

# ***The Bethel Bugle***

Newsletter

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Bethel United Methodist Church

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Celebrating 175 years of Service to the Lord

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## *Coming Events      Mark your Calendars Today*

### *Upper Room Prayer Line*

*Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> 8 pm to Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 8 am.*

This is an opportunity for you to be in prayer with others who have a need for this special intercessory prayer. Please check the sign-up sheet on the table under the Tree of Life for available time slots. Thank you for your gift of prayer and time.

Future dates for the Upper Room Prayer Line are September 23-September 24 and November 18-19. Please contact June or Ed Wagner, Cindy Rainger, or Greg Salamone for more information about this wonderful opportunity to be in prayer with and for others.

### *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship Service and Potluck Lunch*

*Sunday, May 29    Only One Worship Service 10:30 a.m.*

Please bring a dish to pass for a potluck lunch following the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday "favorite hymn" sing and worship service. Sunday School will still meet at 9:30 a.m.

### *Alive Now Praise Worship Service!*

*Saturday, June 4    7:00 p.m.*

Come as you are and enjoy worship in a contemporary setting. Please bring your friends and neighbors. Lots of praise music, message and Holy Communion. Join us!

### *United Methodist Men Monthly Dinner*

*June 11    5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.*

The June menu:    BBQ Beef and Pork, Baked Beans, Rolls, Salad  
All for just \$10. Children ages 10 and under eat FREE!!

### *UMW Annual Yard Sale*

*and All-You-Can-Eat Country Breakfast*

*Saturday, June 18    8:00 a.m.*

Plan now to have a table at the Annual Yard Sale.  
Proceeds will benefit special projects of the Bethel UMC.

### *Vacation Bible School*

*July 11 - 15    6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.*

Read all about it inside!! Contact:    Amy Lunsford VBS 2011 Coordinator.

### *4<sup>th</sup> Annual "Sizzlin' Summer Live/Silent Charity Auction*

*Saturday, August 13    5:00 p.m.*

## ***A Message from Pastor Marty***

There is power in rain. I had been struggling to get a sermon for this week. And instead of one, I have just gotten two in the last three hours. I am reminded again and again that in the midst of a storm there can be great revelation. It happens when we have turmoil in our lives, it happens when nothing seems to be going right in our lives, and even on rainy spring days. I do not think I am going to preach the second sermon I got today, so here are a few “snip its”.

We are meant to be community - a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s spiritual household. It is not about living an individualized, “Just me and my Jesus” type of religion. That is not to be confused with the need for a personal relationship with God. Personal is intimate but not separate, we have personal relationships with each of the members of our family, but we live out our relationships in the family, not just one on one. Similarly, we are to have a personal relationship with God and live it out in the Body of Christ, the church.

Christians are never truly alone. Every day of our lives we can see the awesomeness of God’s creation. And often feel God’s love and receive God’s gracious care through our association in the community of believers. And as we experience God’s grace we get the strength we need to endure. In the community of believers we get the support and encouragement we need. And whether we like it or not, we need the accountability. When we do things alone we are apt to quit, if the going gets hard, or boring. But if we do things in community, we are far less likely to just quit - that is a form of accountability.

God has chosen us. Christ laid down his life for us. And we who have experienced God’s love, acceptance, and forgiveness make up the church. Note I did not say that we belong to the church, but we are the church and three things are required of us.

First, we are to make Christ real for others - our families, our friends, our work associates, and those we meet daily. We are to witness and that is the fifth vow of membership.

Second, we are to be channels of God’s grace - to live our faith, and to share his love and acceptance, and forgiveness with others. This is an awesome responsibility that sometimes seems overwhelming. But it can be as simple as a hand on the shoulder or a simple prayer with a friend, or just the offer of being present for someone who is struggling to cope with a difficult situation.

And finally, we are to demonstrate the power of God through the way that we live our lives. Each of us has been given special gifts and talents and we should use them freely and willingly to help others.

To do these things, we have got to be willing to let God use us. We must be available when we are called; we must be watching for opportunities to help; and we must be willing to risk the vulnerability and openness of personal relationship and genuine caring. In short we have got to be willing to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbor as ourself.

