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# BEULAH BEACON

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

**“By faith Abel offered...By faith Noah built...By faith Moses’ parents hid him...  
By faith Rahab welcomed the spies...” Hebrews 11:4,7,23,31**

## **Faith**

I was recently asked “so, what’s the mission of “your church?” I immediately offered the mission of the United Methodist Church, which is the mission of our local church, “To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” After sharing this well-rehearsed (memorized) response I began to think a little more deeply about it. “Wow,” I thought to myself, “I have some responsibility, well, most of the responsibility, in this mission.” Recently I have been reading a devotional book entitled, *Faith, Hope, and Love-One Day At A Time* written by Clay Sterrett (of Staunton, VA). Day 55 caught my eye so I began to read-out of sequence. Faith and Action is the title and he writes; “Faith can be best understood in the context of actions rather than words. The eleventh chapter of Hebrews is a remarkable record of various men and women you were quite active in demonstrating their faith in God. It seems that God often puts his people in situations where they will have to perform some action to demonstrate their faith they profess. For example, when Moses was backed up against the Red Sea with the Egyptians in pursuit, the Lord could easily have parted the sea right then. But, he first said to Moses, ‘Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water...’ what God is after is an outward demonstration of faith, complete and utter faith, in HIM!”- that is mission-our faith boldly lived out in all aspects of our lives!

As we act boldly in faith- we experience the faithfulness of God’s power and provision! This is what I understand mission to be and, in fact, how mission is lived out. I believe and know this to be true; it has been true throughout the whole of my life- faith understood in the context of actions is equally to mission! So, as we move boldly forward trusting in the power and provision of God- lets “live our faith out loud! I invite each of you to join me in trusting in the same power and provision we know to be truth and to demonstrate an outward-complete and utter- faith in HIM- our mission!

**In Christ’s Love, Pastor Don**

## **CREATIVE THERAPY MEETS CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

I love crafting! I learned to make my own greeting cards about 10 years ago. When I sit down to create a new card it is therapy for my stress. That is why I call it “creative therapy”. Many people are experiencing the same stress relief through coloring these days. I also have a desire to reach those in our congregation that are in need of prayer and encouragement...so I’m happy to announce the beginning of our new card ministry.

All are welcome to join this team of congregational care agents. We meet on Mondays at 10:00 AM at the church. During our time together we will create handmade greeting cards, write encouraging notes to persons on our prayer list and offer intercessory prayers. The wonderful thing about this new card ministry is that you do not have to be an artist or crafty, you only have to be excited to share God’s love with others.

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. In a world that is in desperate need of the love of Christ we must do what we can to offer that love in as many ways as possible.

I invite you to discover your own way to share the love of Christ with others but if you need a little creative therapy join us on Monday!

**Grace and peace, Pastor Marti**

**PRAYER CALANDER:**

When I look back on my life journey, I realize that I have been always a missionary throughout my life. It is only now that I have received an official title of "missionary." To live every day with the light of Christ in me, with me and through me in a land where the Gospel is unfamiliar to many is, in fact, the life of a missionary. Through the mission work of the Wesley Foundation in Japan, Christ's light is touching and discovering a new joy in people/s hearts slowly yet faithfully. Hikari Chang, United Methodist Women regional missionary, Wesley Foundation, Japan

Please pray for our missionaries in Kazakhstan, Macedonia and the Ukraine and those serving at home in Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey and New Mexico.

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

**LECTIONARY:**

**September 03** – Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

**September 10**– Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 149

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

**September 17** – Exodus 14:19-31

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

**September 24** – Exodus 16:2-15

Psalm 105:1-6,34-45

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

**COMMUNION OFFERING:**

CCHASM

**FAITH BUILDER:**

*"You become like what you worship. When you gaze in awe, admiration, and wonder at something or someone, you begin to take on something of the character of the object of your worship."*

— N.T. Wright,

Simply Christian:

Why Christianity Makes Sense

**BABY BOTTLES AND MORE**

The Beulah UMC family rocks!!! Thus far, the donations to the Pregnancy Help Center of Chesterfield (PHCC) equal up to: over \$1700, 50+ baby outfits, Baby blankets, 50 packs of baby wipes, 50 packs of various sized diapers, 30+ onesies, and assorted bibs, socks, toys.

An additional crate of baby bottles and gifts as also been dropped off since the donation totals have been added up. Thank you for helping to spread the love of Jesus through your gifts to PHCC. The annual fundraiser for the PHCC is coming up on Friday, October 13th. Please watch for fliers around the church. If you have any questions, please contact Jann Niccoli at 804-271-8668.

