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BEULAH BEACON

Transforming lives as we seek, share, and serve God.

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” – Colossians 3:16

HELLO ALL-BLESSINGS!

“You’ve only been here two weeks, you’ll get it done- no worries.” Just this morning I received these words of encouragement when bemoaning the many unpacked boxes that line the perimeter of my office. Although very busy, and with many boxes yet to unpack, I can say that these past two weeks have truly been a blessing to my family and I and we have hearts full of thankfulness. Thankfulness is not a common response to our daily living. Genuine thankfulness is often only ever truly considered one day out of the year and is accompanied by turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, and a perfectly cooked pumpkin pie; that, my friend, is unfortunate. I read a devotional thought this morning that speaks to the truth of our thankfulness:

Many people, even Christians, treat the idea of thankfulness, in general, as something that comes along once a year-a day sandwiched between two other holidays. We get so tied up in what we want, naming all the things that God can do for us, how Christ can impact our lives, that we forget how to be thankful for what we have.

Let’s show those around us just how thankful we are! “How,” you may ask. Well, let’s begin with the Word we receive from our good brother Paul, written to the church at Colossae: “the word of God dwelling in us so richly that it affects every aspect of our living- we sing, dance and rejoice with thankfulness in our hearts and do so all for the Glory of God!”

Grace and Peace, Pastor Don

REFLECTION

As I reflect on my first year at Beulah as your Associate Pastor I am truly honored to have been welcomed in your homes, in hospital rooms, rehabilitation facilities, at the table for meals, and funeral homes to offer you support in times of joy and sorrow. It has been my honor to pray with you and for you during these times. As you are always in my prayers, I, like the apostle Paul, thank God for you and our shared ministry. This is my prayer of thanksgiving for you.

Gracious and Loving God, Thank you for my brothers and sisters at Beulah UMC. They have welcomed my family and me during our first year of shared ministry. May you continue to bless our lives together. God of grace, thank you for the grace that has been extended to me through your children. Help me to offer your grace and your love to them in return. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in this place. May you continue to bless this wonderful family. May this family grow and blossom as you guide and direct our future. Open our eyes to see the rich blessings of your love poured out on us and grant us your peace. Thank you Lord, for your abiding presence. Amen.

Grace and peace, Pastor Marti

PRAYER CALANDER:

Eliminating the economic barriers and social challenges within our Appalachian communities means that we each must recognize and be willing to give in the service of others our-God given talents to provide for physical, emotional, educational and spiritual needs. Kari Collins, Executive Director of Red Bird Mission, Beverly, Kentucky

Please pray for our missionaries in Nicaragua, Mexico, Panama, Honduras, Costa Rica and Colombia and those serving at home in Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota and Mississippi.

The Prayer Calendar is published annually by the General Board of Global Ministries.

LECTIONARY:

August 06 – Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

August 13– Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

August 20 – Genesis 45:1-15

Psalm 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28

August 27 – Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalm 124

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

COMMUNION OFFERING:

CrossOver Healthcare Ministry

FAITH BUILDER:

“Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with celebration! Come before him with shouts of joy! Know that the Lord is God, he made us; we belong to him. We are his people, the sheep of his own pasture. Enter his gates with thanks; enter his courtyards with praise! Thank him! Bless his name! Because the Lord is good, his loyal love lasts forever; his faithfulness lasts generation after generation.”
—Attributed to King David of Israel

BEULAH IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Thank you, Beulah! Your support of both local and worldwide mission is making a difference in people’s lives. It is through your support that we help others to spread the Love of God.

The United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries recently sent Beulah a letter thanking us for our donations of \$1250.00 to The Advance. This donation will support the missionary community in honor of John Elmore. Gifts to The Advance help support United Methodist Missionaries in over 60 countries and enables them to plant churches, develop congregations, help provide health care in remote areas, work towards sustainable agriculture, and develop communities as they serve as the ambassadors of Christ in the world.

Beulah Also received a letter recently thanking us for our \$500 donation to the Heart Havens, a local example of how your generosity enriches the lives of people with intellectual disabilities and enables them to pressure their dreams. Thanks be to God and thank you, for all that you do in His name.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Join us once again to pack 10,000 meals to be sent to our hungry brothers and sisters. We will gather for lunch in Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 am service; our Senior Council will provide the main course, please bring a dish to share. Sign-up information will be in the narthex beginning on Sunday August 7. Mark your calendars now!

