

What's Happening

at Bethany

Nov 5, 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. 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!!

Thankful?

It might appear that there's not a lot to be thankful for these days; however, when we look around, we realize there are so many things to be thankful for ... things big and small. We would like for you to share some of the things you are thankful for with your church family. We want to put together a slideshow of thankfulness for our worship service on November 22.

You may be thankful for the beauty of the fall colors, for the kindness of a friend or stranger. Thankful to members of your church family for something they did for you or for our church. Anything big or small! Please send a picture or a few sentences to Cindy at office.bethany@gmail.com to be included in the slideshow. Thanks for helping us always remember to be grateful.

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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. You can also make a monetary donation to help offset the cost of shipping.

Poinsettia Order



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" and the \$9 will be sent to your choice of Open Doors or

Weekday Religious Education. 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, November 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 your for helping us decorate the church as you honor a loved one!

Sunday's Sermon Title & Scripture

If God is for Us, Who is Against Us?

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Happy Birthday to ...

11th - Donald Michael

12th - Sarah Huffer

13th - Rosemary Wagoner



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.

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, Donna D. and Edward P - Food Pantry neighbors, family of Clem & Monique Smiley - family of Carolyn Swartz & Cindy Kite

Dottie Lion would like to thank members of Bethany who called or sent cards during the difficult time of losing her beloved Frank. She is overwhelmed by your kindness, especially since they haven't been here for many years.

Just a Reminder ...

It's exciting to have people back in the building for worship, meetings and small groups! So, just a reminder ... when you enter the church building, please wear a mask at all times. Our Bishop, Sharma D. Lewis, has requested that all Virginia United Methodist 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!



Church Website

We apologize for any inconvenience you've experienced this week due to the website being down. We are working on the issue.

