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Living our faith, sharing God's love.



Pastoral Column — October 2023

On Thursday September 28, I set out to visit some college students who attend four different universities. Every year, people ask me why I do this, and my usual answer is, “Good question!”

This is my 23rd year of visiting college students on their campuses and here are just a few of the schools I have visited while serving in Virginia.



I often bring the students a care package or gifts donated by our church members. This year Diane Shofkom donated ten Chick-fil-a gift cards and all the supporters to the Communion Fund has enabled me to hand deliver a gift bag and feed a hot meal to the students to show our support and love.

Looking back, many of those students I visited in Michigan are now married with children and the reward of seeing them remain faithful to God is the best gift a pastor could ever want.

Pastoral Column — Continued



Janet Yo (Michigan State University) was one of my first students I visited back in Fall of 2000. She is married to my good friend and colleague Rev. Minho Chung who is a UMC pastor in the North Georgia Conference.

This year I went to the University of Mary Washington where our very own DeAnna Fortney is a senior this year. One of the things I learned from her at this visit was that she is now taking a leadership role on her rugby team for the “rookie” players. She recalls how difficult it was trying to fit into the team as a rookie because her teammates formed their own little groups. Most of those students are gone now and as an upper classman, she has created a warm and inviting atmosphere for the rookies. Now the entire team eats together and has weekly social gatherings to build team spirit.



Also, at UMW, I connected with a freshman student who came from Virginia Beach. I knew her family because when her grandmother passed away back in 2018, it was one of the most challenging times for her. Even though five years had passed, I stayed in contact with her father and when I ask if Tanner would like a pastoral visit, he was excited for her. Tanner brought her high school friend who was also is a freshman at UMW and their positive upbeat energy was contagious.

Pastoral Column — Continued



Later that afternoon, I drove to Christopher Newport University to see our very own Alison Janickey. Although I never got to see her and her sisters grow up at Bethel, the impact Bethel had on her family still rings true today. Alison is a bright young lady with so much love and life in her heart that she was recognized for that in her sorority at CNU. She hopes to become an occupational therapist.

After visiting Alison, I drove west to Williamsburg to see three freshmen at the College of William and Mary. These three students attended Tarah's church and Andrew was their mentor. The student on the left in the picture is the senior pastor's son and I thought I would share some Bethel love with them.

Williamsburg, Virginia



Blacksburg, Virginia



I left W&M that night and drove a couple of hours to Waynesboro and checked into a Holiday Inn Express that just opened two weeks ago at around 10:30 PM. Early the next morning I drove to Blacksburg to meet up with my former staff from Charity UMC and their new pastor and wife who were also enjoying their college campus visits. The student we met for breakfast was a middle schooler when I arrived at Charity UMC back in 2016. Schaffer is graduating this year and was about to have his fourth and final job interview that morning with a building supply company.

Pastoral Column — Continued



As many of you know my daughter graduated from Tech this past May and now, she is in a Master program for education. I got to spend most of Friday with her fixing her car, having a late lunch, and upgrading her apartment to make it safer. Then I drove into the night with her dog Simba as he will stay with her friend for a week to see if they would adopt him.

As October rolls around, it will be one of the busiest months for me this year as I travel to Chicago from Oct. 2-5 for a UMC Conference and then officiate a wedding on Saturday October 7th. The following Friday and Saturday will be the Interment and Celebration of Life Service for Bob Mroczek. On October 15, it is Laity Sunday, and we will have our Membership Service for those that are joining or transferring their membership to Bethel UMC. Don't forget, October has five Sundays so on October 29th we will have another hymn-sing service followed by our famous potluck luncheon. Finally, after our luncheon we will have our Trunk or Treat in the parking lot for our children and neighbors to enjoy some fun and games. Anyone can decorate their car and give out candies to our children and families. Are you tired yet? Pray for me!



David Lynn

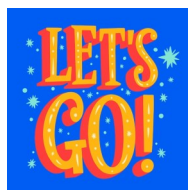




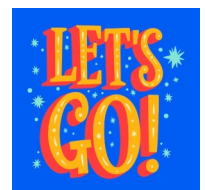
On Sunday September the 17th, Bethel held their first church picnic. Although we had hoped to have it at Rady Park this year, due to the weather, we brought it back to Bethel Social Hall. The picnic idea was birthed by our **Friendship Table** group made up of the following members: Sandy and Tim Boone, Travis and Crystal Taylor, Rob Ambrogi, Debbie Mroczek, Pat Martin, Rachel, and Matt Gibson.



