

Sept. 14, 2023

# What's Happening at Bethany

**Trunk  
TREAT**



**Trunk or Treat will be here before we know it. So mark your calendar NOW for Sunday, October 22 from 4-6 pm at the Weyers Cave Community Center!** This is a safe, family-friendly outreach event! It's not a Halloween thing, not a fall festival, just an outreach to love on our community, letting kids have a little fun as we do so. We want to share all that Bethany has to offer with our neighbors! Invite your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers! It will be FUN for all ages! We expect 100's of folks to show up! Yes, that is A LOT of people. That's why we are asking EVERYONE for their help with this event. We also needs LOTS of candy! There is a basket in the foyer for bags of individually wrapped candy. Look on Pinterest and start planning your trunk NOW! Questions? Contact Kathy Kile.

There will be an SPPRC meeting on Monday, Sept. 18 at 6 pm. Please let Jane Elkins know if you are unable to attend.

## YOUTH BIBLE EXPLORATION



All youth are invited and encouraged to join us on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 10:30 am, immediately after the worship service, as we explore the Bible and how it relates to your life

now. Lunch will be provided. Please let Bridgett Crawford know if you plan to attend so she'll have a number for lunches.

Want to talk with Pastor Blaine outside the church? Maybe get to know him a little better, and he get to know you better? Oh, and he loves to talk college football!! He will be at Valley Pike Rumor Mill on Thursday, Sept. 21 from 3 - 4:30 pm. Come by and say hello. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and some good conversation!



Pastor Blaine and Gary Lucas will be leaving on the Honduras mission trip on Saturday, Sept. 23 and return on Saturday, Sept. 30.

Thanks to all who donated items for the bake sale. And to those of you who purchased baked goods and Krispy Kreme donuts! Including the bake sale, donuts and dollars for drugs, we raised a total of \$3,231.75. Great job everyone!! Prayers for a safe trip for Pastor Blaine and Gary!

Thank you!

All newsletter articles for the October edition of "The Echo" are due by Friday, Sept. 22. Please email your articles and pictures if you have any, to Cindy at office.bethany@gmail.com.

Pastor Don Hawks will be our guest speaker on Sunday, Sept. 24. Don is a former Bethany pastor! And please note ... the office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 25. You can call or text Cindy on her cellphone.

Of all of the followers of Jesus, the one who is usually misrepresented is the apostle Paul. Paul is a complex apostle, yet plays an essential part of the Early Christian Church. So we are going to dive into his letter to the Ephesians for our October Bible Study. We will meet every Wednesday in October at 10 am and 6:30 pm. All you need is to bring your bible and yourself! If you have any questions, feel free to ask Pastor Blaine.



Young at Hearts will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 3 at Thomas House in Dayton at noon for their monthly luncheon. All folks 55+ and still "young at heart" are invited and encouraged to join this fun group. We guarantee you'll have loads of fun. Come on ... give us a try this fall. There is no commitment. Come when you can! Questions? Contact Carolyn Swartz.



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**Beginning Sunday, Oct. 8 - Sunday, Oct. 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**

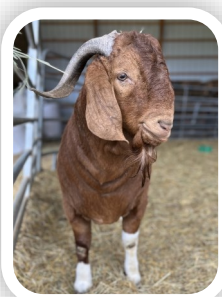
**October.** The class will be for every high schooler who wants to be confirmed into the church and become a member of Bethany UMC. If you have questions, please reach out to Pastor Blaine or Bridgett.

**Caring Cards will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 10 am.** We invite you to join this caring group of folks to write notes of encouragement, get well cards and just thinking of you notes to those in the church who might need to know that someone is thinking about them! There is no commitment. Come when you can. We meet the second Tuesday of each month. Questions? Contact Becky McCarty.



**There will be a Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 6:30 pm.** Please let Mark Dunsmore know if you are unable to attend. We will be setting the 2024 budget at this meeting for approval from the Church Council on Tuesday, Oct. 17. **Budget request**

**forms will be sent out to committee chairs next week. Be sure to submit your budget request back to Cindy Kite by Friday, Sept. 29.** If you don't submit your request form, you will be given the same budget as in 2023. Questions? Contact Cindy Kite or Mark Dunsmore.



**Keep the donations coming for our Kiss a Goat Contest!!** Donate to the person you would most like to see Kiss a Goat at Trunk or Treat this year. Sharp Shooter is ready for some kissin', so let's get those jars filled up. You will find an updated count in the October newsletter.



**IT'S APPLE DUMPLING TIME!!** All proceeds go towards the BUM Youth Mission Trip in the summer of 2024. Youth will be making dough directly after church on Sunday, Oct. 8. We need YOUR help with ingredients! Sign-up sheets will be in the foyer. All items are due to church by Tuesday, Oct. 5. **Youth, please mark your calendars for this important fundraiser.**

Everyone in the church is invited to make the dumplings on Wednesday, Oct. 11. We need YOUR help to peel apples, make dumplings, and for baking and wrapping. Even one hour of your time will help on **WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11 STARTING AT 12 NOON.**

**Youth will be pre-selling apple dumplings starting Sept. 17. Make sure to share this with family, friends and co-workers,** as those dumplings go fast! Dumplings are \$5 each. You can pick them up after 3 pm on Oct. 11. We are also looking for any youth that can make it after school or practice to help hand out dumplings that day.



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

**Members:** Hazel & Don Truslow, Gary Ruleman, Edie Smith, Lorna Frizzelle, Laura Lucas, Dollie Wilfong

**Extended Family:** Bob Blasch - friend of Dale Roller, Tom & Bess Via - former members

**Happy Birthday to ...**

- 15th - Grant Simmons
- 18th - Hattie Castle
- 19th - Mia McLaughlin
- 20th - Sandra Elkins
- 22nd - Ben Michael

