

The Good News

May 2017

BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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UMM Breakfast Fundraiser

The United Methodist Men of Bethel will have a Breakfast Fundraiser in support of the Aaron Plaster Family on Saturday, May 6 from 7:00am-11:00am in the Fellowship Hall at Bethel United Methodist Church. This benefit is for one of our family members here in the community, Aaron Plaster. Aaron has been diagnosed with leukemia and is currently going through treatments. We would like to offer assistance for the Plaster family as Aaron has been and will be out of work for some time during his treatments. This fundraiser will be donation based and will offer to go orders if you want to stop by and pick up that morning. We appreciate your support.

United Methodist Women

Will meet May 8 at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Ladies, please bring your items for the layette kits we are assembling to take to Lake Junaluska with us for UMCOR.

Offering Envelopes Available

Offering envelopes are available if you prefer to use them for your Sunday morning offerings. Boxes of 50 envelopes are available at the church in the entry foyer and main hallway. Feel free to take a box for your household.

Envelopes are not required for making gifts to Bethel UMC, but you are welcome to use them as you see fit.

Mother's Day

Come join us for a special Mother's Day at Bethel. May 14th! We will honor all women of the mothering spirit that morning and would welcome you to be a part of our special day.

The Mission of Bethel United Methodist Church

is to introduce, promote, and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to our church family, our community, and throughout God's world. We strive to maintain a willingness to be used by the Holy Spirit in winning souls for Christ.

Sundays

Worship 8:38 am & 11:00 am

Assembly 9:45 am

Sunday School 10:00 am

Save the dates:

July 9-13

Vacation Bible School

Contact Terri Johnson if you can help: 643-5887.

July 30, Aug. 31, Sept 21, Oct. 15, Dec. 7

Church-wide

**"serve & grow" opportunities:
Ward Street Mission dinners**

Pastor Alan Needs Your Help!

Every season I try my hardest to listen for the voice of God, that voice is apparent in the life of the church as well. I am going to be doing some sermon planning in the next number of weeks for the year 2017 and would love to have your thoughts on ideas for series, sermons you would like to hear, scriptures you would like to have preached and themes that you want to explore. God's heartbeat for the community of Bethel always needs to dive deep into the word. I will be searching with the Spirit's help in retreat doing this very thing, but would also love to have you listen to the Spirit and offer ideas. Just email me at pastormears@gmail.com or call me anytime 828-246-4099. Thank you and God bless.

Go Fish

We have been walking through the Gospel of Matthew with our series here at Bethel over the last number of weeks. I hope that it has been a blessing for you as it has been for me preaching on going and fishing for humankind.

Over the next number of weeks and throughout the year we will begin to offer opportunities for you and I to be those sent people in and around our community. We can share the love of Jesus together in random acts of kindness. I hope that you will join me in trying out these ideas and be a person that steps into the amazing opportunities that we have right here in our community.

One way you can begin to truly be used in reaching people is to engage 'new people'. Don't be afraid to ask someone to meet you for coffee or have them over for dinner at your table. It is all about building relationships and inviting them into your presence. Remember that people need you and the closer people get to you the closer they get to Jesus! Step up Workers!!!



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.

GSM Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be 7pm May 9th at Stokesdale Christian Church.

Pantry/ Clothes Closet March 25

The next distribution day of the GSM Food Pantry and Clothes Closet is Saturday, March 25, 2017, 9:00 - 11:00 am. It is located in the Stokesdale Business Center, 8500 Ellisboro Road. Stokesdale Christian Church 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 attending 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.

Did you know ...

That our Youth at Bethel have been going through a time of owning their faith in a study called 'The Absolute Basics of the Christian Faith.' We are truly blessed with the UMYF group here. You will hear more from our youth as we move into Pentecost on June 4th. Many will be joining the church that day and we want to be in prayer for our young people.

National Day of Prayer Gathering

Join us on May 4th at 7:00PM in Stokesdale at the Fire Station for the National Day of Prayer Event. We will gather with all churches of the area to pray for God's blessing on this day.

Spread the news about your events & ministries. Submit articles and calendar items for *The Good News*. Deadline is the 20th of each month.

What's Happening This Month

- YAH's (Young At Heart) Luncheon** **May 2**
 12:00 pm Olympic Restaurant in Kernersville.
 11:15 am at the church to ride the bus.
- National Day of Prayer** **May 4**
 7:00 pm Stokesdale. Fire Station
- United Methodist Men Breakfast Fundraiser** **May 6**
 7:00 am-11:00am, Fellowship Hall.
- United Methodist Women Circle #2** **May 8**
 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall.
- Good Samaritan Ministries Board Meeting** **May 9**
 7:00 pm Stokesdale Christian Church.
- Mother's Day Sunday** **May 14**
 8:38am & 11:00am Celebration
- Administrative Council** **May 21**
 7:00 pm Library.
- GSM Food Pantry & Clothes Closet** **May 27**
 9:00-11:00 am Stokesdale Business Center, 8500 Ellisboro Rd.
 (Not Bethel's day, but volunteers welcome.)
- Memorial Day Sunday** **May 28**
 8:38am & 11:00am Celebration

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 pm**
 Fellowship Hall.

Tuesdays

- Mark Bible Study** **10:00 am**
 Library,
- Comfort Caps (Evening Stitch)** **7:00 pm**
 Young Adults' classroom. Crocheting & knitting outreach.

Wednesdays

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

May Birthdays

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| 1 Matthew Willey |  | 18 David Simpson |
| 6 Derek Woods | | 20 Jesse McGee |
| 8 Kevin Pearman | | 21 Paul Beitz |
| 9 Dana Apple | | 21 Rebecca Williams |
| 9 Taylor Holt | | 22 Rodney Sorrell |
| 12 Aaron Black | | 23 Rick Lee |
| 12 Tim LaFon | | 26 Jordan Johnson |
| 15 Gary Williams | | 27 Chad Combs |
| 17 Rachel Pritsis | | 29 Seth Mabe |
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Saturday May 6th
7:00am-11:00am

In the Fellowship Hall at Bethel



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