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October 2018 Newsletter

Looking Ahead ...

October 6 – Hampton High School Class Reunion – 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

October 13 – Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

October 18 – Charge Conference at United Methodist Church in Foxhill

October 21 – Laity Sunday

Pastor's Desk

GOD TAKES THE BURDEN



“As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.” (Psalm 103:13)

Children spend little time worrying about what they will eat, what they will wear, and how to provide a roof over their head. They will simply assume- and they have a right to- that their parents will provide everything they need. We are God’s children, created as dependent beings, to be dependent on him for our existence and we are to trust God to provide for us, and not worry about our daily needs.

Most of us pray the Lord’s Prayer often, at least on Sundays during worship service. In the midst of the Lord’s Prayer are these familiar words: “Give us this day our daily bread.” These words remind us that we are dependent on God for everything, for he is the giver of every blessing. James 1:17 also says “every good and perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the father of lights.”

Some people may say, “Why should I pray for my daily bread? I can take care of my own needs.” But the truth is, if it weren’t for God’s love, grace and provision, we wouldn’t have anything.

Our strength and wisdom for labor come from God, our health comes from him. In him, we live and move and have our being. Unfortunately, worry becomes an ingrained habit for most of us. But we can trust God to take care of us.

I read a story about a little girl whose father was a pilot. The father took her on one of his international flights. As they crossed the Atlantic, a storm came up. The flight attendant went to the little girl who was fast asleep in her seat, she awakened her and told her to fasten her seat belt because they were in some turbulent weather. The little girl opened her eyes and asked "Is daddy at the control" the attendant replied yes, he is in the cockpit. The girl smiled, closed her eyes and went back to sleep. This little girl trusted the father to fly them to their destination. O that we may have a childlike faith like this little girl, and trust that God our father is in absolute control over our lives and will take us through every situation including turbulent times. I encourage you to cultivate praying the Lord’s Prayer every day, so that you may be reminded to trust God and be thankful to him in everything and for his provisions.

Grace to you,
Pastor Esther N. Agbosu

Senior Spotlight JoAnn Wyatt

JoAnn Powell Wilkerson was born on January 21, in 1935 to Taft and Estelle Wilkerson in Cavel, North Carolina. Both of her parents worked in a



mill that made fabric for military uniforms. They lived in mill housing, went to mill school, grades one through seven. They also had mill doctors and dentist. She had one brother, Walter, and one sister, Eva Jane. They are both deceased.

The family attended a country Baptist church, with an outside toilet. She and her brother were baptized at the same time in Mill Creek when they were about 10 years old. JoAnn remembers that her mother made her a pink polka dot dress for that special occasion. She also recalls that the preacher said, "Bend your knees and I'm going to put you under the water and bring you right back up." Her mother and grandmother were also baptized in that same creek around that same age.

After the war was over, her daddy was laid off. The family moved to South Boston, VA, just 24 miles away. JoAnn spent her summers with her

grandmother who lived in Oxford, North Carolina. Grandma taught her to sew, cook, and make biscuits. She started cooking also around the age of 10 or 11 and continues to be one of our great Bethany cooks today...especially known for her delicious potato salad! At Grandma's place, she also learned about growing tobacco. She could hand leaves and tie tobacco, but only when she wanted to do it. She says they used lye soap to remove black wax from their hands, and her Grandma made the soap while she watched...ugh!

JoAnn's future husband, Bill Wyatt, lived one street over from her and her family. His house was behind theirs. They married on August 14, 1953, while they were both eighteen years old. In October of that same year, they moved to Newport News.

Five years after that, they had their first son, Les, and after five more years, they had two more sons...Jeff, and Steve. Bill worked for Sunbeam Bakery, and she worked part time for Montgomery Wards credit department. After General Electric bought out Montgomery Wards credit, she worked for them as well.

Bill was injured on his job in 1975. He had two back surgeries in two weeks, and through the years, he had several more back surgeries, besides other health problems. He was never able to work again. JoAnn went to work full time in 1976. She retired in 1999 with thirty-three years service. They joined Bethany in 1962. While she transferred

her membership, Bill, Les, and Jeff were baptized. She has worked faithfully here ever since, serving four or five years as Acolyte chairman, also serves on the Altar Guild, United Methodist Women, and maybe (?) her favorite place-the church kitchen. She also helps serve and prepare refreshments for after worship services. She enjoys Bible Study, crafts, reading, her friends, and helping out at church.

Bill passed away in 2014. Today Les lives in Roanoke, Jeff in Poquoson, and Steve in Hayes. JoAnn is proud of her four grandchildren: Chris in Roanoke, Beau in Hampton, Keri in Yorktown, and Brandy in Leesburg, VA. She has three precious great-grandsons, and a great-granddaughter is due in November of this year! She still makes her home nearby on Winchester Drive. We appreciate everything JoAnn continues to do here at Bethany and are thankful to have such dedication and enthusiasm among us.

United Methodist Women



Our **October** meeting date is the **10th at 10 a.m.** Following a brief program, we will decorate the brown lunch bags for the Hilton Adult Home. We have **lots** of chairs and would be delighted to welcome some new ladies. You will find this is a rewarding time for all of us - being together means so much.

Halloween Treat Bags

Our Bethany United Methodist Women will be preparing treat bags for the Hilton Adult Home and we need your help. We decorate and fill about 75 brown lunch bags for these folks so any snacks, candy, etc. you can donate will be greatly appreciated. Please bring them to the church no later than Sunday, **October 28th**. These bags will be filled on Monday, October 29th, following Bible Study with Esther.



Spaghetti Dinner & Auction



October 13th - The Yummy Day is almost here when Chef Roy and the Wesley Class prepare and serve the annual Spaghetti Dinner. In addition to being delicious, this meal is a bargain for only \$8.00.

