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September 2018 Newsletter

Looking Ahead ...

September 3 – Labor Day (Church office closed)

September 8 - 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. – UMM Yard Sale & UMW Bake Sale!!

September 10 – Bible Study with Pastor Esther

September 18 - Terrific Tuesday

Pastor's Desk



REST FOR THE WEARY

“Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)

Summer is almost over, people are returning from vacation, students are heading back to school, life is returning to the normal daily routine. Normally people go on vacation to take a break from their daily hectic life, from the busyness of work so they can rest and rejuvenate themselves.

But the reality is that few people know how to rest these days. Even on vacation, we are still working, we are always on our phones, posting things on Facebook and checking emails. We are constantly rushing from one place to the other, we want to visit family and friends, get some last-minute shopping done, and all the things we planned to do before returning to our jobs or homes. We try to cram in as much as we can in the limited time that we have.

We return only to realize that we have so much to do, and we end up spending as much energy and time catching up on the work, bills, and emails that have piled up in our absence. We end up tired, exhausted, and wanting more time to rest. Many of us need vacations just to rest from our vacation. I always come back from vacation more tired. Perhaps we have been looking for rest in the wrong places.

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Jesus said, “Come to me...and I will give you rest.” That is a promise. We can count on Jesus to give us rest, to refresh us and give us peace.

Elizabeth Cheney has written a little verse that goes:

*Said the robin to the sparrow,
“I should really like to know,
why these anxious human being
rush about and worry so.”
Said the sparrow to the robin,
“Friend, I think that it might be,
that they have no heavenly Father
such as cares for you and me.”*

Like peace, rest and contentment can be found only in one place, from one source, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus gives us the ultimate rest, the confidence we need, to escape the frustration and the chaos of the world around us. Rest in him and don't worry about what lies ahead. Jesus Christ has already taken care of tomorrow. He just wants you to rest in him.

Grace to you,
Pastor Esther N. Agbosu

Senior Spotlight



Glenda Williams Adamowski was born to Willie Kelley and Woodrow Wilson Williams on March 6, 1949 in Langdale, Alabama. Her home was in Cusseta, Alabama until 1969, when she moved to Newport News, Va. She went to

Beulah High School from first grade through 12th grade, after which she attended Pelika Vocational Technical School where she received a Business Degree. After making her home in Newport News, she also attended Thomas Nelson Community College and was Certified in Early Childhood Education.

Glenda's fondest childhood memories occurred while living a simple farm life and growing everything her family ate! They raised all kinds of crops...sweet potatoes, watermelon, all kinds of vegetables and fruit. She remembers picking, drying, and selling peanuts, drawing water from a well, and in the early years, there was an outhouse, as well. They lived in a cinderblock house with five rooms and a coal fireplace, which kept them warm by burning wood.

Glenda was the youngest, with three siblings- George, Mack, and Jerry. Jerry is her only living brother today. Her mother, who has also passed, was the rock of the family. She loved them greatly and kept the family close. The family didn't get their first TV until Glenda was ten years old. She loved watching "The Lone

Ranger" with her brothers. She said they worked hard on the farm all week and went to church twice on Sundays and again on Wednesday nights. Her closest friend was Linda Butts from the young age of two until the present time.

Her first job while still in school was in the office of the Texaco Gas Station. After attending vocational school, she worked as a secretary until marrying and moving to Virginia. She married her now deceased husband, Lynn Murphy, in January 1969. They were divorced in 1974. She met her present husband, George Adamowski, in 1975 and they married that same year. They will soon reach their 43rd anniversary this December. They've lived on Cynthia Drive for 41 years now.

Glenda has worked as a secretary, office manager in the office supply store, at Farm Fresh, and for twenty years as a Teacher Assistant with Special Needs Children in the Hampton City Schools. She retired in 2014. They joined Bethany in 1978 after June and Milton VanDeVeer paid them a home visit and have been members here for 40 years. She has served in the Chancel Choir, as Altar Guild member, member of UMW, Missions Committee, and currently is Chairman of our Membership Care Committee. You see her often serving cookies and lemonade after worship services. She also volunteers in the church office and has enjoyed working in the Pumpkin Patch in past years.

Glenda and George have two daughters, Amy Williamson and Kellie Adamowski. They have one very special granddaughter, Amanda, who lives with her parents in Newport News, and

Kellie lives in Smyrna, Georgia. Amanda is a real joy in their life. She is an Honor Roll Student and has been a year-round swimmer for five years. She also enjoys visiting our homebound members and always leaves them with a smile. We appreciate all her effort and dedication here at Bethany.

