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Happy New Year! I asked the question last Sunday, "Who or What are you seeking in 2018?" As we launch into this new year I ask you to prayerfully consider your priorities. Are you placing God and Church high on your list? I also want to say thank you to Bethany and Susan Sprayberry and her crew for their hard work with the Angel Tree. We doubled our effort this year and you Bethany stepped up in a big way. Below is a letter from the Principal of Russell Elementary thanking you for all you did.

December 19, 2007

Bethany United Methodist Church

760 Hurt Road

Smyrna, GA 30082

Attention: Susan Sprayberry

Bethany Congregation:

There are really no words to express the gratitude we have for all of you have done for our Russell family during this Christmas season. ..however, we would like to try! The generosity that was shown by your Bethany family was overwhelming ! We wish that you could have been here to see the parent's faces when they arrived to pick up the gifts! They too, were overwhelmed at your generosity.

To know that there are still people who sincerely care about those who are less fortunate is truly a blessing to our Russell family! Christmas has truly come to many of our families all because of you cared!

We hope that you have a wonderful Christmas and that the generosity and joy you have given to others will be returned to you a hundred fold.

*Sincerely,
Tammy Watson
Principal*

I am proud of you! See you Sunday and bring a friend! Yours in Christ,

Pastor Chip

SERVANTHOOD

JANUARY 14, 2018

"God Help the Fish"
Mark 1: 7-11 Rev. Chip Wilson

Acolytes

TBD

Greeters

TBD

AV Tech & Sound

9:00 am Kevin Ammerman & Cindy Webb
11:00 am Meredith Baker & Kevin Ammerman

Presentation Team

Ron Adhikari, Bart Crowe, Claire Farmer

Ushers

9:00 am Keith Groce
11:00 am Sandra Crowe, Diane Roberts,
Glenn Robinson, Walter Trotter, Terry Wullschleger

Scripture Reader

Louise Young

Children's Church

Carolyn Reilly & Catherine Simpson

BETHANY NEWS

Christian Sympathy....

is extended to the family of Ray Gary Sr. for his passing on December 31. Please continue to keep the Gary family in your prayers.

Thanks

Thank you all so much for supporting our spaghetti lunch fundraising this past Sunday. We are able to profit \$800. Thank you so much Bethany family for supporting us.
-The Youth



Afternoon Tea

Sunday, January 21
2:00 pm in Lacy Hall

All Bethany women and guests are invited to enjoy fun, fellowship. Bethany Unit UMW Officers for 2018 will be installed. Circles will have their tables decorated and will share biscuits (cookies) with all.

COMING UP ...
JANUARY 14 - JANUARY 20

Sunday, January 14

10:05 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
2:00 PM Kidz Matinee; Youth
2:30 PM Girl Scouts - Children's Hall

Monday, January 15

7:00 PM UMM - Lacy Hall; Joymakers
7:30 PM Boy Scouts - Scout Lodge; Lamplighters

Tuesday, January 16

6:45 PM Cubs Scouts - Lacy Hall; Zumba - The Rock
7:00 PM ESOL - Koinonia
7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, January 17

7:00 PM Chancel Choir - Choir Room;
Daniel Plan - Garth Davison;
Missions Meeting - Koinonia

Thursday, January 18

11:30 AM Forever Young - Bay Breeze
7:00 PM Praise Band - Lacy Hall;
Smyrna District Leadership Meeting - New Hope

