

What's Happening

at Bethany

The Young Adult Social scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 6 has been postponed due inclement weather! It has been rescheduled to Saturday, Jan. 20 from 4-6 pm. Please bring your favorite appetizer to share with all. (There may even be a prize for the "best" appetizer.) We want to get the young adults of Bethany together for socials throughout the year. Won't you please join us for our first social?



The BUM Post Office had a busy Christmas season! Thank you to all who "mailed" cards through the post office. All proceeds will go towards the BUM Mission trip this summer. If you haven't checked the baskets for cards mailed to you, please do so. The post office will be closing next Sunday, Jan. 14!

Caring Cards will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 10 am. Join this group as they write notes and send cards of encouragement to folks within our church family. Just a small note may make a big difference in someone's life! There is no commitment. Come when you can. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Karis, our local thrift store, is looking for volunteers for Mondays to do furniture pick up and delivery. One to two Mondays per month from 8 am - 3 pm. If you can help, please contact Jerry Brunk at 540-421-1702. All proceeds go to local charities.

CLASS

New Members

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 contact Pastor Blaine.

January 28 is going to be a BIG and EXCITING day at Bethany UMC. We will be welcoming NEW MEMBERS and CONFIRMANTS into our loving church family. Mark your calendars for this day, as it will be a worship service that celebrates new birth here at Bethany as we kick off our 70th Year Anniversary as a church.



After the worship service we will have a 70th Year Anniversary and New Member Brunch! We know we have lots of good cooks, so bring something yummy to share with all. There is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center.

The youth will have Bible Exploration directly after church next Sunday, Jan. 14. Bring your bibles and let's dig deeper into Jesus' life and teachings!

The church social hall is reserved on Sunday, Jan. 14 from 11:30 am - 4 pm. Please respect those using the church if you need to come to church for anything. Thank you!

The fellowship hall is also reserved on Saturday, Jan. 20 from 10 am - 1 pm. Again, please be respectful of those using the church.



Coffee Hours with the pastor will be held at Rumor Mill at Valley Pike on Thursday, Jan. 18 from 9:30 am - 12 pm. It's the perfect time to sit, enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and some good conversation in a casual atmosphere!

If you have articles you would like in the February edition of "The Echo," Bethany's monthly newsletter, please email them to Cindy Kite at office.bethany@gmail.com. February articles are due Jan. 20. If you have any pictures, send them along too. If you take pictures of any special event at Bethany, please email those to Cindy for use in the newsletter or other publications.

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All men in the church are invited to join together for "Donuts & Devotions" on Saturday, Jan. 20 at 8 am in the fellowship hall. This will

be a time of donut eating, coffee drinking, fellowshiping, sharing of devotions, and praying. Plus a little laughter along the way. Invite a friend to come with you! We meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month. There's no commitment. Come when you can! Questions? Contact Pastor Blaine or Chuck McCarty. This is your chance to get involved with something new at Bethany this year!

If you have receipts that need to be reimbursed from the 2023 budget, please have them to the office NO LATER THAN Jan. 10!



Giving statements for 2023 will go out by the end of January. If you need yours sooner, please let Cindy Kite know. Most will be emailed; however, they can be snail mailed upon request.

Please be in Prayer for ...

Members: Leslie Wagoner, Kathleen Stump, Gary Ruleman, Carolyn Roller, Peggy Lucas, Hazel Truslow

Extended Family: Sandie Donald - daughter of Carolyn Swartz & sister of Cindy Kite, Clem Smiley, Jr. - brother and Carolyn Swartz, Samantha Steed - mother of Tabby Steed, Shawna - sister of Maggie Huffer, Alexis - daughter of Tara Stroop

We extend Christian sympathy to Tom & Jan Gorden upon the death of Tom's brother, James Robert (Bobby) Gorden. If you would like to send Tom & Jan a card, their address is ... 7762 Greenhouse Road, Weyers Cave, VA 24486

We also extend Christian sympathy to Carolyn Swartz & Cindy Kite upon the death of their sister-in-law and aunt, Hannah Smiley. If you would like to send cards, Carolyn's address is 5711 Oak Villa Lane, Rockingham, VA 22801 and Cindy's is 66 Brendan Lane, Weyers Cave, VA 24486.



If there inclement weather Saturday as called for, a decision about Sunday's church service will be made by 7 pm. A church wide email will be sent out, it will be posted on the website at www.mybethanyumc@gmail.com and on WHSV-TV3.



If you don't receive The Happenings, The Echo, and other notices from the church, please send Cindy Kite an email to let her know to add your email address to the database. We always want to keep you up to date on all events and information!

Happy Birthday to ...

7th - Mackenzie Crawford
8th - Krisalyn Mooney

