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The Bethel Beacon

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BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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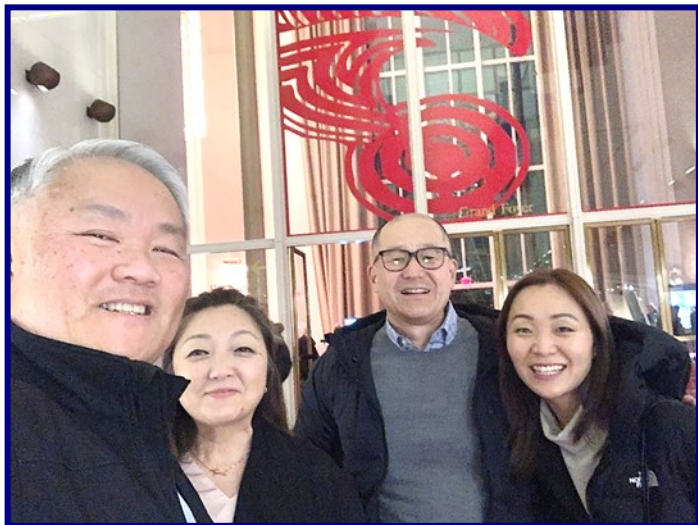


Pastoral Column—Ryu Family



My daughter Kaitlin is a senior at Virginia Tech and plans to continue her education for another year to complete her Masters. Before my mother goes back to Toronto this month, Kaitlin wanted to take some grad photos with her on campus. Needless to say, grandma was proud to see her granddaughter grow up to be a beautiful young lady who will graduate summa cum laude.

Pastor's Column—continued



On February 2, I was treated by our church family to hear the Capital Orchestra play at the Kennedy Center. It was a night full of powerful music and for the first time in 20 years, my wife and I had a double date with my best friend Rev. Danny Chung and his wife Angela that evening. We also celebrated the Lunar New Year by hearing the U-hee Nori by the U-hee Company that night as we celebrated the year of the Rabbit.



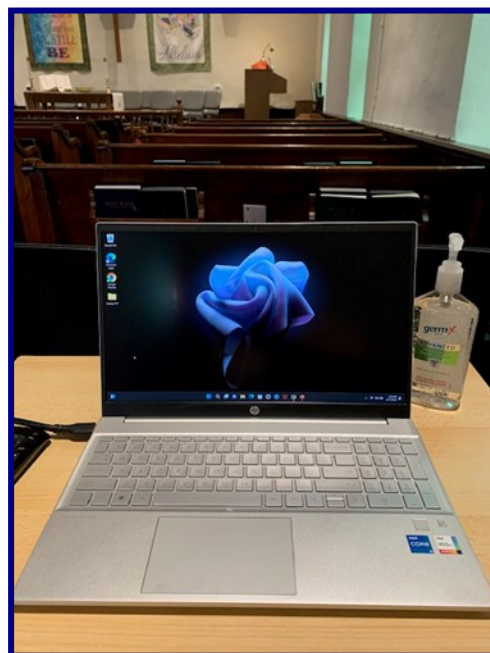
On Tuesday February the 14th, I had a chance to meet up with my colleagues who all serve as clergy in a Cross Racial Cross Culture UMC church in our Virginia Conference. We met at Culpeper UMC where Rev. Won Lee is the new senior pastor. I hope to host another group on March 8 in Warrenton to keep everyone encouraged and supported.

Pastor's Column—continued



Have you ever felt like it was Christmas even though December is far off in the distance? Well, that is what February was like for me. First, a wish I had since I first arrived at Bethel came true when Allen Crane planned and organized two companies to donate the material, equipment, and man power to spread new asphalt at the entrance and exit of our church parking lot. Special thanks to Donovan Asphalt Paving Co. and Superior Paving Corp for their generous donations.

The second gift came in the form of a new laptop that was so needed in our sanctuary. For many years Sarah Hundley was using her work laptop or Brett and I had to bring our office laptops to connect the PowerPoint slides to the online and in-person Sunday service. Two individuals and one company owned by our church member donated the funds to purchase this new laptop that is now locked securely on our sanctuary AV table.



Join Us at the Friendship Table!

