

# What's Happening at Bethany

Oct. 29, 2020

## 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 this Sunday, 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. **The service will continue to begin at 9:30 am.**

Just a few things to remember:

- **If you plan to attend the in-door service, please contact the office by 3 pm today! Everyone will need to wear a mask inside the building and maintain social distancing ... so no handshakes or holy hugs yet.**
- Print out your song lyrics and bring them along if you have trouble seeing the screen, so you can follow along.
- Please check in with Jeff Ritchie at the food pantry door, proceed to the parking area and enter through the main door.
- Once inside, you will be seated in the sanctuary with the assistance of greeters. We will try to fill the sanctuary from the front to the back, skipping every other pew. Families with children will be asked to sit towards the back in case you need to exit the sanctuary. Families of the same household or "bubble" will be seated together.
- At the end of the service, please remain seated until an usher/greeter releases your pew to exit, beginning at the back of the sanctuary.
- There will be no nursery or Children's Church; however, our Children's Ministry is working hard to bring Children's Church in the near future. Activity packets will still be available.
- If you need to use the restroom, we ask that only one person, or family unit, enter at a time. There will be disinfectant wipes available to use to open the door.

We know this will be a challenge and a little inconvenient for everyone. Please have patience with us as we tackle the logistics of in-person worship, while complying with the UMC conference regulations. We are happy to be able to hold in-person worship ... even though it will look a little different ... okay, a lot different. But, best of all, we are very excited to see you there!!



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 also a good time to check your smoke alarms to make sure they are working properly.

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## Apple Tree Project

Thanks to our generous church family all names for the Apple Tree have been taken. Thank you! Missions' ask that you **bring your unwrapped gift to church by Sunday, Nov. 15.** There are name tags on a table in the fellowship hall. Please find the name of the child you purchased a gift for and place it with your gift and leave it on the table. If you have questions, please contact Lori Mooney at [brownsugarcookie@yahoo.com](mailto:brownsugarcookie@yahoo.com). You can also make a monetary donation to help offset the cost of shipping.

## 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 at 7 pm. Even if you missed the first study, you can purchase the book and join us for Chapter 2. We would love to see you there!!**

Sorry, but masks will be required. Kim Moyer and Cindy Kite will facilitate the study and hope to see you there!!! 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.

## 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.

## Sunday's Sermon Title & Scripture

Honoring the Saints

Hebrews 12:1-2; Revelations 7:9-17

## Please be in Prayer for ...

**Members:** Barbara Somers, Tom & Jan Gorden, Eddie & Pat Lynn, Phil Mikesell, Lloyd Meadows, Judy Faby, Audrey Bradshaw, Linda Byers

**Extended Members:** Don & Diane Smiley - brother & sister-in-law of Carolyn Swartz, Alvin Weaver - brother-in-law of Jim Miller, Uncle Phi - uncle of Beth Metcalfe and Tim Schnittger, family of Stephanie Estes, Donna D. and Edward P - Food Pantry neighbors, family of Clem & Monique Smiley - family of Carolyn Swartz & Cindy Kite



We extend Christian sympathy to Scott Williams and family upon the death of his father, Dale Williams on Saturday, Oct. 24. The Williams' address is ... 139 Sugar Mill Lane, Weyers Cave, VA 24486.

## Happy Birthday to ...

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

30th - Kim Hull & Mary Tyree

31st - Doug Hiner & Leslie Wagoner

Nov 3rd - Addyson Mooney

4th - Jean Moyer

