



October, 2016

# BEULAH BEACON

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

## THY WILL BE DONE

This year at Annual Charge Conference, our theme was, *Thy Will be Done*. In keeping with the same theme, our District Superintendent is asking each church to answer three questions: 1) What is God's will for Beulah in the next four years? 2) How do we know it? 3) What will we do about it?

Charge Conference will be about 15 minutes of doing the administrative business and 30 to 45 minutes around these questions. We are asked to design this time with the plans and vision Beulah has for the next four years or so. He wants this done with consultation of the people of the church and not the Pastor's point of view. He does not expect every detail covered, but he does want to see how we are progressing through this process.

Now my question to you is: how do you answer these questions in your life, not just for the life of Beulah? What is God's will for YOU? How do you KNOW IT? What are you DOING about it?

We have our daily routine. We know what time we have to be at work or what day of the week we get groceries, doctor's appointments, and the activities that we attend that our children or grandchildren are in. In all of these activities, from the mundane to the most exciting, how do you live your life for Christ?

To know what God's will is for me, I must first know and accept the fact that God wants all of us to know Him. He created us in HIS image, He sent his Son Jesus to us so that we could get to know Him. We get to know God by having a relationship with him; to give him the glory in our life by the way we live, the words we say, and our attitude in all things around us. It is summed up best in Matthew 22:37-39.

Once we know God the next thing is to listen to Him. Be aware of His presence and be aware that God wants to talk to us. I have to put myself in the position to listen to Him. He speaks most often to me in and through my thoughts. I must then act on those revelations or insights that I have received and when I do, there is a sense of peace that I am doing what God wants me to do.

Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.*" It is my prayer that this will help you to know God's will for your life.

In His Service, Pastor Keith

## NO FEAR IN THE LIGHT

I had a few childhood fears growing up. I was afraid of spiders and snakes. I was not afraid of the dark. I had friends that were and it was a fear I never really understood.

When I became a parent, however, I worried that my children might be afraid of the dark. To ward off this fear, I put night lights in their bedrooms. They would offer a tiny bit of light in the room so my children would not be in total darkness and they provided just enough light to help me see the Legos or Barbie shoes left on the floor. Have you ever stepped on either of those things with bare feet? Painful!

Each night before I would go to bed, I would check on my sleeping children. I would always turn off the hallway light before opening their bedroom doors. I did not want too much light to spill into the room and wake them. The interesting thing about light and darkness is that light will always spill into the darkness; the darkness never spills into the light.

Light is powerful. We learn much about light in reading scripture - our best resource for understanding God. The story of God begins and ends with light. "In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep... God said, 'Let there be light and there was light.' And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness." (Genesis 1:1-4)

"And there will be no more night; they [those that live in this new creation, those who love and follow Christ] need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light..." (Revelation 22:5)

Darkness cannot and never will overcome the light of God shining in and through us. May God's love and light shine brightly in your life.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Marti

**PRAYER CALANDER:**

Blessedness is seeing the face of an elementary Little Buddy enjoying his time with his high school Big Buddy and knowing that their interactions help to develop self-esteem, cooperation, friendship, respect and educational success. The Rev. Dr. Diana Loomis, Director of Development, McCurdy Ministries, Espanola, New Mexico.

Please pray for our missionaries in Cambodia, Thailand, Philippines, Laos and Vietnam and those serving at home in New York, North Carolina, North Dakota and Ohio.

**LECTIONARY:**

**Oct 02** – Lamentations 1:1-6

Psalm 137

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

**Oct 09** – Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Psalm 66:1-12

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

**Oct 16** – Jeremiah 31:27-34

Psalm 119:97-104

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-18

**Oct 23** – Joel 2:23-32

Psalm 65

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

**Oct 30** – Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm 119:137-144

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

**COMMUNION OFFERING:**

The October Communion Offering is for World Communion Sunday.

**FAITH BUILDER:**

"Some Christians try to go to heaven alone, in solitude. But believers are not compared to bears or lions or other animals that wander alone. Those who belong to Christ are sheep in this respect, that they love to get together. Sheep go in flocks, and so do God's people."  
– Charles Spurgeon

**WHO ARE BEULAH UNITED METHODIST WOMEN?**

We are married, single, widowed, and divorced. We are mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and childless. We are employed full-time and part-time, between jobs, and retired. Whatever our station in life, we find in United Methodist Women a supportive fellowship of sisters who share a desire to grow spiritually in Christ by serving God in missions. As part of a global organization, our local unit of more than 100 women supports hundreds of mission projects around the world and in our community with financial gifts, donations of goods, and volunteer service. We have five circles that meet regularly for fellowship, mission-related programs, and project planning. You are invited to visit any or all of them to find the one that's right for you:

**The Circle of Love**

Meets at 10:00 a.m. on the 3rd Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall.

