



Bethel Bell

SUMMER 2022 NEWSLETTER

A Word From the Pastor

Friends,

On the first Sunday of June we will celebrate Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was given to the Apostles and they were given the ability to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to all nations, speaking in the languages of all who were gathered. We will celebrate the day that the Holy Spirit gave birth to the Church.

One of the key pieces of our mission at Bethel is to love our neighbors. We do that in a variety of ways in the church through various mission programs. And in that sense, we understand neighbor to be someone who shares this broader community with us. However, neighbor can have another meaning. Literally the person who lives next to you.

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SPECIAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

- **Pentecost Sunday - June 5**
- **Spaghetti Dinner - June 18**
- **Father's Day - June 19**
- **Grad's Recognition - June 19**
- **June's Communion Offering; UMCOR**

LOVE
YOUR *neighbor*
AS YOURSELF.
Mark 12:31

Scripture Readings for June

- June 5: — Acts 2:1-21**
- June 12: — John 16:12-15**
- June 19: — Luke 8:26-39**
- June 26: — Luke 9:51-62**

A Word From the Pastor continued

And so this Pentecost and this summer, I invite you to consider how you might love your neighbor. How you can love the people who literally live next to you. There are countless ways to do this, so I will leave it to the Holy Spirit to determine how you might love your neighbor in a way that they can comprehend. The gift of the Holy Spirit allows us to know others, love them, and love them in the right way. To communicate love to them in the right way.

We need more love in our neighborhoods. We need more kindness in our neighborhoods. We need more compassion in our neighborhoods. We need to know our neighbors better and see ourselves as a community! So bake cookies and share them. Mow an extra lawn. Host a barbecue. Take in mail while they're away.

This summer do something real and concrete as a way to show your neighbors that you love them.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Matt



NEIGHBORLY LOVE

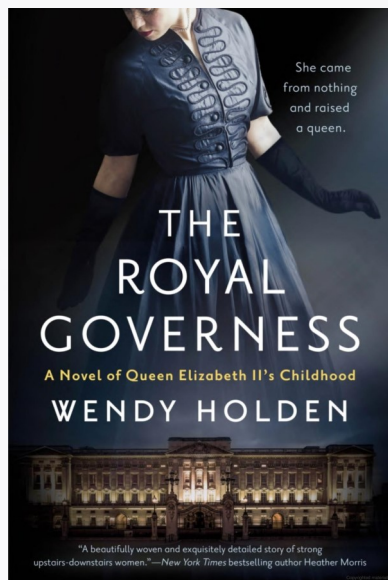
DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

The importance of prayer is affirmed throughout the Bible. As a church we are committed to pray - your needs are important to us. You can share your prayer needs on the card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate, or you can email your request to:

bethelumcprayerteam@verizon.net

*I urge that SUPPLICATIONS, PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, and THANKSGIVINGS
be made for everyone... 1 Timothy 2:1 NRSV*

We are currently
reading:



Bethel Book Club

Next Meeting: June 21, 7:00pm
Kay Hall 703-670-4929

Calling all Adventurers! Incredible “armchair” adventures await you with a fantastic book from the Bethel Book Club. In May we explored a New England seaside town with the book ***Goodbye Again***. We met at Kay Hall’s House to tell of our discoveries. In June, our book ***The Royal Governess*** by Wendy Holden, whisks us back in time to Buckingham Palace circa 1930, to bring to life the unknown childhood years of one of the world’s most famous figures, Queen Elizabeth II.

2022 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar in honor or celebration of someone, the 2022 calendar is available.

The cost is \$35.00.
Take the flowers home after service,
or gift them to your
special someone.

Contact: Karen Johnston
kjohnston@bethelumc.org
703-670-4929



**DON'T
MAKE IT EASY FOR CRIMINALS!**

PRACTICE T.L.C.

TAKE OUT VALUABLES

Do not leave valuables such as purses, wallets, keys, electronics, and firearms in cars parked in driveways or garages overnight.

LOCK YOUR VEHICLE

Unlocked doors provide quick and easy access to cars.
Lock vehicles, even if it's for a short time.