With the support of many other folks including Christine Winters, Donna Broadbent, and Dolores Goff, we had a wonderful indoor picnic. Here are some fun pictures to share with you.



Jesus Says





You aim like this, Ms. Peggy



Go, Grandma! Go!



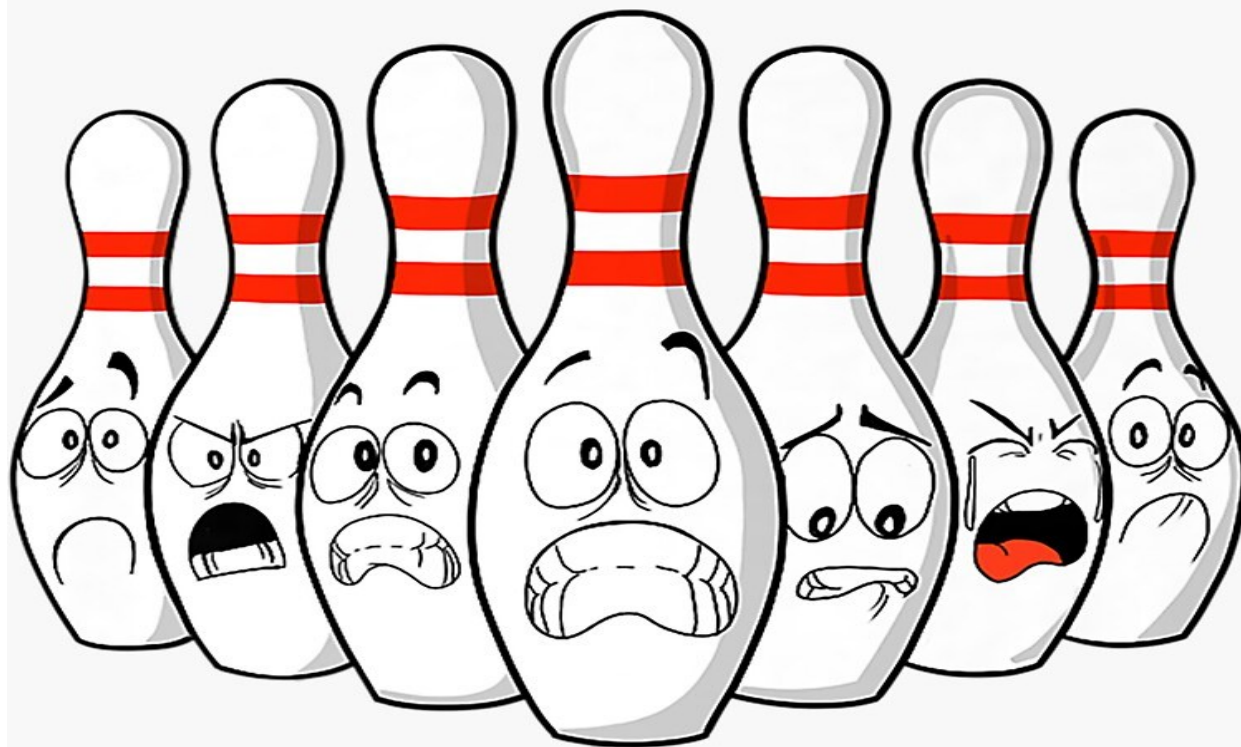
Who came up with this game?
Probably Pastor

I've got this.



I'm glad I practiced.





**Thank you Pastor David, our Master of Ceremonies,
for a delightful Sunday at Bethel Church.**

Wonderful Wednesday

We are off to a great start for our Wonderful Wednesday program. Pastor David wanted to get people out of the house during the midweek to connect with one another and have some good fellowship and food. Here are the pictures of what took place in September.

September 6, BINGO



September 13, Smart Phone Class



Learning about Selfies: the Brewers, the Haydens, Sarah Hundley, Pastor David



Group texts and a great lunch. Thank you Sarah Hundley for you help!



September 20, Cooking Class

Sarah Janickey, Betty Zyla, Peggy Goff
Pat Martin, Janice Cooke



Summer Rolls

September 27, Field Trip to Burke Lake

The Brewers
The Boones
Pat Martin
Charlie Marshall
Pastor David



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Charlene Hahne

Mission & Outreach Committee
Chairs:
Sandra Colvin,
Karla Yocum

United Women in Faith
President: Dolores Goff

Lay Member to Annual
Conference: Brett Hahne

District Conference
Representative & Steward:
Murray Edwards

What will the Fall bring?