So as this Body of Christ continues to grow there is much to do and each of us is needed, where will you serve? Will you be willing when called? We know God is never too busy for us, but we often act as if God can wait. How would you react to a friend who treated you that way? Not a sermon, just a few thoughts for your consideration in these Great 50 Days of Easter.

### ***Mission Moments***

#### ***News from your Bethel Mission Team***

Do you want to know how you can help in our community and in the world? How you can make a real difference in the lives of people in need? Then talk to the folks on our Bethel Missions Team.

The Team would love your support and ideas!!

Contacts:

Debbie Mroczek Ph. 540-439-9173 or  
debbiemroczek@aol.com

John and Martha Jo Payne 703-743-1605 or  
mjmk77@comcast.net

Upcoming special Mission events:

Saturday, May 28. Sew Dresses for Haiti  
Bethel Church is hosting a "Sew-In" from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to make simple dresses for children in Haiti. Bring your sewing machine and join in the fun. Contact Debbie Mroczek for more information.

Saturday, September 10. Stop Hunger Now  
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

If you'd like a truly unique and rewarding experience please sign up to help package food for the hungry in our world. The sign-up sheet is on the table under the Tree of Life. One package makes six meals. This year the goal is to package 25,000 meals. Read more about the program at [www.StopHungerNow.org](http://www.StopHungerNow.org)

*The Missions team needs to raise about \$5000 to bring this program to Bethel. All donations are gratefully accepted.*

"Hoofing for the Homeless" Recently Bethel folks raised \$800 for Fauquier Family Shelter by hiking for 4 miles at Airlie.

### ***Summer Music Opportunities***

While the choir is on hiatus this summer, we would love to have you share your voice or musical instrument in worship.

If you have a musical gift that you would be willing to share with the congregation during worship this summer please contact Gretchen Davis at 540-347-4359 or [ghdavis4150@aol.com](mailto:ghdavis4150@aol.com).

# Come! Come! Everybody Worship!

## *Special June Worship Observances and Opportunities*

Worship services and activities are opportunities for us to experience God in a real way. It is our set-apart time to say to God, "I love you and worship you because of who you are. I am grateful for your presence in my life. Thank you for loving me unconditionally". Secondly it is a time to be in fellowship and communion with our brothers and sisters of the faith.

The month of June brings us two special observances in the life of the church. They are *Ascension Sunday* followed by *Pentecost!* *June 5th is Ascension Sunday this year.* This is the day that we remember that Jesus was taken up into heaven for the last time. We are still awaiting his coming again. Before he went to be with his Father in heaven, you may recall that he told the disciples and others to wait in

Jerusalem, that he would send the Comforter - the Holy Spirit.

That day is Pentecost or the 50th day (after Easter)! This is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the whole church. *June 12 is the day we celebrate Pentecost this year.* On Pentecost we will hang special banners and have some special worship experiences. Everyone is invited to wear something red or orange or yellow - sort of the color of flames - to represent the flames of the Spirit. Wear your "flame" colors and Come, feel the spirit!

## Two Studies Being Offered This Summer by Pastor Marty

Pastor Marty is offering two studies this summer. On *Monday nights at 7:00*, he will repeat the forgiveness study. On *Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00*, he will offer an Efirid study of the book of Revelation. Both will start in a couple of weeks. Signups are under the Tree of Life. Both classes will have a limit of 20 persons so it will have to be first come, first serve so sign-up now if you are interested.

## Trustee News

In our continuing effort to work together to take care of our church property, there are a couple of items we would like to let you know about.

First, about the "Get er Done" list that is under the Tree of Life. Our hope is to use this list to supplement our own checking of things and discover the maintenance issues in the church. So if you see something that needs work please let us know. We have heard about other churches who have groups of retired people who get together weekly to take care of "light work" maintenance issues like changing light bulbs, fixing doors that stick, repairing chairs that are broken and other such things. This saves those churches a good deal of money on repairs and helps people live their vows of membership. We know that we too have some folks who are retired and might be able to form such a group. If you are willing and able, please contact Elton Underwood.

