

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

Grace
to
Disagree

ACTS 15: 36-40
Rev. Mark Barnes

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

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● ORDER OF WORSHIP ●

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF FAITH

OFFERING

SONG OF FAITH

PASTORAL PRAYER

KIDS' MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

ACTS 15: 36-40

MESSAGE

“GRACE TO DISAGREE”

COMMUNION

SONG OF FAITH

BENEDICTION

Acts 15: 36-40

36 After a few days of this, Paul said to Barnabas, “Let’s go back and visit all our friends in each of the towns where we preached the Word of God. Let’s see how they’re doing.”

37-41 Barnabas wanted to take John along, the John nicknamed Mark. But Paul wouldn’t have him; he wasn’t about to take along a quitter who, as soon as the going got tough, had jumped ship on them in Pamphylia. Tempers flared, and they ended up going their separate ways: Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus; Paul chose Silas and, offered up by their friends to the grace of the Master, went to Syria and Cilicia to put grit in those congregations.

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 **TODAY** at 843.343.5450 or dmprevatte@yahoo.com to make your meal reservation. **ALL AGES ARE WELCOME.**

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

This week for Wonderful Wednesday we are going to Pack the Gym! Families come join us for games and fun. There will be organized games, basketball and more available. Parents vs. Kids, family vs. family...who knows what will happen. Meet in the gym Wednesday night from 6-7:30 pm.

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. **We have 5 tickets left!** 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

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.

PROMOTION SUNDAY & BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 20 will be Promotion Sunday and the Blessing of the Backpacks. On this Sunday, all children will move up to their new Sunday School class. Bring your backpacks to church and receive a special blessing before school starts. We will also be handing out tags for the kids to attach to their backpacks to remember that their church family is praying for them and that Jesus is always with them!