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Happy New Year Bethany!

While cleaning out a few things over the holiday break, I came across a very old email that I thought was worth saving. Given that we have just begun a new year, I thought this fun-filled information was worth sharing.



Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark.

1. *Don't miss the boat.*
2. *Remember that we are all in the same boat.*
3. *Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.*
4. *Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.*
5. *Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.*
6. *Build your future on high ground.*
7. *For safety's sake, travel in pairs.*
8. *Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.*
9. *When you're stressed, float a while.*
10. *Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic was built by professionals.*
11. *No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.*

Blessings, Chandra

BETHANY NEWS

Vote for Evelyn!



Evelyn White, our extraordinary, very talented and gifted pianist, has been nominated for the music instructor in Cobb County. Additionally, the school where she teaches, Pebblebrook High

School of Performing Arts, has also been nominated. Please vote for her and the school. You can vote as many times as you would like. The deadline to vote is January 25. Below is the link that will take you to the voting site.

<https://www.mdjonline.com/cobblife/bestof/>

Click the *Kids & Education* tab. Scroll to Public High School, Vote for *Cobb County Center for Excellence in the Performing Arts*. Then, click the tab that will say "teacher" and vote for Evelyn! Do it as many times as you possibly can.

Congregational Conversation

The United Methodist Church has hit an impasse on the question of human sexuality and gender identity, and will hold a **Special Session of the General Conference** of The United Methodist Church February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose will be to receive and act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops.

On Sunday, January 13 from 3:00-5:00 we will hold an Information Session in Lacy Hall. Dr. Phil Schroeder, the Director of the Center for Congregational Excellence of the North GA Conference, will be with us to lead us in this time of understanding and conversation.



Holy Communion will be served this Sunday, January 13 at both services.

Bethany UMW

Bethany UMW will be having a meeting on January 20th, in Lacy Hall 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., to install officers, talk about 2019 goals, 150 year legacy, and many more things. We will also have games and refreshments. All Bethany women are welcome. Check us out and see what we are all about. All circle members are encouraged to attend. The circle with the most members gets a prize. All Chairpersons and officers are expected to attend. Of course we know you are looking forward to being there for the fun. See you there!

--Sandra Crowe & Louise Young,
Co-Presidents

Family Night Supper

The menu for the **January 16** meal will be spaghetti & meatballs, Texas toast, salads and banana splits. You will only have **ONE** chance to sign up. So, please make you submit your reservation slip, which will be in the worship bulletin.

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REACHING OUT & SUCH...

Attendance for Sunday, January 6
 Contemporary Worship Service—78
 Traditional Worship Service—122
 Sunday School - 128

JANUARY 13, 2019

Acolytes
John & Josh Reilly

Communion Servers
 9:00 am *Kevin & Lisa Ammerman*
 11:00 am *Bart & Melanie Crowe*

Greeters
 9:00 am *Daniel & Beulah Botes*
 11:00 am *Terence Reckard & Leta Thomas*

AV Tech & Sound
 9:00 am *Kevin Ammerman & Cindy Webb*
 11:00 am *Meredith Baker & Kevin Ammerman*

Presentation Team
Ron & Christine Adhikari, Claire Farmer

Scripture Reader
Kevin Ammerman

Ushers
 9:00 am *Russell Henry*
 11:00 am *Sandra Crowe, Brenda Danas, Diane Roberts, Walter Trotter, Terry Wullschlegler*

Children's Church
Carolyn Reilly & Catherine Simpson

Human Relations Sunday

Turn on the news or drive around the community and you will find what Jesus called “the least of these.” Those living in the margins of society, struggling to survive. People like:

- A teenager recruited by a local gang
- A father struggling for sobriety
- A woman recently released from incarceration looking for work

Over and over Jesus served people like this, embracing them. And that’s what we want to model as the people of The United Methodist Church. To continue the ministry of Jesus, the Human Relations Day special offering was developed to so that all of our churches to participate in helping all God’s children to realize their potential. We will observe this offering on Sunday, January 19. Special envelopes will be provided. Please be in prayer for those this offering will assist.