Second, lawn mowing. A couple of folks have had the lawn mower stop on them in the midst of mowing and they could not get it re-started. We have found that our lawn mower is burning oil such that it needs to be filled every time the lawnmower is used. So if you are preparing to mow the lawn and plan to use the church mower, please check the oil before using the mower and top it off if necessary. Oil and gas are in the shed with the mower.

We are delighted with our facilities and glad that they are being used and enjoyed by so many folks. But that also means that we all need to be vigilant about the things that need fixing, so we appreciate your support in all our efforts.

Thanks,

Dave Childers, Trustees Chair

## Annual Church Yard Sale - "Recycling at its best"

*UMW All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast  
Saturday, June 19 - 8:00 a.m.*

Bethel United Methodist Women (UMW) is sponsoring its annual “flea market style” yard sale on Saturday, June 18. Anyone who is interested in selling their used “treasures” and donating the proceeds to the UMW is invited to set up a table on the lawn or under the Pavilion on Saturday, June 18. All donated proceeds will go to Bethel Church projects.

Participants are asked to bring their own “wares” already priced and to man their own booth. If you don’t think you have enough goodies, buddy up with a friend - it’s great fun. If you have items you’d like to donate but cannot be there on June 18 or would like more information contact Ava Lee at 347-7805 / e-mail at [leisurelee@erols.com](mailto:leisurelee@erols.com). We have limited storage for advance drop-offs, or items may be brought to the church on Friday, June 18.

Sale set-up will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 18. In addition to the Pavilion there will be a few canopies set-up on the lawn to shade the tables. Weather permitting, sale items may be set-up Friday evening and covered for the night. Please plan to take your unsold items home with you

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**Nothing to sell? Come on out anyway!** While the yard sale is going on outside, indoors the monthly UMW All-You-Can-Eat breakfast will be going on from 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. Delicious – don’t miss it!! Then shop *the abundance of wonderful “gently used” items.*

***Come and enjoy this all church event and support our Bethel Church projects!!***

**PandaMania!!**  
**Vacation Bible School (VBS)**  
**July 11 - 15 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Parents - are you ready for your kids to experience the adventure of a lifetime? If so, mark these dates on your calendar now for VBS.

This summer the kids will travel to PandaMania where they will discover that GOD IS WILD ABOUT THEM - a fact that will change them forever! PandaMania is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences: Bible Point crafts, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the PandaMania activities that help faith flow into real life. As they explore Psalm 139 the kids will discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life - something called God Sightings.

The special mission theme is "Operation Kid to Kid" where the children will be making backpacks and bible book marks to send to children in Latin America.

*Helpers are always welcome for this important summer children's program! How would you like to help out with this wonderful adventure?*

Please contact Amy Lunsford at [alunsford01@comcast.net](mailto:alunsford01@comcast.net) or 540-937-6407.

### **Baptism**

On Sunday, May 15 Jacob Adkins, son of Monica and Matthew Adkins was baptized at Bethel. Congratulations Jacob on this important step in your life!

### **Confirmation**

Also on Sunday May 15 the following young men and women became members of Bethel UMC through their vows of confirmation. Confirmation is a time when the youth study about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the church, the creeds and what it is to be a member of the United Methodist Church. Congratulations to each of you on making this important decision in your life!

Mitchell Braun  
Marshall Braun  
James Huff  
Matthew Krauss  
Emma Winters  
Michael Winters

## **Wonderful Wednesdays Summertime**

### Children pre-K -5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Programs for this age group will end on Wednesday, June 8 for a few weeks while leaders prepare for Vacation Bible School. VBS will be a week-long celebration of learning in God that will extend from Monday, July 11 - Friday, July 15, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Regular Wonderful Wednesday programming for this age group will begin again in late August.

**Youth Group!** Youth in grades 6 - 12 will continue through-out the summer on Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. Contact Robin Nida or Earl Kemper for information. Come join us.

### Adults

Pastor Marty is offering a study of the book of Revelations on Wednesday.

### Prayer Group - all ages:

We gather as a group to pray for our church, its ministries and its people: **Wednesdays from 5:45 - 6:10 p.m. (Sanctuary)**. Join with us when you can. All are welcome. Contact: Cindy Rainger.

