

# The Messenger

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## **FLEXIBILITY IS THE NAME OF THE GAME**

As we continue to figure this all out, we find that flexibility is the name of the game. We have plans and plans change. The Bishop and Conference Leadership continue to help us determine what is the best and safest schedule of "re-entry" into face to face worship. Right now, the plan is to come back together on June 28. Now June 14 was supposed to be my last Sunday, but we have rearranged our plans. I will preach Online June 7<sup>th</sup> and Pastor Pam will preach Online June 14 & 21. I will come back for my last Sunday and our first Face to Face Worship on June 28. Now realize that is all subject to change.

Many of you have asked about our house. Our closing was moved until June 11 and we will have our big move on June 17<sup>th</sup>. My last day in the office will be June 8. We are pushing off my retirement party until a later date. More on that later.

I have also formed a task force to make plans for our re-entry. Things will be different! We are getting information from the General Church and our Annual Conference to safely come back. I love you guys and miss you and cannot wait to see you face to face. Stay safe!

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Chip*

### **Worship With Us!**

9:00am *Praise & Worship*  
Lacy Hall

11:00am *Traditional*  
Main Sanctuary

### **Learn With Us!**

10:05am *Spiritual Formation*  
(aka Sunday School)

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

We also offer 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



**OUR MISSION: "TO REACH OUT, MAKE, AND NURTURE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST."**

## BETHANY NEWS

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Wesley Woods has postponed its annual Mother's Day Offering until August 23rd, but your support is needed currently more than ever. Members of your church can make a donation to Wesley Woods now to help keep our older adults safe during the COVID-19 crisis. They may go to [MothersDayGift.org](https://MothersDayGift.org) and indicate the name of your church. Or, they may give directly to your church and designate their gift to Wesley Woods. Please contact Kelly Harris at [kelly.harris@wesleywoods.org](mailto:kelly.harris@wesleywoods.org) or 678-787-7500 for more information. Thank you for your loyal support of Wesley Woods!

Gratefully,



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*David E. Dillard, Organist & Interim Music Director*

Good news! Bethany was approved and received a \$60,000 loan from the Paycheck Protection Program. This program authorizes forgivable loans to small business during the COVID-19 crisis. The loan proceeds will be used to pay salaries, utilities, and mortgage interest over the next eight weeks. At the end of the eight week period we will apply for (and expect to receive) loan forgiveness. Praising God for His financial blessings!

## WEEKLY SERVANTS

**MAY 10, 2020**  
**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

*"I Can Have Anything?"*

John 14: 5-14      Rev. Chip Wilson

*Please watch the worship service online.*

*Viewing link will be sent later in the week.*

*Please visit church website and Facebook*

*DVDs also available in church mailbox at top of ramp*

### ***Happy Birthday!***

May 3 - Kathy Cooper

May 4 - Colene Morrison, Charlene Nix

May 5 - Joan Bennett, Susan Poolos, Brandi Osborne

May 6 - Charlie McCurdy

May 7 - Bobby Holbrook

May 10 - Daniel Botes, Alli Stewart



*Please take notice of our Mission Projects.  
 Your donations are greatly appreciated.*

***The Jewels and Orphans in Obaga -***

*\$10 helps with food during pandemic*

***Habitat for Humanity Build***

***Wesley Woods***

You may include your donations with your regular contributions. We thank your continued support of the church through your pledges, tithes and offerings

## HANDS & FEET



American Red Cross Blood Drive is Monday, May 11, from 3 PM to 7 PM. To maintain social distancing and for everyone's health during this pandemic, **you must have an appointment in order to donate.** Go to [redcrossdrive.org](https://redcrossdrive.org) to make your appointment. If you have any questions, please call Debra Nix at (770) 745-9992.



It's time for the annual United Methodist Women Mother's Day Bulletin. The Joymakers UMW Circle prepares this special bulletin annually for Mother's Day and the funds raised are given to UMW for mission work around the globe. If you would like to place name in honor or in memory of your mother or other loved one, please provide the following: **name, indicate in memory or in honor and given by. We will need the name and telephone number of the person providing the information.** Please email this information to Debra Nix ([debranix@bellsouth.net](mailto:debranix@bellsouth.net)) OR Dolly Stratton ([dolly1073home@gmail.com](mailto:dolly1073home@gmail.com)). The cost per name is \$1.00. The payment details will be provided when we respond to your email. For questions, you may contact Dolly Stratton at 404-316-0961.

**Deadline has been extended to May 15.**

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**Office Hours**

Mon-Thurs 8:30 am—4:00 pm



Return Service Requested

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**Current Prayer Concerns**

The family of Jim Bridges  
The family of Ginger Lyle - sister of Glenda Etheridge  
The family of Sandy Roberts—mother—in-law of Diane Roberts  
The family of Martha Speir

Kathy Beckham  
Rev. Jerry McCurdy  
Leslie Neville - brother of Dolly Stratton  
Rev. Dr. Susan Taylor  
Our Nation  
Dylan Wright - family of Jo Farnham

**Pray For Our Friends**

Neal Allen	Eloise Fulmer
Donald Clark	Doug Stisher
Donald Beaton	Evelyn Panter
Kathy Beckham	Joyce Poolos
Nell Bilderback	Carolyn Daniels
Jane Eisenburg	Colene Morrison
Betty Nixon	Phyllis Woodyard

**Long-Term Prayer Concerns**

Christine Adhikari	Ginger Lyle—sister of Glenda Etheridge
Cyndi Bonilla - family of Mary Jane Higman	Patty Mann - family of Gail Garrett
Don Carter - nephew of Travis Carter	David Marvin-family of Ray Gary
Gary Carter - nephew of Travis Carter	David May
Rev. Herb Chisenhall	Jim Mount—friend of Mary Anne Malcolm
Britt Crump - nephew of Judy Kelley	Shirley Murray—family of The Reckards
Rev. Stiles Cobb	Tammy Osborne
Sheila Combs - niece of Ray Gary Sr.	Aaron & Allie Rice
Laura Denton	Rose Family—friends of Stuart Hasty
Mollie Edmondson—sister of Wayne Thomas	Eliska Rucker & Family
Elizabeth Fisher—mother of Shelley Boggus	Russell Elementary School
Becky Fowler—niece of Nan Hendrix	Evon Satterfield
Guy & Alison Gabrielson	Greg Satterfield
Aaron Garner	Gary Shinall—family of Keith Garrett
Jason Hardin - family of Carol Jenkins	Justin Simpson—son of Curt & Dee Simpson
Mandy Harrison—sister of Melanie Crowe	David Smith Jr.—family of Dianne Tidmore
Harvey Hendrix	Chris Sperry - friend of Britt McCurdy
Charles Hill—family of Johnnie Driver	Richard Sprayberry
Bobby Holbrook	Helen Sullivan
Barry Johnson-brother of Tammy Groce	Cole Tolbert-family of Brad & Laurie Mote
Patricia Kramer	Shea Tolbert—family of The Lowther's
Chad LaPorte	Kaye Wilson—friend of The Sprayberry's
Nichole LaPorte	
Kelley Lennon—friend of Leta Thomas	

Let your  
*faith*  
be bigger than  
your fear