**Mary Farmer Fellowship**

Meets at 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall.

**Rebekah Fellowship**

Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday in area restaurants.

**Ruth Robertson Friendship Circle**

Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday in Room 106.

**Wesleyan-Stratton Fellowship**

Meets at 12:30 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday in members' homes.

**STOP HUNGER NOW WAS GREAT**

More than eighty volunteers of all ages helped pack 10,000+ meals at our Stop Hunger Now! event. It was noisy, it was fun, and we all looked very stylish in our red hairnets. The Boy Scouts came early to haul boxes from the truck and set up the tables so that by the time the rest of us got there everything was ready to go. Many thanks, guys. Then we enjoyed a delicious lunch that our Senior Council organized, with fried chicken, side dishes, dessert, and ice cream - what more could one ask for? In all, it was a blessed day, doing God's work, enjoying fellowship with each other, and just having a good time. Thank you to all who brought food, helped clean up, and participated in any way.

**BEULAH SCHOOL SUPPLY STORE**

This year we opened a "store" during summer food distribution at Bensley ES, to sell backpacks and school supplies at extremely reduced prices. This gave parents the opportunity to purchase their kids' supplies, and the children were able to select their own backpacks, colors of notebooks, etc. You should have seen the excited looks on their faces, as little girls chose pink and purple and the boys usually wanted blue or red. Sarah Glass developed a feedback form and clients were asked about this experience; they all said it was an excellent experience, and liked the nice people; what a wonderful neighborhood empowerment mission this was! The remaining supplies will be given to Beulah Elementary School. Thanks to all who provided supplies, funds, and time to make this work.

## VIRGINIA U. M. ADVOCATE

A new school year, a new bishop, and on the cover of the September issue, *Planting and Growing New Faith Communities*. There are four examples of new faith communities in Virginia, one created by an existing church inviting a new congregation to use their building, one created by the merger of an existing church and a new congregation, and two created by existing churches forming partnerships with Hispanic churches, including our neighbors at Belmont UMC. In addition to inspiring coverage of our new Bishop Sharma Lewis, there is an article on the retirement of Dr. Tom Coffman, whom many at Beulah will remember, along with his wife, Nancy.

The Advocate is available at the Welcome Center by the hallway exit doors and on tables in the narthex. Subscribe at any time by calling their office at 804-521-1100.

Barbara Tuttle, Beulah's Advocate Representative

## CROP WALKERS GET READY

The Beulah UMC team is registered on the Richmond CROP Hunger Walk page at <http://www.crophungerwalk.org/richmondva>. Join the team online to raise funds through social media contacts, and contact Barbara Tuttle, 804-271-2289, for your donation envelope. Don't be shy about asking for donations. You're inviting people to join you in building God's Kingdom! See you November 13.

## AARP SMART DRIVER

**October 4 and 5**, 9am to 1pm. You will learn defensive driving techniques, proven safety strategies, and new traffic laws and rules of the road. There is no test to pass and upon completion you will receive a multi-year discount on your car insurance. Class is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. To register call the church office at 804-275-2325.

## OYSTER ROAST AND BBQ

Its fall again and time for the annual OYSTER ROAST and BARBECUE, coming **Saturday, October 22**, from 5 to 7 pm, benefiting Susan and Len Eastwood's ministry in Kenya. Come join in the fun. There will be unique gift items from Kenya for sale, an early Christmas shopping opportunity. Donations only. Sponsored by the Mission Committee.

## BEULAH'S BEST

Beulah's Best will meet, **Monday October 17**, at 10:00am. Our program will be Joshua Wortham and the Joy Singers. Please join us for music from "Broadway Hits". Hope to see you.

## SAVE THE DATE

There will be a Bus trip to Shalom Farms (both locations) **Saturday, October 15**. Details will be in your Sunday bulletin.

## FALL CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Green Acres Garden Club now has Chrysanthemums in all colors for sale at \$10 a pot. Call Kitty Waldrop 804-275-2662 or Jane Barfield 804-706-1760 to place your order. All orders will be picked up at the Fall Bazaar on November 5.

