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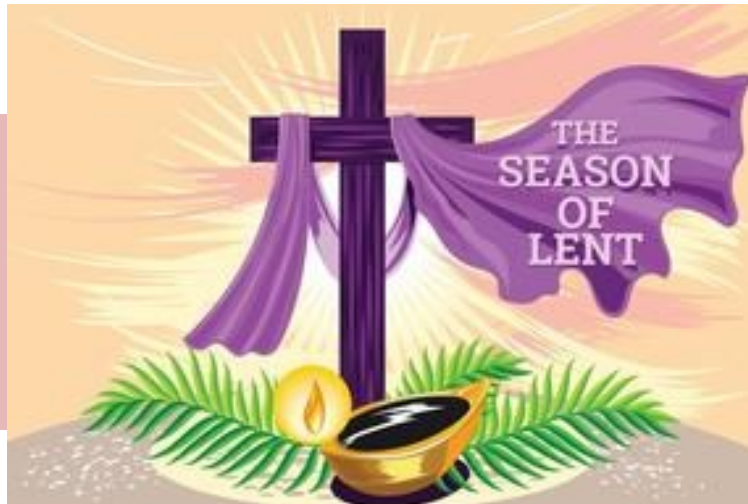
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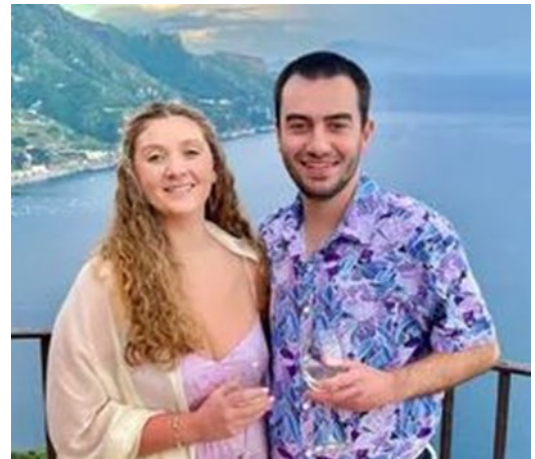
*Living our faith, sharing God's love.*



## Pastoral Column — February 2024

This past weekend, I had the opportunity to officiate one of my former college students who graduated from JMU. Rachel Keenan was a freshman back in 2016 when I first got to Charity UMC.

Every year, I visited her on campus and soon discovered how involved she was with Young Life. That is where she met her boyfriend Nathan and now they are married.



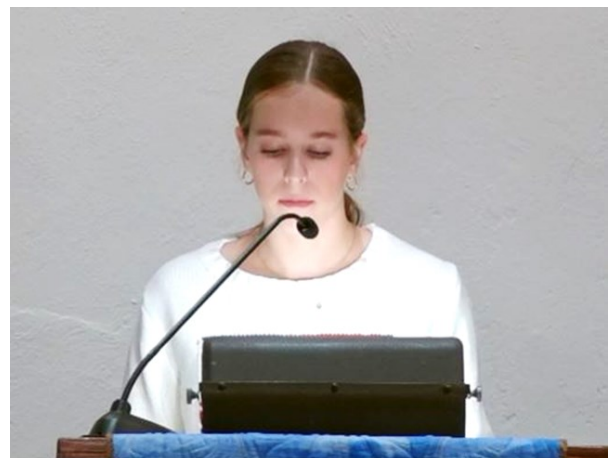
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After graduating from JMU, Rachel also became my church administrator and served as our Youth director. I am sharing this with you because the connections I have made with these wonderful college students have allowed me to journey with them both when they were students but even more importantly after they have graduated.



## Youth Ministry (BUMY)

Over the years, I have seen Bethel's youth students grow and serve in ways that I never would have imagined. Recently, McKenna Locke has been serving as a Liturgist and Addison Sellers was trained to help with the Audio-Visual system.



**Lay Leadership:**

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 President: Dolores Goff  
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 Representative & Steward:  
 Murray Edwards



Regularly, Grant, Oliver, Abbie and Hannah served in the Motel Ministry with our Mission team and their impact on the lives of those residents have been amazing.

Although Amanda doesn't come out as often as we would like, she has always participated in our music ministry with her gifts of playing the violin or piano.