CALL THE POLICE

Report all thefts or suspicious activity to the Police.
Emergency: 911 - Non-Emergency: 703-792-6500



Faith
Hope
Love in Action



Meetings 3rd Monday Monthly @7:00pm
(Sign up for UMW email list for up to date times and locations)
 POC: Sheri Goad sgoad@bethelumc.org

Hello ladies!!

An informational email was sent to you regarding the name change that recently occurred (going from United Methodist Women to United Women in Faith), as well as information regarding the new website that the UWF has developed (UWFaith.org). We are still UMW here at Bethel, for the time being. We can discuss the topic at future UMW meetings, but until then, we will continue being the awesome group of ladies worshipping and loving God, loving our neighbors, and loving one another that we have been and will continue to be!

Upcoming UMW Events/Activities:

June 18 ~ Spaghetti Dinner and a movie (movie to TBA) @ 6 p.m. hosted by the BUMMs and the UMW

June 19 ~ Celebrating our Dad's and Grads during the 10 a.m. service

Last week of June ~ we will begin collecting yard sale items for the upcoming **yard sales on July 16, and July 23**. UMW has taken on coordinating the yard sale for the past several years...helping to raise funds for various needs around the church. It has been one of the ways we give back in service to the church - therefore, we will need ALOT of help collecting donations/items to sell, preparing items for the sales, working during the sales, and of course clean up afterwards - SO please try to help out whenever you can. It is a lot of work but the more hands the better. Your efforts are TRULY appreciated, the fellowship has been fun, and in the past couple years it's even been a delicious treat (especially, if Sheri makes her specialty cupcakes for the workers again- no pressure Sheri!). Watch the usual spots for sharing Bethel info - our Bethel Fellowship FB page, emails, "The Chimes" in the bulletin, bulletin board outside of the Sanctuary, and our newsletter articles for more information.

God bless each of you today and always,

Karen

As you
SENT ME
into the world,
so I have
SENT THEM
into the world.
John 17:18, ESV

Bethel Is On A Mission!



Missions Chairperson Karen Johnston
kjohnston@bethelumc.org

Bethel is on a mission...to donate UMCOR Health Kits for Annual Conference!

If you would like to donate, items needed are:

- One bath **hand towel** (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches)
(No kitchen/cleaning/microfiber towels)
- One bath **washcloth**
(No kitchen/cleaning/microfiber towels)
- One **comb**
(Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth. No pocket combs or picks. Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth.)
- One **toenail or fingernail clipper**
(No emery boards or metal nail files.)
- **Bath-size soap** (3 oz. bar or larger)
(No Ivory or Jergen's soap. Do not remove from packaging.)
- One **adult toothbrush**
(Do not remove from packaging. No personal advertising.)
- 10 **adhesive bandages** (¾ by 3 inches)
(Common household bandages acceptable.)

You can donate a complete kit(s), individual items (like 10 bars of soap), **OR** you can make a donation to cover shipping costs (\$1 per kit), donate for toothpaste they will purchase in bulk (\$1 per kit) that will be added to our kits by UMCOR, or I can shop to purchase the supplies needed to make complete kits. Just put your donation in an envelope and mark "Kits for Conference" under "other" on donation envelope.

Please bring all donations, for the kits, to church
by June 8th...there is a collection bin in the narthex.
Thank you for sharing God's love with our neighbors,
near and far! 😊



Bethel is on a mission...to help support other local food pantries in our District (Rising Hope and Burke UMC)!

If you would like to donate food items: **(donate by June 2nd):**

Canned meats (canned tuna or chicken, ravioli, canned soups with meat, spam, Vienna sausages, sardines); canned tomatoes; pasta; pasta sauce; cereal; oatmeal; peanut butter; jelly; canned fruit; canned veggies; dry beans (pinto, black eye peas, lima, navy, black beans, kidney beans); condiments; coffee; tea; juice; granola bars; cereal bars; fruit snacks; sugar; flour; single size cereal; oatmeal in a cup; Roman noodles; crackers; mac/cheese in cups; &/or fruit cups.

Other items needed (donate by June 8th):

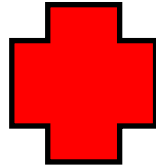
Cleaning supplies, hygiene products (sanitary napkins/shampoo/conditioner/body soap/deodorant/TP), and diapers (all sizes)

There is a shopping cart in the narthex for your food donations.