Submitted by Pat Smith, Membership Care Committee

Please Note: We are happy that our readers enjoy these Senior Spotlight articles, but we are in need of more participation from our members in order to continue writing these each month. Please call Pat Smith if you are interested. Thank you!

Happy Hearts

Calling All Happy Hearts!!! **SAVE THE DATE!!** Please mark your calendars for Thursday, **September 27th, at 11:30 AM** in Tyler Hall. Happy Hearts will resume our monthly meetings on that date with a very special program. Our pastor Esther will be the program - bringing us information on herself and the events in her life that have brought her to Bethany. During that time, we are welcome to share information on ourselves if you would like. We will be enjoying a baked potato luncheon, please bring toppings for the potatoes (they will be furnished) and/or a dessert to share. Sign-up sheet will be in Tyler Hall, please come and bring a friend or two. Questions? See Elaine Brimer or Mary Faulk.

Wesley Class

Our annual spaghetti dinner will be held from 5 -7 pm on **October 13th** in Tyler Hall. Be sure to put this date on your calendar and come out and enjoy Chef Roy's delicious homemade spaghetti sauce along with all the fixings!



As we do every year we will have a silent auction in conjunction with the spaghetti dinner. The silent auction will end at 6:30 p.m. so everyone has a chance to gather their new possessions and still get home at a reasonable hour. Please search through your own treasurers and if you find unneeded or unwanted items that are in like new condition, please consider donating them for this silent auction.

The proceeds from these two events will go to the Wesley Class and, as is our policy, will be donated to various church funds, missions, etc. Our most recent contributions include:

Plants and mulch for church flower bed - \$72.90

International Children's Network (sponsoring a child in Peru)- \$105

St. Andrew Potato Fund- \$50

Bethany World Service- \$150

You are all invited to attend the Wesley Class in Wesley Hall for 9:15 Sunday School.

Membership Care Committee

If you have college students, please send us their address as soon as possible so that we can keep in touch. You can call or email the church office! Thanks!

United Methodist Women



September 12th at 10 a.m. will be our United Methodist Women's meeting to start off the fall/winter season.

Since we have not met since June this will be primarily a planning and "catching up" meeting. All women of the church are encouraged to attend. This is a small close group of women who take strength from each other and share our joys and concerns in addition to doing the Lord's Work thru missions.

Please remember to bring your baked goods to the church for our bake sale during the UMM yard sale September 8th. We also are the sponsors for the Terrific Tuesday dinner on September 18th. Through these fundraisers we are able fund our mission programs.

Terrific Tuesday

Terrific Tuesday is back! **September 18** we have an amazing menu:

Country Style Steak
Mashed potatoes and gravy
Green beans
Gelatin Salad
Applesauce
Rolls
Tea & Coffee
Homemade dessert

More information will be provided in the bulletin. Everyone is invited!

History Committee

The History Committee had a meeting on Monday, August 20th, which include members, Rita Honeycutt, Diane Hendrickson, and Anne Tucker. We decided to get organized and start on a memory book on Suzanne's time here at Bethany, while our memories are still fresh in our minds.

We have discovered that there are several memory books about the children's ministry that are missing and also we have nothing on the eleven years that Pastor Arthur was here and very little on Pastor Price. We think they may have been thrown out during the mold cleanup, so we are asking the congregation if you have any photos or items that you would like to include in a memory book, we would most appreciate your help. We need things for Suzanne's book right away, so we can get started soon.

Also many of the photos we do have from many years ago have no name or date. If you would like to help us out with this task, please feel free to stop by the History Room and look through what is there. The History Room is the Genesis Room in the Sunday School wing across from the restrooms. There are chairs to sit and note pads and pens to write down your memories.

The next meeting will be Monday, **September 10th** right after the Bible Study. Hope you can join us. Have a blessed day!

Acolyte News

Just wanted to remind all our Acolytes and the Church that **September 30th** is Acolyte Appreciation Sunday. Right after Worship Service, join us in Tyler Hall for cake and fellowship. I hope all our Acolytes will be there so the Church can give them a great big thank you for their service to the Lord.

Any questions see Rita Honeycutt, thank you.

BACK TO SCHOOL

As another school year dawns upon us, we extend our thoughts and prayers to all the students here at Bethany. We are pleased to include our current list of college students who are affiliated with Bethany UMC. Their current addresses will be posted on the college bulletin board in the education wing. May God bless each one of you as you pursue your college education.