Included in the \$8 fee is a great fresh salad, bread, spaghetti and hardy meat sauce plus homemade dessert. Come and bring your friends and neighbors. No reservations needed and no delivery service.

There will be a silent auction in conjunction with the dinner where you will find bargains of all kinds.

If you have gently used or unwanted new items that you are willing to donate please bring them to Tyler Hall no later than Friday, October 12th so they can be included in the auction. All funds raised will benefit our church and its "causes".

Happy Hearts

Happy Hearts will be meeting on Thursday, **October 25th** at **11:30 a.m.** in Tyler Hall. Our program will be brought to us by John Wilson and his group singing Gospel Music. Please bring a covered dish to share for our luncheon. The program will be presented at 11:30 after which we will enjoy our luncheon and our business program. We hope you will plan to attend, so please mark your calendar and save that date to join us for good food, fun and fellowship. Sign up in Tyler Hall. Hope to see you there! Mary Faulk/874-3949 or Elaine Brimer/596-5571

Craft News

Hello Crafters!
The air will soon be getting cooler and crisp,



allowing us all to reclaim the spirit of the season. Therefore, it won't be long before the big day on **December 8th**. It's time to finish up any Crafts that you want to add to our other many wonderful crafts we have for sale.

Our meeting dates so far for **October** are on Wednesday's the **3rd, 17th, and 31st**, but could change.

Speaking about the big day; Cookies, Crafts, and Chili- there will be a sign-up sheet next month for volunteers. We will need lots of help and we always

have a great time. And for all you Bethany Bakers, think about what cookies you want to bake. Here is a recipe I found that sounds delicious and easy, you may want to try.

Raisin Butter Cookies

1 cup butter
3/4 cup sifted confectioners sugar
1/4 teaspoon of salt
1 1/4 teaspoon of vanilla
1 3/4 cups of unsifted all-purpose flour
1 1/2 cups of Raisin Bran cereal

Cream butter. Gradually add confectioners sugar and salt, creaming well after each addition. Mix in vanilla and flour; stir in cereal. Shape into small balls, about 1-inch in diameter. Place on ungreased baking sheets and flatten with a fork. Bake at 375 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes, or until lightly browned. Sprinkle with additional confectioners sugar, if desired. Makes about 3 1/2 dozen.

Have a Blessed October, happy crafting. Any questions see Rita Honeycutt.



We extend our Christian love and prayers to:

Pete Chilcott for the loss of his wife, Alwayne Chilcott.

Brenda Cannon for the loss of her brother.

Rev. Fred & Julia Arndt for the loss of their son, Karl Arndt.

October Birthdays

- 2 Bessie Pittman
- 6 Eileen Holsinger,
Ray Letourneau,
Vivian Mayberry
- 7 Joyce Crum, Lily Linthicum
- 10 Christine Santiago
- 11 Rosey Savala
- 17 Myra Matthews, C.J. Shoemaker
- 18 Doug Sample
- 20 Elizabeth Green, Clyde Ogle
- 22 Cindy Ogle, Pam Parks
- 23 Bruce Fair, Helen Henderson
- 24 Brownie Woodall
- 26 Johnny Garrison
- 28 Pat Smith
- 29 Kay Inchausti
- 30 Rebecca Smith Corlett,
Abram Davis
- 31 Peggy Linthicum



October Anniversaries



- 3 Jody & Elizabeth Linthicum
- 9 Dale & Rebekah Doggett
- 10 Stanley & Carolyn Widener
- 22 Tim & Pam Parks
- 24 José & Kay Inchausti
- 27 Roy & Anne Tucker

If you have an October birthday or anniversary and are not on the list, please contact the church office. Thanks!

October 2018 Calendar

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| <p>1 Prayer Time – 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study – 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>2 Yoga – 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.
Lions Club – 12:30 p.m.
Finance – 6:00 p.m.
Youth – 6:00 p.m.
Knitting & Crochet – 6:30 p.m.
Church Council – 7:00 p.m.
AA – 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>3 Craft – 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>4 Yoga – 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.
Handbells – 6:15 p.m.
Chancel Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Scouts – 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>6 Hampton High School Class
Reunion – 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>7 20th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday</p> <p>8 Prayer Time – 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study – 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>9 Yoga – 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.
Youth – 6:00 p.m.
Knitting & Crochet – 6:30 p.m.
AA – 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>10 UMW – 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>11 Yoga – 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.
Handbells – 6:15 p.m.
Chancel Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Scouts – 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>13 Spaghetti Dinner & Silent
Auction – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Scouts Camping</p> <p>14 21st Sunday after Pentecost
Children’s Sabbath</p> <p>15 Trustees Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
Prayer Time – 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study – 10:00 a.m.</p> | <p>16 Yoga – 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.
Youth – 6:00 p.m.
Knitting & Crochet – 6:30 p.m.
AA – 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>17 Craft Meeting – 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>18 Charge Conference at United
Methodist Church in Foxhill
Yoga – 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.
Handbells – 6:15 p.m.
Chancel Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Scouts – 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>21 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Laity Sunday
Lifting up the Food Bank!</p> <p>22 Prayer Time – 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study – 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>23 Yoga – 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.
Youth – 6:00 p.m.
Knitting & Crochet – 6:30 p.m.
AA – 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>25 Yoga – 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.
Happy Hearts – 11:30 a.m.
Handbells – 6:15 p.m.
Chancel Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Scouts – 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>28 23rd Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>29 Prayer Time – 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study – 10:00 a.m.
UMW – 11:00 a.m. –
(getting treat bags ready!)</p> <p>30 Yoga – 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.
Youth – 6:00 p.m.
Knitting & Crochet – 6:30 p.m.
AA – 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>31 Craft Meeting – 10:00 a.m.</p> |
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