Thanks for sharing God's love w/ our local neighbors! 😊



June 18 ~ Spaghetti Dinner and a movie (movie to TBA)
6 pm
Hosted by the BUMMs and the UMW



FUN

Sunday, June 19 - Celebrating Dads and Grads during Worship



Happy Father's Day!



Father's
Day
June 19



A Standup Guy

During the pandemic, a Maryland man used "dad jokes" to lift neighbors' spirits. Tom Schruben jotted down a joke-of-the-day on a curbside whiteboard. Hearing people chuckle and chat eased the isolation.

Schruben and his wife, Ann, became intentional about seeking joy after two of their children died. They vowed to "find happiness again" and share it. For Father's Day last year, Schruben held a Bad Dad Joke contest, donating entry fees to a local charity. Here are a few of his favorites:

- *If two vegans get into an argument, is it still considered a beef?*
- *I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon. I'll let you know.*
- *What do you call a bear with no teeth? A gummy bear.*



Pre K-5th Grade

Children's Ministry Leader/FaithWeaver Coordinator

Tonia Parker ~ tparker@bethelumc.org

Sunday School Superintendent

Jamey Long ~ jlong@bethelumc.org

Assistant Sunday School Superintendent

Tonia Parker

Children's Church

Heather Smith & Patty Lober

VBS Coordinator

Sheri Goad ~ sgoad@bethelumc.org



To celebrate the special man in your life, use a quote a day the week before Father's Day, or honor him with tributes the whole week after. Write one of these (or one of your own) on a card, make a message into a placemat, tape one to the bathroom mirror — get creative!

Every day of the week is a good day to celebrate Dad's love and show him yours.

"The heart of a father is the masterpiece of nature."
—Antoine F. Prévost

"To the world you are a dad. To our family you are the world."
—Unknown

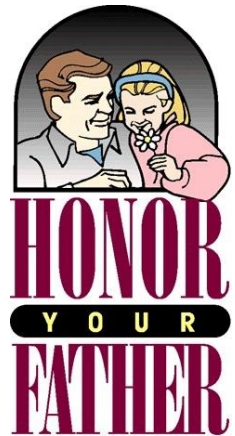
"The best fathers have the softest, sweetest hearts. In other words, great dads are real marshmallows." —Richelle E. Goodrich

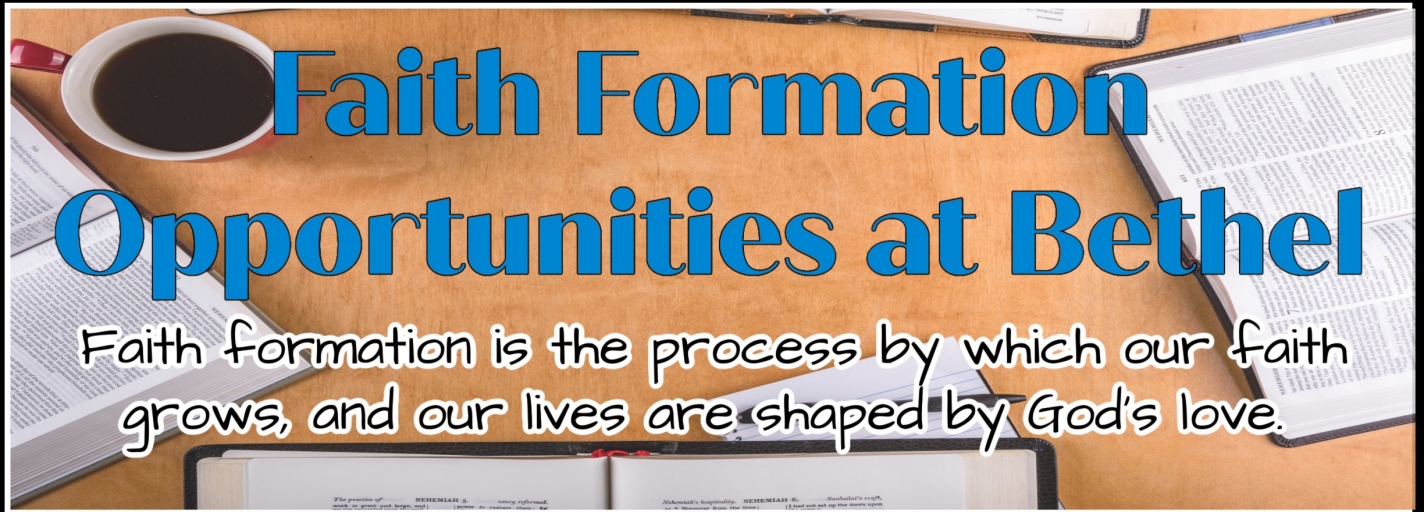
"Dad: a son's first hero, a daughter's first love." —Unknown