More Wonderful Wednesdays

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

UMW/WIF 2024 Reading

Hello fellow Readers. 38 New books were added to the table the other week. Anyone can sign one out. Dona Nagy-Sutton

Advent Devotionals

We'll start publicizing and recruiting writers the first of October with all devotionals due by November 12th. More information will be coming. Thank you. Rosanne Williamson

Opportunities and Stewardship

I want to first thank God for blessing all of us to do ministry together. I also thank God for each and every one of you for faithfully supporting God's mission work at Bethel UMC. We each have different expressions of faith which include tithing and "first-fruits" giving as a faithful way of prioritizing our personal finances. Because of your commitment and faithfulness to God's Word we have seen growth in numbers and spiritual vitality. I want to encourage all of you to continue your support in God's work by pledging a commitment for 2024 or a second-mile giving at the end of the year.

Another way you can give next month is to give a special offering during All Saints Sunday, November 5 in memory of a loved one. Your gifts have allowed us to serve our community and helped us make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. God bless you and may His grace shine upon you.

Pastor David Ryu

“CHIMING” in from the Bell Room



The Hymndingers are back and better than ever. We don't mean to boast but it is with excitement and joy that we had our first rehearsal of the fall and are pleased to welcome two new members and to sound amazingly good after a long recess. It was good to have a rest during the summer months, but good to be back with old and new friends doing the two things we like to do the most, work hard at improving our bell ringing skills and laughing together at the mistakes we make as we learn.

It takes a lot of commitment and hard work to be a part of a musical group. It is especially hard when each individual ringer plays an integral part of the whole in that if you are absent from a rehearsal or a performance your bells are silent unless there is another dedicated and skilled person who can temporarily take your place. We are fortunate to have both committed “regular” ringers and committed “substitute” ringers as part of our fellowship.

Beginning ringers are always welcome. In fact, that is part of the history of our group. Most of us started as “beginners”. As regular ringers have become skilled players, they have continued to welcome and teach new ringers. If you are interested in becoming a bell ringer, please contact Joice at (540) 878-8742 or speak to her in church.

Our mission continues to be a place where folks can come together to share their love of music, with our ultimate goal being to ring out to the Glory of God in our worship services when we feel we are prepared to offer our best.

Until next month, my prayer for you is to be filled with the joy of music as you “dance” through your days.

Joice Fredenburgh

October Birthdays:

- 1 Margaret Gill
- 2 Pamela Kalinsky
- 2 Martha Jo Payne
- 3 Joan Bacot
- 6 Kenneth Adams
- 6 Toni Sheads
- 9 Sandra Colvin
- 10 David Fredenburgh
- 14 Steven Church
- 15 Barbara Craig
- 15 Donna Stouffer
- 21 Kim Aguilar
- 22 Oliver Taylor
- 23 Kevin Lee
- 24 David Collyer
- 31 Diane Shofkom

October Anniversaries:

- 6 David & Joice Fredenburgh
- 18 Rick & Karen Putnam
- 19 Duane & Rosanne Williamson
- 21 Dave & Kim Childers
- 21 Brett & Charlene Hahne
- 25 Steve & Karla Yocum

MOTEL MINISTRY

The Mission/Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone for their continued support for our missions and outreach projects. We will continue to collect donations for Motel Ministry. Our latest visit was October 1st and our next visit is November 1st. Your donations may be put in the bin in the Social Hall. We need the following items:

- Shampoo Conditioner Lotion Bar Soap Razors**
- Deodorant (men’s and women’s)**
- Can openers Canned Foods**
- Small packs of cookies and crackers**
- Capri Sun Drink Packets**

Other projects that we are involved with are:

- Karla working with the “Kairos Prison Ministry.”
- Kits for Conference—money donation from Mission fund

Upcoming projects are:

- “Angel Tree”
- Gift card collection for Motel Ministry residents

Our Bethel family is always so generous with their support of our projects. It helps us “Life our Faith and Share God’s Love”.

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

Special Shout Out to our Motel Ministry Supporters!!

