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# BEULAH BEACON

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## PHILIP WAS A LAY-EVANGELIST

In my devotions the other day I was reading about Philip, (Acts 6 & 8). Philip was a layman who was filled with the Spirit and the only layperson in the New Testament scriptures to be referred to as an evangelist.

The Christian fellowship grew in numbers and in spirit so there was a need for certain persons to be responsible for administering care for the widowed members. The church was asked to pick seven from among themselves that were of good repute, full of the Spirit and wisdom, to be appointed to this duty. Philip's devotion to administrate these responsibilities did not deter his personal concerns for and witness to the spiritually needy. He witnessed to persons in many places.

Every Christian is called to be a witness in every place we go. We are to be sharing the Good News of the saving work found only in Jesus Christ. You and I are called to share this great news with those we talk with, care for, play cards with, or any other way you communicate. You can do this on Facebook with your children and grandchildren. You can post stories of how Jesus has impacted the lives of others. You can share with your fellow golfers about how Jesus has impacted your life.

Philip did not focus on morality, but on Jesus. He did not focus on lifestyle, but on Jesus. He knew that when Jesus comes into one's life, all priorities find their proper place. Then our life begins to find shape and meaning.

At the center of Christianity is Christ. Christians are those who find life in and who focus all their beliefs through Jesus Christ. Philip saw that Jesus lived out his ministry of caring, redemption and reconciliation. May you and I be like Philip, a lay-evangelist who shared the news of Jesus to everyone.

In His service, **Pastor Keith**

## “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” Hebrews 11: 1 (NRSV)

I was unpacking my office and I came across an old note written to me years ago. Immediately upon reading it, I smiled and remembered with fondness all the events that led to receiving that note.

I was on a youth mission trip with middle school students. It had been a tough week. The temperatures were in the upper 90's, our daily projects had been labor intensive all week and the camp where we were staying was out of water. I mean the well was dry! They brought in water for us to drink and wash faces and hands but NO SHOWERS! NO SHOWERS with middle school sweaty teenagers! My co-leader, Jon, and I led the largest team and we had been given some pretty difficult tasks. All week we had heard from other teams about the wonderful lemonade at Miss B's house. Teams had been going to her house all week to paint. The end of the week rolls around and the project leader comes to me. He says, “You guys have been working really hard this week. I'm going to give you an easy job for the last day. How would you like to go to Miss B's house?” Of course I said yes.

The next morning we get our assignment... we are going to Miss B's to build a door! The project leader failed to explain was that we were building a new door... from scratch... for her outhouse. What? Do you mean to tell me she doesn't have indoor plumbing? She goes outside in all kinds of weather to an outhouse? Well I was determined we were going to build the best door possible. We worked all day. Everything we tried seemed to fail. All day long we measured, nudged a measurement here or there to make it work, and made at least 3 trips to Lowe's for parts. All day the team was discouraged. All day Jon and I told them it would be fine... God was helping us... have faith! At the end of the day we got the door on the hinges and swinging properly. Jon said, “Marti, put the level up on the door and let's see if we are level.” I told him no. I said, “Jon if that door is not level you know I'm not leaving until it is. I can't leave her with an un-level door on an outhouse. Please don't make me check, it's swinging just fine and closes well. I'm sure it good.” Jon said, “Have faith.” We put the level on the door and don't you know it was perfect!

The next morning we were preparing to head home. Jon came to give me a hug good-bye and slipped a note in my hand. I opened the note and it said, Marti, What a blast this week has been. I can't imagine a better partner to run a work team with. And remember: anytime you doubt your faith... put a level on your outhouse door! God bless you, Jon

Grace & Peace, **Pastor Marti**

**PRAYER CALANDER:**

Blessedness can occur in the most unexpected ways. Sometimes it is experienced when someone shares how my words gave hope when sorely needed. I then feel blessed by the God-given words that blessed another. Surely that is what is meant by Grace! Jeannie Reynolds, retired deaconess.

