

# What's Happening at Bethany

The Youth will be having "Bible Exploration" after the worship service on Sunday, Feb. 4. Questions? Contact Bridgett Crawford.



If you are 55+ and still "young at heart," you are invited to join the Young at Hearts for their February luncheon at O'Neil's in Harrisonburg on Tuesday, Feb. 6. Give us a try this year. We have

lots of good food and fellowship time. Plus there's lots of laughter! And a new leader for 2024. Ms. Leslie Wagoner has graciously agreed to lead this fun group. Thanks to Carolyn Swartz for the many years that she has led this group!

The will be a Worship Meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 6 pm at the church. Please let Jackie Dunsmore know if you are unable to attend. Dinner will be provided.

There will be a Trustee meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 7 pm at church. Please let Mark Dunsmore know if you are unable to attend.

The fellowship hall is reserved on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 9:30 am - 1 pm. If you need to come to the church during those hours, please be considerate of those using the fellowship hall. Thank you!

Our friend Geneva Burns left us a legacy of Bibles, Christian books, and gift books. These and other church books are displayed on the back tables in the fellowship hall. Please look them over and take anything that interests you.



Caring Cards will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 10 am at the church. We welcome anyone that would like to help send notes and cards of encouragement and thank you cards to folks in the church family that need a pick-me-up. Help us make someone smile because they received a note or card and know that someone is thinking of them.



February means that the Lenten Season is upon us. This Lenten Season we will be reading together Rev. Adam Hamilton's "Final Words From the Cross." Pastor Blaine will be leading a study on

Wednesdays beginning February 21 at 10 am and 6:30 pm. This six week study will complement the Sunday sermons, so even if you cannot attend, feel free to sign up for a book, so you can follow along this Lenten Season. There is a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center. If you want us to order your book, sign up today! Tuesday, February 6 will be the last day to sign up. You can always order your own book from Amazon.

The youth will be making desserts after church on Sunday, Feb. 11 for the Ash Wednesday meal. All youth and parents ... we need your help!



What a better way to commemorate our 70th year anniversary, than with a 30 oz Bethany UMC travel mug! This is one way to remember our

church's history and hopefully will also be a wonderful starting point to invite others into the Bethany family! They can be found beginning this Sunday in the foyer and we are asking for a \$20 donation per travel mug. If you have any questions, talk to Cindy Kite or Pastor Blaine.

There will be a Church Council meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 6:30 pm. All church officers and committee chairs are encouraged to attend. If you are unable to attend, please let Elizabeth Williams or Pastor Blaine know. All folks within the church are invited to council meetings. If you have something you would like added to the agenda, please contact Elizabeth or Cindy Kite.

Pastor Blaine will be holding "Coffee Hours" on Thursday, Feb. 15 from 9:30 am - 12 pm at the Rumor Mill Coffee Shop within Valley Pike. Join him there! All are welcome!

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**Super Bowl Sunday is February 11 and we are looking forward to seeing everyone's best football jerseys, shirts, and apparel at Sunday morning worship!** But more importantly, Missions and Food Pantry are partnering together to receive donations, as we have seen an uptick in Food Pantry neighbors. **Let's help our neighbors and bring these items from Super Bowl Sunday through Sunday, Feb. 25.** There will be a Food Bank canister to drop these items in the Welcome Center. The list of needs are:

- (1) Soup that has meat in it (chicken noodle; chicken with rice; vegetable beef; etc)
- (2) Cans of pasta with meat (like Chef Boyardee SpaghettiOs with meatballs)
- (3) Canned vegetables and fruit
- (4) White rice
- (5) Canned meat (tuna, chicken, etc)
- (6) Diapers (mostly sizes 4,5,6) and wipes
- (7) Syrup

Cans with pull-tab tops/lids would be really nice; especially nice for our unhoused neighbors who usually don't have can openers available to them. We haven't set a goal yet, but once we do and we meet that goal, Pastor Blaine won't be kissing a goat, but ... details to come!

### Happy Birthday to ...

- 1st - Jackie Dunsmore & Megan Kile
- 2nd - Reid Hill
- 3rd - Gary Ruleman
- 4th - Pam Lynn & Ron Castle
- 5th - Dylan Snyder
- 11th - Paige Crawford
- 13th - Rebekah Castle



**Lent is almost here!** It's that time before Easter that we prepare our hearts and minds for Easter! We reflect on our lives and relationship with God. We remember our sin and the price Jesus paid for us to be forgiven. We look forward to the celebration of Easter and the promise of eternal life. All this starts on Ash Wednesday. Come be a part of our **Ash Wednesday event**. Yes, it's Valentine's Day, but what better place to be than with your church family! We are providing a wonderful **pizza and salad dinner at 6 pm** with desserts provided by our youth. Following dinner everyone will create a Lenten grass garden for your home that you can nurture and watch until Easter. After this activity there will be a very brief time in the sanctuary where we will receive ashes. This event is being planned for ALL ages. Bring yourself, your family and even invite a friend!

**The youth will be having the 30-hour famine February 23-24. They would like to have 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.

**Members:** Carolyn Roller, Peggy Lucas, Hazel Truslow, Nadine Moore

**Extended Family:** Alma & Neese Spitzer - aunt & uncle of Barbara Long