These students are blessed to have a wonderful group of volunteers that pour into the lives of our young disciples. On Sunday January 28th, some of us went to a local restaurant to show our appreciation for our volunteers and celebrate our youth ministry.





### **February Birthdays:**


- 1 June Wagner
- 5 Dolores Goff
- 12 James Lee
- 14 Anna Lee
- 16 Edmund Bowers
- 17 Ellie Taylor
- 21 Michael Winters
- 22 Martha Ginader
- 23 Lamar Ford
- 26 Aaron Winters
- 27 Marlene Billak





### **February Anniversary**


- 2 Bill & Nancy Matthews
- 5 Kenneth & Pat Adams
- 14 Don & Mary Ann Otey
- 18 John & Gloria Killinger
- 19 Clarence & Margaret Gill
- 29 Earl & Geneice Kemper


## Don't Stop the Music!


 When was the last time you held and paged through a hymnal while in worship? In the quiet moments before worship, or at another time, I encourage you to do that. Just not during the sermon... LOL


 While the words to our hymns are projected on the screen, making it easier for many to read, I think we lose something special and meaningful when we don't hold a hymnal in our hands and read it from time to time. When a hymn is announced in worship, consider turning to the page in the hymnal and singing from it for something different. I don't know about you, but I'm a book person. I like to feel the weight of a book in my hands and feel the pages in my fingers. No Kindles or E readers for me.

 When I pick up a hymnal, I wonder who else has held that very one and sung the hymns of our faith. Did they have a favorite hymn? Did they sing out or simply read the words as others sang? To whom is it dedicated? Sometimes there will be a dedication engraved on the cover or on the inside cover. I think about those persons, their families, and the roles they had at Bethel Church. Are they still connected though loved ones here?

 Beyond that, there are Directions for Singing, worship resources, tune names and so much more. The hymns are organized into categories, including Praise, Adoration, Personal Holiness, Social Holiness, Missions, Prayers, the Liturgical Seasons and well as Service Music and more.


 The next time you are in the sanctuary, I encourage you to look through a hymnal. If there's a dedication, do some research and learn about that person. Some of our long-time members can tell you about them.


 If you take the opportunity to look through the hymnal or research a dedication, tell me what you learned and I will include it here next time. Until then, Following John Wesley's Direction VII for Singing: "Above all, sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing."

 I invite you to join the music ministry. We welcome new folks to the choir. We rehearse on Thursdays at 6:45pm. Email me if you have questions or if you would like to offer some Special Music with an instrument that you play. [pat88piano@gmail.com](mailto:pat88piano@gmail.com).


Pat Martin, Music Director

## Chiming In From The Bell Room

 Our dedicated bell ringers are working harder than ever as they prepare for the coming Lenten season and Easter. After a busy holiday season, including our annual bell choir Christmas dinner party, we had a brief rest and are now hard at work preparing for our next opportunity to assist in worship. We will be playing two selections in March in observance of Lent. We will play "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" and "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley". Both of these pieces will be pensive and filled with the passion as we anticipate the coming crucifixion of our Lord.

 We will play again in observance of the Easter Season on April 14. Our mood will be filled with excitement and rejoicing at the resurrection of Jesus. We will be playing "All Glory Laud and Honor"

and "And the Glory, the Glory of the Lord" from Handel's Messiah. This latter piece is especially challenging and harder than anything we have attempted in the past.

 Once again, I want to commend and say thank you to all our ringers who come through darkness, fog, rain and wind each Thursday evening to work together to perfect these uplifting and moving pieces of music. And thank you to the congregation for all your support of these amazing HYMNDINGERS.

Joice Fredenburgh, Bell Choir Director





On Saturday January 27, thirty-eight leaders from Bethel UMC gathered together in the Social Hall to discover who we are and what we are called to do in 2024. With our new theme “TURNING POINT” set for 2024, we discovered that there are some things we can do that will help us accomplish our mission statement better as a turning point.



One of turning point was to re-ignite the prayer ministry on Sundays. In the past, people signed up to pray during the entire Sunday Worship service in the prayer room where the bell is rung. Then another group shared a turning point idea to re-ignite the “Card” ministry where volunteers gather monthly to write cards for birthdays, anniversaries or just a simple encouragement for those that are unable to come to church.