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

**LECTIONARY:**

**Aug 07** – Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

**Aug 14** – Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-55

**Aug 21** – Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

**Aug 28** – Jeremiah 2:4-13

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

**COMMUNION OFFERING:**

CrossOver Healthcare Ministry

**FAITH BUILDER:**

**"Now, as always, God discloses Himself to "babes" and hides Himself in thick darkness from the wise and the prudent. We must simplify our approach to Him. We must strip down to essentials (and they will be found to be blessedly few). We must put away all effort to impress, and come with the guileless candor of childhood. If we do this, without doubt God will quickly respond."**

– A.W. Tozer

**OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM: BY SAM SMITH**

"Community itself is one of the main ways we do outreach and discipleship, and even experience communion with God..." - Tim Keller - Author and Pastor

As Oscar and I have worked alongside Beulah these last few years we have found community and relationships to be the most influential part of our service here. Some of the moments we have felt the closest to God have happened in conversations when people are sharing their hearts and we are able to share ours with them. I was asked to share with you a view into our Outreach program. You may have noticed we have fewer "programs" for outreach happening at Beulah right now. Oscar and I have focused our minds, efforts and hearts on building community and relationships, over programs and plans, and it has been beautiful.

Oscar has led a team of newcomers to the US in a soccer league. They played hard and spent lots of afternoons and Saturdays together. Oscar was able to develop friendships and trust with these guys and their families. The team even grew so large he had to stop registering players, but he had several that came out to practice even though they weren't on the official team and didn't play in the games. Oscar had many conversations about not just soccer, but also school, families, life in the US, girls, and best of all, Jesus. He has continued those relationships past the soccer season through phone calls, a pool party at Bonnie and Randy Ramey's, and home visits. Pastor Alexis and Oscar have visited several of the families and had church services in their homes. I am confident the relationships he is working to build will bear eternal fruit.

I have focused most of my energy on the Crystal Lakes outreach. We are working thought the Asset Based Community Development model to find leaders in the community to create the change they want to see in their own community. The our team working there have moved through our first phase, the listening phase, and we are excited for all that is in store for us and the community there.

Helping the community around Beulah view us as a safe and welcoming place requires of us many things. We must leave the church building and meet the community where they are. We must earn the community's trust. We must show, through Jesus's love, a grace, joy and hope that makes the community want to know more about us. It requires relationships. It requires that we have true community with those we are reaching out to. And that has been the mission, goal, and work of Oscar, myself, and those laboring with us.

**A LETTER FROM CARITAS**

I am awestruck! Typically I use this fiscal year-end letter to bring you updates and success stories about the programs of CARITAS; the increased number of people we serve and the growing need in our community. The growth and demand for services are at an all-time high, but that is not what I want to focus on today. Instead, I want to share a different picture of success.

In the last month, CARITAS has received recognition that you deserve to know about. First, we received a "Top Workplace" award in Richmond's Small Business Division. Our leadership among nonprofits is possible because our employees love what they do. Our work environment fosters personal growth and satisfaction while living out a lifesaving mission. You will hear me often say, "I can't believe I am paid to do what I love!"

Second, we earned the esteemed Certification of Service Enterprise, by Points of Light. After an intense two year process, CARITAS joins a prestigious group of nonprofits (less than 15% nationally) committed to effectively delivering on our mission by strategically engaging volunteer time and talent, Caritas volunteers gave more than 337,600 hours last year, a return on volunteer investment of \$1, 042,772! This gives exponential leverage to every donated dollar.

And finally, last week, Carolyn Leung, our Family Shelter Program Manager received Homewards' Randall Hicks Award for excellence in homeless services. Her outstanding work and tenure was recognized among all regional service providers.

I share this news because it further justifies your great investment decision. Thank you for entrusting us with your continued support. It truly is a team effort.

