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BEULAH BEACON

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

BITTERSWEET GOODBYES

It is bittersweet that I write my last newsletter article. I want to thank each of you for the wonderful support you have given Linda and me for these past seven years. As I look over the past 42 years of my life, serving as pastor to churches as small as 10-12 in worship to the size Beulah is, I am in awe at the blessings we received along the way.

I appreciate the staff that I have had the pleasure of working with since being at Beulah. Each added their own gifts to make Beulah what it is today. It is a joy to come to work because of them. Thank you, ladies!

I appreciate the officers of Beulah as you have led committees, teams and the church in general. It has been a pleasure to know that you would lead and not wait for me to give you my blessings. Thank you.

I appreciate being in the Cantata choirs and the Men's Chorus. The practices were fun and such a joy as we gathered to sing praises to the Lord.

We will be forever grateful to each of you as you held us in prayer during 2015, when we experienced seven family deaths and my heart surgery, all within six months. Your prayers, cards, calls, etc, meant more than you will ever know. It was your support that allowed us to carry on with our responsibilities.

As Linda and I have said time and time again, we cannot return to Beulah in order to allow Pastor Don to be your pastor without any hindrance on my part. He has his gifts, and the Lord has called him to be your pastor. Therefore, I "pass the torch" to him so he can serve you as the Lord leads him to. Don is a wonderful, gifted man and you will be blessed to have him as your pastor.

Being the wonderful, kind people you are, I know that you will support him and his family as you have supported Linda and me. It will be a blessing to me for you to support him with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness.

The last Sunday in June, there will be tears in my eyes as there are now just thinking about what will take place on that day. Please start praying NOW that I will be able to get through the service with my emotions in control.

Linda and I are looking forward to being together in worship and doing things that we have not been able to do because of my commitment on Sunday mornings. Yes, I'll have time in the shop, making more sawdust and kindling; and hopefully, I'll be able to complete a project even if it takes several days.

Please keep us in your prayers as we discover what retirement is as a couple. We do not know what lies ahead, but we know and serve the One who does know. We will miss you, but know that you will be in our prayers as you serve the Lord with Pastor Don.

In His Service, Pastor Keith

PRAYER CALANDER:

In Alaska, community is in the culture. In the summer the youth go fishing with their Inupiat and Yupik elders to subsist. The youth assist the elders by bringing in the fish, while the elders offer valuable insight on the best ways to have success. In this perfect harmony of giving and receiving, youth provide nourishment for their elders, and elders preserve the knowledge of tradition in the youth. Danielle Slingsby, executive director, Nome Community Center, Nome, Alaska

Please pray for our missionaries in Kenya, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Liberia, Cameroon, Tunisia and those serving at home in Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, and Kansas.

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

LECTIONARY:

June 04 – Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 7:37-39

June 11 – Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

June 18 – Genesis 18:1-15

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8

June 25 – Genesis 21:8-21

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

COMMUNION OFFERING:

2017 Virginia Annual Conference Offering supporting mission projects: Cambodia, Brazil, Mozambique, Virginia Long Term Disaster Recovery, Ethnic Minority Misonal Ministries, and Virginia Volunteers in Missions.

FAITH BUILDER:

"It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird: it would be a jolly sight harder for it to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at present. And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad."

— C.S. Lewis

BEULAH, I THANK GOD FOR YOU!

"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God." Philippians 1:3. When I think of my time here at Beulah, that scripture comes to mind. Paul, who loved the Philippians because they were so kind and generous to him while he was in prison in Rome, wished to see them again, and he thanked God for such beautiful memories of them. I feel the same way about Beulah. This congregation has been so kind, loving, and generous to me and my family that I thank God for you every day.

