

# What's Happening at Bethany

January 19, 2023



**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. Join us and be a part of giving back!

**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.

**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 be at Valley Pike Rumor Mill on Tuesday, January 24 from 3-5 pm. 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.



**If you missed the January Young at Hearts luncheon, think about joining them on February 7 at 12 pm at O'Neil's in Harrisonburg.** It's the perfect time of year to try something new! This is a group of 55+ folks that like to enjoy some good food and fellowship. And have a good time while doing so. If interested, contact Carolyn Swartz.

**Willing to help on the Women's Ministry Team?** If so, please contact Cindy Kite at office.bethany@gmail.com. We want to schedule some fun events soon!

**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. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer 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 22, we will be practicing for a short time immediately after the worship service.

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

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

**Extended Family:** Bill & Mary Simmons - parents of Cheryl Richards, son & daughter of Dollie Wilfong, Lisa McCormick - friend of Rosemary Wagoner, Kris Lindsay - friend of Lori Mooney

**Happy Birthday to ...**

21st - Barbara Miller, Randy Roller, Pam Roller

26th - Jeremy McLaughlin

27th - Jean Houff - 97 years young

28th - Peggy Lucas