**UMW CIRCLES AND MUSIC REHEARSALS**

As fall approaches so does the opportunity for fellowship and devotion.

**UMW CIRCLES**

The United Methodist Women's Circles meet at various times during the month offering Biblically based devotion time, fellowship with other women, and mission opportunities. If you would like information on how to join a Circle contact Barbara Tuttle at 804-271-2289 or [btuttle48@verizon.net](mailto:btuttle48@verizon.net).

Sept 12, at 10 am-

Sept 19, at 7 pm-

Sept 20, at 10 am-

Sept 20, at 12:30 pm-

Sept 21, at 6:30 pm-

Mary E. Farmer Circle

Ruth Robertson Friendship Circle

Circle of Love

Wesleyan Stratton

Rebekah Fellowship

**MUSIC REHEARSALS**

If you are interested in joining the praise call Sherrie at 804-275-2325 or email her at [sherrie@beulahumc.org](mailto:sherrie@beulahumc.org).

Sept 07, at 7 pm-

Sept 10, at 6 pm-

Sept 11, at 7 pm-

Sept 14, at 8 pm-

Sanctuary Choir

Men's Choir

Bells of Praise

Cantata Choir

**THE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER**

September 1	Ezekiel 9-12	September 16	Daniel 4-6
September 2	Ezekiel 13-15	September 17	Daniel 7-9
September 3	Ezekiel 16-17	September 18	Daniel 10-12
September 4	Ezekiel 18-20	September 19	Hosea 1-7
September 5	Ezekiel 21-22	September 20	Hosea 8-14
September 6	Ezekiel 23-24	September 21	Joel 1-3
September 7	Ezekiel 25-27	September 22	Amos 1-5
September 8	Ezekiel 28-30	September 23	Amos 6-9
September 9	Ezekiel 31-33	September 24	Obadiah-Jonah 4
September 10	Ezekiel 34-36	September 25	Micah 1-7
September 11	Ezekiel 37-39	September 26	Nahum 1-3
September 12	Ezekiel 40-42	September 27	Habakkuk-Zephaniah 3
September 13	Ezekiel 43-45	September 28	Haggai 1-2
September 14	Ezekiel 46-48	September 29	Zechariah 1-7
September 15	Daniel 1-3	September 30	Zechariah 8-14

**VIRGINIA U. M. ADVOCATE**

Changes, changes, changes...Conference Ministries with Young People, Virginia United Methodist Homes, and the Fredericksburg District have all changed their names. The cover of the August issue proclaims "A New Thing", and it's happening under the leadership of our dynamic Bishop Lewis, who presided over her first Annual Conference. This issue includes the highlights of that gathering, along with the annual "Mission Opportunities" insert, which provides information about apportionments, Advance specials here and abroad, our Virginia Conference missionaries, and Conference missions. A very full issue, and worth the reading!

Pick up a copy of "Mission Opportunities" at the bookcase by the hallway exit doors. The Advocate is available at the Welcome Center and on the tables in the narthex. Subscribe at any time by calling their office at 804-521-1100.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Sept 01-** Mariners Dinner
- Sept 03-** Mission Committee
- Sept 04-** Office Closed
- Sept 05-** COM Meeting
- Sept 09-** Lifeline Screening
- Sept 11-** Communications T1
- Sept 12-** Mary E. Farmer Circle  
Senior Council Dinner  
Finance Committee
- Sept 13-** Communications T2  
Hugging Hearts
- Sept 16-** UMW Prayer Lunch
- Sept 17-** Education Meeting
- Sept 19-** Prayer Shawl Ministry  
Ruth Robertson Friendship  
UMM Dinner
- Sept 20-** Circle of Love  
Wesleyan-Stratton
- Sept 21-** Rebekah Fellowship
- Sept 27-** Wed. Night Dinners Start
- Sept 29-** Hugging Hearts

**WEEKLY:**

- Mondays-** Card Ministry  
Men's Bible Study
- Thursday-** Women's Bible Study

**Wednesday Night Dinners**

We kick off our Fall Wednesday Night Dinners on September 27, at 6:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. They are open to anyone who would like to come and join in the fellowship. To sign up call the church office or fill out the yellow slip found in the pews during Sunday services. The cost \$6 a person, \$3 per child, or \$15 for the entire family.

