

What's Happening at Bethany



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.

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



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!

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!

The fellowship hall is reserved on Saturday, Jan. 20 from 10 am - 1 pm. Please be respectful of those using the church. Thank you!

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.

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 Young Adult Social has been rescheduled for 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?

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.



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 BUM Post Office will close this Sunday, Jan. 14.**

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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.

The Youth are wanting to see who has projects that need to be done. We will be having the 30-hour famine coming up at the end of February and need about 4-5 hours of projects to do on that Saturday. If you have an INSIDE project that the youth can help you do (for a donation to their mission trip over the summer), then please let Lori Mooney know at Brownsugarcookie@yahoo.com or 540-820-7394, . She will be putting together the list of people who need projects done and exactly what needs to be accomplished.

Since it is February and we expect it to be cold, then we are mainly focusing on inside projects. If you have outside projects that you need help with, please let Lori Mooney also know this, but they will not be done on this day. The youth will try to find another day to do the outside projects before this summer.



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!

Please be in Prayer for ...

Members: Gary Ruleman, Carolyn Roller, Peggy Lucas, Hazel Truslow, Nadine Moore

Extended Family: Samantha Steed - mother of Tabby Steed, Shawna - sister of Maggie Huffer, Alexis - daughter of Tara Stroop

Note ... all prayer requests will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks unless otherwise requested.



If there inclement weather anytime this winter, decision about Sunday's church service will be tried to 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. As always, use your own judgment on whether you want to venture out.



We would like to extend Christian sympathy to Rosemary Wagoner, Leslie Wagoner & Jac Bridges upon the death of their uncle. If you would like to send cards, Rosemary's address is ... 787 Brower Road, Waynesboro, VA 22980. Leslie and Jac's address is ... 82 Old White Bridge Road #104, Waynesboro, VA 22980.

Happy Birthday to ...

- 13th - Abby Michael
- 15th - Mark Whitecotton & Sharon Northrop
- 18th - Abe Smith
- 21st - Barbara Miller. Randy Roller, Pam Roller & Garrett Simmons
- 26th - Jeremy McLaughlin

