

July 20, 2023

What's Happening at Bethany



Christmas in July! We are half way to Christmas Day! Let's celebrate God's gift of His one and only Son next Sunday, July 30. Wear your red and green or Christmas sweaters and come to worship with carols, the Christmas story and lots of fun. Christmas cookie party after the service. **You gifted bakers please sign up to bring some Christmas cookies at the Welcome Center.**

While celebrating Christmas in July, let's give back! We are asking for donations of individually wrapped snack items which we will use to put together baskets of goodies for our teachers as they head back to school. Suggested items are ... chips, popcorn, crackers, cookies, nuts, gummies, granola bars, nut bars, rice Krispy treats, chocolate, chocolate and more chocolate.



To commemorate 9/11 and the needs of our neighbors, we at Bethany UMC will be hosting a Blood Drive in the fellowship hall on September 9 from 9 am - 2 pm. Sign Up online at www.redcrossblood.org or on the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center. Every donation helps save lives in our local and neighboring communities.

It's time to update the church directory with family or individual pictures, contact info, and birthdays. Please email all pictures to office.bethany@gmail.com. If possible, have your picture taken outside ... it prints nicer. Cindy Kite will have her camera with her on **Sunday, July 30** and **August 6** to take pictures after church ... find her! Please fill out an Info Sheet, at the Welcome Center or you can bring the one you were emailed. Please place it in the offering plate or the secretary's mailbox.



You are invited to dinner with the pastor!! Join Pastor Blaine and his lovely wife, Ashley, at O'Neil's in Harrisonburg on Thursday, July 27 at 6 pm. This will be a great time to fellowship with Pastor Blaine, Ashley and your church family. It's sure to be lots of fun with lots of laughter.

Who Do You Want to See Kiss a Goat?! Not you, right!?? Would you be willing to pay to see one of our folks kiss a goat?! There are 4 jars on a table in the foyer. Each jar will have one of the following names on it ... Pastor Blaine, Bridgett Crawford, Dale Roller and Bill Kile. You can donate money by placing it in the jar with the name of the person you would like to see kiss a goat. The person who has the most money in their jar will be kissing a goat at our Annual Trunk or Treat.

Young at Hearts will meet at O'Neil's for their August luncheon on Tuesday, August 1 at 12 noon. All folks 55+ are invited to join them.

Please be in Prayer for ...

Members: Don & Hazel Truslow, Peggy Lucas

Extended Family: Michael - son-in-law of Gary & Bettina Ruleman, Mike - husband of Kathleen Stump, Michelle - daughter of Diana Eicher, Bradley Penix - grandson of Floyd & Sarah Cabell, Tristin - Riverheads student who was shot

Happy Birthday to ...

25th - Charlene Michael
27th - Kathy Kile & Drew Hittie
30th - Adam Casey