We also are seeking funding for this project - it costs us \$3,000, and we have raised \$500 towards this amount in our July Communion offering, and still need \$2500. If you, your Sunday School class, or other group can contribute, please make the checks to Beulah UMC, and on the information line write “Rise Against Hunger”.

BAZAAR AND APPLE FEST

November 11, is the BEULAH BAZAAR AND APPLE FEST. We will be offering sweet potatoes, by the lb. and/or bushel, collards, by the bunch, and some new and exciting flavors of jams and jellies. Stay tuned for updates and info on reserving these items along with the apples. Bazaar Committee.

THE READINGS FOR AUGUST

August 1	Isaiah 18-22	August 17	Jeremiah 18-22
August 2	Isaiah 23-27	August 18	Jeremiah 23-25
August 3	Isaiah 28-30	August 19	Jeremiah 26-29
August 4	Isaiah 31-35	August 20	Jeremiah 30-31
August 5	Isaiah 36-41	August 21	Jeremiah 32-34
August 6	Isaiah 42-44	August 22	Jeremiah 35-37
August 7	Isaiah 45-48	August 23	Jeremiah 38-41
August 8	Isaiah 49-53	August 24	Jeremiah 42-45
August 9	Isaiah 54-58	August 25	Jeremiah 46-48
August 10	Isaiah 59-63	August 26	Jeremiah 49-50
August 11	Isaiah 64-66	August 27	Jeremiah 51-52
August 12	Jeremiah 1-3	August 28	Lamentations 1:1-3:36
August 13	Jeremiah 4-6	August 29	Lamentations 3:37-5:22
August 14	Jeremiah 7-9	August 30	Ezekiel 1-4
August 15	Jeremiah 10-13	August 31	Ezekiel 5-8
August 16	Jeremiah 14-17		

VIRGINIA U. M. ADVOCATE

I'll be honest. When I saw the cover of the July issue, "Redefining Church", I thought, "Not another issue about how to reach unchurched people!" Then I read the cover articles. This goes beyond "rethinking church", which asks us to reconsider how we "do church", to actually getting out of our buildings and forming lasting relationships within our communities. There are several good ideas to get us thinking outside the box, especially now that Beulah is beginning a "brand spanking new thing", but we need to go beyond thinking about it to praying about it and then doing it. The commentary and the articles about the "3 minute stir" and expanding men's ministry support the cover articles. Need some inspiration? Read this issue. The Advocate is available at the Welcome Center and on the tables in the narthex. Barbara Tuttle, Beulah's Advocate Representative

MINI-MISSION ENCOUNTER FOR MEN, WOMEN, & YOUTH

Formerly the Mini-School of Christian Mission, this overview of the Mission Studies will be Saturday, September 9, 12:30-5:00 p.m., at River Road UMC, 8800 River Road, Richmond, 23229. Please note that this is on a Saturday afternoon, not a Friday evening as in the past. A meal will not be served. Look for details in upcoming bulletins.

FRIDAY NITE LIVE

August 11, at 7:00 PM Pastor Don will bring the message, *Please Wait to Be Seated*. So bring a friend!

OUR CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

Do you enjoy working with children? Do you love to sing God's praises? Can you play an instrument? Now that Ms. Liz has officially become our part-time Director of Adult Music, we need volunteers to begin working with our children's choirs this fall when M&M's resumes. Even if you have limited musical skills, all that our children need is for you to have a heart for Jesus and a willingness to share it with them. Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time to help out in this important ministry for Beulah. If you are interested in this opportunity, contact Beth Spitzley at 804-796-6744.

FAITH, BASEBALL, AND FIREWORKS

Faith Night at the Diamond is scheduled for Thursday, August 10. We have a reserved block of seats near the third base dugout to watch our Richmond Flying Squirrels. These field level seats are discounted to \$11.00 per person. To purchase your tickets, make your check payable to Beulah UMC, write Squirrels Game on the check, and give it to Vic Bouril or Joanne Barreca. Questions? Call 804-658-0086.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening offers a 5-teast package to thoroughly check you for risk of stroke, cardiovascular disease, and other chronic conditions. The combination of these tests helps detect problems - before you have symptoms and while you and your doctor can still take action. Screening will take place **Saturday, September 9**. Call 1-888-814-0416 to make a reservation, cost is \$149.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, **August 12**, Mission trip to Shalom Farms. See Barbara Tuttle for more information.