Elisia Alampi - Auburn Univ.
Megan Atkinson - TNCC
Faith Belvin - TNCC
Katelyn Curtis - Shenandoah Univ.
Abram Davis - Norfolk State
Kathryn (Ryn) Everett - Virginia Tech
Emma Fair - East Carolina
Ryan Gilley - TNCC
Hannah Inchausti - Pitt. Univ.
Craig Lucy - J. Sargent Reynolds
Logan Luther - TNCC
Sarah Linthicum - ODU
Amber Matthews - TNCC
Brittany Parks - George Mason
Tyler Thompson - George Mason
~Membership Care Committee

Narthex Flowers for 2018

Reservations for **Narthex** flowers are available for these dates:



- September 9 and 30
- October 7
- 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.

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Craft News

Say bye-bye to summer and hello to fall! The Crafters have been busy making wonderful items from used greeting cards all summer. Now we are gearing up to make fidget quilts (or sensory blankets) for dementia care. What is a fidget quilt, you ask? It's a lap quilt or mat that gives the fingers and hands something to do. Like a busy book, but only in a lap form. These are great for kids and elders, who have Alzheimer's, dementia or need some help keeping busy. If you would like to know more, come by and see us at the next craft meeting.

During the UMM's yard sale, Saturday the 8th, beside the UMW's bake sale table, the Crafters are having a pre-sale table. We will have some of the items from the Cookies, Crafts and Chili Event this December. Come and see us between 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and have a Blessed day as you Bless others by supporting the Church.

The dates for the September meetings will be on the 5th and 19th but are subject to change or we may add an extra day of crafting. Only three more months until Cookies, Crafts and Chili!

Have a blessed month and happy crafting!
~Rita Honeycutt

Youth

Thank you so much for everyone who donated desserts for the Gospel Concert bake sale. The Youth raised over \$300 thanks to your generous contributions. We are working to plan our trip to Busch Gardens in the next few weeks. Thank you also to everyone who has continued to donate dinner for the youth - we are so grateful for the support of our church family.

~ Amy Ryan

MISSION NEWS:

Bethany has been and is, blessed in having so many that are gracious and giving. The Lord knows all your good deeds and the Church would like an estimated count as well. We will have a check off sheet in Tyler Hall each month to check off what weeks you have donated anything to someone in need, such as money, food, candy, clothes, health kits, school supplies or anything else that goes to helping someone. We do not need your name or what you donated, just if you did. We thank you for your help in this survey.

On Sunday, **October 21st**, we will be having a simple soup luncheon right after Worship in Tyler Hall. This is to support the Help Food Bank. Please bring a donation of a non-perishable food item or you can donate cash as well. The children will be collecting cash at the door and we thank you for all your support and don't forget to check off on the donation sheet.

If you would like to volunteer in helping in the kitchen to prepare the soup, meet the kitchen crew, Saturday, **October 20th** at 10:00 a.m. We have great joy in fellowship when we do the Lord's work.

Proverbs 22:9. The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

God Bless each and every one.

Knitters and Crocheters



Knitting and Crocheting is still meeting weekly:

Learn to knit, crochet, or both! Knitting needles, crochet hooks and yarn are provided. Written/pictorial instructions and YouTube videos (including special help for lefties) will be provided.

Once you have the basics down, you can help with our Mission Projects: hats for Kraft Elementary School, and slippers and lapghans for Hampton VA non-ambulatory domiciliary patients.

Donations of worsted weight synthetic yarn are welcome.

Everyone is invited! There are no age restrictions. We meet every Tuesday from 6:30-8 p.m. in Happy Hands Room 12. For additional information, please contact Alvia Lewis at 757-660-7749.

Memorials

Thank you to everyone who has made a memorial contribution recognizing the passing of a member of our Bethany family.

When you make a memorial donation, please make sure the **name of the individual** and **your own name** are clearly marked on the envelope or with your contribution. If the memorial is to be designated for a specific fund, please indicate that also. Your memorial can be placed in the offering plate. You can also mail it to the church or leave it in the church office.

There are two reasons for providing your name. First, Financial Secretary Parri James needs your information in order to give you credit for the contribution in the church records. Second, Parri provides this information to Susan Walton so that she can acknowledge your gift for the family. Your name is also included in a letter that the family receives listing the memorials. The amount of your contribution is confidential.

Recently we have had memorials made by cash in pew envelopes without the name of the contributor. Sadly, these memorials could not be listed by name on the family letter. Hopefully we can avoid this in the future. Thank you!

Thank you!

Dear Bethany UMC,
Thank you so much for
your hospitality. Thanks
again for your love and
kindness.

