

Sept. 21, 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 3-5 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 need 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.

Please note ... the office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 25. You can call or text Cindy on her cellphone ... 540-820-5604.

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.



FALL Bible Study
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 beginning Oct. 4. All you need is to bring your bible and yourself! If you have any questions, feel free to ask Pastor Blaine.

A researcher from Duke University will be attending and observing events at Bethany from Oct. 7 - Oct. 15. This is part of a research to study the experiences of early career clergy. During her visit she will be talking to staff and folks from the congregation to gather information. For more info, please pick up an "Announcement of Research Study" that can be found at the Welcome Center.

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.



LAST CHANCE TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR "KISS A GOAT" CONTEST!! This Sunday, Sept. 24, will be the last chance to vote on the person you would most like to see kiss a goat at Trunk or Treat this year. All proceeds will go towards the Capital Building Fund to help cover the costs of the roof, A/C unit and gutter work that was done last year. **Sharp Shooter is ready for some kessin", so let's get those jars filled up!**

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Budget Info

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 by the Church Council on Tuesday, Oct. 17. **Budget request forms were sent out to committee chairs on Thursday. 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.



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.



Cindy will be out of the office from Thursday, Oct. 12 thru Friday, Oct. 20. Please make arrangements if you need something from her during that time. You can also call Pastor Blaine for assistance.

There will be a Church Council meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 6:30 pm. All church officers and committee chairs are encouraged to attend. The meeting is open to all within the congregation and you are welcome to attend. Minutes can be requested from the office of meetings. Please let Elizabeth Williams know if you are unable to make the meeting. And please let Elizabeth or Cindy Kite know if you would like to add something to the agenda.

Have you run out of room for your shoes and need to get rid of a few pairs? If so, Fort Defiance High School's FCCLA is collecting shoes this year for people in need as a type of fundraiser. They are collecting any type of shoe as long as there are no holes and the soles aren't too worn out. They will be collecting through October 20. There is a box in the foyer for your donated shoes. Thank you in advance for helping them with this project. Questions? Talk to Amelia Simmons.



Please be in Prayer for ...

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

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

Happy Birthday to ...

22nd - Ben Michael

24th - Elva Shifflett

26th - "Weezer" Crawford

Oct. 1 - Carolyn Roller - Let's shower her with cards!!

1st - Tara Stroop

2nd - Wayne Frizzelle

3rd - Linda Byers



Carolyn's address is ...
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