ANNUAL FALL EVENT

The annual OYSTER ROAST AND BARBECUE is scheduled for **October 21**. Mark your calendars now. This is a fundraiser for Susan and Len Eastwood, missionaries to Kenya. Sponsored by the Missions Committee

BIRTHDAY'S FOR AUGUST

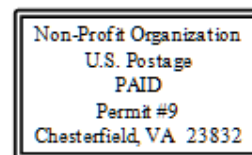
- 01- Beth Butner, Louise Coleman, Delta Delbridge, Bill Goodman, Crystal Grady, Glenn Magee, Heather Taylor, Teresa Wood,
- 02- David Conner, John Hall, Lois Quaiff, Margaret Schools, John Sherrill
- 03- Martha Vaughan
- 04- William Fielder, Aili Lenhart, Brett Waterworth,
- 06- Marvin Bradshaw, Gail Casto, Jane Mason, Jim Taylor
- 08- Steve Conner, Gail Lamm, Bennett Lancaster, Pat Soyars
- 09- Amanda Carter, Sarah Eastwood, Lorraine Spencer
- 10- Betty Lowe
- 11- Sherry Wickham, Christoffer Leon,
- 12- Arnold Beck
- 13- Nathan Malone, Ernie Ward, Jordan Matthews
- 14- Susan Carter, Reba Putnam, Wren Sadler, Chip Scavone, Edyth Wallin
- 15- Ann Cutillo, Schley Mackey
- 16- Clara Morgan
- 18- Lynda Spencer
- 19- Paolo Jiminex
- 20- Cole Ghosh, Dick Peterson, Brenda Slaughter
- 23- Charles Quaiff, Jr., Kay Survello
- 24- Dawn Ford, Herbert Newton, Dawn Owens, Jeff Snow, Reid Quaiff
- 25- Rozzie Butcher, Denise Holmes, C.J. Ramey
- 26- Aiden Andusko,
- 27- Karen Clanton
- 28- Teri Hamilton
- 29- Mike Harris, Lewis Newton, Jerry-Grace Sadler, Ken Spitzley
- 30- Cindy Smith, Hayley Taylor
- 31- Ruth Berkley, Julia Tarp, Carter Wyatt, Logan Wyatt

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Aug 01-** National Night Out
- Aug 06-** Mission Committee
- Aug 08-** Finance Committee
- Aug 09-** Hugging Hearts
- Aug 10-** Faith Night at the Diamond
- Aug 11-** Friday Nite Live
- Aug 16-** Senior Council dinner
- Aug 20-** Outreach Meeting
- Aug 22-** Admin Board
- Aug 28-** Hugging Hearts
- Aug 26-** UMW Mission Team
- Aug 27-** Rise Against Hunger

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THANK YOU NOTES

To: Prayer Shawl Team

From: Meredith Anderson

Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl. I'm sorry I missed receiving it at church, but I am glad it got to me. I will be taking it to school with me. I also love the Radford Colors! Thank you again!

To: Beulah Friends

From: Barbara Sadler

You are in my thought and prayers. I try to keep in touch but my voice and handwriting is worse. Thank God for blessing me in so many ways through you. I am so thankful that I am remembered.

To: Beulah Church Family

From: Jim Taylor

Thank you all for the cards, calls, prayers and thought during my foot surgery and recovery. Keep me in your prayers as I continue to heal.

To: Beulah Church

From: Ann Gould

Thank you for your many visits, phone calls, food, and most of all your prayers while I was in the hospital! Your beautiful cards were greatly appreciated – I received over 200 cards. The prayer shawl I received was a surprise! I never thought I would be the recipient of a prayer shawl! Thanks everyone!

To: Our Beulah Friends

From: Keith and Linda Mottley

THANK YOU seems so trivial to express our gratitude to you for the gifts of love, friendship, words of appreciation, money, pictures, gift cards, special notes you bestowed on us at our Retirement Celebration! We were overwhelmed with emotion as we recalled the day and opened and read each card and gift. Each of you will always have a special place in our hearts. We look forward to seeing you around the community and pray that through Pastor Don's leadership BUMC will grow closer to the greatest potential that we know is there of reaching ALL God's children in the Beulah community. We love you!

To: Beulah Friends

From: Herman Kiger

Many thanks to my Beulah friends for cards, prayers and visits during knee surgery. Special thanks to John and Pauline for arranging to get much needed medical equipment and to the guys who delivered and later returned a hospital bed from Beulah (John, Gary, Joe, Richard). Sarah Eastwood most graciously loaned some medical equipment. I appreciated Keith's visit to the hospital and Carolyn's visits to the hospital and home (where she conducted communion).