



The

BEULAH BEACON

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BROWNIES WITH A DIFFERENCE

Many parents are hard pressed to explain to their youth why some music, movies, books, and such are not acceptable material for them to bring into the home, or to listen to, or to see.

One father came up with an original idea that is hard to refute. The father listened to all the reasons his children had for wanting to see a particular PG-13 movie: it had their favorite actors: everyone was seeing it: even church members said it was great: it was only rated PG-13 because of the suggestion of sex – they never really showed it: and the language was pretty good – the Lord’s name was only used in vain three times in the entire movie.



The teens did admit there was a scene where a building and a bunch of people were blown up, but the violence was just the normal stuff. It wasn’t too bad. And even if there were a few minor problems, the special effects were fabulous and the plot was action-packed. However, even with all the justifications the teens made for the movie, the father still would not give in. He didn’t even give his children a satisfactory explanation for saying, “No.” He just said “No!”

A little later on that evening the father asked his teens if they would like some brownies he had baked. He explained that he’d taken the family’s favorite recipe and added a little something new. The children asked what it was. The father calmly replied that he had added dog feces. However, he quickly assured them that it was only a little bit. All other ingredients were gourmet quality and he had taken great care to bake them at the precise temperature for the exact time. He was sure the brownies would be superb!

Even with their father’s promise that the brownies were of almost perfect quality, the teens would not touch them. The father acted surprised. After all, it was only a small part of the brownies. He was certain they would hardly notice it. Still the teens held firm and would not eat the brownies.

The father then told his children how the movie they wanted to see was just like the brownies. Our minds are allowing us to believe that just a little bit of evil won’t matter. But, the truth is, even a little bit of tarnish makes the difference between a great treat and something disgusting and totally unacceptable.

The father went on to explain that even though the movie industry would have us believe that most of today’s movies are acceptable fare for adults and youth, they are not. Now when the father’s children want to see something that is of questionable material, the father merely asks them if they would like some of his special brownies. That closes the subject.

Our words are like the ingredients in the brownies! Our attitude that it’s only one word or a few lines in a movie is just like that special ingredient! Satan likes to tarnish our lives with those things we call little. Only accepting those “little” things lead to bigger and bigger acceptance of what is NOT pleasing to our Lord. What do your words and your actions say about you? Let them be pleasing unto the Lord!

In His service, **Pastor Keith**

PRAYER CALANDER:

I am blessed to witness God's grace in the small things as I work with folks in my ministry. When we encourage others, love unconditionally and live grace-filled lives, we can change a little piece of our broken world. - *Deaconess Lisa Bachman, Lay Servant Ministries, North Carolina Conference, Durham North Carolina*

Please pray for our missionaries in the United Kingdom, Canada and Samoa. And those serving at home in Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, and Maine.

LECTIONARY:

July 03 - 2 Kings 5:1-14;

Psalm 30;

Galatians 6: (1-6) 7-16;

Luke 10:1-11,16-20

July 10 - Amos 7:7-17;

Psalm 82

Colossians 1:1-14;

Luke 10:25-37

July 17 - Amos 8:1-12;

Psalm 52;

Colossians 1:15-28;

Luke 10:38-42

July 24 - Hosea 1:2-10;

Psalm 85;

Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19),

Luke 11:1-13

July 31 - Hosea 11:1-11;

Psalm 107:1- 9, 43;

Colossians 3:1-11;

Luke 12:13-21

COMMUNION OFFERING:

Stop Hunger Now!

FAITH BUILDER:

“Try to keep your soul always in peace and quiet, always ready for whatever our Lord may wish to work in you. It is certainly a higher virtue of the soul, and a greater grace, to be able to enjoy the Lord in different times and different places than in only one.”

— *Saint Ignatius*

INTRODUCING MARTI RINGENBACH

Greetings in the name of our Lord! I am so excited for the adventure of ministry with my brothers and sisters at Beulah UMC. I look forward to getting to know you and wanted to introduce myself.

Although my given name is Martha I have always been Marti. I grew up in Kings Mountain, North Carolina. My family operated a KOA campground so I have some very interesting stories from my childhood. I completed my undergraduate degree in Early Childhood Education at Pfeiffer University in 1988. On July 1, 1989 I married an US Army Captain, Todd, and moved to Frankfurt, Germany where I taught Kindergarten and 4th grade with the Department of Defense Schools. I also served as an Education Program Specialist with Child Development Services in the Hanau Community, training teachers and home daycare providers. We returned to the US in 1994. I served as the Director for two church based preschools prior to returning to volunteer ministry, while beginning graduate school in 2008.

I have been serving in ministry for many years including two churches in the Alexandria district as a Children's Minister and a Director of Youth Ministries. I entered the candidacy process to become an ordained elder in the Virginia Conference. I was licensed for pastoral ministry in 2013 and appointed as the Associate Pastor of Springfield UMC. I completed my Master of Divinity at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington DC on May 9, 2016. My greatest joys in ministry include leading preschool chapel, teaching bible study, leading worship, and mission trips with teens and adults.

