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Pastoral Column — March 2024

Leaving Is Never Easy

As a pastor, leaving a ministry setting is never easy especially when you know there is more ministry to be done. This time, the decision to move was even harder as I have only been at Bethel UMC for 20 months. So why am I leaving?



Early last year, I had my mother come live with us for about two months. Her visit to Virginia wasn't easy as she was dealing with some health issues. It was the first time my mother said that she was no longer confident to live by herself. You may recall, I went back to see her again in August of last year to consider moving her to a nursing home. That journey confirmed to both of us that it was better for her to live with me.

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My mother has been living by herself since 1996 and her independence has been inspiring for my younger sister and me. For many years, we took it for granted that mom was more than capable of living on her own and doing things around the house both inside and out. But her last visit with me confirmed that it was time for me to start caring for her personally.

It was during this time that I got a call from my former church (TroyHope Ministry) in Detroit asking me to find a pastor for them. Last year July, their pastor received a new appointment and since they disaffiliated and joined the Global Methodist Church, it was not easy to find a new pastor.

TroyHope Ministry is the multi-ethnic congregation of the Korean Methodist Church of Detroit (Troy MI). When I first started there back in 2000, I was their full-time youth pastor. My son Andrew was only three years old and my daughter Kaitlin was born in Troy, MI. It was there that Tarah and I received our Green Card to be permanent residents in the United States. I served as the lead pastor for TroyHope Ministry from 2002-2007.



Although we ended up moving to San Diego, CA in 2007, I always felt thankful for all that TroyHope Ministry gave to me and my family. This led Tarah and I to ask God if He was opening a door for me to return to Michigan. In November of 2023, I was invited to speak at TroyHope Ministry as a possible candidate. Then they offered the position to me which was about the time I was to meet with Bethel's SPRC members to share my intent for 2024. On December 3, I met with our SPRC members and told them that I needed to move

closer to my mother. Detroit is next to the Canadian border and Windsor Ontario will be the place my mother will move soon. Because my mother is a permanent resident in Canada, she cannot stay in the United States beyond six months on a visitor's visa. This was the best alternative for her to be taken care of by me.

As for Tarah, she will stay in her current appointment at the Korean United Methodist Church of Greater Washington (McLean VA) because Andrew will be graduating from Wesley

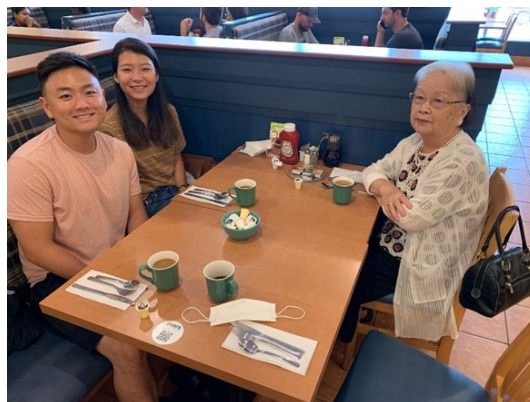
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Theological Seminary in May. Furthermore, Kaitlin will be graduating with her Masters from VTech in May and will be an elementary teacher in the Loudoun County school district.

Now that Andrew and his fiancé Mi-Jin are engaged, they plan to get married in November of this year. I also want to mention that I will be getting my full Elder's ordination this June



through the Global Methodist Church in the Great Lakes Conference which was an unexpected blessing.

All this might seem like a long story but I needed you to know that I would not have moved or considered moving if my mother could live with us here in Virginia. Some of you are facing that same decision on different levels but it is the season in our lives to care for our parents.

I am going to miss you all very much but I will be back in May for my children's graduation and then again in June for my son's ordering service at the Virginia Annual Conference in Hampton VA. Thank you for allowing me to lead you and serve you during the last 20 months.

Humbly,
Rev. David Ryu



March Birthdays

1	Arlene Chapman
4	Robert Grady
12	Patrick Atwell
12	Beth Chadsey
12	Rebecca Crouch
13	Dean Fortney
16	Peggy Goff
17	Patricia Eskilson
17	Allison Janickey
18	Patricia Martin
18	Ken Trexler
20	Victoria Atkins
20	Hilda Laing
21	Dorothy Crane
23	Nancy Rider
23	Anna Shriver
24	Jennifer Mayhugh
24	Nancy Pinson
25	John Bacot
25	Tammie Grogan
27	Betty Zyla
29	Joice Fredenburgh
30	Matt Gibson
31	Sue Brooks

March Anniversary

23 Dan and Sara Janickey

Introducing Bethel UMC's Interim Pastor The Rev. Dr. Clayton Childers

I am retired clergy and live in Manassas with my wife, Rev. Denise M Childers. Our older daughter, Allison is married to Ben and live in Manassas as well. They have with four children Mason 13, Parker turning 10 today, Ellie 6 and Colton 3. Our second daughter Carly owns a hair salon in Richmond and she and her partner, Harrison, are the proud parents of a brand new baby boy named Wren, born in December.

