



July, 2017

BEULAH BEACON

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

HELLO AND BLESSINGS TO ALL!

It is with great excitement and joy that I greet you this very first time as your pastor. I am so humbled by the hospitality my family and I have received from Pastor Keith, Pastor Marti, Beth Spitzley, the SPRC, and the staff. We have felt most welcome. As a way of introduction, let me share a bit about my journey:

My family and I come to you from the Shenandoah Valley, specifically Waynesboro, Virginia, where I have served Basic UMC for 13 years. I was born and raised in Tennessee and my wife, Christy, is a native Virginian, born and raised in Churchville. Christy and I will celebrate our 27th wedding anniversary on June 23, and together have committed our lives to serving God. We have served as missionaries in a variety of countries on both short term and extended assignments. God has gifted us with six simply incredible children: Karis is our eldest daughter and a grad student at Radford University; Luke, our eldest son, will be living with his grandmother in Churchville while completing community college; Claire, our 15 year old, will be a sophomore at Manchester High School and Isaiah, our 14 year old, will be a freshman. Then there is Chance who is 9 and Emma Maxine who is 6 (our babies).

I had my first experience with God as a five-year-old while attending VBS. My parents truly believed in the godly principle of "training a child- and when he is old he will not depart from it," and found it to be a tried and true in their own lives. Born and raised in a small southern town, I had the privilege of having a large Christian family that greatly influenced my life. As a young pre-teen, I felt the overwhelming call of God upon my heart and life to be a witness, not only to family and friends, but also to share the Gospel wherever God would lead.

At 17 years of age, I accepted the call to "Go" and began raising funds for a mission trip to the Philippine Islands and China. Through the ministry of Teen Missions International, I was trained, equipped and sent forth to proclaim the Good News. This experience became a defining moment in my life and ministry. Upon returning to the U.S., I attended Emmanuel College. I transferred to Teen Missions International Bible, Missions and Work Training College in the fall of 1988. While there, I met my wife, Christy. After graduation that same year, we set off to serve as missionaries in the country of Ecuador. In June of 1994, I entered The Salvation Army Officers/Pastors Training College & Seminary in Atlanta, GA. Upon graduation, I received my first appointment to serve as pastor and commanding officer of the Salvation Army in Montgomery County, Maryland, where I served until receiving a new appointment to San Jose, Costa Rica. While there, I served as pastor as well as administrator and overseer of a childcare center for desperately needy families. After returning to the U.S. in 2002, my journey brought me to the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church where I serve as an ordained Elder in full connection.

I have been prayerfully considering my role as your pastor since first hearing the news of our pairing in ministry. While serving at Basic UMC, I have encouraged and assisted the church in reaching out into the community, organizing multiple new life-giving ministries, and planting 2 additional congregations (a Hispanic/Latino congregation and a Wednesday evening community congregation). I have a great passion for encouraging and equipping the local church to live the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ through practical theology living, out our faith in very practical ways. It is my hope to encourage and lead you into a collective vision and bring into fulfillment the gift which God has already planted in your hearts. As I come to you, I invite you to join me in spending time in prayer and the Word, and listening: listening for God's leading as well as to each other. I also invite you to join me in being visible and accessible. This is a critically important time of building strong and meaningful relationships that will become the foundation of our serving God together. I invite you to join me in making a statement, in very practical ways that we will discern together, that we are determined to serve and love God, each other and our community!

I am eager for the opportunity God has blessed me with to share in ministry with you. I believe that together we can open ourselves to the leading of the Holy Spirit, so that we may know God's will and follow with generous hearts.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Don

PRAYER CALANDER:

United Methodist Women is a community of joyful servants who seek to be a beacon of hope to the lost and lonely children in this world. The important work we do year after year is only possible because of the time, resources and prayers that come from so many United Methodist Women. Cunningham Children's Home isn't just a place where hope begins. Cunningham is a place where God's love is experienced. Thank you United Methodist Women for being a part of God's love yesterday, today and tomorrow. Marlin L. Livingston, president and CEO of Cunningham Children's Home in Urbana, Illinois

Please pray for our missionaries in the United Kingdom, Canada and Samoa and those serving at home in Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland and Maine. The Prayer Calendar is published annually by the General Board of Global Ministries.

