

May Calendar of Events

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| May 5 | 5 pm, UMYF & BYC |
| May 5 | 6 pm, choir practice |
| May 6 | 10:30 am, Prayer Shawl Ministry |
| May 9 | 6 pm, Finance Committee meeting |
| May 12 | Mother's Day |
| May 14 | 6:30 pm, UWF |
| May 15 | JOY Club |
| May 16 | 11:30 am, Happy Hearts |
| May 19 | Graduation Sunday & Pentecost, wear red! |
| May 19 | 5 pm, UMYF & BYC |
| May 19 | 6 pm, choir practice |
| May 20 | 6:30 pm. Administrative Council |
| May 22 | 6:30 pm, Lucille Cranford Circle |
| May 26 | 5 pm, UMYF & BYC |
| May 26 | 6 pm, choir practice |
| May 27 | Memorial Day |
| May 27 | 10:30 am, Davie Lee Circle |
| May 28 | 6:30 pm, Mildred Hall Lowder Circle |



May 2024
Newsletter

Being Bethany

Have you ever named something? I'm not talking about a person or a pet, but something.... like a road, a business, maybe even a car! When we name something, we are projecting an identity, and we are striving to communicate something about that thing by the name we chose. At some point in time, the church we call home had to be named. I would love to have been in the room when the conversation was had about what to name this congregation over one hundred years ago. Maybe it was a consensus, or maybe it was a compromise choice, or maybe someone made the suggestion and it just "fit." Either way, Bethany United Methodist Church draws its name from the biblical town of Bethany, where Jesus performed several significant acts. Historically, Bethany was the place where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, displaying his power over death and foreshadowing his own resurrection. It was also where Jesus was anointed by a woman with expensive perfume, symbolizing sacrificial love and devotion. Additionally, Bethany was a village where Jesus spent time teaching and preaching, emphasizing the importance of faith, compassion, and the kingdom of God.

In the context of Bethany United Methodist Church today, we embody a spirit of love, care, and worship that Jesus exemplified in Bethany. Our church family is a beacon of love and care for its neighbors, actively engaging in outreach programs and community initiatives to support those in need. The cheerful worship at Bethany United Methodist Church reflects a joyous and thankful heart, celebrating the goodness of God and the fellowship of believers. With a missional mindset, the church is committed to spreading the message of Christ's love and compassion, both locally and globally, through various mission projects and partnerships. Finally, the church's focus on hospitality creates a welcoming environment where people from all walks of life can come together in fellowship, worship and service, united in their faith and love for God. Let's embrace our name, may we be like the town we were named after by being a place where Jesus came to be with his friends, to share the good news, and to share the love of God to all people.

In Christian Love,
Rev. David Cochran

Ministry Opportunities

- **Back Pack Buddies**—Bethany UMC provides food items for North Stanly Middle and Richfield Elementary Schools throughout the school year. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kellie Crump at 980.439.636 or ext-kkcrump@ncdot.gov.
- **Community Table**—Please contact Kellie Crump at 980.439.6363 if you are willing to serve.
- **Soul Food**—If anyone is interested in helping with providing a meal, please contact Kellie Crump at 980.439.6363.
- **Food Pantry**—Bethany's outdoor pantry gets filled four times per week. If anyone would like to sponsor an item for our outdoor food pantry, please contact Kellie Crump at 980.439.6363 or ext-kkcrump@ncdot.gov.
- **Drink/Can Food Tabs**—Central Elementary is continuing to collect tabs this year for the Ronald McDonald House. You may leave them in the Educational Building kitchen and Linda Rogers will get them.
- **Plastic Grocery Bags**—The Anson County Women's Prison Ministry has resumed its collection of plastic grocery bags. Please drop yours off in the barrel beside the practice piano in the fellowship hall. For those new to this program, the women's prison uses these bags to make sleeping mats and pillows for the homeless. It takes approximately 1,000 bags to make one set of bedding.

Loving Stitches

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Loving Stitches Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at 10:30 am on Monday, May 6, in the UMW Library. Please bring a dish to share for lunch. Please note date change.

Happy Hearts

The Happy Hearts meeting is at 11:30 am on Thursday, May 16, at Burleson Square.

JOY Club

The JOY Club will meet at 11:30 am on Wednesday, May 15, at the picnic shelter. Stan Greene will present the program and provide lunch.

UMYF

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship (grades 6th through 12th) meet each Sunday at 5 pm in the last room on the left in the Educational Building. UMYF will not meet the evening of May 26 due to the end of school year pool party at the Masons.

BYC

The Bethany Youth Club (kindergarten through 5th grades) meet each Sunday at 5 pm in first room on the left in the Educational Building. BYC will not meet the evening of May 26 due to the end of school year pool party at the Masons.

Happy Mother's Day

by Cathy Kolk

Let's play Mother's Day Trivia

How well do you know mother's within our church family?

