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The Bethel Beacon

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Living our faith, sharing God's love.

A graphic for a Town Hall Meeting. The text "TOWN HALL" is in large, bold, dark blue letters, and "MEETING" is in smaller, gold, all-caps letters below it. The background features a colorful geometric pattern of triangles in shades of blue, yellow, red, and grey, with two solid green vertical bars on either side.

TOWN HALL MEETING

Pastoral Column — September 2023

Dear Bethel Family and Friends,

In a few weeks, Rev. Dr. Sarah Calvert (Northern Virginia District Superintendent) will be joining us for worship on Sunday, September 10 to share the Word and guide us through our Town Hall meeting after the service. This Town Hall meeting will take place in our Social Hall for the purpose of clarifying any misunderstandings or questions that were unanswered about the United Methodist Church and the disaffiliating process for churches and clergy leaving our denomination. Please save the date and join us for this important gathering.



Pastoral Column — Continued

TOWN HALL MEETING AGENDA

- 11:15 AM Refreshments and Roll Call
- 11:30 AM Opening Prayer
- 11:35 AM Presentation of Past Meeting Minutes and Letters
- 11:45 AM Question and Answer ~ Rev. Dr. Sarah Calvert
- 12:15 PM Closing Prayer

In preparation for this Town Hall meeting, we want to be clear that this gathering is open to both official members of Bethel United Methodist Church and those that have been attending Bethel UMC over the past few years.

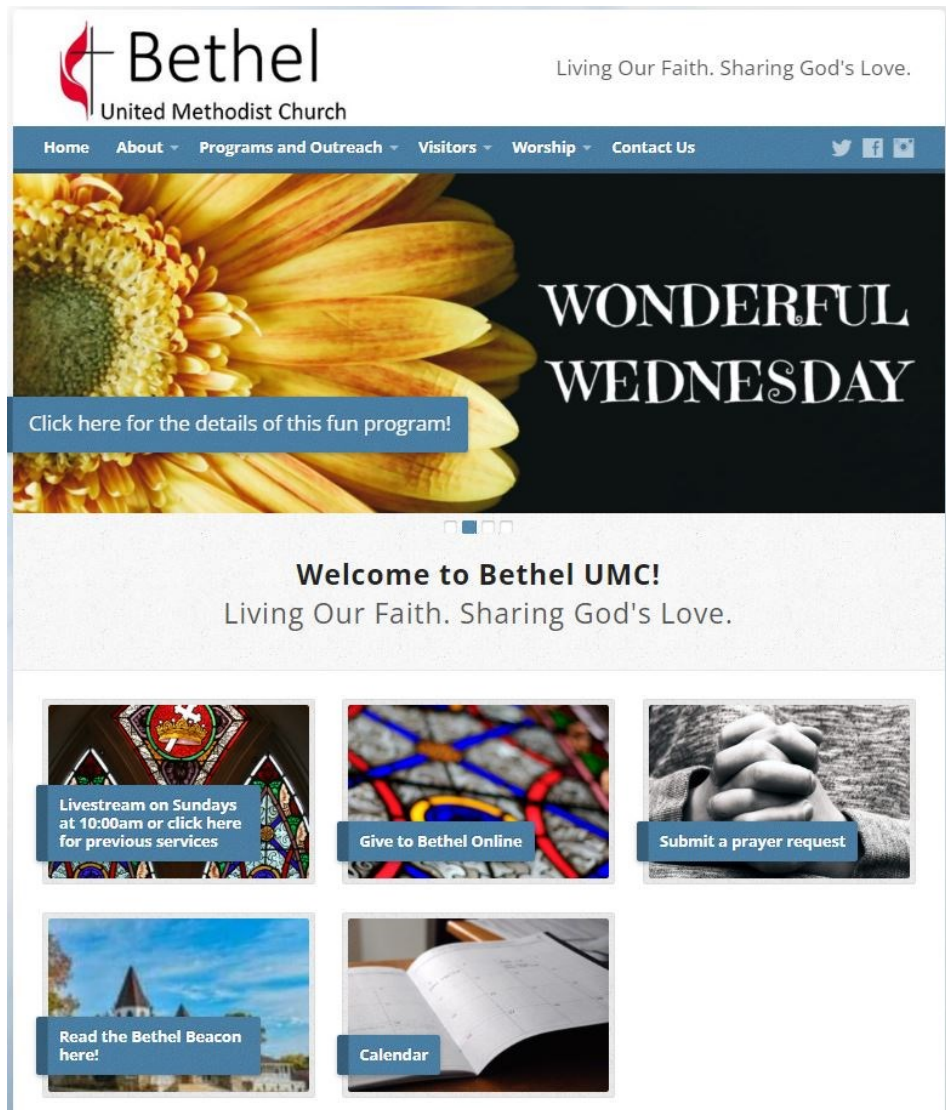


It is the hope of our Administrative Council (Church Council) to be transparent and honest about what took place in the past and how we can come together to move forward in the future. This Town Hall meeting will be moderated by Pastor David Ryu and minutes will be taken by several of our members to ensure the accuracy of the recorded minutes.