Todd and I are celebrating our 27th anniversary this year. We have two wonderful children; Mallory, 24 (on July 21st) and Konnor, 20. Todd retired from the US Army in 2009 and currently works for the office of the director of national intelligence. He enjoys golfing, hunting, and banging his drums. He has been playing drums in contemporary worship for 4 years.

I love a good book, designing homemade greeting cards, golfing with Todd, and finding unique treasures in thrift stores. I'm lousy at learning names so I will ask for your grace as I learn yours. My office door will always be open and I have comfy chairs. Stop by to say hello anytime. I look forward to serving Christ in partnership with you at Beulah UMC.

Pastor Marti

LIFE IS PRECIOUS

As part of Beulah UMC's Social Action, we will be running a *Life is Precious Campaign* June 26 to July 24. Did you know that each year there is an average of 25 pregnancies in the Chesterfield County High Schools and that approximately 36% end in abortion? Our drive will benefit the Pregnancy Help Center of Chesterfield County. Their mission statement: "The Pregnancy Help Center of Chesterfield exists to demonstrate the love of Christ through the ministries of prevention, intervention and restoration by encouraging sexual integrity, empowering life affirming decisions and providing opportunities for healing."



We will be taking baby bottles to fill with cash or checks and, if you want to do more, there is a wish list on the bulletin board of upcoming events that shows some of their needs. Our drive will end on July 24 with a mock baby shower in the fellowship hall following the 8:30 & 11:00 services. Drop off your filled baby bottles and unwrapped shower gifts (optional) and pick up a cupcake.

SUPPORT SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN!

The Chesterfield Food Bank, along with area churches, are making sure neighborhood kids who receive school breakfast and lunch won't go hungry over the summer. Beulah and 3 other churches are responsible for distributing bags of food at Bensley Elementary School on Mondays. If you would like to help, contact Joanne Barreca at jllbarreca@yahoo.com or 804-658-0086. You can also help bag the food at the Food Bank on Iron Bridge Road on Monday - Wednesday from 10am to 2pm. And you can donate some needed food items, such as small cans of tuna, peanut butter (small is best), canned pasta with sauce, and individual breakfast cereals.

VA Conference Mission Encounter

Mission Encounter 2016 will be held at Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Friday, July 29 – Sunday, July 31. The studies this year are “Latin America”, “Climate Justice”, and “The Bible and Human Sexuality”. The cost is \$220, and there are programs for children and youth, ages 6-18. The cost for commuters is \$50 plus \$8 per meal, Friday lunch through Sunday lunch.

Registration deadline is July 15, and scholarships are available. Details and registration forms are available on the “Upcoming Events” bulletin board in the hallway by the volunteer’s desk.

OUR KITS FOR CONFERENCE

The Kits totaled was 647, the most we’ve ever sent! Watch your bulletin for Conference totals and our itemized totals.

VIRGINIA U. M. ADVOCATE

Have you felt a call to ministry and don’t know how to answer? The cover articles of the June issue, “Developing Christian Leaders”, provide encouragement to both clergy and laity who seek to better serve Christ in the world through the United Methodist Church. No pastor can lead a church into a community alone. Church leaders are essential, and there are resources available, so don’t wait if you need to answer God’s call. There are also articles about feeding the body (“La Cocina VA”), the spirit (an inter-denominational tent revival), and both (Faith & Food Ministers’ Convocation).

The Advocate is available at the Welcome Center in the outer narthex. Subscribe at any time by calling their office at 804-521- 1100. Barbara Tuttle, Beulah’s Advocate Representative

BIRTHDAY’S FOR JULY

- 01 – Bonnie Ramey, Larry White
- 02 – Ken Brooks, Joie Jones
Alec Sadler, Will Waller
- 03 – Gary Mitchell
- 04 – Carl Griggs
- 05 – Michael Boraski
- 06 – Herman Kiger, jr, Chuck Salmon
- 07 – Isaac Cordova
- 08 – Peggy See
- 09 – Louise Peake, Brooks Taylor
- 10 – Meredith Anderson,
Harriett Loving
- 11 – Tiff Armentrout, Connie Cook
Patsy Hayden, Deborah Martin
- 12 – Heather Worsham
- 13 – Jason Belleau, Stuart Henderson
Amber Petrohovich,
Beth VanDenBerg
- 15 – Jessica Compton,
Richard Robertson
- 16 – Jay Wright
- 17 – Brittney House, Sandra Hunt
Linda Waterworth
- 18 – Thomas Dunnavant,
Sydney Emory, Pam Tyler
- 19 – Todd Garrett, Nancy Pugh
Adam Speer
- 21 – Brandon Myers,
Charlotte Thompson
- 22 – Marcia Abemathy,
Brandon Brooks, Jacob Griffith
Matt Jones
- 23 – Steven Newsome, Laura Rose
Loren Walden
- 24 – Neal Combs, Beth White
- 25 – Jill Coltrain, Cindy Creasey
Sandra Sanderson, Logan Spitzley
- 26 – Elam Byers, Kathy Donovan,
Dorothy House, John Hughes,
Donald Joyner, Jan Kean,
Bobby Wadkins
- 27 – Beth Crocker, Pat Crocker,
Jean Fulghum, Jimmy Hart,
Jacob Tharp, Cathy Witherspoon
- 28 – Tom Anderson, Wick Dyckes
Lee Goff, Shirley Pfeil,
Blake Soyars
- 29 – Joshua Ethier
- 30 – Marie Childress, Craig House,
Davey McKissick
- 31 – Jean Lane