Last month we started the formerly known gathering called “Table for 8” as twelve members joined the Friendship Table. We meet each Friday at 6 PM at the Parish House and the fellowship and community has been priceless. We hope to branch off into two new groups after March 10 where a second group will meet during the day. If you are interested, please let me know and you will be blessed beyond words. Don’t forget, this Friendship Table is geared toward inviting an unchurch neighbor or friend to see what Christian fellowship looks and feels like. The bonus comes when we share our lives with our Bethel members too.

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Sunday Schedule

9:00 am: Adult Sunday School

10:00 am: Worship in Sanctuary & Online

1st & 3rd Sundays: Communion Sundays

2nd Sunday: Youth Group Meeting—12:00 pm at the Church

4th Sunday: Youth Motel Ministries—12:00 pm

Join our Sunday morning ministry team. To volunteer:

- ◆ *to read scripture, contact Jane Brewer at 540-428-0038*
- ◆ *to usher, contact Tom Ferrell at 540-439-9043*
- ◆ *to help before and after communion, contact Cathy Carayas at 540-219-2575*
- ◆ *to assist with tech, contact Sarah Hundley at 540-589-5564*
- ◆ *to assist with the Youth, contact Sandra Colvin at 540-347-2375 or Karla Yocum at 540-514-6070*

We appreciate all of our volunteers and can always use more!

Upcoming Events

Thursdays, 9:30 am—11:00 am: Women's Bible Study—Social Hall

Thursdays, 5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal—Bell Room

Thursdays, 6:45 pm: Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Saturday, March 4, 9:30 am: UMW Meeting

Tuesday, March 7, 7:00 pm: Administrative Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 7:30 pm: Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 28, 7:00 pm: Trustees Meeting

Sunday, April 23: Children's Sunday School resumes

Sunday, April 30, 10:00 am: Youth Sunday

Children's Sunday School

We are planning to launch Children's Sunday School on April 23rd, but first we need more teachers. An additional training date will be scheduled in March. If you are interested please contact Linda Hayden at (540) 428-8570 or cmhsh@hotmail.com.

Spread the word and invite your family, friends, and neighbors with children and grandchildren to attend Sunday School on April 23rd!

Lay Leadership:

Lay Leader: Brett Hahn

Administrative Council Chair:
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Carlton HaydenStaff-Parish Relations:
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Chair:
Charlene HahneMission & Outreach Committee
Chairs:
Sandra Colvin,
Karla YocumUnited Methodist Women
President: Dolores GoffLay Member to Annual
Conference: Brett HahneDistrict Conference
Representative & Steward:
Murray Edwards**March Worship**

March 5—Second Sunday in Lent—Communion

Romans 11:11-16 —“Covenant - A Sermon Series: Broke Promises”

Music: *Grace Greater Than Our Sin; Freely, Freely*

March 12—Third Sunday in Lent

Hebrews 10:19-25 —“Covenant - A Sermon Series: Making
Sacrifices”Music: *Have Thine Own Way, Lord; Jesu, Jesu*Special Music: *A Covenant Prayer*

March 19—Fourth Sunday in Lent—Communion

1 Thessalonians 5:12-25 —“Covenant - A Sermon Series: Renewing
Our Covenant With God”Music: *Be Thou My Vision; This is a Day of New Beginnings*Special Music: *How Beautiful*

March 26—Fifth Sunday in Lent

John 11:1-45—“We Can Stand” - Guest Preacher: Rev. Sandy Boone

Lenten Schedule

April 2 — Palm Sunday 10 AM and TAIZE SERVICE 5 PM

April 6 — MAUNDY THURSDAY 7 PM

April 7 — Good Friday Service 7 PM

April 9 — Son-Rise Service 6:30 AM

April 9 — Easter Sunday Service 10 AM

What is a Taize' Worship Service?*Sunday, April 2nd at 5:00 p.m.*

Taizé is the name of a little village in the south of France. In this village, over 70 years ago, Brother Roger founded a community which regularly practiced meditative worship which included periods of silence with the repetitive singing of songs. The service is designed as a quiet, peaceful and meditative worship experience in the Taize' tradition. It is characterized by the singing of meditative songs, candlelight, prayers, readings and scripture, along with periods of silence to allow us to hear Holy Spirit speak. There is no sermon, no bulletin, no offering and no talking. We will enter and leave the sanctuary in silence.

