumpkin Party should be at the WWCC between 2:30 and 3:00 pm. If you are unable to volunteer this year, please consider donating candy and/or small prizes such as matchbox cars, pencils, bouncy balls, etc. You can drop them off Sunday morning with Jeff as you check in.

Thanks to all who have or will donate candy or prizes and to those willing to help! You are appreciated!

Apple Tree Project

Our Mission Team will once again be assisting Kingsway Ministries with gifts for children ... the Apple Tree Project. **There is a complete list of names and wanted items in the October newsletter.** You can look at the list and pick out a name or two or you can let Lori pick one and send you the info. Please contact Lori Mooney at 540-820-7394 or brownsugarcookie@yahoo.com and she will mark that name off the list so we don't have duplicate gifts.

Ladies Book Study

In "Sick of Me," Whitney Capps, shows us that spiritual growth means being both honest and holy -- that we can come to Jesus just as we are, but we cannot stay that way. While virtues like vulnerability, honesty, and humility are desperately needed, we should fight for more. Whitney calls us beyond trendy transparency and into something better ... true transformation. If you want to be honest about all your junk, but are also sick of staying there ... "Sick of Me" is for you!



Because we are unable to hand out materials, you will need to purchase the book from Amazon ... just search the title. **The study will be held on Tuesday evenings, beginning October 27, at 7 pm.** Please contact the office if you plan to attend so we will have an accurate number of seats ... socially distant, of course. Sorry, but masks will be required. Kim Moyer and Cindy Kite will facilitate the study and hope to see you there!!! And please read the first chapter before you come ... be prepared for some good discussions, with lots of fun and laughter! We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Lights On, Lights Off



When you leave the church building, please make sure all lights up and down stairs have been turned off. And that all doors are locked by giving them a pull as you leave.

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Food Pantry Need



The Food Pantry is in need of diapers ... diapers of all sizes, but especially size 4 and 5. You can drop them off on Sunday mornings by giving them to Jeff Ritchie as you check in or you can drop them by the church during office hours. Thank you for your generosity.

Young at Hearts Christmas Party

Attention Young at Heart members! Are you ready to get out of the house a little more? Fellowship with your friends? If so, the Young at Hearts Christmas Party is still scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 1 at Mrs. Rowes in Staunton.

Please contact Carolyn Swartz at swartz1204@aol.com or 540-434-1470 and let her know if you do or don't plan to attend so she'll know whether to keep or cancel the reservation.

Sunday's Sermon Title & Scripture

Celebrate the Good Community

1 Peter 2:2-10

Please be in Prayer for ...

Members: Barbara Somers, Tom & Jan Gorden, Eddie & Pat Lynn, Phil Mikesell, Lloyd Meadows, Judy Faby

Extended Members: Don & Diane Smiley - brother & sister-in-law of Carolyn Swartz, Hannah Smiley - aunt of Cindy Kite, Alvin Weaver - brother-in-law of Jim Miller, Uncle Phi - uncle of Beth Metcalfe and Tim Schnittger



We extend Christian sympathy to Jim Miller on the passing of his cousin, Jo Moomaw and his aunt, Peggy Miller. Jim's address is P.O. Box 333, Grottoes, VA 24441

Happy Birthday to ...

22nd - Jan Fulton & Beth Metcalfe

23rd - Tom Ott & Tobias Casey

27th - Jenny Campbell

29th - Lois Huffer, Ruth Ann Michael & Amy Michael

Return to In-Person Church

As we move deeper into fall, the mornings can come with a definite nip in the air. With that onset of cooler weather we will begin in-door, in-person worship on November 1. We hope to continue broadcasting the service to the parking lot and on Facebook Live for those who aren't ready for in-person church yet.

Everyone will need to wear a mask inside the building and maintain social distancing ... so no handshakes or holy hugs yet. People from the same household or bubble (grandparents and grandchildren in regular contact, for example). We aren't supposed to sing, but we can hum along to the music. **For the first few weeks we need everyone to pre-register for the service so we will know how to space groups of people in the sanctuary and still respect social distancing. This will be a challenge for all of us and a learn as we go process.** Please email or call the church office and let them know you are coming and how many are coming in your family. With your patience and assistance, we will all get through this!



Daylight saving time will come to an end on Sunday, Nov. 1, so remember to set your clocks back on Saturday night, and it's a good time to check your smoke alarms.