In last month's Beacon column, I shared some questions people have addressed about our denomination. Those seven questions were raised by many concerned United Methodists and our denomination was able to answer those questions to clear the air.

If you have not read that article, I want to encourage you to read it in preparation for our Town Hall meeting. The August Bethel Beacon is still available online at www.bethelumc.com under the **Read the Bethel Beacon here** and click August.

Pastoral Column — Continued



To best serve the needs of everyone, I ask that you come prepared to ask your questions in written form so that we can do our best to answer your questions. Please use this opportunity to ask our Church Council as well as Rev. Dr. Sarah Calvert questions that pertain to our denominational future and the disaffiliation that has taken place among some United Methodist congregations. In the meantime, please pray with us for this Town Hall gathering because we want to first glorify God and second bring peace and clarity about the future of Bethel church.

Most sincerely,
Rev. David Ryu



On Sunday September 17, Bethel UMC will be holding their Sunday worship service at Rady Park - 10 AM followed by a potluck picnic lunch.



***Fauquier Road
Warrenton***

The church will provide: hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments, plates, napkins, utensils and bottles of water. We would love for each family or individual to sign up to bring a dish or dessert to share with the rest of the group. Signup sheets will be available at the Welcome Desk in the Social Hall or you can call our church office and let Christine Winters know what you want to bring. Pastor David has organized fun games for everyone with prizes to be won. This is an outreach event so bring your children, grandchildren and neighbors. We will need to know a head count by Sunday September 10.



Wonderful Wednesday is a midweek program for anyone interested in building community with each other and enjoying activities that will boost your energy. You don't have to commit to every Wednesday but we would like for you to sign up for these gatherings so that Pastor David will know how many people will join each week. There are no fees for our gatherings except when we have our field trips which may include a meal or entrance fees.



This midweek program will run from September 6 – November 29, 2023 (10 AM – 12 PM) at Bethel UMC's social hall. Our schedule will be flexible but each week we will focus on a different program that will entertain us and bring us together. Email or call the church office to sign up. pastordavidryu@bethelumc.com ~ (540) 347-4874

September 6	BINGO (prizes for each round)
September 13	Smart Phones and Computer Class
September 20	Cooking Class – (How to make summer rolls)
September 27	Burke Lake Trip & Lunch
October 4	BINGO (prizes for each round)
October 11	Creative Movement Class
October 18	Line Dance
October 25	Apple Picking
November 1	BINGO (prizes for each round)
November 8	Cooking Class – (How to make dumplings)
November 15	Bible Museum Field Trip
November 22	Thanksgiving Week (Cancelled)
November 29	Painting Class



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Lay Leader: Brett Hahne

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Chairs:
Sandra Colvin,
Karla YocumUnited Women in Faith
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Conference: Brett HahneDistrict Conference
Representative & Steward:
Murray Edwards**Don't Stop the Music**

I hope you enjoyed the Special Music over the summer. We had a choral quartet; Grant and Oliver Taylor shared a wonderful cello and piano duet; Duane Williamson brought the Blue Ridge Barbershop Chorus to enhance our worship; and most recently, we enjoyed a wonderful flute choir from Vale UMC, coordinated with us by Jane Brewer. And of course, who can forget Pastor David's RAP a few weeks back?

If you play a musical instrument or sing, chat with me about sharing your musical gifts and talents with us on a Sunday morning.

Sanctuary Choir

The choir has begun rehearsals on Thursday evenings from 6:45-8:00 p.m. You are welcome to come and give us a try... sort of "dip your toe into the waters". If you like to sing and are wondering how you could use your gifts... OR if you just want to sit in one of the best seats in the house on Sunday mornings, talk to me or just show up on a Thursday evening at 6:45!

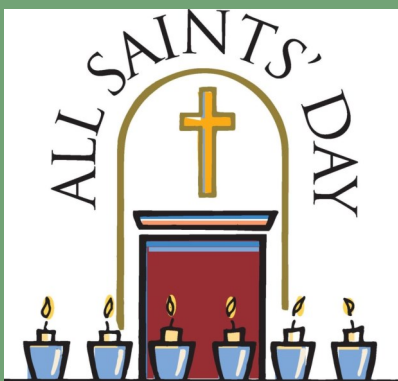
Hymndingers

We are grateful that Joice Fredenburgh will be leading the Hymndingers bell choir again this year. If you would like to try your hand at ringing, please see Joice. She would welcome your participation. Rehearsals will be on Thursdays from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. The start date TBA by Joice.