This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare your heart for the events of Holy Week and consider the gift and victory of the cross for you. Come, experience God in a new way. All are welcome. Invite your neighbors and friends. (This service is not recommended for young children because of the long periods of silence).

March Birthdays:

- 01 Arlene Chapman
- 02 Rachel Gibson
- 04 Robert Grady
- 08 Eddie Bowers
- 12 Patrick Atwell
Beth Chadsey
Becky Crouch
- 13 Dean Fortney
- 16 Peggy Goff
- 17 Trish Eskilson
Allison Janickey
- 18 Ken Trexler
- 20 Victoria Atkins
Hilda Laing
- 21 Dotty Crane
- 23 Nancy Rider
Anna Shriver
- 24 John Bacot
Tammie Grogan
Jennifer Mayhugh
Nancy Pinson
- 27 Betty Pilcher
- 29 Joice Fredenburgh
- 30 Matt Gibson
- 31 Sue Brooks

March Anniversaries:

- 10 Bob & Debbie Mroczek
- 23 David & Sarah Janickey

Music Notes**Don't Stop the Music**

Have you noticed the joy we have on Sunday mornings of the sanctuary getting a bit crowded lately? Harder to find a seat? A bit too cozy for you? Just kidding... but, if you are feeling a bit cozier than you like, I have the PERFECT SOLUTION. Come join us in the choir! We have plenty of room for you! We rehearse on Thursdays from 6:45 – 8:15 p.m. and then again at 9:20 on Sunday mornings.

We are working on several beautiful pieces that would benefit from the depth of a few more voices. Perhaps, you're new to the idea of singing in a church choir. Why not just give us a try? Perhaps you've "been there and done that." In this season of Lent, covenant with God that you will do a new thing and give us a try for 8 weeks. If it's not your cup of tea, then step away. But you just might possibly find a new way to worship God and serve God's church AND be blessed while doing it. Questions? Contact me. pat88piano@gmail.com.

Pat Martin
Interim Music Director

"Chiming" In From the Bell Room

Greetings from the "Hymndingers." Well, the years got off to a rather bumpy start as COVID seemed to be roaming through the church, but we are back and better than ever. The Bell Room is "ringing" with music and laughter every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 6:30 as we make our way through new and challenging music in preparation for the Lenten Season.

The bells will be ringing on Palm Sunday for the first time this year. We will be playing a rousing rendition of All Glory Lawd and Honor as a prelude/processional to usher in Palm and Passion Sunday. As the service progresses and the mood becomes more somber we will be playing "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" and as the service concludes we will ask you to remain seated in quiet meditation as we close the service with "Were you There When They Crucified My Lord".

The Hymndingers know how much the Bethel congregation appreciates the music they provide. This requires a great deal of hard team work (with lots of trial and error which often erupts into laughter) to prepare for these musical offerings of worship. Since the beginning of the year we have been blessed with the addition of five new members which has given us new energy and encouragement. Our "forever" members are just the best at welcoming newcomers and have the patience of Job as we continue to adjust to change.

It will soon be spring and with that comes new life. On behalf of our dedicated ringers, I wish our Bethel family good health and new energy as we proceed through the Lenten Season and beyond. Hugs, Joice

Bethel Breakthrough Prayer

God of grace and power, thank you for loving us and for hearing our prayers. Break through into Bethel Church, into our lives, our families, our community, and our world, with healing power and visible signs of your grace. Guide us in the ways of Jesus. Send the Holy Spirit to lead us into the future you desire for us; even when the present is full of uncertainty and anxiety. Lord, we are asking, seeking, and knocking. Open doors that will lead us on paths of faithful discipleship; and give us the courage to walk through those doors as we live our faith and share God's love. Amen.

Missions & Outreach

Thanks so much to all of our Bethel family that supported our February Project—"Love and Appreciation" to our local community agencies to say "Thanks" for all you do for us. Once again our Bethel family went above and beyond by donating many treats for us to use to make goodie bags.

We would also like to thank those members that helped with putting the bags together and delivering them. We continue to "Live Our Faith and Share God's Love".

