

# GRADUATE SUNDAY



We Celebrate You!

*Bethany United Methodist Church*

760 Hurt Road  
Smyrna, GA 30082  
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Sunday, May 19, 2019  
11 o'clock Traditional Service



## **VBS 2019! - June 3—June 7**

**We still need volunteers!** There are still some areas that need to be covered and they are listed below. Please look over the list and prayerfully consider how you can help during this amazing week. I promise you will be blessed! If you have any questions or are interested in helping, please contact me at the church or by email at [maryjane@bethanyumc.net](mailto:maryjane@bethanyumc.net)

**2nd grade class:** need 1 more leader

**Young 4s**—need 1 more leader

**Recreation for K-5th grade**—need 2 leaders

Registration is open for children that wish to participate. Go to the church website, look in top left corner, click VBS registration.

**AND.....**

## **It's Shoebox time!**

For many years we have collected items for Christmas shoeboxes to be sent to other countries. This year, we decided to collect items and give them to some children that need our help—stateside. Specifically, we will be doing *Back-to-School boxes* for the children at the *Cedar Mobile Home Community*. Which, by the way, is also the place where we have Outreach VBS! We will purchase the items for the boxes, we just ask that you make a donate of \$25 toward this cause. If you have visited this community with us, you are aware of the need. If you have not, join us the week of July 8. In the meantime, please help us bless this community. Please mark your checks “shoeboxes”. Thanks in advance for your help.

**Summer Lunch**—The following dates are still available: June 25, July 2, July 9, July 16 and July 23. The cost to prepare 200 lunches per week is \$275. If your group can help pack, but have financial challenges, please let us know that as well. Contact Pastor Chip @[chip.wilson@ngumc.net](mailto:chip.wilson@ngumc.net).

**We Need Volunteers—Please!**—We still have A LOT of vacancies for our 2019 Habitat Build. There is a sheet on the Missions Board on the adult hallway or you can call/text Aaron Rice at 770-617-2161. **Please sign-up!**

Below is a description of our volunteer opportunities.

**June 1**— 2 Volunteers needed - Week 1 of the build –Exterior Framing

**June 22** – 6 volunteers needed – Week 4 of the build – Paint prep- Caulking and painting

**July 27** – 3 volunteers needed – Week 8 of the build – Punch list; interior and exterior finish work

**August 3** – 3 Volunteers needed – Week 9 of the build – Landscaping

## They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

from *The Faith We Sing Hymnal* #2223

### Verse 1

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored  
And they'll know we are Christians, by our love, by our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

### Verse 2

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
And they'll know we are Christians, by our love, by our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

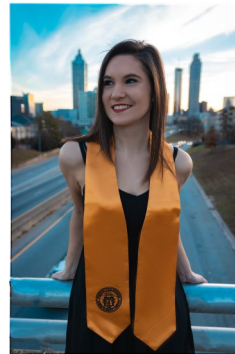
### Verse 3

We will work with each other, we will work side by side.  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side.  
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride.  
And they'll know we are Christians, by our love, by our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

### Verse 4

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one  
And they'll know we are Christians, by our love, by our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

## Our Graduates!



**Abby Martin**—graduated in December 2018 from Kennesaw State with a BS in Elementary Education and a minor in Psychology. She would like to teach 2nd-4th grade.



**Steven Howard Robinson**—will be graduating from North Cobb High School. His career focus will be on engineering and/or business. Steven enjoys playing baseball.



**Claire Vance**—will be graduating with honors from North Cobb High School. She has completed four years in the International Studies Magnet Program, participated in Advanced Women's Chorus, National Honors Society, and Women's Soccer. She will be working as a Crew Member this summer at Camp Glisson where she is excited about her summer adventures. In August, Claire will be attending Georgia College and State University to pursue an Early Childhood Education degree. Claire would like to thank her Bethany family for all of the love, support, and encouragement she has received all of her life.

*Servant Leaders*

**Acolyte**

Jack Stuart

**Greeters**

Delphia Brown & Cindy Hasty

**AV Technician & Sound Engineering**

Jim Stratton & Claire Farmer

**Presentation Team**

Ron Adhikari, Jack Reilly, Catherine Simpson

**Ushers**

Kevin Ammerman, Mike Garrison, Wayne Human, Ron & Mun Hui Johnson,  
Wes Liebergesell, David Stuart, Beth Weldy

*The flowers placed at the cross are in celebration of  
Jim & Dolly Stratton's 35th wedding anniversary.*

**Bethany Safe Sanctuary**

Bethany UMC is committed to the safety of our children and vulnerable adults who are an integral part in the life of the church. As a result, a *Safe Sanctuary* program has been developed and implemented.

Rev. Chip Wilson, Senior Pastor—chip.wilson@ngumc.net

Rev. Pam McCurdy, Associate Pastor—associatepastor@bethanyumc.net

Mary Jane Higman, Director of Student Services—maryjane@bethanyumc.net

Autumn Kuykendoll, Youth Assistant—youthdirector@bethanyumc.net

Dr. Changa Miller, Music Director—changamiller@aol.com

Chandra Miles, Administrative Assistant—office@bethanyumc.net

Evelyn White, Pianist

Pat Trotter, Interim Organist

Rev. Dr. Terry Walton, District Superintendent

Sue Hauptert-Johnson, Resident Bishop

**Church Office Hours**

Monday—Thursday 8:30 am until 4:00 pm

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*Order of Worship—Traditional Service*

*May 19, 2019—Graduate Sunday*

**Welcome & Opportunities to Connect**

Rev. Pam McCurdy

PLEASE COMPLETE THE COMMUNICATIONS CARD AND DROP IT IN OFFERING PLATE.

**Greeting Your Neighbors**

Rev. Pam McCurdy

**Prelude**

*Good Friend, for Jesus Sake Forbear* Asper/Beethoven

**Call to Worship**

*He Has Made Me Glad*

**Opening Hymn**

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* #427

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version* #881

**\*Gloria Patri**

#71

**Graduate Recognition**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Chip Wilson

**Lord's Prayer**

**Children's Lesson**

Mary Jane Higman

**Hymn**

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* #480

**Reception of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**Offertory Prayer**

Rev. Pam McCurdy

**Offertory**

*Simple Gifts*

**\*Doxology**

#95

**Anthem**

*By Our Love*

**Scripture Reading**

*John 13: 31-38* Rev. Chip Wilson

**Sermon**

*"What it Means to be a Family"* Rev. Chip Wilson

**Closing Hymn**

*They'll Know We Are Christians* Insert

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Chip Wilson

**\*Benediction Response**

*God Be With You Till We Meet Again* #672

**Postlude**

*In Christ There is No East or West* arr. Reinagle

*\*Congregation, please stand as able*

Hymn Lyr- ➡