In celebration- Karen J. Stanley, CEO

## VIRGINIA U. M. ADVOCATE

The July issue includes an overview of General Conference 2016, ministerial appointments in our Conference, and suggestions for welcoming new pastors. Don't miss the article describing using a Wall of Giving to raise funds for Virginia tornado relief. Oh, look at who's transforming the world! There's a nice write-up of our spring break mission project with a picture of some of our wonderful youth. There is also an article about a price increase for Advocate subscriptions. Subscribers can use the envelope that came with this issue to renew at the current rates before our subscription campaign in January. New subscribers can call the Advocate office at 804-521-1100. The Advocate is available at the Welcome Center by the hallway exit doors and on the tables in the narthex.

Barbara Tuttle, Beulah's Advocate Representative

## BEULAH IS GOING TO A BASEBALL GAME

On Thursday, August 11th, Beulah is going to Faith Night at the Diamond. We have a reserved block of seats near the third base dugout to watch our Richmond Flying Squirrels. Tickets for our field level seats are now on sale at a discounted price.

What is Faith Night?

- **Before the game watch and listen to player testimonials about the importance of their faith in baseball, hear a faith based band, and more.**
- **Watch our red-hot Richmond Flying Squirrels take on the Trenton Thunder.**
- **During the game the churches in attendance will be recognized.**
- **Following the game - Fireworks.**

Our field level seats are discounted to \$11.00 per person. To purchase your ticket, 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](tel:804-658-0086).

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| <b>Aug 02-</b> | STAR/National Night Out Admin Board Meeting |
| <b>Aug 08-</b> | Hugging Hearts                              |
| <b>Aug 09-</b> | Blue Plate Special Finance Committee        |
| <b>Aug 11-</b> | Faith Night at the Diamond                  |
| <b>Aug 12-</b> | Friday Nite Live                            |
| <b>Aug 14-</b> | Mission Meeting                             |
| <b>Aug 21-</b> | Evangelism Meeting Education Meeting        |
| <b>Aug 28-</b> | Stop Hunger Now                             |
| <b>Aug 24-</b> | Hugging Hearts                              |
| <b>TBD-</b>    | <b>COM</b>                                  |

**Mon. 10am:** Men's Bible Study  
**6pm:** Spanish Class

## STOP HUNGER NOW

Join us on Sunday August 28 in service to our world community, as we package over 10,000 meals for needy people somewhere in the world. Instead of our regular 11am worship service, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to don our fashionable hairnets and gloves, and anxiously await hearing the gong for every thousand meals packed.

You can sign up in advance online <http://events.stophungernow.org/BUMC2016> - this will save us a lot of time! Only one registration is needed per family - just be sure to show the number of people taking part. We will also have forms available in the Narthex in August.

## STAR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday August 2 is National Night Out, and in Chesterfield County we are combining it with our Summer Time Access to Reading Program. From 6-8pm in Fellowship Hall, you can participate by helping children select books, reading to them, helping with crafts, and serving snacks. It's a wonderful way to meet our neighbors.

## BLUE PLATE SPECIAL

Come in out of the heat and have some fun at the BLUE PLATE SPECIAL on August 9 @ 5:30 p.m. Everyone BRING a vegetable or dessert and we will enjoy a Blue Plate Special. Bring a guest, friend, and neighbor and make a reservation in the reservation book at the Volunteers' desk. SHOW OFF your favorite veggie or desert recipe and share it with others. Mmm good!

The Senior Council

## SAVE THE DATE

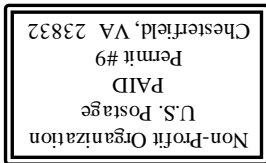
Richmond CROP Hunger Walk 2016 is Sunday, November 13. Please note this is not the first Sunday, of the month as it has been in the past.