Pat Martin, Music Directorpat88piano@gmail.com

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WORSHIP AND STUDY



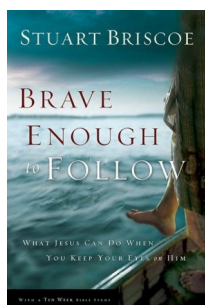
With autumn fast approaching, we have a couple of special days coming up in the next couple of months for us to look forward to!

October 1st is World Communion Sunday. On this day, churches all around the world acknowledge together that Jesus Christ is the head of the Church universal, and that every Christian church is breaking bread together, as one. As usual, Bethel will be providing a basket full of different ethnic breads from around the world for you to choose from to dip into the juice. If you have a favorite bread that represents your heritage that you would like to bake for us, that would be so special! Just let Cathy know by September 24th.

November 5th is All Saints Sunday, when we honor and give thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith. On that day at Bethel, we light candles on the altar table and ring a bell for each of those saints from our congregation who have passed since the previous year's All Saints Sunday. We also ask the congregation to provide framed photos of all your loved ones who have passed over the years, and they will be arranged on the window sills of the sanctuary BEFORE All Saints Sunday so they can be viewed before and after the service that day. Many people have also said they can feel their loved ones' presence during the service, too. Please make sure to bring your framed photos by October 29th at the latest to give us time to organize them, and please bring them back home with you after the service.

Cathy Carayas

Worship Committee Chair



Starting Wednesday September 6 at the Parish House I will be doing a Bible study using the book - **Brave Enough to Follow** by Stuart Briscoe ~ *What Jesus Can Do When You Keep Your Eyes on Him*.

Please sign up in the Social Hall, email or call Pastor David to sign up.

The Thursday Morning Women's Study will begin on September 14th at 9:45 a.m. Our first book will be "Holy Moments" by Matthew Kelly for 4 weeks. The Sign Up Sheet is on the Welcome Desk and the books (\$15) are here and available. Please see Pat Martin for a book and for more information.



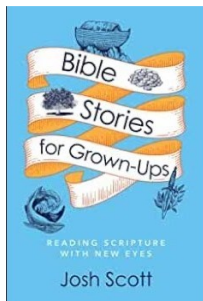
September Birthdays:

- 1 Kaylee Janickey
- 2 Gayle Ferrell
- 5 Matthew Childers
- 7 Samantha McCoy
- 10 Tara Lee
- 12 Pamela Compton
- 17 Deanna Fortney
- 18 Kathi Reichel
- 20 Joanne Clary
- 20 William Matthews
- 21 Beatrice Keefer
- 21 William Nelson
- 22 Robert Lee
- 23 Robert Ambrogi Jr
- 23 David Leigh
- 23 Brody Sellers
- 26 Duane Williamson
- 28 Michael Moore
- 29 Cindy Leigh
- 29 Louise Stowe-Johns
- 30 Ruthann Litchford

September Anniversaries:

- 16 Janet & Stephen Miles
- 17 Greg & Alice Steinmeyer
- 20 Dean & Cynthia Fortney
- 26 Greg & Natalie Bayliff
- 27 Jason & Kathi Reichel
- 28 Jeremy and Tiffany Beker

WORSHIP AND STUDY (cont.)



Sunday School for adults begins again Sept. 24 at 9:00 a.m. This class will study the book **Bible Stories for Adults** by Josh Scott for eight weeks. Please let **Murray Edwards** know you are interested in joining this class as the books have been ordered. Thank you.

Children's Sunday School will begin on September 24 at 9:00 a.m.. Children between the ages of 4 and 11 years are welcome. Parents should bring their child to the Upper Room 402 to sign-in. Be prepared to pick up your child at 9:45 a.m. A parent or responsible person must stay in the church during the class time.

MOTEL MINISTRY

The Mission/Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone for their donations to the "Backpack Project." Our goal was 30 backpacks, but thanks to all our donations—we were able to cover 45 backpacks for "FISH."

We will continue to collect donations for Motel Ministry. Our next visit will be October 1st. Your donations may be put in the bins in the Social Hall. We are in need of the following items:

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| Shampoo | Conditioner | Lotion | Bar Soap |
| Capri Sun | Drink Packets | Canned Food | |

Our Bethel United Methodist Youth continue to volunteer to help with our Motel Ministry. Our most recent visit was on Sunday, August 27th.