We already see “Turning Points” such as Sarah Janickey volunteering at the Fauquier Family Shelter Services to help us connect with the needs of our community. Then there is the Monday morning women’s Bible study that Janet Miles initiated to help more women connect with each other.

Finally, our United Methodist Men’s ministry recognized that this year is their year to make a comeback under the leadership of Joe Florence where men like Murry Edwards, Brett Hahne, and Dan Janickey discussed ideas to get our men involved in our church.

All these things are what a small community of committee disciples of Jesus is called to do in making an impact both within and outside the walls of our church.



Next time at Bethel, look around. From the parking lot, through the front door, getting a snack, to receiving a bulletin, do you notice Radical Hospitality? From the ringing of the bell, lighting altar candles, to reading the liturgy and the great honor of serving communion, count how many servants God has called. I could go on! Please consider giving a small part of your Sunday to helping Bethel share the message with your community and family. The more volunteers Bethel has, the more opportunities and time WE all have. Thank you for offering your “hands and feet” to our ministries. Call (540) 347-4874 or Email the office: [Bumcofficeassistant@comcast.net](mailto:Bumcofficeassistant@comcast.net)

## Bethel Church Snow Emergency Plan

**Hooray for January Snow!** If the public school system announces a weather-related closure, Bethel Church will automatically be closed for all services, activities and meetings. If the snow event occurs on a week-end you will be notified via email from Ava Lee. The front office will endeavor to update the Bethel telephone message.



If snowfall is heavy we will hire someone to come in with equipment to move the snow. Most snow removal services are taking care of the school and business parking lots first so we may have to “wait our turn”. But please be assured that we make every effort to get everything clear and safe as quickly as possible.

If the snowfall is only a couple of inches deep we can’t bring in a plow because it will strip away the parking lot surfaces so we salt and sand the areas.



Ramps, deck, walkways and steps: In the past we have had a group of church volunteers who have brought their shovels and snow blowers to take care of these areas. If you would like to be on the volunteer list for this effort please let me know via email.

Ava Lee – [leisurelee@erols.com](mailto:leisurelee@erols.com).

As the chairman of the Bethel Trustees, and on their behalf, I just ask for your patience as we attempt to make access to Bethel a safe and joyful one. We love you all and don’t want your time at Bethel, whether it be for a meeting or worship, to be anything other than a wonderful encounter with our Lord and Savior! Stay safe and stay warm!

Trustees: Ava Lee; Karla Yocum; Bonnie Pool; Roger Broadbent; Rick Putnam; Duane Williamson

## Worship Reminders

We 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.

