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BEULAH BEACON

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

WHEN HE WAS ON THE CROSS

One day many years ago as I was driving down Interstate 81 listening to the song "When He Was On the Cross", I was hit with such strong emotion that I was moved to tears.

Some of the lyrics are:

A look of love was on his face
The thorns up on his head
The blood was on that scarlet robe
Stained it crimson red

Though his eyes were on the crowd that day
He looked ahead in time
And when he was on the cross
You and I were on his mind



To think that when Jesus went to the cross knowing that he had to die for us to have the forgiveness of our sins is overwhelming. He wasn't thinking of the pain that He was going through or the wrongful actions of those who crucified Him but He was thinking of you and me! He was innocent of all charges. You and I are not so innocent of the charges of gossip, prejudice, selfishness, swearing, taking the Lord's name in vain, and others but Jesus died for us so that we might have our slate wiped clean and be welcomed into His kingdom. I hope that we never forget the meaning of the cross and what Jesus did for us and does for us each and every day.

In His Service, Pastor Keith

OLD HOME WEEK

There is a phrase I grew up hearing over and over. I never really got it until recently. It was the norm for people to gather at my parent's home. The gatherings were rarely holiday or special celebration related. They just happened. At the end of the evening my mother would say, "That was great- just like old home week." I never understood the phrase "old home week" until I grew up and moved away. It never failed when I was in town for a visit, friends would call and show up. We would gather around the kitchen table and stories from years past would be told again. After the festivities were over I would think or say, "That was just like old home week." I learned quickly that reconnecting with friends and re-living/ remembering the past was important.

This month Beulah will celebrate Beulah Day or as I call it "old home week." We hope you will join us to gather around the lunch table and share stories of how much this church has meant to you. When Jesus gathered at the table with his disciples at the Last Supper he told them to "remember me." How can we gather at the table together, share old stories and not remember that it was Jesus who brought us all together? Get your stories ready because I want to hear all about your life at Beulah on Beulah Day!

Grace and Peace, Pastor Marti

PRAYER CALANDER:

Got community? Yes, we do! An invitation went out to prepare meals for our neighbors who live on the streets. One person came forward. I continued to invite and pray for a team. They came and now three teams prepare breakfast and lunch twice a month. Through prayer and continuing to invite other, we are living into community. Julie Smith, deaconess-home missionary, First United Methodist Church of Bastrop, Bastrop, Texas

Please pray for our missionaries Germany, Denmark, Switzerland, Spain, Latvia and those serving at home in the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia and Hawaii.

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

LECTIONARY:

May 07 – Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

May 14 – Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 16-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

May 21 – Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

May 28 – Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

COMMUNION OFFERING:

Society of St. Andrew and Shalom Farms, two missions fighting hunger.

FAITH BUILDER:

"The deepest spiritual lessons are not learned by his letting us have our way in the end, but by his making us wait, bearing with us in love and patience until we are able to honestly pray what he taught his disciples to pray: Thy will be done."

— Eliziabeth Elliot

THE READINGS FOR MAY

May 1	1 Chronicles 3-5	May 16	2 Chronicles 21-24
May 2	1 Chronicles 6	May 17	2 Chronicles 25-27
May 3	1 Chronicles 7-8	May 18	2 Chronicles 28-31
May 4	1 Chronicles 9-11	May 19	2 Chronicles 32-34
May 5	1 Chronicles 12-14	May 20	2 Chronicles 35-36
May 6	1 Chronicles 15-17	May 21	Ezra 1-3
May 7	1 Chronicles 18-21	May 22	Ezra 4-7
May 8	1 Chronicles 22-24	May 23	Ezra 8-10
May 9	1 Chronicles 25-27	May 24	Nehemiah 1-3
May 10	1 Chronicles 28-	May 25	Nehemiah 4-6
	2 Chronicles 1	May 26	Nehemiah 7
May 11	2 Chronicles 2-5	May 27	Nehemiah 8-9
May 12	2 Chronicles 6-8	May 28	Nehemiah 10-11
May 13	2 Chronicles 9-12	May 29	Nehemiah 12-13
May 14	2 Chronicles 13-17	May 30	Esther 1-5
May 15	2 Chronicles 18-20	May 31	Esther 6-10

GREY HAVEN TEA SUCCESS

The tea for Gray Haven was very successful, thanks to all of your generosity.

We raised:

- * \$130.00 in bus passes, gift cards to McDonalds, Kroger, Walgreens, Walmart, and Starbucks
- * \$1160.00 in cash donations
- * Innumerable cans of beans, boxes of pasta, macaroni and cheese, fruit cups, puddings, boxed mixes, poptarts, peanut butter, lentils
- * 13 boxes of colored pencils
- * 2 bags of hotel toiletries
- * 2 packs of toilet paper

Our guests from the board at Gray Haven, Kathleen and Dan, had a wonderful experience and said that they are so blessed to have the support and donations from Beulah United Methodist Women/Church.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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 & 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 98 women supports hundreds of mission projects around the world and in our community with financial gifts, donations of goods, and volunteer service. Our membership is divided among 5 circles that meet at various times during the month, and if you are not a member, we invite you to come and visit a circle.

