

## BETHANY PATH FORWARD

The Path Forward Committee has prepared a presentation to provide factual unbiased information about the current schism within the United Methodist Church and what this means for Bethany. This information was presented to three small groups on Sunday, June 25 and will be provided to Sunday School classes. To continue efforts to provide this information to all Bethany members, the next round of small group meetings has been scheduled for Sunday, July 30 at 4 pm at Bethany. If you would like to attend one of these small group meetings, please respond by email to Meg Courtney (ChurchCouncil@bethany-umc.com) and provide your name, preferred email address, and phone number so that we may contact you with the schedule once it is finalized. Additionally, we can schedule in-home "cottage" style meetings. If you are interested in an in-home meeting, please respond to Meg Courtney at the address provided above.

## HANDS OF CHRIST SUPPLY DRIVE

Monetary donations are being collected to provide much needed school supplies for the 2023-24 DD2 schools and Williams Elementary, a DD4 school. We are also collecting book bags. Our goal is to collect 200 book bags which can be dropped off in the Business Office. The book bags that we donate will have our Bethany backpack tags. The more we receive, the less we spend out of Hands of Christ monetary donations. Monetary donations may be made online, placed in the offering plate on Sunday, or dropped off at the Business Office. *Note "Hands of Christ" in the memo line.*

## YOUTH GROUP

The youth group will be meeting during the summer months on Wednesday nights from 6-8 pm in the youth house. There will be a time for fellowship with a devotion and meal. All middle school and high school students are welcome!

## SCAN TO GIVE OPTION

It's easier than ever to give now! Simply scan this QR Code & you will be directed to PushPay, our online giving platform. You can also text 833-245-8417 and give right from your phone! If you would prefer to give the traditional way, giving envelopes can be found in your pew for cash and check donations.



# Welcome to

# Word & Table

Spirit  
ALIVE

MS. HALEY JOBE  
ROMANS 8: 1-11

## WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

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# ● ORDER OF WORSHIP ●

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF FAITH

PASTORAL PRAYER

KIDS' MOMENT

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE

ROMANS 8: 1-11

MESSAGE

"SPIRIT ALIVE"

COMMUNION

SONG OF FAITH

BENEDICTION

## **Romans 8: 1-11 (CEB)**

So now there isn't any condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. God has done what was impossible for the Law, since it was weak because of selfishness. God condemned sin in the body by sending his own Son to deal with sin in the same body as humans, who are controlled by sin. He did this so that the righteous requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us. Now the way we live is based on the Spirit, not based on selfishness. People whose lives are based on selfishness think about selfish things, but people whose lives are based on the Spirit think about things that are related to the Spirit. The attitude that comes from selfishness leads to death, but the attitude that comes from the Spirit leads to life and peace. So the attitude that comes from selfishness is hostile to God. It doesn't submit to God's Law, because it can't. People who are self-centered aren't able to please God.

But you aren't self-centered. Instead you are in the Spirit, if in fact God's Spirit lives in you. If anyone doesn't have the Spirit of Christ, they don't belong to him. If Christ is in you, the Spirit is your life because of God's righteousness, but the body is dead because of sin. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your human bodies also, through his Spirit that lives in you.

## **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS**

Join us for Crafts and Cones this Wednesday. Bring the family to do some awesome crafts and have a make your own ice cream sundae bar! We will meet in the Friendship Circle Room (Room 115) from 6-7:30 pm. Wear clothes that can get messy!

## **MEN OF BETHANY**

The Men of Bethany will have their monthly meeting July 17 at 7 pm. If you would like to attend, please use the sign up sheets located in the Sunday School classrooms and at the Welcome Center front desk. The meal will be \$12 and will consist of salad, prime rib, starch, vegetable and dessert. If you are available to help prepare the meal, please show up in the kitchen any time after 3 pm. For more information, please text Rodney McKanna 843.709.0953 or Bill Jones 843.607.6671.

## **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

The Bereavement Ministry needs co-chairs and team members for this important ministry. The co-leaders would coordinate with the bereavement team leaders to help prepare and serve meals for Bethany families after a funeral. Please let Rev. Mark Barnes know at 843.873.1230 if you are interested or would like more information on this ministry.

## **RIVERDOGS BASEBALL FAMILY NIGHT**

Join us on Sunday, July 30 at the Riverdogs baseball game. We have purchased a group of tickets all together and would love to have you there for a fun evening. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased on the Bethany website or see Emily Vick. Gametime is 5:05pm and parking is free. There will be lots of activities for kids and adults before and during the game.

## **HAPPY HEARTS**

Local, talented, and very gifted musician, Mr. Jesse Cockcroft, the strolling accordion player, will be performing for the Happy Hearts meeting on July 28. A meal of lasagna, garlic bread, tossed Italian salad, with cheesecake for dessert will be served at 12 pm for \$8. Please contact Dot by July 23 at 843.343.5450 or dmprevatte@yahoo.com to make your meal reservation. ALL AGES ARE WELCOME.