

What's Happening at Bethany



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.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month. All of us, from the very young to the very old, appreciate Pastor Blaine's friendly and caring way. We are truly blessed to have him with us.

Sunday Oct. 8 is Pastor Appreciation Sunday. We will have refreshments after the service and there will be a basket for cards and gifts. I hope you will choose to show your appreciation for Blaine's service to God, our Church and our community by honoring him with a gift card, monetary gift or a card with words of encouragement and thanks. Jane Elkins, SPARC Chair

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.

FYI **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.



Trunk or Treat will be here before we know it. So mark your calendar NOW for Sunday, Oct. 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 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.

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. →

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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.



There will be a Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 10 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 HAVE BEEN EMAILED TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS. PLEASE BE SURE TO SUBMIT YOUR BUDGET REQUEST BACK TO CINDY KITE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, OCT. 9. 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.



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.



Sunday, Oct. 29 will be a Fifth Sunday Celebration of Generosity! We will have Dale Roller's band, Southern Hospitality, sing for us during the worship service. During the service, you will be asked to bring back your filled in Commitment Card and place it in the basket that will be available. After the service there will be a pot-luck carry-in brunch! Please bring a dish to share with all and plan to be here! **Commitment Cards are available at the Welcome Desk.**



Can you believe it? The holiday season will soon be upon us!! James Kiser has graciously agreed to direct a Christmas Choir this year. And we need YOUR voice! Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings from 6-7 pm. Bring your Christmas spirit and joyful voice and join the choir!!

Please be in Prayer for ...

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

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

Happy Birthday to ...

5th - Josh Unger

6th - Mary Beth Hill & Stephen Metcalfe

10th - Jan Peterson & Emma Riddle

16th - Maecy Ann Frizzelle

