PRAYER BREAKFAST PLANNING MEETING

If you are interested in being a part of the Prayer Breakfast Ministry, please join us for a planning meeting on Thursday, September 28 at 6pm in the Conference Room.

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

Relent, Repent, Restore

> Joel 2: 12-16 Rev. Mitch Houston

We're Glad You're Here

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September 17, 2023

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"RELENT, REPENT, RESTORE"

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Song of Faith

BENEDICTION

Joel 2: 12-16 (NRSV)

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the Lord, your God,

for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,

and leave a blessing behind him,

a grain-offering and a drink-offering

for the Lord, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people.

Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

Pick up your scissors, find your glue gun and get crafting! Start working now on making crafts for the Bethany Gift & Gourmet Market. We are looking for handmade items that anyone would love to have in their home. Some popular items are Christmas ornaments, 18" doll clothes, Christmas decorations, and small purses. There are lots of easy crafts that anyone can do- just look online or see Emily Vick for an idea.

HAPPY HEARTS

Happy Hearts meeting on September 22 will feature "The Story Behind the Song," by our own Linda Grant. His Eye is on the Sparrow, Let There Be Peace on Earth, In the Garden, and America the Beautiful are some of the songs Linda will discuss followed by the audience singing. A meal of fried chicken, rice pilaf, hot veggie, yeast roll and a brownie for \$8 will be served at 12 pm. To make your meal reservation, call Dot by the end of today at 843.343.5450 or email her at dmprevatte@yahoo.com.

Men of Bethany

The Men of Bethany will have their monthly meeting Monday, September 18 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. Help is needed to prep the meal as well as the Pinelands lunch. If you are available to help, 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.

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.