We begin each Wednesday evening at 6:00 with prayer and a blessing of the meal. At 6:30, after eating and cleaning up our dinner dishes and tables, we break into our separate classes for the evening program. At 8:00, we rejoice at the close of a wonderful evening, praise the Lord and depart for home.

Kirk James and Joe McCoy  
WW Coordinators

## Bethel United Methodist Youth

### ***NEWS FROM THE BUMY CORNER OF THE WORLD***

21 youth participated in the 30 Hour Famine weekend. A BUG HUGE THANKYOU to all the volunteers who came and helped during the weekend. Several volunteers even FASTED WITH US! As of the date of this writing the youth have raised over \$2,000 that will provide aid to relieve hunger in Haiti through World Vision. We give our sincere gratitude to all everyone who has helped support us in that effort.

The youth gave all Glory to God in their performance of the Easter play, Eyewitness - The Story of a Promise Kept. If you were able to attend this drama depicting what happened in the Upper Room in the three days following Jesus' death, then you were truly blessed. The youth sponsored a lunch theatre following the 10:30 service on April 3. We were assisted by many volunteers who prepared and served baked ziti, salad and bread. We were so grateful for this help as it allowed the youth leaders and youth to concentrate on the set design and performance. We hope you were able to see the social hall as it was transformed in to the streets of Jerusalem. If you did you noticed the mural that was drawn by the youth. Our church is blessed by the talent and hearts of many wonderful youth and we hope you will join us next year for a repeat performance.

#### Upcoming Events

June 24 - 26 The youth will be going on a spiritual retreat on the Shenandoah near Luray. We will occupy two one acre camp sites on private property FREE, compliments of friends of Earl and Geneice. There will be lots of fun happening - tubing, swimming, fishing, hiking, volleyball, horseshoes, roasting marshmallows and hot dogs, singing around the campfire. The focus of the weekend will be igniting or reigniting our "Soul Fires" for God. We hope the youth will come away from the weekend with a new excitement for God. We're looking for a few volunteers to camp with us and help in meal preparation. If this is up your alley, contact Earl, Geneice or Robin.

Summer Opportunities - We will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings through the summer with a focus on mission and service. Our hope is to help elderly or ill members of our congregation with yard work, house work or repairs. The rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be invited to join the youth group beginning in July.

Other possible summer events include bowling, movie night, a cook out on the lake with Pastor Marty, a swim party, and much more. Watch for the news of upcoming events.

Bethel United Methodist Youth (BUMY) is open to all youth in grades 6 - 12, not just youth of Bethel. So invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

If you need more information, please contact any of the BUMY leaders:  
Earl or Geneice Kemper, Joe or Christen Miller, Greg Nolff or Robin Nida. Come join us!

#### ***Calling 21 Intern comes to Bethel Church this Summer***

"Calling 21" is a conference-wide, grass roots, congregation-based, youth-focused approach to the Virginia Conference's emerging culture of call to ministry. During the summer, college students from across Virginia are placed in church internships. These students spend a summer immersed in the life of a local church, not their own, discerning God's call into church leadership.

This summer Bethel will welcome Andrew Hudgins as a summer intern. Andrew is a junior at James Madison University, a social work major, who is feeling a call to ministry. He will be with us for about seven weeks this summer. While he is at Bethel he will be working actively with the youth and participating in all aspects of the work of the church. As members of Bethel, we are all being asked to help guide Andrew as he searches his calling. When he arrives please extend to Andrew a huge Bethel welcome!!

***The power of prayer is limitless!! Please join in a ministry of prayer each day for your friends, your loved ones, your neighbors, and your adversaries. Especially include the following people at this time!***

***Church Family***

The Armand family  
Donna Broadbent  
Rosemary Cox  
Tom Davis  
Alice and Leo Federline  
Howard Goff  
Sharon Gray  
Ralph Head  
Kirk and Jo James  
Pam Kalinsky  
Bill and Elsie Mayo  
Carol and Bob McAndrew  
John and Martha Jo Payne  
Neville Rinker  
Robbie and Paul Smith  
Irving Thorpe  
Stan and Carol Walus

**To have a note of encouragement or sympathy mailed from Bethel Church to your loved one please give the name and address to Murray and Helen Edwards.**

