



The Messenger

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Come and Worship with Us!

9:00am Contemporary Worship
Lacy Hall
11:00am Traditional Worship
Sanctuary

Come Learn With Us!

10:05am Sunday School

We have over 10 classes for all ages...
find one that suits you!

We also offer weekly Bible studies...
check the website for dates & times

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

Bethany UMC, Smyrna

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



October 5—10:00 am at Covenant UMC

Smyrna Ministry Team Mission Event – We will join with members from Covenant UMC, Fair Oak UMC, Leland Qwest UMC, Vinings UMC and Smyrna 1st UMC for Prayer Walks around our churches and communities. ***Please look for more details to follow.***

October 6—3:00 pm at Bethany

Service For The Blessing of Animals – Please bring your furry, feathered or scaly pets to this beautiful service of thanksgiving for the blessing that animals bring to our life. If you don't have a pet, you can bring a picture of your favorite animal. The service from the UMC Book of Worship contains Bible passages and prayers that remind us of God's love, care and concern for creation. Be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors to this service. They are welcome to bring their humans, too. This service will be held outdoors in front of the church.

October 8—6:00 pm at Hurt Road Park

Walking Fellowship - On Tuesdays, we will meet at the park and get in some walking and fellowship. It's good to multi-task. You walk at your own pace. You do the distance that works for you. All you need is a good pair of tennis shoes, a water bottle and the desire to do some laps. Invite a friend. If you are interested in participating, please call the church office or email Pastor Pam at associatepastor@bethanyumc.net.

October 19—8:30am-1pm—Lacy Hall

Hospitality/Sanctuary Training—More information to come

October 20—Laity Sunday

Ron Davis, District Lay Leader, Speaker @ both services

October 27—4:00pm



BETHANY NEWS



Come enjoy a breakfast buffet and fellowship
Sunday of September 29th in Lacy Hall

Please bring your favorite casserole or breakfast food and enjoy a variety of delicious home-cooked food. It will be a fun time for everyone to join in Christian fellowship. We'll gather in Lacy Hall during the Sunday School hour after the 9:00am contemporary service and finish at 10:45am before the 11am service.

Family Night Supper

The menu for the **October 2** meal will be beef tips over rice, glazed carrots, green peas, biscuits, salads and desserts. Reservation slips will be in the worship bulletin.

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Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Jim Barnes, who passed away of Friday, September 13 and to the family of Ryan Holt, the great-grandson of Peggy Hicks. Ryan passed away yesterday, Sunday, September 15. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Thank You

The Mission Team would like to thank everyone who bought flags and attended the Wednesday Night Supper fundraiser for the Kenya trip next year. We were astounded and humbled by the donations! Bethany is such a generous church. Our name needs to be changed to The *Generous Church* in addition to the *Friendly Church at the Crossroads*. We cleared \$1800 thanks to your generosity! *2 Corinthians 9:6-7 reads: The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

You definitely sowed bountifully and the Mission Team thanks you!

-Aaron & Sharon Rice / Travis & Donna Carter

Build Hope a House

MUST Ministries is launching an exciting capital campaign to create a new campus, including a larger shelter. They are inviting the community to a continental breakfast to meet with their board members and campaign leaders to hear about the new plans and become a part of this meaningful addition to our community. There are several locations to choose from. All you need to do is RSVP online at mustministries.org a week before the event. Remaining dates are as follows:

September 25—*Marietta First UMC*—8-9am
56 Whitlock Ave., Marietta, GA 30064

September 26—*Woodstock City Church*—8-9am
150 Ridgewalk Pkwy., Woodstock, GA 30188

October 2—*Tillman House*
(near *Smyrna First UMC*)—8-9am
940 Concord Rd., Smyrna, GA 30080

WEEKLY SERVANTS

SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

"Let's Make a Deal"

Luke 16: 1-13 Rev. Chip Wilson

Acolyte

Sanaii Slaton

Greeters

9:00 am *Rice/Johnson Family*

11:00 am *Charlene Nix & Pam Wilson*

AV Tech & Sound

9:00 am *Ed & Luke Vance*

11:00 am *Jim Stratton & Radney Simpson*

Presentation Team

Ron Adhikari, Claire Farmer, Jack Reilly

Scripture Reader

Newton McCurdy

Ushers

9:00 am *Kevin Ammerman*

11:00 am *The Youth*

Children's Church

Cindy Droms & Claire Farmer

Happy Birthday!

September 16—Walter Trotter

September 17—Carla Martin

September 20—Daniel Botes

September 22—Ryan Jones, Monika Ammerman

September 26—Kelsie Henry, Richard Sprayberry

September 29—Patricia Kramer, Wyatt Young

Bible Study

A six-week study of the *Gospels of Matthew and Mark* will begin on Tuesday, October 8 through November 12@ 7pm. Registration deadline is September 22. Sign-up forms will be in the worship bulletin. There is no cost for the materials. Please come and invite your friends.

