

What's Happening at Bethany

There will be a Finance Meeting on Monday, April 8 at 6 pm. Please let Jane Elkins know if you are unable to attend.



Caring Cards will meet on Tuesday, April 9 at 10 am at the church. You are invited to join them. There's no commitment. Just come when you can. They write notes of encouragement and thank yous to folks within our church family. Everyone likes receiving a card knowing someone is thinking about them. Help make someone's day a little brighter by joining this group.

There will be a church council meeting on Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 pm. All church officers and commitment chairs are encouraged to attend. All others within the church are invited ... meetings are open to all. If there is something you would like to discuss, please contact Pastor Blaine or Cindy Kite to have it placed on the agenda.



Friends of Barnabas Update.

Due to an uncertainty in team leadership when this year's trips were being planned, there is not a team traveling to Honduras from this area.

On the positive side, Pastor Blaine and Gary Lucas have joined another team, and will be traveling to Honduras in September.

The team must raise \$11,500 to cover supplies, and we would appreciate Bethany's help.

Checks can be made to Bethany UMC and put FOB in the memo line. Or you can go to <https://www.mightycause.com/story/September2024>. This is a direct link to the team funds. Thanks for your support.



Make plans now to be part of the excitement of the Young at Hearts and BUM youth groups! The Young at Hearts and BUM Youth are sponsoring a Hearts Luncheon and Game immediately following church on April 21, 2024. This used to be a treasured event at Bethany and we are bringing it back! This is a family-friendly event and open to all ages! You can learn to play in just a few minutes ... it's fun for all. A potluck luncheon of soup, salads, sandwiches, and desserts will start the event. Sign up sheets will be at the Welcome Center. Progressive Hearts game follows lunch. A free will offering will go to the BUM Youth Summer mission trip. Stay after church for this fun and laughter filled event!



Calling at men!! Come join us for Donuts & Devotions on Saturday morning, April 20 at 8 am. There will be donut eating. Coffee drinking. Fellowshiping. Devotion sharing and discussion on lots of different topics. There is no commitment. Just come when you can. church lawn looking beautiful and inviting for members and visitors!

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. Please place your money in the box on the table. If you have any questions, talk to Cindy Kite or Pastor Blaine.

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Yep, it's that time of year again!! Time to smell fresh cut grass! Time to mow! We are looking for folks to sign up to take a month (April - October) to mow the church lawn. We have a zero-turn mower and gas will be reimbursed (with receipts). You can mow when it suits you. If you enjoy being outside, please prayerfully consider if this is something you can do. There will be substitutes if you need to miss a week. Contact Cindy in the office if you are willing to help keep our church lawn looking beautiful and inviting for members and visitors! So far, we've only had one person volunteer!! We need YOU!



It's spring cleaning time!! The Trustees are holding an outside clean-up day on Saturday, April 27 beginning at 8 am. Coffee and donuts will be provided. We have a number

of projects we want to get accomplished that day, so please plan to come out and give us a hand. Bring gloves, rakes, shovels, trimmers, etc. to do yard work. Come for an hour, come for all day. Any time you can give will be greatly appreciated.

We will also be scheduling an inside clean-up day in the near future. We have painting that needs done, small repairs, cleaning and organizing rooms. More info will be coming soon!

FYI ... There will not be an April edition of The Echo published. Articles for the May edition are due April 20. Please email them to office.bethany@gmail.com.

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!

If you have pictures of the church and/or church activities from years gone by, please contact Cindy Kite. We are looking for pictures, old and new, to help commemorate our 70th anniversary!



As some of you know, Libby Cook-Riddle's stomach cancer returned and she had to have surgery again on March 25 at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, NC. Libby is still in the hospital as recovery has been a slow process. We would like to shower Libby with cards to help boost her spirit! If you can, please send a card to her at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, c/o Libby Cook-Riddle, 1 Medical Center Blvd., Cancer Center Room 928, Winston-Salem, NC 27157. I know she would appreciate hearing from her church family!

Prayer List ...

Members: Don & Hazel Truslow, Nadine Moore, Sidney Moyer, Ramona Garrison, Audrey Bradshaw, Phil & Ruth Ann Mikesell, Libby Riddle, Laura Hittie & family, Eddie Lynn, Carolyn Swartz

Extended Family: Connie Gorden - granddaughter of Tom & Jan Gorden, Sandie Donald - daughter of Carolyn Swartz & sister of Cindy Kite, Carl - brother of Gary Ruleman

Happy Birthday ...

5th - Trae Elkins & Sawyer Dunsmore

7th - Jordan Dunsmore & Matt Caricofe

9th - Phil Mikesell & Susan Thacker

10th - Chuck Schwab

17th - Rick Northrop, Jenifer Williams & Stephanie Caricofe

18th - Susan Meadows

25th - Carrie Dunsmore & Nash Colvin

