

August 17, 2023

What's Happening at Bethany



YEP! IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR. OUR ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL WILL BE HELD THIS AFTERNOON AT 5:30 PM. Make plans to attend and enjoy lots of good food, fellowship time with your church family and **HOMEMADE ICE CREAM!!** Hotdogs, buns and drinks will be provided. If not making ice cream, please bring a dish to share with all. There is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center for those who are making ice cream. There will be a new inflatable slip-n-slide for kids of all ages! Remember to bring swimsuits and towels and yourself a lawn chair. This is one event you don't want to miss!! **If you can help with the set up and clean up, please contact Cindy Kite or just show up around 4:30 pm to help set up tables and get food outside!**

There will be a Worship meeting on Monday, August 21 at 6 pm. Please let Jackie Dunsmore know if you are unable to attend.



Join Pastor Blaine on Thursday, August 24 between the hours of 3 - 4:30 pm at Valley Pike. Come to ask him questions and get to know him a little more or just to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and just chat!

Next Sunday is Youth Sunday!! Our youth will lead the service and some of those who went, will tell you what they did in Pennsylvania. Show up for Youth Sunday to show our youth how much we support them!



We will have "Baptisms at the River" on Youth Sunday at 2 pm near the home of Mae & Stanley Houff. Come out and celebrate and support these youth as they dedicate their lives to our Lord.

Fall is approaching quickly, which means Trunk or Treat is right around the corner. A Trunk or Treat planning team meeting will be held on Monday, August 28 at 6pm. Come one and all...new ideas always needed and welcomed. Thank you in advance for all of your help. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Kile.



The fellowship hall is reserved on Saturday, September 2 from 1 - 5 pm. If you need to come to church for any reason, please be considerate of those using the church.

The office will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.



Beginning Sunday, October 8 - Sunday, October 29, Bridgett Crawford and Pastor Blaine will be leading a confirmation class. This class will be for only high schoolers and **we will meet from 10:45 am - 12 pm each Sunday in October.** The class will be for every high schooler who wants to be confirmed into the church and become a member of Bethany UMC. If you have questions, please reach out to Pastor Blaine or Bridgett.

Please be in prayer for Mark & Carla Whitecotton and their family. Mark's father passed away on July 27th. If you would like to send a card, their address is 33 Valley Church Road, Weyers Cave, VA 24486



Ut oh! The mason jars are empty!! What are we gonna do? Ah, fill them up again, right?! There are jars with Pastor Blaine, Bridgett Crawford, Dale Roller and Bill Kile's names' on them. You can place monetary donations in the jar with the name of the person you would most like to see "Kiss a Goat" at Trunk or Treat. **It's a very close contest with Pastor Blaine in the lead!!** All proceeds will go to the Capital Building Fund.

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 been a slow-go for getting folks to sign up ... so take a minute Sunday morning to sign up for a time slot. You all know Pastor Blaine's story and why this is such an important project for him. Let's all support him and the blood drive!



Who doesn't like Krispy Kreme donuts?? Missions is selling Krispy Kreme donuts as a fundraiser for the **Honduras mission trip.** Order forms are at the Welcome Center. Take one and help us sell more donuts! Donuts will be fresh and you can pick up on the morning of Sept. 9 at the blood drive. You can find more information in the August newsletter or you can talk to Lori Mooney.



Please be in Prayer for ...

Members: Hazel Truslow, Gary Ruleman, Edie Smith, Lorna Frizzelle, Laura Lucas

Extended Family: Michael - son-in-law of Gary & Bettina Ruleman, Michelle - daughter of Diana Eicher, Bradley Penix - grandson of Floyd & Sarah Cabell, Wanda - sister of Carolyn Cobb, Lucas family, Suzie - friend of Jan Gorden, Wanda - sister of Kathy Kile, Island & people of Maui

Happy Birthday to ...

- 18th - Kevin Huffer
- 19th - Dale Roller
- 20th - Lindy Sheets & Robert Hill
- 24th - Hazel Truslow