I was born in Texas but only lived there a short time. I was raised in Tennessee and Georgia. Both of my parents were educators. I attended high school in east Atlanta, college at Furman U in Greenville SC and seminary at Southeastern in Wake Forest NC. I later earned a Doctor of Ministry at Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta.

Denise and I served churches in the South Carolina Conference for 10 years before I was hired to work at the United Methodist Board of Church and Society in Washington. I served there as Director of Conference Relations and as Director of Advocacy for the Imagine No Malaria Campaign. I was there for 19 years, retired just before Covid hit, Feb 1, 2020. Since then, I've been an active member of Grace UMC, Manassas - singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School, helping with ESL classes, and in other ways. I have also been happy to serve as needed on the district level. I filled in as interim at Dumfries for a month in 2022. Served from Sept - December 2023 at Pleasant Valley UMC in Chantilly and have led retreats and dialogue groups when asked. I'm actually leading a Men's Retreat for Sudley UMC March 7-9.

I love being involved at the local church level and have been blessed to be called on to help periodically.

As Interim pastor, I really believe I can be most helpful by trying to keep things running smoothly, not making any big



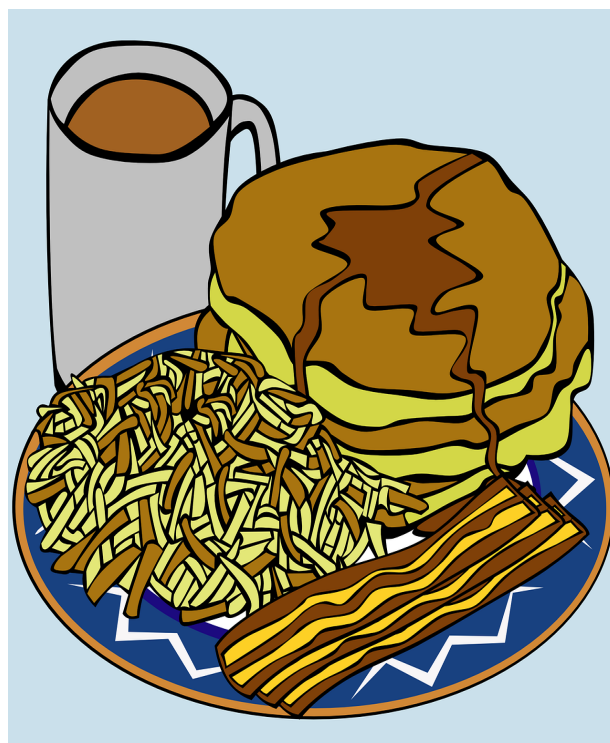
changes, continuing the worship traditions familiar to the congregation, and being available as needed for pastoral care concerns. I look forward to talking more about this in the coming days and especially meeting with some of you at the UMM breakfast on Saturday March 2 at 8:30 AM in your Social Hall.

Grace and Peace,
Clayton

United Methodist Men Saturday, March 2 at 8:30 a.m.

Join the United Methodist Men on Saturday morning, March 2 at 8:30 a.m. for a wonderful breakfast, meaningful fellowship, and to hear Rev. Dr. Clayton Childers as the guest of honor. President Joe Florence and Bill Nelson look forward to seeing you at the start of a new beginning for Bethel's United Methodist Men.

All are welcome!



February Events and Visits

The Mission/Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone for their continued support for our missions and outreach projects.

Thank you to everyone that supported our BUMY Mission Trips by attending the Pancake Dinner that the BUMY sponsored. Thanks to everyone that supported the youth with their assistance with preparation for the dinner.

Thanks to everyone that supported our “Love and Appreciation” Project to our community “first responders”. Also thanks to those that organized the snack bags and delivered them.

We will continue to collect donations for Motel Ministry. Our next visits will be March 3rd and then April 7th. Your donations may be put in the bin in the Social Hall. We are in need of the following items:

- Canned Food: meats, soups, spaghetti, chili, fruit, etc.
- Deodorant (men’s and women’s)
- Can openers
- Small packs of cookies and crackers
- Capri Sun Drink Packets
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Mustard and Mayonnaise





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Thank you to Sandy Colvin and the members from Bethel United Methodist Church for your generous donation to the shelter. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in thinking of our staff.

are so grateful for the work you in our community. Thank you; ping others when they cannot h mselves, for showing up to diffic ations ready to help, and for ng a hero to those in need! You so "loved and appreciated" an are so thankful for your service

God Bless You
Bethel United Methodist Church



ater love hath no man than; t a man lay down his life for friends." (John 15:13)



Karla continues to work with the "Kairos Prison Ministry."

