

THANKSGIVING FOOD BAGS

Local Missions is now accepting monetary donations to provide turkeys/bags of food to Dorchester County families in need. 415 families were recipients in 2022! DONATE by Nov. 12 through the offering plate, online, or by mail. Please note that the funds are for Thanksgiving bags. Please give generously, as costs continue to increase.

ACOLYTE AND CROSS-BEARER TRAINING

Join us for Acolyte training on Sunday, October 8 during the Sunday school hour (10 am). You will learn the procedures for this important part of worship and be able to sign-up for dates. Any kids 3rd-5th that are in Sunday school will be participating in the training. Anyone up through grade 12 is welcome to attend as well. Parents, if you would like to attend, we would love to have you!

A sign-up will be available at the training. Any questions, email Stephanie Mitchum at smitchum@bethany-umc.com or Emily Vick at evick@bethany-umc.com.

TIME TO LIVE -TIME TO GIVE -RENEW YOUR PURPOSE!

Lighten your burdens. Open up and talk out your worries, so you can find joy in each day. Call for your personal Stephen Minister. Combine your caring and empathy with active listening skills to help a hurting person. Apply for the Stephen Ministry Training - next class starts in January.

For info, contact: Women: Leah Martin 404.408.5457 or Marti Johnson 843.442.1675 Men: Denis Tsukalas 843.729.5348 or Mark Barnes 843.873.2130.

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.



Safety and Assistance Emergency number available on Sunday mornings from 7:30am-12:30pm 854.429.1839.

Welcome to

Word & Table

HOPE during

Chaos

Rev. Mark Barnes
1 Peter 1: 1-12

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

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October 1, 2023

• ORDER OF WORSHIP •

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF FAITH

OFFERING

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KIDS' MOMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

1 PETER 1: 1-12

MESSAGE

“HOPE DURING CHAOS”

COMMUNION

SONG OF FAITH

BENEDICTION

1 Peter 1: 1-12 (The Message)

I, Peter, am an apostle on assignment by Jesus, the Messiah, writing to exiles scattered to the four winds. Not one is missing, not one forgotten. God the Father has his eye on each of you, and has determined by the work of the Spirit to keep you obedient through the sacrifice of Jesus.

May everything good from God be yours!

What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven-and the future starts now! God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you'll have it all-life healed and whole.

I know how great this makes you feel, even though you have to put up with every kind of aggravation in the meantime. Pure gold put in the fire comes out of it proved pure; genuine faith put through this suffering comes out proved genuine. When Jesus wraps this all up, it's your faith, not your gold, that God will have on display as evidence of his victory.

You never saw him, yet you love him. You still don't see him, yet you trust him-with laughter and singing. Because you kept on believing, you'll get what you're looking forward to: total salvation.

The prophets who told us this was coming asked a lot of questions about this gift of life God was preparing. The Messiah's Spirit let them in on some of it-that the Messiah would experience suffering, followed by glory. They clamored to know who and when. All they were told was that they were serving you, you who by orders from heaven have now heard for yourselves through the Holy Spirit-the Message of those prophecies fulfilled. Do you realize how fortunate you are? Angels would have given anything to be in on this!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Bethany Global Missions is looking to pack 323 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Some suggestions are small balls, Slinkys, play cars or trucks, plastic animals and figures, yo-yos, marbles, etc. Some “WOW” items that can be included are small stuffed animals, clothing items, small musical instruments, etc.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can make a check out to Bethany UMC and in memo line please write Global Missions. Please drop off any checks in the Business office. Individual boxes to fill will be available October 1 and October 8 at all services. Filled boxes will be due November 13, and there will be a table by the downstairs Welcome Center with a sign to drop filled boxes off. If you have any questions, please contact Shawn Kahn at 609.319.6271.

BETHANY'S BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Bring your pet for a special worship service and blessing on Sunday, Oct. 8 at 3pm in Azalea Park. Bring a chair and please remember to clean up after your pet!

PRESCHOOL HELP

Children's Ministry is looking for one more addition to our Preschool Sunday school rotation. We have a team so that your commitment is not every week. We provide you with the lesson and all activities, everything is ready and prepped for you each week. This truly is such a sweet class - you will be blessed by spending a little time with them each week. If you would like more information, please email Stephanie Mitchum at smitchum@bethany-umc.com.

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

The nursery is looking for people to round out our staff. 5-8 hours per week, primarily on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. More hours may be available according to the church calendar. \$13 per hour. Please stop by the nursery or call the church office if interested.