**Place the name and address in the offering plate, or contact them by calling 540-347-3271 or via email at [medwards419@yahoo.com](mailto:medwards419@yahoo.com) (Murray) [hedwards4@yahoo.com](mailto:hedwards4@yahoo.com) (Helen).**

***Others Needing Special Prayer***

Virginia Bishop Kammerer  
Our District Superintendent Larry Thompson  
Victims of violence, war and natural disasters  
Those grieving the loss of loved ones or suffering debilitating illness  
Those in the midst of financial upheaval  
Those facing medical tests, procedures, treatments  
Leaders of the United States  
Leaders of the world

***Our list is ever changing as some of those in uniform return home to civilian life and others just begin.....***

***Protecting Us***

The following are names of men and women who are serving in a critical role in protecting our nation. Please pray for their safety and the safety of all the young men and women who may be in harm's way as they work to keep us safe. Those in italics are new to our list. If you would like to add someone's name to our list please let me know. AKL

Bill Atwell (Fairfax County EMT)  
Heather Bevel (US Coast Guard)  
Grant Brooks (US Army Reserve)  
Will Corbitt (US Marines)  
Rick Crowther (US Army)  
Steven Del Mauro (US Army)  
Christopher Everett (US Army)  
Dan Janickey (Fairfax County Police)  
Joshua Knefelkamp (US Marine)  
Joe McCoy (US Navy)  
Ben McGee (US Capitol Police)  
Carey Robertson (US Coast Guard)  
Jason Reichel (Fairfax County Police)  
John Rhorbaugh (US Army)  
Joshua Rinker  
Shawyne Smith (US Army)  
James Sutton (US Air Force)  
Brian Tollefson (US Navy)  
Charles Wolfert (Fairfax County Police)

## Upcoming Meetings and Events in June and July

### JUNE

Saturday, June 4  
 UMW regular meeting 9:30 a.m.  
 Alive Now worship service 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 11  
 UMM Monthly Dinner 5:00. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 18  
 UMW Monthly Breakfast 8 - 10 a.m.

Tuesday, June 21  
 Church Council meeting 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 28  
 UMM regular meeting 7:00 p.m.

### JULY

Saturday, July 2  
 UMW regular meeting 9:30 a.m.  
 Alive Now worship service 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 9  
 UMM Monthly Dinner 5:00. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 16  
 UMW Monthly Breakfast 8 - 10 a.m.

Tuesday, July 19  
 Church Council meeting 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 26  
 UMM regular meeting 7:00 p.m.

## Bethel United Methodist Women

The next regularly scheduled meeting is June 4 at 9:30 a.m. Please join us as we finalize plans for the annual Bethel Yard Sale scheduled for June 18.

All women are invited to attend. You do not have to be a member of Bethel Church to join BUMW, Please come join us and bring a friend!!

## United Methodist Men

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28 at 7:00 p.m. All men are invited to attend - come and bring a friend. You do not have to be a member of Bethel to join BUMM!! Bring your ideas for new mission opportunities and activities for the coming year. The annual golf tournament is now being planned. The next dinner, is scheduled for Saturday, June 11. Contact Greg Salamone for more information!!

## Connection Café We Need You!!

*Would you be willing to help with Connection Café? The Café is a very popular stopping place on Sunday morning, especially between services. It is provided completely by volunteers and brought to all of us free of charge. We would love to have some more helpers. If you are interested please contact Haldeen Wilson, (540)347-2455 or leave a note for her in the kitchen. Thank you for considering contributing to this important part of our church life!*

## Our Church Officers

Co-Lay Leaders	Ava Lee
Church Council Chair	Paul Goff
Vice Chair	Kirk James
Secretary	Mary Jane Shofkom
Trustees Chair	David Childers
Church Treasurer	Donna Broadbent
Financial Secretary	June Wagner
Staff-Parish Relations	Jim Templeton
Annual Conference Delegate	June Wagner

## Our Church Staff

Pastor	Marty Martin
Administrative Asst.	Christine Winter
Music Director	Gretchen Davis
Nursery Attendants	
	Karen Goula
	Tiffany Kines
	Raquel Kines
	Cathy Clemency

## Our Missionaries

Steve and Diantha Hodges

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