MUST Items

The following items are needed at the Smyrna MUST pantry: beef stew, canned chicken, ham or salmon, ramen noodles, canned pork & beans, canned fruit (*pineapple or mandarin oranges - no snack sizes, please*), spaghetti noodles, dry potatoes, pinto beans, chili beans, canned carrots, canned spinach, kidney beans, canned peas, chunky soups, tomato paste, tea, juice boxes. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Flower Calendar

Don’t forget to sign-up for flowers for 2019. The sign-up sheets are located on the board across from water fountain on the adult Sunday School hallway. The cost is \$40 per arrangement.

Calendar Dates

If you are a ministry chairperson and have meeting or event dates, please send them via email to the church office as soon as you can. We want to make sure to include them on the church calendar. Also, we want to avoid overbooking of space usage. Thanks so much for your cooperation.

Happy Birthday!

- January 8** - Alice Bridges, Melanie Crowe
- January 12** - Scott Human, Evelyn White
- January 16** - David Harris
- January 17** - Matthew Jones
- January 18** - Mary Reckard, Donald Beaton
- January 20** - Lynn Holbrook
- January 21** - Rusty Henry
- January 22** - Leila Simpson
- January 24** - Luke Vance
- January 25** - Amber Farmer

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Current Prayer Concerns

Raymond Clark - brother of Bill Clark
 Mary Jane Higman
 Randy Morris - friend of Travis Carter
 Evelyn Robinson - mother of Shirley Upchurch

Pray For Our Friends

Neal Allen	Eloise Fulmer
Jim Barnes	Victor Gary
Donald Beaton	Lisa Hilley
Steve & Kathy Beckham	Buddy & Evelyn Panter
Nell Bilderback	Joyce Pools
Donald Clark	Martha Speir
Carolyn Daniels	Colene Morrison
Jane Eisenburg	Sandy Roberts
Phyllis Woodyard	Mary McBath

Long-Term Prayer Concerns

Christine Adhikari	Lecia Landolt—daughter of Mary Lanford
Cyndi Bonilla - family of Mary Jane Higman	Kelley Lennon—friend of Leta Thomas
Shawn & Angel Campbell	Mary Anne Malcolm
Don Carter - nephew of Travis Carter	Patty Mann - family of Gail Garrett
Gary Carter - nephew of Travis Carter	David Marvin-family of Ray Gary
Britt Crump - nephew of Judy Kelley	David May
Rev. Stiles Cobb	Maryanne McCurdy
Sheila Combs - niece of Ray Gary Sr.	Phil & Selene Mozley
Laura Denton	Tammy Osborne
Mollie Edmondson—sister of Wayne Thomas	Aaron & Allie Rice
Bobbie English	Eliska Rucker & Family
Guy & Alison Gabrielson	Russell Elementary School
Aaron Garner	David Smith Jr.—family of Dianne Tidmore
Jason Hardin - family of Carol Jenkins	Chris Sperry - friend of Britt McCurdy
Mandy Harrison—sister of Melanie Crowe	Richard Sprayberry
Harvey Hendrix	Doug Stisher
Charles Hill—family of Johnnie Driver	Helen Sullivan
Barry Johnson-brother of Tammy Groce	Rev. Susan Taylor
Jackson Jones—Terry family member	John Tidmore—family of Dianne Tidmore
Patricia Kramer	Cole Tolbert-family of Brad & Laurie Mote
	Kaye Wilson—friend of The Sprayberry's

**COMING UP ...
 JANUARY 13 - JANUARY 19**

Sunday, January 13

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship - Lacy Hall;
 Children's Church—Room 101
 10:05 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
 3:00 PM Congregational Conversation - Lacy Hall
 5:30 PM Stephen Ministry Peer Group - Lanford