**UMW****ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Come and enjoy a rainbow filled evening of love, laughter, and lots of ice cream. July 26, at 7pm

BEULAH IS GOING TO A BASEBALL GAME

Reserve the Date: August 11th - a Thursday evening. Faith Night at the Diamond which will include: Richmond Flying Squirrels Baseball game, Fireworks, Faith-based testimonials, music, and more. For more information, look in the Bulletins starting in early July, or call Vic Bouril at 804-658-0086. Or if you want to guarantee your seats (reserved behind the dugout next to 3rd base), we are selling tickets now (\$11.00 each).

SAVE THE DATE

Richmond CROP Hunger Walk 2016 is Sunday, November 13. Please note this is not the first Sunday, as it has been in the past.

PICNIC AT BEULAH

Summertime is the time for picnics. July 14 is the Senior Council Picnic at BUMC. Gather at the Fellowship Hall Cafe', at 5:30 pm for hotdogs, hamburgers and all the fixins, including S'MORES. Reserve a table in the reservation book at the Volunteers' Desk noting if you will need transportation. You will not need to have mosquito repellent since we will eat inside. See you there.

The Senior Council

DATES TO REMEMBER:

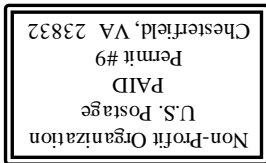
- July 08- Friday Nite Live
- July 10- Mission Committee
- July 12- Finance Committee
- July 13- Hugging Hearts
- July 14- Senior Council Picnic
- July 26- UMW Ice cream Social
- July 27- Hugging Hearts
- July 29- VA Mission Encounter

Mon. 10am: Men’s Bible Study

TBD- COM

FRIDAY NITE LIVE

Friday Nite Live this month features our house band, Beulah Road, who will lead us through in song to our Savior! The speaker is Pastor Keith Mottley. Service begins at 7pm, July 8th. Come for the hope that is found in Jesus



**DATED MATERIAL
PLEASE EXPEDITE DELIVERY**

Return Service Requested
Beulah United Methodist Church
6930 Hopkins Road
N. Chesterfield, VA 23234

THANK YOU'S:

To: Beulah Family

From: Glynn and Pat Soyars

Thank you for all of the prayers phone calls and food when Glynn had his shoulder surgery. We are so blessed and thankful for our Beulah "Family". A special thank you to Pastor Keith for being at the hospital with me. I sure made the time pass quickly.

To: Beulah Family

From: Peggy See

Thank you so much for the visits, phone calls, cards, flowers, and wonderful food that you have showered on me through my recent illness. You have been a true blessing, Thank you.

To: Friends

From: Barbara Sadler

Thank you so very much for the honor of remembering me and in such a lovely way, UMFS, as you know, my favorite charity. It was at 3900 W. Broad St where I gave my life to the Lord and He has never let me down, always faithful.

To: Bells of Praise, Sherrie, & Laci

From: Springdale Residents

A beautiful concert to enjoy and remember! Thank you so much for sharing your talents with us on a recent Sunday afternoon. It was a real treat to have you with us

To: BUMC

From: Aston Edwards

Thank you for my scholarship! I also want to thank you for providing me with such a welcoming place which I was able to practice my faith. This place has been my spiritual home for my 18 years of life & has helped guide me in my faith. Through my next several years at Longwood, I hope to find a church that even halfway meets my expectations thanks to you. No matter which church I attend there, I always know, Beulah is my home. Thank you for all who've been with me.

To: Beulah Friends

From: Joanne Cash, Director of Altrusa

Thank you for allowing our Altrusa Club of the Capital City of Virginia to rent your social hall for our annual tea. Through your efforts, our club is able to continue our support of the many worth-while projects in the Richmond Area.

To: Beulah Friends

From: Will and Emily Waller

The fried chicken made me lick my lips with joy. The stupendous sides were super and satisfying. And the desserts met my innermost cravings for sweets. And yet, they all paled in comparison to celebrating a new beginning and precious memories with you. Thank you for the Wallerpalooza event. Emily and I will miss you all!