Left to Right: Grant, Oliver and Crystal Taylor, Brody Sellers, Karla Yocum, and Sandra Colvin

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.

MOTEL MINISTRY (cont)

Other projects that we are involved with are:

**Karla working with the "Kairos Prison Ministry."

**A monetary donation will be made toward "Kits for Conference."

Our Bethel family is always so generous with their support of our projects. It helps us "Live our Faith and Share God's Love".

Thanks, Sandra Colvin and Karla Yocum
Co-Chairs of Mission/Outreach Committee

BUMY In Action and More to Come

With all the summer activities happening, the Bethel Youth took a break this summer and only came together a few times for Motel Ministry and to participate in Serve Fauquier. During Serve Fauquier, the youth who participated helped paint a house, assisted in landscaping, built a stairwell, and assembled over 200 bags for Fauquier FISH! In between those hardworking mission opportunities, they connected with other youth in the county over games of basketball, playing at Eva Walker Park, and some excellent bowling during the fun Wednesday. We are so glad we could participate and have a great week of mission work and connection.



As the school year has begun and we get back into youth activities, we have created a tentative schedule for the youth from now through January, which is found below. All 5th-12th graders are welcome to attend youth events! We look forward to the year ahead. If you have any questions, please email Sarah at sarahhundley@gmail.com.

Thank you,

The Youth Leaders

Sarah Hundley, Sandra Colvin, and Karla Yocum

BUMY Fall/Winter Calendar

- August 27 Motel Ministry
- September 3- No Youth (Labor Day Weekend)
- September 10 No Youth due to church Town Hall
- September 17 Rady Park for Church Service, Pot Luck, and Activities (10 am-afternoon)
- September 24 Pizza!, Bible Trivia, and Fun
- October 1 Motel Ministry
- October 8 Guest Speaker Sunday
- October 15 Bowling!
- October 22 Pastor David Sunday
- October 29 Volunteering with Trunk or Treat (may change depending on ToT date)
- November 5 Motel Ministry
- November 12 Field Trip!
- November 19 Movie Day- Prince of Egypt
- November 26 No Youth for Thanksgiving weekend
- December 3 Motel Ministry
- December 10 Guest Speaker Sunday
- December 17 Christmas Party!
- December 24 No Youth
- December 31 Potential NYE Party pending interest
- January 7 Motel Ministry
- January 14 Missions Sunday
- January 21 Ice Skating
- January 28 Parents & Youth Dinner w/ Pastor David

*Youth activities take place
 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 unless notified otherwise
 Gather in the Pavilion
 Room. All are Welcome!*



For the past 23 years, Pastor David has made it a tradition to visit as many college students in September to deliver a care-package and to let them know their home church is praying for them. This year Pastor David will be visiting: Christopher Newport University, James Madison University, Virginia Tech, University of Virginia, Mary Washington University, and William and Mary University. If you want to support this wonderful outreach ministry, you can purchase \$10 gifts cards to Starbucks, Chipotle, Chic-Filet, Subway or Wal-Mart for about 10 students. You can also address prayer cards to these students so that they know who is praying for them. Pastor David will be traveling the week of September 28-30 so please bring your items by Sunday September 24. Thank you!



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Sunday Schedule

9:00 am: Adult Sunday School

10:00 am: Worship in Sanctuary & Online

1st & 3rd Sundays: Communion Sundays

1st Sundays: 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!

September Worship

September 3 — Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Sermon: Fruit in All Its Forms

Scripture: Galatians 5:16-26

September 10 — Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Sermon: New Pathways

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:23-32

September 17 — Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Sermon: Cultivating a Divine Appetite

Scripture: Psalm 37:1-7

September 24 — Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

Sermon: The Surrendered Life

Scripture: Philippians 2:12-13

Upcoming Events

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. Devotional Prayer Time—Sanctuary

Saturday, September 2, 9:30 a.m. UWF Meeting

Saturday, September 9, 10 a.m. Nominations Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 12, 7:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Sunday, September 24, 11:30 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Sunday, September 24, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Begins for All

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*

August Income: \$18,126.00 August Expenses: \$22,027.28
 YTD 2023 Income: \$183,498.25 YTD 2023 Expenses: \$203,708.04

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

Attendance & Giving

Date	Views	In-Person Adults/ Kids	Average	Giving
August 6	57	69	119.09	\$5,300.00
August 13	40	88	119.36	\$4,500.00
August 20	41	93	119.79	\$4,023.00
August 27	48	101	120.63*	\$4,303.00

*A recent correction to an average formula has lowered the number, but still great!

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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