

The Good News

August 2017

BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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GSM School Supplies

We are collecting items again this year for Good Samaritan Ministries. We are trying to focus on elementary students this year and have a list of suggested items:

Crayons
Glue Sticks
#2 Pencils
Comp Books (without wires)
Wide Ruled Notebook Paper

If you would like us to shop for you, let Debbie Rierson or Terri Johnson know and we will be happy to help out! Items need to be at church in the overflow

Men's Breakfast Moved

UM Men's Breakfast will be held on the 2nd Sunday due to Homecoming being on the first this month.
August 13th @7:15am

UWM

Our United Methodist Women meeting will be held on **August 14th @2:00pm**

Good Samaritan Ministries, Inc.

Take a look at these ways you can connect with and support GSM in the coming months. Or check out the website at stokesdalegsm.org to learn more.

Pantry/ Clothes Closet June

The next distribution day of the GSM Food Pantry and Clothes Closet is Saturday, August 26, 2017, 9:00 - 11:00 am. It is located in the Stokesdale Business Center, 8500 Ellisboro Road. Mt. Zion UMC will be the Pantry Host this month.

The Food Pantry distributes food on the last Saturday of each month. Volunteers may be needed any month distributing food and tending to the clothing closet.

Stock the Food Pantry

Bethel UMC is responsible for 38 oz. canned stew. Collection baskets are located throughout the church, or place cash donations in the mason jar at the altar rail. You may also donate \$25 for a complete box of food, assembled and delivered to the pantry by Bi-Rite.

Don't Forget Our Walk For Hunger GSM:

Sunday **Sept. 10th** from **3-5pm** at the Track. We want a great turnout this year from Bethel UMC.



Community Sermon Series

We will begin a new series through August talking about what it means to be 'community'. We will focus on 4 areas in the coming series: Gratitude, Hospitality, Promises, & Truthfulness. Don't miss out on this time of coming together.

Ward St. Mission Suppers

On Aug. 31, Sept. 21, Oct. 15, & Dec 7 Bethel UMC will provide and serve "community meals" at Ward Street Mission, 1619 W. Ward Ave., High Point. Meals are served from 5:00 - 7:00 pm, set up begins at 4:00 pm and van/carpools will leave from Bethel at 3:00.

There are many ways you can contribute, as best suits your abilities and availability. Let us know how you want to help by emailing us at pastormears@gmail.com. Just "come and see" what Ward St. Mission is all about, that's okay too.

The Mears Family Thanks You!

As we begin our 2nd year with you here at Bethel UMC we would like to thank everyone for allowing us the opportunity to share in ministry with you in 2017-18. From instructing our children about Jesus, to offering warm wishes and of course the many gifts we receive; again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Our best days lie ahead and we are excited to join you in God's work.

24 Hour Prayer For Schools

As we begin a new school year we want to make it a point to pray for our children, teachers, administrators, and school workers. We invite you to join us by signing up for a slot to pray for 24 hours on behalf of our schools. We will do this on the 26th of August. You can sign up for a 30 minute slot or more.

Mark Bible Study begins August 1st

GOSPEL
of
Mark
Bible Study

We will begin again our journey through Mark on **Tuesdays @10am in the Library.**

Rev. Alan Mears will lead us through a study on the book of Mark. We will be journeying through this wonderful treasure of the Church. This is the first Gospel written. Join us as we listen and investigate those truths here at Bethel UMC. This is a study that is open to all.

Wed Night Bible Study

The Class is Studying The Merged Gospels. The study journeys through the 4 Gospels trying to tell the complete story. Come join us on Wednesday nights. **7pm Library**

Youth Retreat

All youth are invited to join on a retreat on the weekend of Labor Day. We will be heading to Beach Mountain. All youth that might be interested contact Delores Willey or email at pastormears@gmail.com for more information.

Junior Youth Beginning

Beginning August 20th @5pm we are beginning a new 'junior' youth group. If you are between the ages of rising 3rd grader through 6th grade we want you to come and join us. Dinner will be served, a lesson, and of course a game. We will continue junior youth on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from there on out. If you are interested, contact Misty Harris at Elliotskiing@triad.rr.com or cell 336-392-7917

Junior Youth Canoeing Trip

On Friday August 18th we are doing a canoeing trip and picnic lunch with our new junior youth group. We will meet at the church at 11:00 am and travel to Camp Guilrick. Each person will need to bring \$6 and wear clothes for canoeing. It will be hot but fun. We will eat a picnic lunch that I am providing at the location that we are canoeing from. We will play an awesome game then canoe which, will take 2 hours or so. Then, we will make it back to the church.

What's Happening This Month

- YAH's (Young At Heart) Luncheon** **Aug 1**
12:00 pm, Olympic Restaurant in Kernersville.
11:15 am at the church to ride the bus.
- Bethel UMC Homecoming** **Aug. 6**
8:38, & 11: Meal to follow in Fellowship Hall.
- United Methodist Women Circle #2** **Aug. 14**
2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall.
- UM Men Breakfast & Meeting** **Aug. 13**
7:15 am Fellowship Hall.
- Canoeing Trip** **Aug. 18**
- Administrative Council Meeting** **Aug 20**
7:00pm Library.
- GSM Food Pantry & Clothes Closet** **Aug. 26**
9:00-11:00 am Stokesdale Business Center, 8500 Ellisboro Rd.
Not Bethel's Pantry day, but volunteers may be needed.
- Safe Sanctuary Training** **Aug. 27**
3:00-5:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- Ward Street Mission, High Point** **Aug 31**
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Youth hosting.
3:00 pm at the church to ride bus or carpool..

Sundays

- Worship** **8:38 am & 11:00 am**
Sanctuary.
- Assembly** **9:45 am**
Sanctuary.
- Sunday School for all ages** **10:00 am**
Classrooms and Fellowship Hall.
- United Methodist Youth Fellowship** **5:00-7:00 pm**
Middle-school Classroom .

Tuesdays

- Morning Bible Study** **10:00 am**
Library.
- Comfort Caps (Tuesday Stitch)** **7:00 pm**
Green classroom. Crocheting & knitting outreach.

Wednesdays

- Chancel Choir practice** **6:30 pm**
Sanctuary.
- Evening Bible Study** **7:00 pm**
Library.

August Birthdays

5 Gracie Casey
7 Harper Harris
10 Leslie Ewell

11 Mary Ann Williams
14 Garfield Apple
14 Jason Barnes
16 Nelson Waite
19 Ronnie Combs



20 Kaydence Spurlock
21 Barbara Pearman
22 Julie Combs
22 Trinity Spurlock
24 Sandra Iddings

27 Megan Tyte
29 Austin Lee
29 Tracie Tyte
31 Norman Combs
31 Jesse Ewell

Homecoming

August 6

Worship Services

8:38 am & 11:00 am

**BETHEL
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The Rev. Alan Mears preaching

**Covered-dish dinner
following the 11:00 am service**

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

**August 27th 3-5pm in the Fellowship
Hall**

We want to invite all people from Bethel to come and join us for an important meeting as we train for the safety and security of our children, youth, and vulnerable adults here at Bethel UMC. This is a mandatory meeting for anyone that might be interested or is currently working with our children and youth. We would invite you to RSVP by emailing pastormears@gmail.com

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