## BIRTHDAYS FOR October

- 01- Whiman Lyszak, BB Taylor
- 02- Roy Desper, Roy Hartless
- 05- Robyn Abernathy, Marian Brown  
Lee Grammer, Harry Grammer  
Rachel Holmes, Faye Hoover
- 06- Adam Roberts, Carol Story  
Arthur Warren
- 07- Lillian Andusko, Fran Dial  
Tom Grammer
- 08- Ashley Taylor, Katie O'Kennon
- 09- Jackie Collins, Dani Martinez
- 11- Alice McKissick, Carolyn Tuttle
- 12- Jorge Barriga
- 13- David Glass
- 14- Troy Taylor
- 18- Mikey Cordova, Christian Hastings  
Diane Kuti, Evan Kuti
- 19- Patti Peterson
- 20- Carlton Davis, Bryan Hayden  
Henry Martin, Donna Smith  
Barbara Tuttle
- 22- Dawn Hall, Jann Niccoli,  
Barbara Sadler, Jim Tyler
- 23- Beth Dunkum
- 24- David Clarke
- 25- Brenda Carner, Nancy Dyckes
- 26- George Petrohovich
- 27- Mark Creasey
- 28- Carolyn Compton
- 29- Diane Andusko, Frances Kinneberg  
Elizabeth Scott, Sterl Sharp
- 30- Elizabeth Cole
- 31- Sarah Glass, Sharon Moorefield  
Bill Putnam

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Oct 01- UMW Mission Team
- Oct 04- Admin Board  
Nomination Committee
- Oct 04,5- AARP Smart Driver
- Oct 07- Mariners Dinner
- Oct 09- Mission Meeting
- Oct 11- Mary Farmer Circle  
Finance Meeting
- Oct 12- Hugging Hearts
- Oct 14- Friday Nite Live  
Autumn Leaf Luncheon
- Oct 15- Fall Festival
- Oct 16- Evangelism Meeting  
Education Meeting
- Oct 17- Beulah's Best
- Oct 18- Pray Shawl  
UMM Dinner
- Oct 21- Circle of Love  
Wesleyan-Stratton
- Oct 20- Rebekah Fellowship
- Oct 22- Oyster Roast and BBQ
- Oct 25- COM  
Nomination Committee
- Oct 26- Hugging Hearts
- Oct 30- UMW Pledge Service  
Charge Conference

- Mon. 10am: Men's Bible Study
- Wedn. 6pm: Wednesday Night Dinner
- Thur. 10am: Women's Bible Study
- Sun. 4:30pm: Christian Education

## FRIDAY NITE LIVE

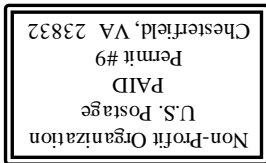
**October 14**, at 7pm for music and more. Speaker will be Pastor Marti.

## BEULAH BAZAAR

**Saturday November 5**, from 8am to 1pm at Beulah UMC. Featuring Homemade baked goods, jams and jellies, yard sale, books, plants and locally grown vegetables. To pre-order your apples or reserve your Brunswick stew, sweet potatoes, and collards call 804-275-2325 or emailing the church at [office@beulahumc.org](mailto:office@beulahumc.org).

## SENIOR COUNCIL LUNCH

*When Autumn Leaves Begin to Fall*  
**Friday October 14**, at 12 noon. RSVP in the book at the Volunteer Desk or by calling the church at 804-275-2325.



**DATED MATERIAL  
PLEASE EXPEDITE DELIVERY**

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

## **THANK YOU'S:**

*To: Beulah UMC*

*From: Deborah Jones*

A special Thank you for the kindness you've shown. I appreciate your help. Thank you so much.

*To: Beulah Friends and Pastors*

*From: Kitty Waldrop*

Once again, God has blessed me with improving health. Your prayers, cards, and food were so appreciated. Your calls have been just the right times when things were low. The pastor visits before and after surgery were so encouraging. Love and blessings to you all.

*To: Beulah Family and Friends*

*From: Angie Setien and Children, Jeff and Ann*

Thank you for your many acts of love and kindness during Geneva's illness and death. To our pastor, Keith Mottley, your visits and prayers brought us comfort at a time of need. To my Springdale friends, your visits and calls helped support us and you continue to offer your kindness. The Bereavement Committee did a great job with food at the reception and love to the family. We will always have thankful hearts for each of you.

*To: Beulah UMC*

*From: Mary Jean Hunt, Principal at Beulah ES*

Thanks for the supplies for our kids from your church. They are much appreciated. Thanks also for the Reading Nights that volunteers hosted this summer as part of CCPS' initiative to keep students reading while they are out of school. They were lovely, well-planned events. Thanks for a long partnership spanning about 12 years now. Our SOL scores were outstanding in all areas of the curriculum. Beulah United Methodist Church can take pride in the part played by your wonderful congregation.

*To: Beulah Family*

*From: Suzanne Davis*

I am overwhelmed by the support and love that Beulah has extended to me. It is an honor to work for you. Thank you for all that you have done. You have made a major impact in my life.