

What's Happening

at Bethany



Super Bowl Sunday is February 11 and we are looking forward to seeing everyone's best football jerseys, shirts, and other 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 Spaghetti-Os 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! The details ARE HERE! When we meet our goal, Pastor Blaine will be ... SLIMED!!



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.

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!

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.



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 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 and again on Thursday, Feb. 29 from 3 - 4:30 pm at Valley Pike Rumor Mill. Come have a cup of coffee or tea and enjoy some sometimes deep conversations and or times not so much. Everyone's invited to come!

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ASH
Wednesday

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!

For our Lent book study 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. If you didn't order a book, you can always order one from Amazon and join us when you can.



Prayer List ...

Members: Carolyn Roller, Peggy Lucas, Don & Hazel Truslow, Nadine Moore, Sidney & Jean Moyer, Kathleen Stump

Extended Family: Alma & Neese Spitzer - aunt & uncle of Barbara Long, Glenda Western - friend of Dale Roller



The youth will be having the **30-hour famine February 23-24**. The BUMS will be spending Friday night at the church and do service projects on Saturday. Volunteers to help "watch over" kids are needed. Volunteers are also needed to provide food for the meal on Saturday to break the fast. If you can help, even for a couple hours, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

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, we are mainly focusing on inside projects. If you have outside projects that you need help with, please let Lori Mooney know this, however, they will not be done on this day. The youth will try to find another day to do the outside projects when it warms up.



Their goal is to raise \$500 through service project donations for our folks and through donations from our church family.

Happy Birthday to ...

11th - Paige Crawford
13th - Rebekah Castle
14th - Bradley Dunsmore
18th - Laura Lucas
21st - Sandra Campbell

