

What's Happening at Bethany



Super Bowl Food Collection for our Food Pantry is still going on through Sunday, Feb. 25. Let's bring food in to help our neighbors in need. 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*

Plus any other types of food. 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!! AND YOU DO WANT TO SEE PASTOR BLAINE SLIMED, RIGHT? Bring that food with you Sunday!**



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.

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.



All men in the church are invited to join together for "Donuts & Devotions" on Saturday, Feb. 17 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!

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.



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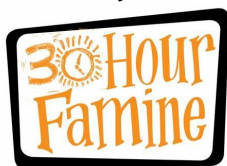
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The youth will be having the 30-hour famine February 23-24. The BUMS will be spending Friday night at the church and do service projects on Saturday. Volunteers to help “watch over” kids are needed. Volunteers are also

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.



It's coffee time!! If you would like to talk with Pastor Blane outside of the church in a casual setting, he is having “coffee hours” on **Thursday, Feb. 29 from 3-4:30 pm at Valley Pike's Rumor Mill.** Come chat with him and enjoy

a cup of coffee or tea. This is a great opportunity to get to know him a little better and he you. FYI ... Even though college football season is over, there's lots of other things you can talk about ... the weather, basketball, golf, and of course theology!

Mark your calendars for an evening of laughs, singing, and family friendly entertainment on Saturday, March 16th @ 6:30 pm as we welcome Brent Vernon to Bethany for a concert! Invite your friends, teammates, neighborhood children, co-workers and their kids; as this will be an evening you will not want to miss! It's a live concert event for the whole family with a guest appearance by “Sam!” A love offering will be collected and Brent will have a merchandise table setup. We look forward to seeing you there!



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!

Prayer List ...

Members: Don & Hazel Truslow, Nadine Moore, Sidney & Jean Moyer, Kathleen Stump, Ramona Garrison

Extended Family: Alma & Neese Spitzer - aunt & uncle of Barbara Long, Glenda Western - friend of Dale Roller, Mark Ruffin - mentor of David Williams, Connie Gorden - granddaughter of Tom & Jan Gorden

Happy Birthday to ...

18th - Laura Lucas
21st - Sandra Campbell

