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July 2018 Newsletter

Looking Ahead ...

- July 1** **Pastor Esther Agbosu's first service with us!**
- July 4** **Independence Day (Church office closed)**
- July 11** **Charge Conference – 7 p.m.**

From the Pastor's Pen



So many emotions have been running through me these past few days, the strongest being gratitude. "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world." These words of Paul in his first letter to the church in Rome are so appropriate and a true reflection of how I feel in regards to what I have heard and read concerning Bethany UMC. I have heard so many wonderful things about the Bethany family from Pastor Suzanne and William and I look forward to being a part of this loving family.

Belonging to a family is more than just being a recognized member of the family. It is an opportunity to learn, grow, share in the successes and challenges of other members and, most importantly, to be there for one another.

I look forward to us working hand in hand, building on the foundations laid by my predecessors and making the Bethany family continue in its growth and influence in the community.

Grace to you,
Pastor Esther N. Agbosu

Recipe Corner



Rolls from Elaine Brimer's Kitchen

Ingredients

1 package of yeast (or 1 tablespoon of yeast)
¼ cup of warm water
1 tablespoon of sugar
1 egg
5 ½ cups of bread flour
½ cup of sugar
1 ½ teaspoon of salt
½ cup of Crisco
1 ¾ cup of warm milk (not too hot!)
Butter (Optional)

Directions

Dissolve yeast and 1 tablespoon of sugar in warm water in a large mixing bowl. Mix yeast, flour, sugar, salt, Crisco and egg. Add milk and mix together. Put in a large bowl, cover and let rise in a warm place until double (or more) in size. Knead & Make into rolls. Let it rise again. (At least 1 hour) Bake at 375 until it's brown. Brush with melted butter.

** Note from Elaine-If it doesn't turn out right, it's not her fault! 😊



United Methodist Women

Ladies mark your calendar for the fall for United Methodist Women meetings:

September 12

October 10

November 14

December ??? that date will be adjusted depending on other activities, but the other dates are firm.

While we are true to our mission work, we have a close wonderful relationship with each other and always leave meetings encouraged by the love and support that we give and receive from being together.

Wesley Class

The summer season is here, and our Wesley Class has started a new series of Bible Study. We have chosen a series called "Attitude Is Your Paintbrush" by James W Moore. For two Sundays we have studied from this new book and find that is it very helpful in our daily lives and look forward to a summer of easy listening, easy thinking and delightful topics. The first Sunday's topic was The Attitude of Gratitude based on Luke 17:11-19. We meet at 9:15 in Wesley Hall and everyone is invited to join us!

Flower Bed

Thanks for the work done by Master Gardeners Anne Tucker and Martha Steppe and "supervised" by Leader Roy Tucker and assisted by Diana Hendrickson. They spent Tuesday evening



weeding the flower bed surrounding the sign in front of our property. Anne and Roy have also planted some flowers for the summer season. This project and its cost is supported by the Wesley Class. Every year we set aside some funds from the spaghetti dinner profit to pay for expenses related to this flower bed. When you see the gardeners, be sure and thank them for the beautification of our grounds!

Narthex Flowers for 2018



Reservations for Narthex flowers are available for these dates:

- July 8 and 29
- August 5, 12, 19 and 26
- September 9 and 30
- October 7 and 14
- November 4, 11 and 25
- December 9, 16 and 30

Our florist is Jeff's Flowers and the cost is **\$20.00 each**. Please call the church office for more information and to reserve your request.



We extend Christian love and prayers to:

Pete Pederson and family for the loss of our beloved member, Anne Pederson, who passed on June 14, 2018.

Pastor Esther Agbosu and family for the loss of her brother-in-law.

Rebekah Doggett and family for the loss of her mother-in-law, Sandra Doggett on June 26, 2018.



Thank you!

I wish to thank all my church family for all the cards, balloons, get well wishes and prayers during my recent surgery and my continuing treatments for cancer. Your prayers and expressions of love and caring have been a great help to me. Thank you also for your prayers for Alwayne who is at the Commonwealth Senior Care Center with dementia.

Thank you,
Pete Chilcott

Thank you for giving faithfully 100% to the apportionment covenant in 2017!

Bishop Sharma D. Lewis
Virginia Conference

Thank you to everyone who helped make Pastor Suzanne's luncheon a success!

July Birthdays

- 4 Jamie Rosser
- 5 Carol Wilson
- 12 John Estilow, Mazie Williams
- 13 Brittany Parks
- 14 Buddy Ellis, Tom Collinsworth
- 16 Steve Belvin
- 17 Elaine Ulmet
- 19 Randy Sample
- 20 Audrey Diggs, José Inchausti, Seth Santiago
- 25 Jack Daugherty
- 31 Don Steppe

(Note: If you have a July birthday or anniversary and are not on this list, please let the church office know. Thanks!)

July Anniversaries

- 4 John & Rita Honeycutt
- 8 J. R. & Angie Gilley
- 20 JoAnne & Ray Robbins
- 31 Doug & Sarah Gray

July 2018 EVENT CALENDAR

- 1 6th Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Esther's first service with us!
- 3 Knitting & Crochet – 6:30 p.m.
AA – 7 p.m.
- 4 Independence Day (Church office closed)
- 5 Scouts – 7 p.m.
Chancel Choir – 7 p.m.
- 8 7th Sunday after Pentecost
- 9 SPPRC – 7 p.m.
- 10 Knitting & Crochet – 6:30 p.m.
AA – 7 p.m.
- 11 Craft Meeting – 10 a.m.
Yoga – 4:30 p.m.
Alz. Caregivers Support Group – 6 p.m.
Charge Conference – 7 p.m.
- 12 Scouts – 7 p.m.
Chancel Choir – 7 p.m.
- 15 8th Sunday after Pentecost
- 16 Trustees Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
- 17 Finance Meeting – 6 p.m.
Youth – 6 p.m.
Knitting & Crochet – 6:30 p.m.
AA – 7 p.m.
- 18 Yoga – 4:30 p.m.
- 19 Scouts – 7 p.m.
Chancel Choir – 7 p.m.
- 22 9th Sunday after Pentecost
- 24 Youth – 6 p.m.
Knitting & Crochet – 6:30 p.m.
AA – 7 p.m.
- 25 Craft Meeting – 10 a.m.
Yoga – 4:30 p.m.
- 26 Scouts – 7 p.m.
Chancel Choir – 7 p.m.
- 29 10th Sunday after Pentecost
- 31 Youth – 6 p.m.
Knitting & Crochet – 6:30 p.m.
AA – 7 p.m.