My journey here has been a short 4 years. It seems like yesterday that I worked with my first VBS event, dancing to music, wearing crazy hair, and teaching about God's tremendous love for his children. I have dunked Pastor Will in a dunking booth, rode on a tractor driven by Pastor Keith, and grilled several hot dogs with Karen Clanton during our annual Fall Festival. I have pinned, tied, and wrapped wings on angels, headpieces on shepherds, and crowns on kings during our annual Christmas Pageant. The events that I will always remember are when our youth completed Confirmation classes, giving their lives to the service of the church. What a blessing it has been to be a part of such a sacred occasion.

There have been whirlwinds of events that have blessed me, especially the cooking by Ms. Sara and Ms. Emma during the Beulah Bazaar. And like Paul who God sent to different places to minister to others, I hear the call and must answer. I am headed to Leesburg, VA, carrying all that you have shared with me. Thank you for the memories. You will be in my heart and prayers always.

With Love, Pastor Tracey

THE READINGS FOR JUNE

June 1	Job 1-4	June 16	Psalms 17-20
June 2	Job 5-7	June 17	Psalms 21-25
June 3	Job 8-10	June 18	Psalms 26-31
June 4	Job 11-13	June 19	Psalms 32-35
June 5	Job 14-16	June 20	Psalms 36-39
June 6	Job 17-20	June 21	Psalms 40-45
June 7	Job 21-23	June 22	Psalms 46-50
June 8	Job 24-28	June 23	Psalms 51-57
June 9	Job 29-31	June 24	Psalms 58-65
June 10	Job 32-34	June 25	Psalms 66-69
June 11	Job 35-37	June 26	Psalms 70-73
June 12	Job 38-39	June 27	Psalms 74-77
June 13	Job 40-42	June 28	Psalms 78-79
June 14	Psalms 1-8	June 29	Psalms 80-85
June 15	Psalms 9-16	June 30	Psalms 86-89

VIRGINIA U. M. ADVOCATE

“Can you hear me now?” How do we communicate within our church, and how do we communicate our message within our community? The cover articles for the May issue address these questions by exploring the importance of using social media, today’s communication tools, to let the congregation and the neighborhood know what’s going on. In her editorial, Madeline Pillow stresses the importance of not only publicizing what we are doing, but also being clear in our communications with each other. As always, there is much more in this issue, including a Conference commission’s statement on immigration, the Bishop’s Convocation on Prayer, Belmont UMC’s Conversation on Race & Reconciliation, and the news that our Conference Communications staff won six awards at the annual meeting of the UM Association of Communicators, including first place in the magazine category for our Advocate.

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

WHAT DO YOUR KITS FOR CONFERENCE DO?

A layette wraps a newborn refugee in warm clothing. A health kit allows a tornado victim to wash up after salvaging all he can from his home. A cleaning bucket helps a family scrub out their flood-damaged home. A school kit allows a future doctor to get an education when her parents can’t afford supplies. A birthing kit helps a mother deliver her baby in sanitary conditions. On Sunday, June 11, we will dedicate 600 kits or more, a goal we will reach with everyone’s help. The flame on the chart in the hallway collection area is already rising. You will find the kit instructions on the chart.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- June 02-** Mariners Dinner
- June 04-** Mission Committee
- June 07-** Senior Council Dinner
- June 09-** Friday Nite Live
- June 13-** Mary Farmer Circle Finance Meeting
- June 14-** Hugging Hearts
- June 18-** Outreach Meeting Education Meeting
- June 20-** Prayer Shawl UMM Dinner
- June 21-** Circle of Love Wesleyan Stratton
- June 27-** Admin Board Meeting
- June 28-** Hugging Hearts

Mon. 10am: Men’s Bible Study

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Save the Date: we will again pack more than 10,000 meals for hungry people around the world on **Sunday, August 27**. We will meet for a brief lunch in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 am worship service, and then don our stylish hairnets and take our positions for this worthy and fun event (formerly known as Stop Hunger Now). Put the date on your calendar so you won’t miss it.

