

# What's Happening

at Bethany

Nov 19, 2020



You can help decorate Bethany this Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one. The cost is \$9 each and there are many beautiful colors to choose from. You can also purchase a "living poinsettia." Please make checks payable to Bethany with "Poinsettia Order" in the memo line. **Please fill out the attached form and return it, along with your payment to the church by Sunday, Nov 22.** You can mail your order to the church, drop it in one of the offering buckets on Sunday mornings or drop it by the church office. Thank you for helping us decorate the church as you honor a loved one!



We invite you to join us on Sunday, Nov. 29 at 4 pm for our annual **Hanging of the Greens** as we begin the Advent season! **PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!!!** And yes, it will look different from previous years. We will gather outside to sing carols ... socially distant and wearing out masks, of course, and weather permitting. We will hang Chrismons on the tree one family at a time. Please look for details in next week's Happenings! We especially encourage those families with children to attend and help decorate our Chrismon tree for all to enjoy.



**Thanks to our generous church family we were able to purchase gifts for all the Apple Tree tags.**

They were delivered this week to Kingsway Ministries by Lori Mooney, along with the monetary donations. Thank you to Lori for being in charge of this annual outreach and thanks to you for participating! It felt good to be able to do something that felt a little bit normal.

**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.



**Just a Reminder ... It's exciting to have people back in the building for worship, meetings and small groups!** Please remember when you enter the church building, to wear a mask at all times.

Our Bishop, Sharma D. Lewis, has requested that all VA UM Churches observe the guidelines set forth in the Technical Assistance Manual or TAM. (The TAM is available at <http://vaumc.org/return/>.) Let's protect those around us!

**Sunday's Sermon Title:** A Time to Gather

**Scripture:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24



**Please remember to contact the office by Thursday afternoon if you plan to attend the in-person worship service! It helps us plan our seating. Thank you!**

**Happy Birthday to ...**

21st - Carla Whitecotton & James Craun

24th - Mike Huffer

25th - Cindy Kite

27th - Kathleen Stump

30th - Anthony Streiff



**Please be in Prayer for ...**

**Members:** Tom & Jan Gorden, Eddie & Pat Lynn, Lloyd Meadows, Judy Faby, Audrey Bradshaw

**Extended Members:** Don Smiley - brother of Carolyn Swartz, Our Food Pantry Neighbors ... Donna D. and Edward P., Mary Ann K., Ricky S., Margaret & Randall K. and Sara A.

**If you would like to take a meal to Susan & Lloyd Meadows, please go to <http://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/LXLH6159>.**

*I want to send a BIG thank you to everyone for all the support my family received via cards the past few weeks. - Scott Williams*

**Articles for the December newsletter are due no later than Monday, Nov. 23.** Please email articles and pictures to Cindy at [office.bethany@gmail.com](mailto:office.bethany@gmail.com).