You might need to "phone-a-friend"

This will be a quick turn around, so get your answers in quickly

BEFORE Saturday May 11th

1. **What is the most popular gift to give on Mother's Day?**
2. **Which Bethany Mother has more than 5 children?**
3. **Which Bethany Mother is the "Founding Mother" of Bethany?**
4. **Is Mother's Day on the same date every year?**
5. **What day of the week are most babies born?**
6. **Which Bethany Mother has traveled to 35+ states?**
7. **Which Bethany Mother has the longest hair?**
8. **Which Bethany Mother is our youngest mother?**
9. **Which Bethany Mother has the most "fur" babies?**
10. **How many Bethany circles are named for women?**
11. **Which Bethany Mother has played the most rounds of golf?**
12. **This famous movie mom left her son home alone during Christmas?**
13. **Which Bethany Mother is the oldest?**
14. **Which Bethany Mother will be canning beans this summer?**
15. **Which Bethany mother always wears lipstick-always?**
16. **Which Bethany mother can play the most musical instruments?**

The winner will receive a Mother's Day gift to be announced during our service on Mother's Day, May 12th. In the event of a tie, names will be drawn from a hat.

Text your answers to 704.995.6617 or call.

Love, Cathy



United Women in Faith News



The United Women in Faith will meet in the Parish House on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 pm. All ladies are invited to attend. Davie Lee Circle is hosting. Rev. David Cochran will present the program on Social Principles.



The Partnership for Children's Diaper Bank is still in need of diapers. If you had rather give money instead of picking the diapers up, Susan Crisco will be glad to purchase the diapers and deliver them. Just get your money to Susan! Thank you, Susan Crisco!



THANK YOU... to all who volunteered to help make our Spring Event successful.

Circle meetings

- The Davie Lee Circle meets at 10:30 am on Monday, May 27, for visitation and lunch. Please note date change.
The Mildred Hall Lowder Circle (4th Tuesday), 6:30 pm.
The Lucille Cranford Circle (4th Wednesday), 6:30 pm.

General Meeting program and hostess (2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Parish House)

- May 14 - Davie Lee Circle hosts, Rev. David Cochran, social principles
June 11 - Mildred Hall Lowder hosts, Sandy Carlock, Adult Day Center
July 9 - Lucille Cranford
August 13 - Davie Lee Circle
September 10 - Mildred Hall Lowder
October 8 - Lucille Cranford
November 12 - Davie Lee Circle hosts, World Thank service
December 10 - Mildred Hall Lowder hosts, Christmas gathering (hors d'oeuvres)

We have several months we need programs for. If you have any community groups you would like to learn more about, please let me know.

In Faith, Action, and Sisterhood, Debbie Hinson, Pres. (980-581-0167).

UMYF & BYC Pool Party

On Sunday, May 19, the UMYF and BYC will have a pool party at the home of Gordon and Sharon Mason. They will leave the church immediately following the worship service. Kids should bring a towel, sunscreen, and a life jacket if they want to go on the boat. Parents and anyone in the congregation are invited to join us to relax and hang out. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Graduation Sunday

On Sunday, May 19, we will honor our graduates. This Sunday is also Pentecost, so please wear red!

Save The Dates

- June 1, Community VBS @ New London Community Park
June 2 - June 4, Bethany VBS, times tbd, invite your friends!
June 30, our annual July 4th picnic under the shelter, starting after worship service

Our Mission Statement:
Bethany Church is committed to showing the love of Jesus to ALL people!!

CARD MINISTRY

Shut-Ins

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(Susan Crisco's sister)
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c/o Trinity Place
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Room C1
Albemarle, NC 28001

Marlene Huneycutt
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Albemarle, NC 28001

Ruby Lentz
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New London, NC 28127
Maxine Treece
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Garner, NC 27529

Ava Sigmon
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Albemarle, NC 28001

Sandy Van Sinderen
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Room G1
Albemarle, NC 28001

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Wilmington, NC 28407

Nic Melton
UNC-Asheville
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Asheville, NC 28801

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(Canyon Hurley)
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BIRTHDAYS

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Dave Howard
Sandy Van Sinderen
C.J. Crisco
Cathy Kolk
Beth Tucker
Jill Lambert
Chase Poplin
Jan Hobbs
Wyatt Pegram
Ella Love
Katelyn Wisniewski
Jim Wilhelm
Kacie Kruis
Matt Amick
Rylan Burnette
Gordon Mason
Pam Martin

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Emery Boyle
Jeremiah Clontz
David Odell
Becky Greene
Taylor Chandler
Hannah Efird
Jo Anne Hainline
Stefanie Almond
Jake Bader
Nicholas Melton
Tyler Foster
Hunter Hughes
Cristi Campbell
Matt Chandler
John Waller
Edie Dedmon
Rick Johnson

ANNIVERSARIES

May 1
May 3
May 4
May 14
May 14
May 16
May 16

Mike & Debbie Hinson
David & Jamie Cochran
Mike & Susan Crisco
Barry & Tyler Brummitt
Bran & Sophia Cranford
Ethan & Amber Austin
Aubrey & Becky Axsom

May 16
May 17
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May 24
May 30

Rodney & Donna Russell
Dusty & Lauren Mason
Jeff & Michele Baucom
Edward & Karen Boyle
Rick & Sonja Clough
Mack & Barb Richards
Ryan & Regan Eudy

Gifts

Contribution cards are available in the Narthex. To make a contribution, please complete the card, include your check or cash, place in the envelope, and then into the offering place. An acknowledgement will be sent to those individuals you have requested. In addition, you will receive a receipt from the church office for your tax deductible gift.