## BIRTHDAY'S FOR August

- 01** – Louise Coleman, Della Delbridge, William Goodman, Crystal Grady, Heather Taylor
- 02**- David Conner, John Hall, Melanie Knowles, Lois Quaiff, Margaret Schools, John Sherrill,
- 03**- Martha Vaughan
- 04**- William Fielder, Aili Lenhart
- 06**- Marvin Bradshaw, Gail Casto, Jane mason, Jim Taylor Sr.
- 07**- Emily Waller
- 08**- Steve Conner, Gail Lamm Bennett Lancaster, Pat Soyars
- 09**- Amanda Carter, Sarah Eastwood Lorraine Spencer,
- 10**- Betty Lowe, Tabitha Turner
- 11**- Christoffer Leon, Sherry Wickham, Carter Moorefield
- 12**- Arnold Beck, Sarah Conner
- 13**- Nathan Malone, Jordan Matthews Ernest Ward
- 14**- Susan Carter, Reba Putnam Wren Sadler, James Scavone Edyth Wallin
- 15**- Lynsey Cuttillo, John Harper, Ashley Mackey, Susan Walters
- 16**- Clara Morgan
- 18**- Lynda Spencer
- 20**- Cole Ghosh, Dick Peterson Brenda Slaughter
- 21**- Frank Bondurant
- 23**- Charles Quaiff, Kay Survello
- 24**- Dawn White, Herbert Hewton Dawn Owens, Reid Quaiff III Jeff Snow
- 25**- Rozzie Butcher, Denise Holmes Patricia Dunnavant, C.J. Ramey
- 26**- Aiden Andusko, Shelby Jahns
- 27**- Karen Clanton, Gregory Jahns, Justin Pugh
- 28**- Teri Hamilton
- 29**- Mike Harris, Myrbel Jacob, Lewis Newton, Jerry-Grace Sadler Ken Spitzley,
- 30**- Arron Clark, Cindy Smith, Haley Taylor
- 31**- Carter Wyatt, Logan Wyatt

## FRIDAY NITE LIVE

Join us on August 12 @ 7:00pm for Friday Nite Live. This month we will be focusing on Faith. Pastor Marti will help us explore how faith helps us stand firm in our beliefs and trust in God amidst the suffering and persecution we may feel from society.



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**THANK YOU'S:**

*To: Beulah Friends  
From: June Weaver*

A big thank you to everyone who came out to my niece's book signing at Barnes & Noble. It was great to see so many friends from Beulah and to have so much support for Courtney. Her book *From Scratch* has been donated to the church library. Check it out and enjoy!

*To: Pastor Keith Mottley  
From: Sherry Harris & Bird PTSO*

Thank you and the Beulah church family for allowing us to have our Baccalaureate service at BUMC. We had a full house this year which was very refreshing to see!

Please share our thanks with everyone who helped make this possible for us! I know our students and their families appreciate having it in such a nice venue, as does our PTSO. Thank you and Suzanne and Sherrie for helping with coordination and Justin was great!

*To: Beulah Friends  
From: Sheila Pope*

Thank you so much for my delicious end-of-the-year treat! It was so thoughtful and thank you for everything you do for our students all of the time. You are a terrific partner. I am the school social worker at Meadowbrook. I also worked at Beulah Elementary in previous years so I know what a blessing you are!

*To: Beulah  
From: Yolanda Y. Y. Davis*

I am an Instructional Assistant/Aide in the Special Education department of Meadowbrook High School. As I sit here at Panera sipping on my free herbal tea and eating my bagel with cream cheese, I thought it was only fitting that I use one of the note cards given to me and take the time to thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity throughout these past school years. You did not have to do it, but you took the time to make my co-workers and I feel appreciated. For this, I am most grateful. May the Lord continue to bless your local church body in ministry and service to our school and community. With sincere thanks.

*To: Beulah Family  
From: Meredith Anderson*

Thank you so much for awarding me with the Beulah United Methodist Church Scholarship this year. I am so honored to receive this generous gift towards my studies at Radford University!

I so much appreciate the prayers and support I have received from the members here at Beulah over many years. Thank you for your continued prayers for me as I begin this new chapter in my life. I am blessed to have such a wonderful church family here at Beulah!