Attendance for Sunday, September 15

Contemporary Worship Service—87

Traditional Worship Service—91

Sunday School—129

HANDS & FEET

Not Too Cool

As chairman of the Finance Committee I was recently dismayed to see our latest electric bill. It was \$3,431. That's over \$100 per day, for a place that's only occupied five days a week. I began to rationalize that this was an unusually hot July. However, it turns out that last year and the year before that the bill for July was even more. On three consecutive Saturdays in August (our last business day is Thursday), I went to the church, with mid-90 degree outside temperatures, to find things cooler than the produce section at Publix. I recorded each of the thermostat settings with the hopes of alerting the offending parties. Turns out, the Sanctuary and Lacy Hall were not the big offenders. It seems that sometimes when people have business at the church, they will turn down the thermostat to a more comfortable level and forget to set it back. We end up cooling an empty building. David Young has gone around and set the thermostat programs to reflect comfortable expected use. I am confident things will improve. Last Thursday evening, Radney Simpson and I were at the church for a meeting, and he remarked that he had been in four different areas of the church and had yet to hit a spot that was "comfortably" cool. I think he understood that his comment would warm my heart. Let's all be good stewards of our resources and be mindful not to overtax our air conditioning units.

Thanks, *Jim Stratton*

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.

Volunteers are also needed!

There will not be a Messenger next week.

Chandra is flying the coop....

See you in a week!

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Current Prayer Concerns

Family of Jim Barnes
 Family of Ryan Holt—family of Peggy Hicks
 Family of Ron Johnson
 Family of Carolyn Rose—family of Stuart Hasty

 Doris Eddins
 Bobby Holbrook
 Nikita Primm—PMO teacher
 Lewis Stanford—father of Mary Jane Higman

Pray For Our Friends

Neal Allen	Eloise Fulmer
Donald Clark	Doug Stisher
Donald Beaton	Lisa Hilley
Steve & Kathy Beckham	Evelyn Panter
Nell Bilderback	Joyce Pools
Carolyn Daniels	Martha Speir
Jane Eisenburg	Colene Morrison
Sandy Roberts	Phyllis Woodyard

Long-Term Prayer Concerns

Christine Adhikari	Patricia Kramer
Cyndi Bonilla - family of Mary Jane Higman	Chad LaPorte
Shawn & Angel Campbell	Nichole LaPorte
Don Carter - nephew of Travis Carter	Kelley Lennon—friend of Leta Thomas
Gary Carter - nephew of Travis Carter	Ginger Lyle—sister of Glenda Etheridge
Britt Crump - nephew of Judy Kelley	Patty Mann - family of Gail Garrett
Rev. Stiles Cobb	David Marvin-family of Ray Gary
Sheila Combs - niece of Ray Gary Sr.	David May
Mike Crumbley—family of The Bennett's	Jim Mount—friend of Mary Anne Malcolm
Laura Denton	Tammy Osborne
Mollie Edmondson—sister of Wayne Thomas	Aaron & Allie Rice
Vincent Fave—brother of Shelley Booth	Rose Family—friends of Stuart Hasty
Elizabeth Fisher—mother of Shelley Boggus	Eliska Rucker & Family
Becky Fowler—niece of Nan Hendrix	Russell Elementary School
Guy & Alison Gabrielson	Justin Simpson—son of Curt & Dee Simpson
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	Helen Sullivan
Charles Hill—family of Johnnie Driver	Rev. Susan Taylor
Barry Johnson-brother of Tammy Groce	Cole Tolbert-family of Brad & Laurie Mote
	Kaye Wilson—friend of The Sprayberry's
	Louise Young

COMING UP ...
SEPTEMBER 22—SEPTEMBER 28

Sunday, September 22
 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship - Lacy Hall;
 Children's Church—Room 101
 10:05 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
 6:00 PM MUST Kitchen—Elizabeth Inn

Monday, September 23
 9:00 AM Jazzercise—The Rock
 10:30 AM Connect Group—Lanford Classroom
 6:30 PM Jazzercise—The Rock
 7:00 PM Congregational Care; MEG—Asbury
 7:30 PM Boy Scouts—Scout Lodge

Tuesday, September 24
 6:30 PM Jazzercise - The Rock
 6:45 PM Cub Scouts—Lacy Hall
 7:00 PM Love Does Bible Study—New Hope;
 ESOL—Koinonia; Sundowners
 7:45 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, September 25
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Thursday, September 26
 6:30 PM Jazzercise—The Rock
 7:00 PM Praise Band—Lacy Hall;
 Connect Group—Droms Home;
 Lay Leadership—Koinonia

Friday, September 27
 9:00 AM Jazzercise—The Rock
 7:45 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, September 28
 9:00 AM Jazzercise - The Rock
 10:45 AM Zumba - The Rock