LECTIONARY:

July 02 – Genesis 22:1-14

Psalm 13

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

July 09 – Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalm 45:10-17

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19

July 16 – Genesis 25:19-37

Psalm 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 12:1-9, 18-23

July 23 – Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30 – 29:15-28

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

COMMUNION OFFERING:

Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now!), which will be held on Sunday, August 27

FAITH BUILDER:

When grace happens, we receive not a nice compliment from God but a new heart. Give your heart to Christ, and he returns the favor.

—Max Lucado

UPDATE FROM SPRING FEST

The Spring Fest, held on April 24, had gross receipts of \$540.00. Approximately 18 vendors and yard sellers participated. All of the "leftovers" were promptly picked up by The New Life Youth group. Our appreciation to all who participated and we look forward to a sun-filled day on the last Saturday in April of 2018. The Bazaar Committee.

BAZAAR AND APPLE FEST

ALERT! The date for the Bazaar and Apple Fest has changed from November 4, to November 11. Please mark your calendar to reflect the change and stay tuned for further developments.

MISSION RECOGNITION PINS

United Methodist Women Special Mission Recognition Pins were presented recently to Sharon Robertson by Beulah UMW, Nora Foster by Mary E. Farmer Fellowship, Dawn Hall by Rebekah Fellowship, and Joanne Barreca by Barbara Tuttle. A pin signifies that a gift has been given to missions by the donor in honor of the recipient. You do not have to be a member of the UMW to give or receive a pin. Contact Barbara Tuttle or Cathy Turner if you are interested.

BEULAH'S CONFERENCE KITS TOTAL

We collected 667 kits. We broke our goal and last year's record of 647 kits, but more importantly, we will have a positive impact on 667 people who need to know that someone cares

OUR CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

Do you enjoy working with children? Do you love to sing God's praises? Can you play an instrument? Now that Ms. Liz has officially become our part-time Director of Adult Music, we need volunteers to begin working with our children's choirs this fall when M&M's resumes. Even if you have limited musical skills, all that our children need is for you to have a heart for Jesus and a willingness to share it with them. Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time to help out in this important ministry for Beulah. If you are interested in this opportunity, contact Beth Spitzley at 804-796-6744.

THE READINGS FOR JUNE

July 1	Psalms 90-95	July 16	Proverbs 10-12
July 2	Psalms 96-102	July 17	Proverbs 13-15
July 3	Psalms 103-105	July 18	Proverbs 16-18
July 4	Psalms 106-107	July 19	Proverbs 19-21
July 5	Psalms 108-114	July 20	Proverbs 22-23
July 6	Psalms 115-118	July 21	Proverbs 24-26
July 7	Psalms 119:1-88	July 22	Proverbs 27-29
July 8	Psalms 119:89-176	July 23	Proverbs 30-31
July 9	Psalms 120-132	July 24	Ecclesiastes 1-4
July 10	Psalms 133-139	July 25	Ecclesiastes 5-8
July 11	Psalms 140-145	July 26	Ecclesiastes 9-12
July 12	Psalms 146-150	July 27	Song of Solomon 1-8
July 13	Proverbs 1-3	July 28	Isaiah 1-4
July 14	Proverbs 4-6	July 29	Isaiah 5-8
July 15	Proverbs 7-9	July 30	Isaiah 9-12
		July 31	Isaiah 13-17

VIRGINIA U. M. ADVOCATE

In the ongoing discussion about re-vitalizing older churches seeking new members, there is hope in the ministry of church planters. The cover articles in the June issue are written by two church planters: one whose new church shared a facility with an established congregation until they merged, and one whose calling as both a campus minister and an associate pastor with an established church gave him the opportunity to bring college students into the congregation. There is also an article about a church whose facilities are used by multiple congregations. Lots of prayer and "rethinking church" going on! Also read about Trinity UMC's promotion of religious understanding among Christians, Muslims, and Jews. (Among the facilitators are Judy Oguich and Doug Hill.)