*\*During February and March, communion will be served on 2nd and 4th Sundays.*

## Celebrations, Memories, Holy Moments

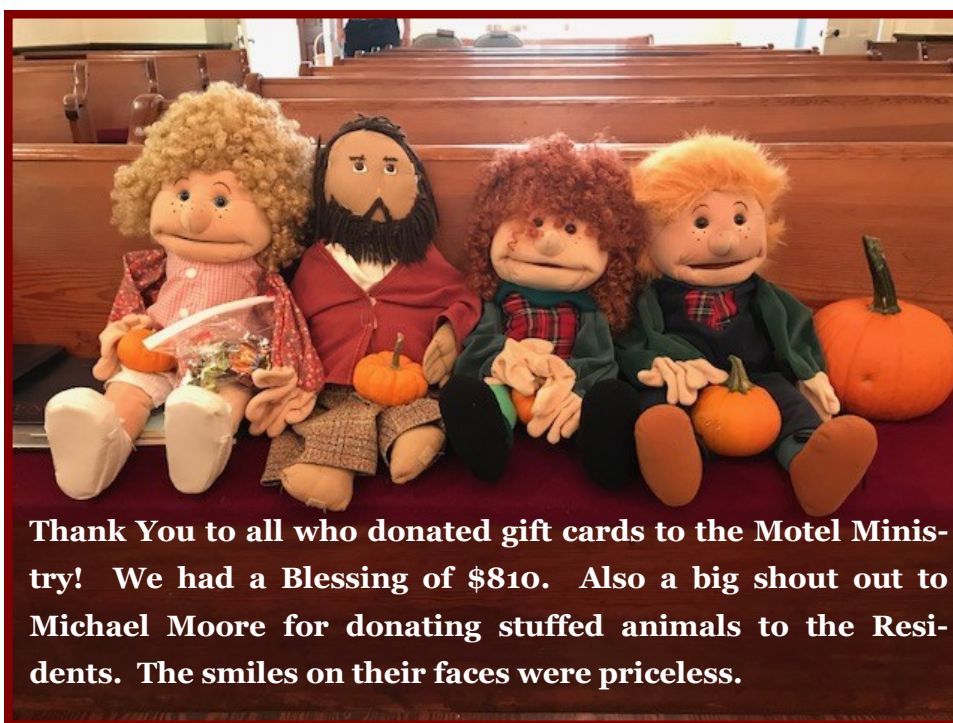


**Ken and Pat Adams**

### 65th Wedding Anniversary

We were married at the Arlington United Methodist Church, Arlington, VA on February 5, 1959.

I was still in the Marine Corps and Pat worked for the U. S. Navy Dept. In Arlington.



**Thank You to all who donated gift cards to the Motel Ministry! We had a Blessing of \$810. Also a big shout out to Michael Moore for donating stuffed animals to the Residents. The smiles on their faces were priceless.**

## Sunday Schedule

9:00 am: Adult Sunday School

10:00 am: Worship in Sanctuary & Online

2nd & 4th Sundays: Communion Sundays (Feb/Mar Only)

1st Sundays: Youth Motel Ministries—12:00 pm



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The **Adult Sunday School Class** meets in the Pavilion Room at 9:00 am every Sunday. The class is facilitated by Murray Edwards. Come join us for a lively discussion as we study the book of ACTS! Seated LtoR: Dolores Goff, Jane Brewer, Murray Edwards, Cindy Fortney. Standing LtoR: Joice Fredenburgh, Peggy Goff, Betty and Ted Zyla, Dean Fortney, Dick Brewer, Linda and Carlton Hayden

**February Worship**

- February 4 — Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
 Sermon: The Seven Seals  
 Scripture: Revelation 6:1-17
- February 11 — Transfiguration Sunday  
 Sermon: Seven Trumpets  
 Scripture: Revelation 8:1-13
- February 14 — Ash Wednesday
- February 18 — First Sunday of Lent  
 Sermon: An Epic Drama for the Ages  
 Scripture: Revelation 12:1-9
- February 25 — Second Sunday of Lent  
 Sermon: The Seven Bowls and the Fall of Babylon  
 Scripture: Revelation 16:1-7

**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\***

January Income:	\$18,457.00	January Expenses	\$25,534.80
YTD 2024 Income:	\$18,457.00	YTD 2024 Expenses:	\$25,534.80

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

**Attendance & Giving**

Date	Views	In-Person Adults/Kids	Average	Giving
January 7	55	70	71.00	\$7,695.00
January 14	50	82	74.67	\$3,669.00
January 21	66	79	75.75	\$3,623.00
January 28	57	67	74.00	\$3,470.00

**Upcoming Events**

Saturday, February 3	UWF Meeting, 9:30 a.m. in the Pavilion Room
Sunday, February 4	Worship Mtg, 11:30 a.m. Upper Rm 402
Sunday, February 11	Trustees, 11:30 a.m., Parish House, Rm 201
Sundays, February 18 March 3, 10, 17 and 24	Confirmation Class, 8:30 a.m. Parish Living Rm
Thursday, February 15	Ruritans Dinner 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 18	SPRC, 11:30 a.m. Parish House Living Room
Sunday, February 25 and Friday, March 1	Membership Class, 11:30 a.m. Parish Living Rm Friday Class, 7:00 p.m. Parish Living Room
Wednesdays	Prayer Gathering with Karla Yocum in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.
Thursdays	Hymndingers Bell Choir with Joice Fredenburgh at 5:30 p.m. in Rm301
Thursdays	Choir Rehearsal with Pat Martin in the Sanctuary from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m.
Sundays	BUMY Youth Ministry at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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★ PANCAKE DINNER ★  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH  
5:30PM IN THE SOCIAL HALL



Ash Wednesday Service  
February 14, 2024  
at 7:00pm