

# What's Happening

## at Bethany

### It's Time to FALL BACK!

**Don't forget to set your clocks back on Saturday night before you go to bed! It's also a really good time to check all your smoke alarm batteries!**



Young at Hearts will hold their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 12 noon at Taste of Thai in Harrisonburg. All folks 55+ are invited to join this lively group as they share lunch, some fellowship time and a lot of laughs.

There's no commitment. Come when you can.



The holiday season will soon be upon us!! James Kiser has graciously agreed to direct a Christmas Choir this year. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-

7:30 pm. Bring your Christmas spirit and joyful voice and join the choir!!

The fellowship hall is reserved on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 11 am - 5 pm. Please be considerate and make plans to use the kitchen or fellowship hall before or after this time. Thank you!

Want to talk with Pastor Blaine outside the church?

Get to know him a little better? Talk college football and you'll definitely find out what makes him tick! He will be at Valley Pike Rumor Mill on Thursday, Nov. 9 from 9:30 am to 12 pm. Come by and say hello ... and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea.



Charge Conference will be held Sunday, Nov. 12, right up the road at Bridgewater UMC at 2 pm. This is a time where we handle the business of our local church and worship together with our fellow UM churches in our area. If you are planning on come, please let Pastor Blaine or Julie Ritchie know.

If you haven't had a chance to bring your commitment card back, there's still time! Please bring them back and place them in the "Treasurer's" mailbox across from the ladies restroom. These cards will be physical reminders of all the good that Bethany is committing to for the next year. Blank cards are available at the Welcome Center.

Caring Cards will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 10 am. Looking for a way to get involved at Bethany that won't take much time, join this group as they send cards and notes of encouragement to those who need them. Folks are so appreciative to receive a card or note from their church family. It makes their day a little brighter! Questions? Talk to Lori Mooney or Becky McCarty.



All men are invited to attend "Donuts & Devotions" on the third Saturday of each month. This will be a time of donut eating, coffee drinking, fellowship,

devotion sharing and praying! Invite a friend or neighbor to come with you. It's a great way to kick off fall with something new. There's no commitment. Come when you can. The November gathering will be held on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 8 am in the fellowship hall. Questions? Contact Chuck McCarty.

Been involved at Bethany UMC for a while now, but never been asked to join the church? Pastor Blaine will be leading a New Member Class directly after worship on Jan. 21, and wants all who are interested in membership at Bethany to attend. If you have any questions about membership, please let Pastor Blaine know.

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The fellowship hall is reserved on Sunday, Nov. 19 from 11 am - 3 pm. Again, please be considerate and make plans to use the kitchen or fellowship hall before or after this time. Thank you!

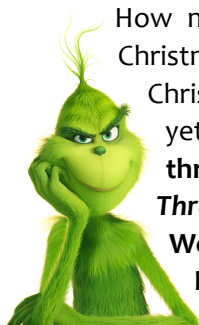
If you picked up an "apple" from Kingsway Ministries a couple Sundays ago, please remember to bring your unwrapped gifts, along with the "apple" to the church by Sunday, Nov. 19. And please stick a few dollars in the envelope to help with the cost of shipping. Thank you for helping to make a child's Christmas a little brighter! Please place gifts on the table in the foyer.



You can help decorate the church this Christmas season by purchasing a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one.

The cost is \$10 each. By purchasing a poinsettia, you are helping us make the sanctuary festive and beautiful during the

Advent season. Forms will be available at the Welcome Center next Sunday. Please fill them out and return to the church, with payment, no later than Sunday, Nov. 26.



How much of our Christmas memories include Christmas classics, such as "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas?" Join your Bethany family for a fun, yet thoughtful, Advent Study as we work through the book "The Heart That Grew Three Sizes" by Matt Rawle. Sign up at the Welcome Center so we can order books by

Nov. 14. This four-week study will begin Nov. 29 and go through Dec. 20. We will

meet every Wednesday at 10 am and 6:30 pm. This book will be used in Pastor Blaine's sermons, so even if you can't join us for the study, sign up for a book. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the books, each book cost the church \$10. You are under no pressure to do so!



## Upcoming Events

**you don't want to miss!**

**Sunday, Nov. 19 @ 7 pm**

Community Thanksgiving Service  
Hosted by Bethany

**Sunday, Nov. 26 @ 5 pm**

Hanging of the Greens & Pizza Dinner

**Sunday, Dec. 3 @ 9:30 am**

Our Hearts Grow When We Serve  
Following the service & refreshments, there will be opportunities to participate in several mini-mission projects.

**Sunday, Dec. 10 @ 9:30 am**

Bethany Family Christmas Program



Bethany will be "ringing the bell" for the Salvation Army on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10 am - 6 pm at Shenandoah Valley Heritage Market on Route 11. Times will be in one hour increments.

There is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center for you to sign up to help this year. Get the entire family involved!

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

**Members:** Hazel & Don Truslow, Peggy Lucas, Jan Gorden

**Extended Family:** Lisa McCormick - friend of Rosemary Wagoner, Alma & Neese Spitzer - aunt & uncle of Barbara Long

**Happy Birthday to ...**

3rd - Addyson Mooney

4th - Jean Moyer

9th - Barry Shifflett

11th - Donald Michael

12th - Sarah Huffer