Blessings,
Asian American Ministers Association



Dear Bethany Family,
Thank you for your kind words, letters, cards
and food after my mother-in-law's passing. It
meant a lot to us. My husband and I (and Trip
and Artie) appreciated it. I also want to thank
the volunteers who helped in the office while I
was visiting family. I truly appreciate all that you
did. Thank you!

With Love,
Rebekah Doggett & Family

Dear Bethany Family,
Thank you for the phone calls, cards and the
luncheon after Anne Pederson's passing. Words
cannot express the gratitude we feel.
~Roy & Anne Tucker

Thank you to Brenda & Kelly Cannon and Ellie
Worrell for the ice cream, fun activities and all
the hard work they put into making Children's
Splash Day so much fun!

Thank you to Johnny Garrison for working on
the church van!



August Birthdays

- 2 Nicholas Sample
- 5 Jean Shannon, Gabriel Chapman
- 7 James Woodard
- 8 Jon Matthews, Elinor Davis
- 11 Emma Fair

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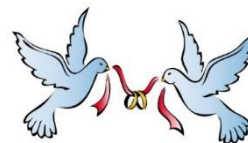
- 16 Sarah Linthicum, Rachel Smith
- 18 Brandon Harris
- 20 Erin Sample
- 21 Alan Daugherty
- 23 Natalie Bell, Jim Chaffin, Carolyn
Widener, Ann Sample
- 25 Cindy Chaffin, Gary Robbins
- 26 Jeff Bartgis, Isaac Chapman
- 28 Betty Jenkins

September Birthdays

- 4 Robby McMillan
- 5 Kathryn Burger
- 7 Diane Hendrickson
- 11 Richard Adams, Katie Gilley
- 12 Rita Honeycutt, Amber Matthews
- 15 Curtis Davis
- 21 Betty Archer
- 22 Spencer Ellingsworth, Carolyn Taylor
- 24 Angie Gilley, Brandon Parks
- 25 Elise Archibald
- 26 Polly Townsend
- 27 Joyce Ellingsworth
- 28 Willis Hutchinson
- 30 Martha Steppe

August Anniversaries

- 1 CJ & Ruth Shoemaker
- 5 Louis & Audrey Diggs
- 9 Terry & Jackie Rosser
- 11 Jon & Myra Matthews



September Anniversaries

- 2 Raymond & Betty Archer
- 4 Jerry & Brenda Cannon
- 11 Spencer & Tanya Ellingsworth
- 19 Willis & Jean Hutchinson
- 21 Rob & Amy Maroney

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

September 2018 EVENT CALENDAR

- 2 15th Sunday after Pentecost
3 Labor Day (Church office closed)
4 12:30 p.m.– Lions Club
6:30 p.m. – Knitting & Crochet
7:00 p.m. – AA
5 10:00 a.m. – Membership Care Meeting
10:00 a.m. – Craft
6 6:15 p.m. – Handbells
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir
7:00 p.m. – Scouts
8 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. – Yard & Bake Sale!!
9 16th Sunday after Pentecost
10 9:30 a.m. – Prayer Time
10:00 a.m. –Bible Study
11:00 a.m. – History Committee Meeting
11 6:00 p.m. – Youth
6:30 p.m. – Knitting & Crochet
7:00 p.m. – AA
12 10:00 a.m. – United Methodist Women
4:30 p.m. – Yoga
6:00 p.m. – Alz Support Group
13 6:15 p.m. – Handbells
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir
7:00 p.m. – Scouts
15 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Scouts Training
(Tyler Hall, Wesley Hall)
16 17th Sunday after Pentecost
(Ed Merry preaching)
17 9:30 a.m. – Trustees Meeting
9:30 a.m. – Prayer Time
10:00 a.m. – Bible Study
18 5:00-6:00 p.m. – Terrific Tuesday!
6:00 p.m. – Finance Meeting
6:00 p.m.– Youth
6:30 p.m. – Knitting & Crochet
7:00 p.m. – Church Council
7:00 p.m. – AA
19 10:00 a.m. – Craft
4:30 p.m. – Yoga
20 6:15 p.m. – Handbells
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir
7:00 p.m. – Scouts
22 1:00-3:00 p.m.- Destiny Alliance of
Churches
23 18th Sunday after Pentecost
24 9:30 a.m. – Prayer Time
10:00 a.m. –Bible Study
25 6:00 p.m. – Youth
6:30 p.m. – Knitting & Crochet
7:00 p.m. – AA
26 4:30 p.m. – Yoga
27 11:30 a.m. – Happy Hearts
6:15 p.m. – Handbells
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir
7:00 p.m. – Scouts
30 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Acolytes Appreciation Sunday