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

February Events and Visits (cont.)

After worship February 25, we celebrated Sarah Hundley's time with us and wished her the best in her new adventures. We had a lot of cake and drinks together. Sarah has been a blessing to our church family. Thank you for your service at Bethel, Sarah!



CHIMING IN FROM THE BELL ROOM

The bells will be ringing on Sunday, March 17. The mood will be pensive as they play “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” and “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”. Remember the sacrifice that our Lord and Savior made for each of us. He asks only that we love one another and do as He would do.

The bells will be ringing again in celebration of our risen Christ on Sunday, April 14. The bell ringers will play “All Glory Laud and Honor” and a majestic piece written by George Frederic Handel as a part of his Messiah, “And The Glory of the Lord”.

The Hymndingers are dedicated, caring, and fun loving folks who practice diligently week after week and feel blessed, not only to have time together, but to be able to share with all of you in worship their joy of music. May you be blessed as well. HUGS to each of you. Joice

Don't Stop the Music!

Pat Martin, Music Director

Last month I encouraged you to pick up a hymnal while you are in the sanctuary and look through it. If you did that, did you learn anything new? Did the hymnal you held have a dedication to someone? Did you find out who they were? From the February Beacon: “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.” I’d still love to hear from someone about what they learned.

As always, I invite you to become a part of the music ministry. We welcome new folks to the choir. We rehearse on Thursdays at 6:45pm. Please consider adding your voice. 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.

The choir will bring the Special Music on March 3rd, 24th, and 31st. We’d love to add your voice to ours. On March 10th Grant and Oliver Taylor will bring us Special Music, “Your Song” by Elton John. Then on March 17th the bells will ring the special music.

On Maundy Thursday, we will have a Taize’ service. This candlelight service is a quiet, meditative service where we will sing songs (several times), spend time in silence, hear readings and prayers. It’s the perfect opportunity to be still before the Lord to prepare our hearts for the events in the Garden and on Good Friday. The service itself lasts about 35 minutes and is not suited for small children.

Until then, let’s follow John Wesley’s Direction VII for Singing: “Above all, sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing.”

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.*

March Worship Services

- March 3 — Third Sunday of Lent
 Sermon: The King is Coming
 Scripture: Revelation 19:11-16
- March 10 — Fourth Sunday of Lent
 Sermon: God’s Kingdom on Earth
 Scripture: Revelation 20:11-15
- March 17 — Fifth Sunday of Lent
 Sermon: Our Heavenly Home
 Scripture: Revelation 22:1-5
- March 24 — Sixth Sunday of Lent; Palm/Passion Sunday
 Sermon: Blessed Is the One
 Scripture: Mark 11:1-11
- March 28 — Maundy Thursday
 Taize Service
- March 29 — Good Friday
 Sermon: Hail the King of the Jews
 Scripture: Hebrews 10:16-25
- March 31 — Easter Sunday of Lent
 Sermon: You Are Looking for Jesus
 Scripture: Mark 16:1-8

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

Finance & Worship Attendance

Income & Expenses*

February Income:	\$20,985.00	February Expenses	\$24,239.65
YTD 2024 Income:	\$39,442.00	YTD 2024 Expenses:	\$49,774.45

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

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Attendance & Giving

Date	Views	In-Person Adults/Kids	Average	Giving
February 4	58	77	74.50	\$5,170.00
February 11	64	82	75.57	\$7,395.00
February 18	68	83	76.50	\$4,675.00
February 25	52	77	76.56	\$3,745.00

Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 2	UMM Meeting, 8:30 a.m. Breakfast/Guest Speaker
Saturday, March 2	UWF Meeting, 9:30 a.m. in the Pavilion Room
Sunday, March 3	Motel Ministry, 11:30 a.m. Social Hall
Sunday, March 10	Worship Mtg, 11:30 a.m. Upper Rm 402
Sunday, March 10	Trustees, 11:30 a.m., Parish House, Rm 201
Tuesday, March 12	Retired Teachers Luncheon, Social Hall
Tuesday, March 12	Finance Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Parish House
Sunday, March 17	SPRC, 11:30 a.m. Parish House Living Room
Thursday, March 21	Ruritans Dinner 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 24	Nurture Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Upper Room
Tuesday, March 26	Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Parish House
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.