- Karen Nelson
- Crystal Taylor
- Oliver Taylor
- Grant Taylor
- Sandra Colvin



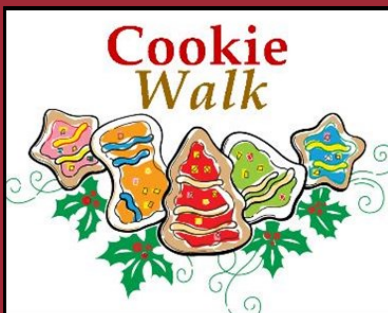
Join us **October 29** at Noon with a decked out trunk or in

TRUNK OR TREAT

Your friends and family! *full costume. Lots of*

fun and games will be provided by Bethel Church. Invite

Cars, Candy & Community



Ava, What's a
Cookie Walk?



Thank you in advance for prayerfully considering how you might help with this all-church effort.

Cookie Walk and Bazaar 2023

Hi Bethel Family and Friends!!

The clock is rapidly ticking down to the Bethel United Women in Faith-sponsored Cookie Walk and Bazaar, this year

Saturday, November 11 – 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

While the UWF is the sponsor/organizer this is truly an all-out church event and we need your help to ensure a successful sale. Our customers come from far and wide so we want to offer the very best they can buy!

If you do handcrafts or needlework we hope you will consider donating items for our Bazaar. A lot of Christmas shopping takes place so gift items as well as seasonal items are always popular – knitted, crocheted, quilted, woodworked, paintings – whatever is your specialty!

In addition to our famous Cookie Walk we also have a fabulous Bake Sale! Baked goods speak for themselves as we offer cakes, pies, breads, and candy. If you are a baker we would love to offer your specialty! And it wouldn't be a Bethel sale without a huge array of jams and jellies.

O.K. I can hear you.

The basics: We sell an empty container to the customer and allow them to browse the varieties of cookies displayed on tables in the Pavilion Room. Then they pick their favorites and fill their container. Instead of cookies displayed on open trays, the cookies will be in clear sandwich bags holding 2-3 cookies and labeled as to kind. We will provide a plastic glove to each customer to wear while picking up their choices.

What we need: Literally hundreds and hundreds of home baked cookies of all kinds and flavors. If you are a cookie baker we need your help! Please bake up several batches of your favorite special cookies and donate them to the sale.

**Set-up Begins: Thursday, November 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday, November 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

Please bring cookie donations on Thursday, November 9 so we have plenty of time to bag and label them. Bakery and craft sale items can be delivered the same day (Thursday) or early on Friday. Arranging and displaying items on the tables takes time.

Contacts: Donna Broadbent at dcb651@gmail.com or 347-0153 and Ava Lee at leisurelee@erols.com or 347-7805, if you'd like to make any special arrangements for delivery times or have other questions.

For updates: Check the church website www.bethelumc.com, the church Facebook page, or call the office (540) 347-4874.

And please invite all your friends and neighbors.

Proceeds from the event will go to UWF and other Bethel missions.

Thank you! Living our faith, sharing God's love, Ava Lee

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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!

October Worship

October 1 — Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Quarreled and Tested

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7

October 8 — Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Fruit of the Kingdom

Scripture: Matthew 21:33-41

October 15 — Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Rise Up! And Remain Committed to Love's Teachings

Scripture: Philippians 4:1-9

October 22 — Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: The Things that are God's

Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22

October 29 — Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Face to Face

Scripture: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Upcoming Events

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. Devotional Prayer Time—Sanctuary

Saturday, October 7, 9:30 a.m. UWF Meeting

Sunday, October 15, 11:30 a.m. Missions Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 19, 7:00 p.m. Ruritan 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*

Sept Income: \$22,527.00 Sept Expenses: \$23,526.95
 YTD 2023 Income: \$206,025.25 YTD 2023 Expenses: \$227,234.99

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

Attendance & Giving

Date	Views	In-Person Adults/ Kids	Average	Giving
Sept 3	47	63	120.33	\$6,436.00
Sept 10	47	77	120.43	\$9,855.00
Sept 17	0*	84	119.47	\$3,249.00
Sept 24	59	80	119.97	\$2,987.00

*Worship and Picnic in Social Hall

Worship Reminders

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.

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, 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. We also ask the congregation to provide framed photos of their loved ones who have passed over the years, and they will be arranged on the window sills in 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 bring your framed photos by **October 29th** at the latest to give us time to organize them, and please bring them back home after the service. Cathy Carayas, Worship Committee Chair

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