**BEULAH'S BEST**

We will meet at 10:00 am on **Monday, September 18**. Come help us kick off our year. Pastor Don Gibson will speak to us about his call to ministry and missions. Afterward we will have an old fashion covered dish luncheon. Please bring a dish. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**MEALS AND FELLOWSHIP**

Come and join The Senior Council for some great food. The dates for the dinner and luncheons are: **Tuesday, Sept 12**, at 5:30 pm- *It's Fall Y'all*, **Friday, Oct. 13**, at 12:00 pm- *Black Cat Friday*, **Friday, November 17**, at 12:00 pm *Be Thankful*, and **Thursday, December 7**, at 12:00 pm *Happy Birthday Y'all*.

**FRIDAY NITE LIVE**

**September 8, at 7:00 pm** Pastor Marti will speak on being *Debt Free*. There will be music from Beulah Road Band, puppets for the kids, and more. Bring a friend and enjoy some good times!



Richmond CROP Hunger Walk is **Sunday, October 29**. Barbara Tuttle, is our contact person for teams and donations. Join a team and help End Hunger.

**BIRTHDAY'S FOR SEPTEMBER**

- 01-** Ruth Glick, Travis Brooks,
- 02-** Barry Iglehart, Taylor Loftin,
- 03-** Brenda Ridgeway, Bridgette Harrison, Kim Dell, Sarah Eastwood
- 04-** Amanda Collins, Claire Adams  
Lynne Hart, Peggy Beebe
- 06-** Betty Wade
- 07-** Bev Roderick, Kelsey Cunningham,  
Pam Collins, Waylon Smart
- 10-** Karen Carter
- 11-** Luke Gibson, Sandra Goodman,  
Beth Spitzley, Doug Walden
- 12-** Louis Corde
- 14-** Stephen Bates, Jim Magee,  
Bruce Sadler, Maddox Wright
- 15-** Walton Hayden
- 16-** Helen Costello
- 17-** Ricky Hart, Rob Childrey
- 18-** Elizabeth Quaiff, Freda Agyeman,  
Rachel Ammons, Ray McKinney
- 19-** Addie Brooks
- 20-** Terri Griggs
- 22-** Arlene Mays, Tina Cunningham
- 23-** Ryan Moats, Bill Mustian
- 25-** Diane Clark, Ryder Sadler, Will Adams
- 26-** Brad Spencer, Gayle Crutchfield,  
Richard Hensel
- 28-** Jennifer Cary, Michelle Niccoli,  
Michelle Barclay
- 29-** Sean Walden
- 30-** Emily Hastings, Martha Atkinson,  
Nancy Cowardin, Nina Smith, Bill Payne

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The Women's Bible Study will begin again on **Thursday, September 7**, at 10:00 am, in room 110. Lorraine Spencer will be leading our study as we continue with the book of Matthew, Chapter 26. All women are invited to attend this fun study group.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The Men's Bible Study will begin with a study of the book of Hebrews on Monday, September 11, at 10:00 am in the Joe Harvey Sunday School Classroom. Tom Buckley and Louis Corde will be leading the study. Any men interested in attending the study should contact the church office as soon as possible so study material can be ordered. All men are encouraged to consider attending the study.



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## THANK YOU NOTES

*To: Beulah Friends*

*From: Emma Bradley*

Just wanted to thank you for all your many acts of love and kindness. The prayers, visits, phone calls, cards and words of encouragement mean so much. I thank God for you. Thanks also to those on the Jesus Needs a Ride team who took me for Rehab appointments before I could drive. What a blessing you are. Thanks be to God.

*To: Beulah Friends*

*From: Jackie Corde*

The Lord blessed me with wonderful pastors, Don and Marti, praying with me before my heart surgery. They gave support to Louise and Caryl Harris that morning. Dear Caryl, stayed all day with Louis. My dear friend Barbara Dudley, Sandra Sanderson and Caryl provided wonderful food. Thanks to all my friends who sent cars, phones, and most of all prayed.

*To: Beulah*

*From: Pat Soyars*

Thank you for all of the prayers and cards following my Daddy's passing. We are so blessed to be a part of this loving and caring congregation.

*To: Beulah Family*

*From: Cindy Stanearth*

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, and visits during my second hip surgery. I have been so blessed, twice, with an excellent and speedy recovery. I know your prayers and God's blessings are truly what has helped me through this.

*To: Beulah Family*

*From: Vic Bouril*

Thank you for the cards, calls, and prayers during my hernia surgery and subsequent readmission for a pulmonary embolism. I appreciated the visits from Don and Marti. Please keep me in your prayers as I continue to heal.