VIRGINIA U. M. ADVOCATE

Have you ever thought that there are different types of church visitors with different reasons for visiting, and there are different types of welcoming churches? The cover articles of the April issue offer some thought-provoking ideas about how to make visitors feel welcomed, including treating them as guests, not visitors. As always, there is more, including eye-opening commentaries, UM Day at the General Assembly, an explanation of apportionments, a Virginia team's trip to Cambodia, and the UMW Stamps for Mission program, which you will hear more about in the near future.

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

Barbara Tuttle, Beulah's Advocate Representative

BEULAH DAY IS MAY 21

Don't miss our annual singing of "Dwelling in Beulah Land"! There will be one service at 10:30, and former pastor Rev. Linwood Cook will preach. We will not have Sunday School. Dress is casual. After worship, we will feast on chicken with all the trimmings. Details are in your weekly bulletins. Come and bring your friends and family to celebrate homecoming!

BEULAH'S BEST

The next meeting of Beulah's Best will be May 15, at 10:30. We will be enjoying the entertainment of Jeff Smith.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- May 02- COM
- May 04- Women's Bible Study
- May 05- Mariners Dinner
- May 06- Ladies Night Out
- May 07- Mission Committee
- May 10- Hugging Hearts
- May 14- *Barbecue for Ben*
- May 15- Beulah's Best
- May 16- Prayer Shawl
UMM Dinner
Ruth Robertson Friendship
- May 17- Circle of Love
Wesleyan Stratton
Mary Farmer Circle
- May 18- Rebekah Fellowship
- May 21- Beulah Day
- May 22- Education Meeting
- May 24- Hugging Hearts

- Mon. 10am: Men's Bible Study

A GOAL OF 600 KITS BY JUNE 11?

The chart in the collection area of the outer narthex is already beginning to glow, and the box is ready to receive your donations of help and hope for people in need of both. Directions for assembling the kits are available on the chart. Thank you for being the Hands of Christ in a hurting world.

FRIDAY NITE LIVE

May 12, at 7:00 PM. Join us as we *Listen to God's Voice* with Pastor Marti and special musical guest Zach Angle.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursday May 4, will be the last bible study until September. Enjoy your summer off.

VBS- THE BEST WEEK OF SUMMER!

Come and make new friends, take part in some creative games, amazing experiments, Surprise adventures and some incredible music! VBS is June 26- 30 from 9:00 am to 12:15 pm. Enrollment is free for elementary school age kids, but space is limited. To sign up visit the VBS Webpage at <http://beulahumc.org/ministries-programs/children/vbs/> or call the church at 804-275-2325.

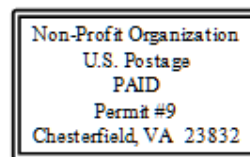
BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

- 02- Donnie Foster, Wendy Hopp
- 03- Jaydn Clark, Leslie Garst, Kristen Wright
- 04- Theresa Buckner
- 05- Mary Hubbard
- 06- Deron Mason, Abigail Soyars
- 07- Mary Coughlin
- 08- Virginia Lauver, Andrew Mutmba, Lindsay Wheatley
- 09- Butch Beatty, David Glass
- 10- Adam Lauver, Robert Morgan, Meredythe Smiley, Sonny Turner
- 11- Tracey Christian, Kathryn Holicky, Dustin Sexton
- 12- Nic Ward, Anne Williams
- 13- Beverly Almond
- 14- Allison Rotz, Kristie White
- 15- Mike Bates, Jim Harris
- 16- Katherine Cordova, David Jones, Michael McCabe
- 18- Shana Conner, Ann Jones, Kevin Mason
- 19- Clay Butner, Becky Chapin, Megan Sexton, Craig Waterworth, Cindy Wyatt
- 21- Pam Beck, Deborah Knotts, Michael Stephens, Hope Wallin, William Yates
- 22- Tom Brandmom, David Conner, Casey Conner, Kenneth Shanks, Masayo Umemura, Craig Walson,
- 23- Jessica Bates, Jake Brooks, Zachary Glazier, Inez Johnson, Mason Leonard, Haley Martin, Alan Waerworth
- 24- Tim Sanderson
- 25- Wendy Clark, Bertha Harvey
- 26- Brad Combs, Ausing Kinneberg, Betty Robertson
- 27- Sydney Inman, Bob Staneart
- 28- Rose Byers, Jeff Jones, Norma Tyler
- 29- Andrew Cuneo
- 30- Doris Clark, Iris Payne
- 31- Diane Kleis



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PLEASE EXPEDITE DELIVERY



Return Service Requested

THANK YOU'S

To: Beulah Friends

From: Dawn Hall

I have always known Beulah is a very loving, caring and praying church family, but to be the recipient of your many acts of kindness has truly been a humbling experience for me. Thank you for your many cars, calls, meals, messages, and especially prayers. I know that my recovery has been helped because of you. Thanks again and may God bless you all.



Have a special Thank you that you want to share? Tell them through the Beacon! Just email to suzanne@beulahumc.org or mail them to the church office by the 15th. It's that easy!



BARBECUE FOR BEN

Join us for Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14, at 8:30 am and 11:00 am, as the Music Makers and Voices of Praise Choirs perform **BARBECUE FOR BEN**, a modern day setting of The Prodigal Son.