Friday, January 19

7:45 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, January 20

10:45 AM Zumba - The Rock
11:00 AM Girl Scouts - Children's Hall

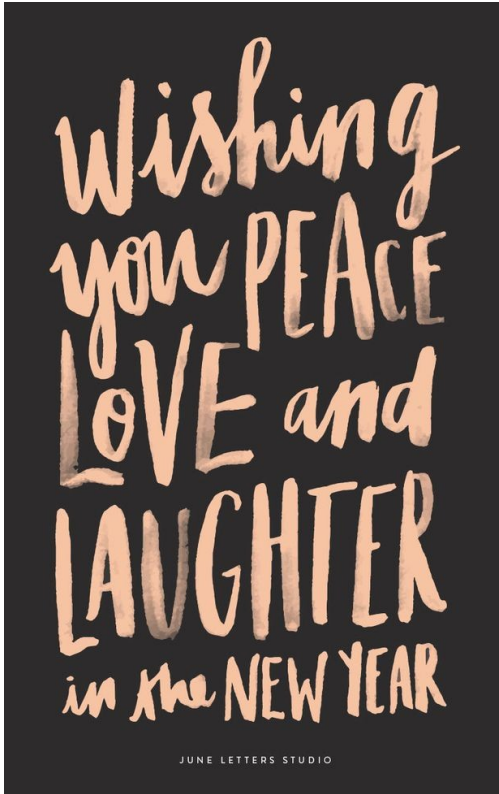
REACHING OUT & SUCH...

Human Relations Sunday

Sunday, January 14, 2018 has been designated as Human Relations Sunday. The special offering collected during this time helps support the ministries of at-risk youth, helps strengthens communities self-improvement efforts and advocates for the oppressed. There will be special envelopes for this offering. Please be in prayer for those that will benefit greatly from your generosity.

MUST Items

The following items are in **short supply** at the Smyrna MUST pantry. Your donations are greatly appreciated. *beet stew, canned tuna, oatmeal, canned chicken, ham or salmon, ramen noodles, jelly, canned port & beans, refried beans, canned fruit (no snack sizes, please), spaghetti sauce & spaghetti noodles, dry beans, dry potatoes, peanut butter.*



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Happy Birthday!

- January 12 - Scott Human, Evelyn White
- January 15 - Chandra Miles
- January 17 -Matthew Jones
- January 18 - Mary Reckard, Donald Beaton
- January 20 -Lynn Holbrook
- January 21 - Rusty Henry
- January 22 - Jim Farmer
- January 24 - Luke Vance
- January 25 - Amber Farmer

Current Prayer Concerns

- Family of Ray Gary Sr.
- Jim Danas
- Victor Gary
- Chris Martin
- David May
- Richard Meadows - friend of Mary Anne Malcolm
- Jim Mount - friend of Mary Anne Malcolm
- Valarie Phillips - family of Glenda Etheridge
- Marlene Pinto - friend of Mary Anne Malcolm
- Kendall Southland - friend of Mark & Sheila Jones

Pray For Our Friends

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| Steve & Kathy Beckham | CM Herndon | Mary McBath |
| Nell Bilderback | Lisa Hilley | Marjorie Riley |
| Jane Eisenburg | Bobbie Hughie | Alan Rustin |
| Eloise Fulmer | Alan Kovatch | Martha Speir |

Long-Term Prayer Concerns

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| Christine Adhikari | Kelley Lennon—friend of Leta Thomas |
| Neal Allen | David Marvin—family of Ray Gary |
| Cyndi Bonilla - family of Mary Jane Higman | Maryanne McCurdy |
| Shawn & Angel Campbell | Kathy Nixon—friend of Marla Garrison |
| Rev. Stiles Cobb | Hazel Nolan—friend of Jimi Gunter |
| Barbara Davison—sister of Donna Carter | Buddy & Evelyn Panter |
| Laura Denton | Patricia Pearlberg—friend of Mary Anne Malcolm |
| Mollie Edmondson—sister of Wayne Thomas | Aaron & Allie Rice |
| Bobbie English | Russell Elementary School |
| Guy & Alison Gabrielson | David Smith Jr.—family of Dianne Tidmore |
| Mandy Harrison—sister of Melanie Crowe | Richard Sprayberry |
| Harvey Hendrix | Kathrine Stanford - mother of Mary Jane Higman |
| Charles Hill—family of Johnnie Driver | Helen Sullivan |
| Jackson Jones—Terry family member | Rev. Susan Taylor |
| Patricia Kramer | John Tidmore—family of Dianne Tidmore |
| Lecia Landolt—daughter of Mary Lanford | Cole Tolbert—family of Brad & Laurie Mote |
| Bonnie Lee—friend of Dianne Tidmore | Kaye Wilson—friend of The Sprayberry's |

Attendance for Sunday, January 7

- Contemporary Worship Service—78
- Traditional Worship Service—115
- Sunday School—138

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