"A good father is one whose only reason for putting down a laughing baby is to pick up a crying one." —Linda Poindexter

"My father didn't do anything unusual. He only did what dads are supposed to do — be there." —Max Lucado

"I love my father as the stars. He's a bright shining example and a happy twinkling in my heart." —Terri Guillemets





Bible Studies

Zoom links available on the church calendar

<https://www.bethelumc.org/calendar/>

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

POC Pastor Matt mbenton@bethelumc.org

Tuesdays @ 10am via ZOOM

Women's Bible Study

POC Sheri Goad sgoad@bethelumc.org

Wednesdays @ 7pm via ZOOM

Sunday Evening Bible Study

POC Ed Wells

Sundays @ 5pm via ZOOM

Sunday School Classes

Zoom links available on the church calendar

<https://www.bethelumc.org/calendar/>

Breakfast and the Bible

POC John Etter

vjohn14@hotmail.com

443-797-3957

Sundays @ 8:30am Hybrid

In person in the Library

Zoom Option available.

(This study covers the scripture used in the weekly sermon. Feel free to bring your breakfast!)

Adult Sunday School

POC Steve Stoops and Jim Smith

Sundays @ 8:30am Hybrid

In person Room 5 & 6

Zoom Option available

If you are feeling lead to host a bible study or Sunday School class please reach out to Pastor Matt!
We would love to talk about your ideas!

Pastor Matthew J. Benton
Cell Phone: 703-599-8701
Email: mbenton@bethelumc.org

Sounds of Grace Bethel's Music Ministry

Director of Music Joe Swetnam / Choir Director Brandon Boling



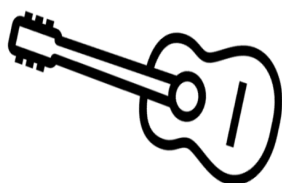
**ADD YOUR
VOICE!**

BETHEL CHANCEL CHOIR

Join the Choir and SING praises to the Lord.

Practices weekly on Thursday nights @ 7:00pm.

If you are interested in participating send a 🎵 to Brandon Boling!



Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Do you play an instrument?

Interested in joining the Praise Band? Come on out and join the band!

Practices weekly on Thursday nights @ 6:00pm.



Join the Solid Rock Ringers and ring praises to the Lord. We need ringers, and always need substitute ringers. We practice weekly on Wednesday nights @ 7:00pm. If you are interested in participating please give a jingle to:

**Jan Womer at 703-670-5236 or
email jmwomer@verizon.net for more information**

Your participation would make an un-BELL-ievable difference!



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Bethel UMC Office Hours:

Monday – Friday
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Holy Communion:
1st Sunday - 10:00 AM Service
Baptism: as requested
Membership: as requested
Sundays:
10:00 am - Worship Service
Live streaming available:
You Tube - BethelLive4Christ

Tithe - Offering - Donations

We have set up a PayPal Giving Fund account
for those who wish to donate online.



The link to our PayPal Giving Fund page is
<http://bethelumc.org/donate>

June 2022 Assignments

Altar Guild

Debbie Kimberlin, Minnie Hale,
& Lee Williams

Communion Servers

Rob & Lee Williams

Ushers

Lead: Karol Kaldenbach
Terese Smith
Joe English
Debbie English

Lay Readers

June 5: Kevin McNamara
June 12: Jim Smith
June 19: Peggy Walsh
June 26: George Gero

Counters

April 3: Jane Harris & Karen Johnston
April 10: Karol Kaldenbach & Jordan Johnston
April 17: Kathleen Lee & Harry Burket
April 24: Terese Smith & Carolyn May