FRIDAY NITE LIVE

June 09, at 7:00 PM. Join us as we explore *Pentecost and the Holy Spirit* with Pastor Marti and special musical guests, 7x70.

SAVE THE DATE

It’s the Annual UMW Ice Cream Social: Tuesday, July 25, at 7:00 pm. Call Sandra Sanderson, 804-271-1631 for more information.

BIRTHDAY’S FOR JUNE

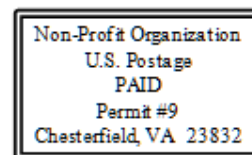
- 01-** Robbie Cordova
- 02-** Martha Payne
- 03-** Valerie Sarrett, Cathy Walden
- 04-** Jeff Moats, Butch Sanderson, Kellyn Staneart
- 05-** Howard Bareford, Anne Christopher, Ann Gould, Geneva Harris
- 07-** Brandon Conner, Tom Connor, Bill Tinsley
- 08-** Frankie Beatty, Lindsey Lankey
- 09-** Dave Jones
- 10-** Abigail Cordova
- 11-** Jo-Ann Clark, Dolly Covington
- 12-** John Clanton, Richard Feeback, Kelsey Inman, Annie Sandy
- 16-** Alan Brown, Kent Hudson, Amy Kluis, Ron McKissick, Patricia Scott, Barbara Tinsley
- 17-** Amy Byers, Rebecca McKissick
- 18-** Jon Kluis, Linda Litton, Karen McCauley, Chris Shaffer,
- 19-** Jay Ammons, Joe Garrison, John Lancaster, Kelsey Smith, Travis Wilson
- 20-** Ann Arnold, Matt Holicky, Alex Sargent, Bridget Soyars, Peggy Taylor, Savannah Worsham
- 21-** Nancy Garrison, David Hastings
- 22-** Brendan Barclay
- 23-** Conner Hamilton, Kate Moats, Ann Worrell
- 24-** Loran Byers, Ryan Carter, Jennifer Martin
- 25-** Mireya Barriga, Joyce Biringier, Marilyn Corbitt, Isabella Koontz, Carson Miles, Frank Williams
- 27-** Kellie Barton, Edward Barton, Karen Flores, James Glazier, Julie Matthews, Jennifer Pisa, Pauline Sherrill
- 28-** Garry Soyars
- 29-** Don Foster, Jame Schmierer, Bill Stearns
- 30-** Jackie Corde, Beth Spitzley

SUMMERTIME!!!!

Summertime and the living is easy, so ease on by “THE BOOK” at the Volunteer Desk and reserve a seat for dinner on **June 7**, at 5:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be home cooked food including hot rolls and dessert. Bring a friend, a neighbor and/or relative. Please note if you will need transportation. While you are at it, mark your calendar for July 12 and August 16 for upcoming events. The Senior Council.

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THANK YOU'S

To: Beulah Family

From: Susan Haga

Once more, on behalf of the Instructional Assistants at Meadowbrook High School, we thank you for the thoughtfulness you have shown. The I.A's appreciate the time and effort that you have taken to bring them the goody bags and treats. They do work so very hard here at Meadowbrook. Once more, thank you. Your kindness and love is so much appreciated.

To: Beulah UMC Friends

From: Kass Spitzley

I would like to thank the congregation for their thoughtful contribution to my Eagle Scout project. Thank you to everyone who made a donation to this project. Without your help, I would not have been able to complete my project. I hope that the church and the community can enjoy for many years to come the picnic tables that I have built with your help.

To: Beulah Family

From: Lynda Spencer

I want to express my sincere appreciation to all the Beulah family who supported me throughout my knee replacement surgery and recovery. It was an outpouring of cards, phone calls, delicious food (best soup ever), lovely flowers, and the lovely Prayer Shawl that I never expected. Unfortunately, I've had a few complications that have prevented me from getting back to church full-time, but I will be back soon. Please know how very much each card that you took the time to send to me meant. May God continue to bless you for the way you show your faith.