

# What's Happening at Bethany

January 12, 2023



**All men are invited to the Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, January 21 at 8 am.** Enjoy a hearty breakfast prepared by Eddie Moyer and then a time of fellowship and prayer. All men in the church are encouraged to attend.



**Attention BUMS!** It's the first youth fellowship of the year and you want to be there! The youth will meet in the church kitchen after the worship service on Sunday, January 22 to bake and deliver goodies to our first responders and healthcare workers. If you haven't participated in a youth event yet, it's a good time to join and get to know other group members and group leaders.

**Want to talk with Pastor Blaine outside the church? Maybe get to know him and a little more about what makes him tick?** He will resume Coffee with the Pastor on Tuesday, January 24 from 3-5 pm at the Rumor Mill at Valley Pike. Come by and say hello. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and some good conversation!



**On Monday, January 30 Pastor Blaine will be leading an informational meeting about "The Future of the United Methodist Church."** This will be a great time to ask questions and for everyone to gather the facts about what is going on in the United Methodist Church and where we at Bethany are headed. We will meet in the sanctuary.

**The January Echo (newsletter) will be sent out on Monday, January 16.** Sorry for any inconvenience the delay has caused anyone. Articles for the February Echo are due by Monday, January 23. Please email them to Cindy Kite at office.bethany@gmail.com. Please include any pictures you may have to go along with your article.

**Are you willing to assist with worship?** We are so thankful for all the folks who assist with worship whether it be serving as a greeter, usher, reader, praise and worship singer or band member, communion server, Bethany players or sound and computer folks. If you've been serving, rest assured you will be asked again, but we ALWAYS welcome and encourage new folks trying new things!

So...if you are willing or feel that tug on your heart to serve in a new way we will celebrate and provide that opportunity. Starting January 15, there will be a sign up sheet at the welcome desk where you can give us your name and let us know what you or your whole family might be willing to do. If it requires some training we will give it.

These activities are all occasional, not every week and your participation just might lighten the load for those who are doing things weekly. Pray about it. Do a new thing in 2023!



**We are so thankful for the new folks who stayed last Sunday to explore being part of the Praise and Worship Team.** We listened to some new songs, sang a little, and laughed a lot. It's still a perfect time for more folks to check it out. This Sunday, January 15, we will continue practicing for a short time immediately after the worship service AND we will gather next Wednesday, January 18 at 6 pm as well.

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

**Members:** Gary Ruleman, Judy Faby, Hazel Truslow, Dollie Wilfong, Cindy Kite, Dani deHart & family

**Extended Family:** Tom & Bess Via - former members, Diane Smiley - aunt of Cindy Kite, Bill & Mary Simmons - parents of Cheryl Richards, son & daughter of Dollie Wilfong

**Happy Birthday to ...**

13th - Abby Michael

15th - Mark Whitecotton & Sharon Northrop

17th - Rhylan Metcalfe

18th - Abe Smith