Sandra Colvin and Karla Yocum





Missions & Outreach—continued

As we prepare to enter the season of Lent, we would like to have a food drive similar to the one that we had during the Advent season. This food drive would benefit the Motel Ministry Project. We are asking the congregation to bring their donations into church each Sunday during Lent. The following is a suggested list of items you may contribute:

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| Laundry detergent (the plastic tablets) | Cereal |
| Bar soap | Cereal/Granola bars |
| Body wash | Small jar of peanut butter |
| Body lotion | Small jar of jelly |
| Tooth paste | Small jar of mayonnaise |
| Shampoo | Crackers |
| Conditioner | Bags of individual snack size chips, cookies, etc. |
| Deodorant | |
| Feminine products | |

Canned food items: (preferably with lift tops, but regular cans will work also)

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| Canned tuna | Canned beef stew |
| Canned chicken | Canned vegetables |
| Canned soup | Canned fruit or fruit cups |
| Canned chili | |

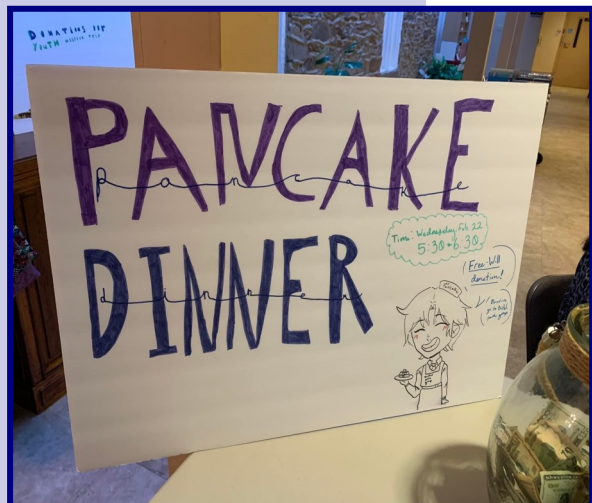
Your support of this project would be most appreciated.

Sandra Colvin and Karla Yocum



Karla Yocum, Bea Keefer, Barbara Craig, and Sandra Colvin visited Doloris Baker at her new nursing facility in Strasburg, Virginia.

Bethel United Methodist Youth (BUMY)



The youth would like to thank everyone for supporting them by attending the “Pancake Dinner” before the “Ash Wednesday” Service. Because of your generosity they were able to raise about \$600.00 to be used for their Mission Work Camp this summer.

They would also like to thank the Nurture Committee, the Fellowship Committee, and the youth leaders that supported them by making preparations for this event and for preparing the food—Gayle Ferrell, Donna Broadbent, Martha Ginader, Steve Church, Karla and Steve Yocum, Karen Nelson, Joice Fredenburgh, Debbie Mroczek, and Sandra Colvin.

Thanks to the youth members that were able to come to serve the dinner—Grant and Oliver Taylor, Denali Grogan, Addison Sellers and her friend, Emma. It was a wonderful fellowship event before our service for “Ash Wednesday.”



Bethel United Methodist Youth (BUMY) Pancake Dinner



Ink Cartridges

Donating used ink cartridges to the church helps us to get rewards at Staples that we use to purchase copy paper and other office supplies.

Thank you to all who donate!

Finance & Worship Attendance

Income & Expenses*

February Income: \$32,834.00 February Expenses: \$23,707.31
 YTD 2022 Income: \$52,414.00 YTD 2022 Expenses: \$46,895.35

*Because the Beacon is published monthly, finances for the prior month will be reported.

Attendance & Giving

| Date | Views | In-Person Adults/ Kids | Average | Giving |
|-------------|-------|------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| February 5 | 61 | 68 | 92.33 | \$7,868.00 |
| February 12 | 12 | 80 | 92.29 | \$12,181.00 |
| February 19 | 76 | 77 | 108.25 | \$5,623.00 |
| February 26 | 0 | 80 | 105.11 | \$7,162.00 |

Worship Update

We recently changed our mask mandate for worship and all other events at Bethel. If you feel safer or want to protect family members at home, please feel free to wear a mask. If you want to come without a mask, you are welcome to do so. We continue to meet in the Sanctuary. Air purifiers are running in the sanctuary before, during, and after worship service.

Communion will be served by intinction on the first and third Sundays of the month. Those who prefer the self-serve elements or the gluten-free elements can ask the server when they come up.

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