Monday, January 14

9:00 AM Jazzercise - The Rock
 6:30 PM Jazzercise - The Rock
 7:30 PM Boy Scouts - Scout Lodge

Tuesday, January 15

6:00 PM Walking Group
 6:45 PM Cub Scouts - Lacy Hall
 6:30 PM Jazzercise - The Rock
 7:00 PM ESOL - Koinonia;
 Daniel Plan Bible Study - New Hope
 7:45 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, January 16

9:00 AM Jazzercise - The Rock
 6:00 PM Kings Kids; Youth
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, January 17

6:30 PM Jazzercise - The Rock
 7:00 PM Praise Band - Lacy Hall

Friday, January 18

9:00 AM Jazzercise - The Rock
 7:45 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, January 19

9:00 AM Jazzercise - The Rock; UMM - Lacy Hall
 10:45 AM Zumba - The Rock

Find us on facebook and be sure to *check-in*

Bethany UMC, Smyrna

**Missed church - check out facebook streaming or
 videos on church website**



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Ms. Mission

Bethany United Methodist Women have been very busy this year. Hope you have kept up with them in our Ms Mission reports. The latest mission we completed was to purchase and deliver 38 flood buckets to UMCOR to replace some used due to recent hurricanes in South Georgia. We received donations of \$2995 from individuals, Sunday school classes, circles and others.

We are looking forward to another great year in 2019. If you are a woman looking for a place to serve and not already a member of a circle now is the time. We have four circles that meet at the church as follows: Joymakers meet the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Rock. Lamp-lighters meet the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Edna Rivers class. Edna McGrady meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the Weldon class. The Sundowners meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Rock. On March 23, 2019 United Methodist Women will be celebrating 150 of service. Isn't that a great Legacy? Now is the perfect time to become one of our members.

We have a unit meeting at 2:00 p.m. in Lacy Hall on January 20th to install the 2019 officers. Come join us for some fellowship, food and fun.

Sandra Crowe – Co-president

Circle Reports

Joymakers

- * We purchased two flood buckets for UMW.
- * Joymakers sent Thanksgiving cards and \$10 Walmart gift cards to Bethany college students.
- * The proceeds from this year's Poinsettias were donated to Simple Needs Georgia.
- * We sponsored gifts for the Angel Tree.
- * Joymakers enjoyed a Chili dinner Christmas party hosted by Debra Nix at her home.
- * All have enjoyed reading articles from Response Magazine at meetings.
- * We love new members! Feel free to join us the 3rd Monday at 7:00 pm at the church.

Lamplighters

The Lamplighters met at the church in October with 7 members present. We finalized plans for feeding Must on the 22nd. Flood buckets were discussed for the hurricane victims in Florida. It was moved and seconded that the Lamplighters purchase one for \$75. Other members contributed to the effort as well.

In November we met at the church with six members present. Louise Young and family assembled 35 flood buckets and delivered them to UMCOR for the hurricane victims in Florida. We will choose officers in December.

Our Christmas party was on December 10th at the home of Louise Young. Items were collected for Sweetwater Mission.

Edna McGrady

We met November 6th in the Weldon class room with six members. Discussed the treasury report, electing officers and missions. We decided to bring toys for MUST to the Christmas party.

We met in December 11th for our Christmas lunch and shared in faith and fellowship.

Sundowners

Sundowners held their annual retreat in October 2018 and it was a great time to explore faith, fellowship, food (and football)!

In November we met at the church on the 4th Tuesday. We signed Christmas cards for the college students and folks on the friends list and had a program from the UMW Program Book for 2018-19.

Our December meeting was dinner together at Capers in celebration of Christmas. We had a wonderful turn out and welcomed Mary Cobb back to our group for this special meeting. During this quarter we participated in several service projects: we sent money for hurricane victims and for the UMCOR flood buckets. At our December meeting we brought gift cards for Cobb Street Ministries. We also helped supply Christmas to one of the Cobb seniors served by senior services. We sent Walmart gift cards to Bethany college students.