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

LIFE IS PRECIOUS

The Annual Life is Precious campaign to benefit the Pregnancy Help Center of Chesterfield starts on June 25, running for a month and ending with an informal baby shower in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, July 23**, after both services. The Pregnancy Help Center of Chesterfield is growing it's ministry by helping moms and dads with unplanned pregnancies make a life-affirming choice for their child. Pick up a baby bottle in the Narthex at church and fill it with change, bills or checks (made out to PHCC). On the Upcoming Events bulletin board, you can find the wish list for those that would like to buy a baby shower gift (please do not wrap them). All proceeds go to ministering and supporting mothers, fathers, and babies in our community.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE MISSION ENCOUNTER

Mission Encounter 2017 will be held at Bon Air UMC., 1645 Buford Rd., N. Chesterfield, Friday and Saturday, July 28 and 29. The cost is \$99, registration deadline is July 15, and scholarships are available. Details & registration forms are available on the Upcoming Events bulletin board in the entry hallway.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- July 04-** Green Acres COM
- July 09-** Mission Committee
- July 11-** Finance Committee
- July 12-** Senior Council Dinner
- July 17-** Hugging Hearts
- July 17-** Education Meeting
- July 23-** Outreach Meeting
- July 23-** Life is Precious Ends
- July 25-** UMW Ice Cream Social
- July 26-** Hugging Hearts

Mondays- STAR Program

FAITH, BASEBALL, AND FIREWORKS

Faith Night at the Diamond is scheduled for Thursday, August 10. We have a reserved block of seats near the third base dugout to watch our Richmond Flying Squirrels. These field level seats are discounted to \$11.00 per person. To purchase your tickets, 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.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR JULY

- 01-** Bonnie Ramey, Christy Rotz
- 02-** Ken Brooks, Joie Jones, Alec Sadler
- 03-** Gary Mitchell, Donn White,
- 04-** Carl Griggs
- 05-** Jim Eads
- 06-** Herman Kiger, Chuck Salmon
- 08-** Linda Frazier, Peggy See
- 10-** Meredith Anderson, Harriett Loving
- 11-** Connie Cook, Kim Fitzgerald, Patsy Hayden, Deborah Martin
- 13-** Julia Allanson, Jerry Copley, Stuart Henderson, Robin Perdue, Amber Petrohovich, Todd Ringenbach, Elizabeth VanDenBerg
- 16-** Jay Wright
- 17-** Brittney House, Linda Waterworth
- 18-** Pam Tyler
- 19-** Todd Garrett, Nancy Pugh
- 20-** Ali Eads
- 22-** Marcia Abernathy, Brandon Brooks, Jacob Griffith, Matt Jones
- 23-** Mike Armentrout, Gavyn Conner, Loren Walden
- 25-** Jill Coltrain, Cindy Creasy, Sandra Sanderson, Logan Spitzley
- 26-** Kathy Donovan, Dorothy House, John Hughes, Don Joyner, Jan Kean, Bobby Wadkins
- 27-** Aimee Crocker, Pat Crocker, Jean Fulghum, Jimmy Hart, Cathy Witherspoon
- 28-** Tom Anderson, Lee Goff, Shirley Pfeil, Jennifer Stanearth
- 29-** Craig House
- 30-** Jean Lane, Russ Parrish

SAVE THE DATE

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

FRIDAY NITE LIVE

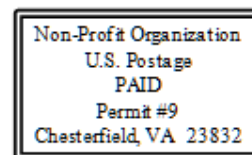
July 14, at 7:00 PM. Join us as Pastor Marti shares *When Evil Hitches a Ride*. Music provided by the Beulah Road Band. There will be refreshments afterwards.

JULY CELEBRATION

Reserve a seat for a *Good 'Ole July Celebration* July 12, at 5:30 pm. There will be Brunswick Stew and lots of fun and surprises. Reserve your seat In the Book at the Volunteer Desk. Let us know if you need a ride.

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THANK YOU'S

To: Beulah Friends

From: Barry and Susan Iglehart

Susan and I would like to thank all of you for the many cards, calls, and remembrances at my mother's passing. Your assistance during that time was gracious and more than appreciated. You are special people. Mom had just transferred her membership to Beulah and looked forward to being as active as she could be, particularly in contributing to the Food Pantry, which we will continue in her honor and on our own. Again, thanks to you all.

To: Our Beulah Family

From: Marvin and Kitty Waldrop

Kitty and I want to thank you for your cards, calls, and visits after the death of my sister. Thanks to Pastor Keith and Pastor Marti for their supportive words and prayers. We are proud to be members of the Beulah Family.

To: All of Beulah

From: Rev. Linwood & Brenda Cook

Our love and thanks for the love and hospitality shared on Beulah Day. What a day of blessings and seeing everyone. We love you all! The music service, and food were wonderful! Keep on doing what you do!

To: Beulah Members

From: Joanne Cash, Altrusa Tea Committee

Thank you for allowing us to hold our Annual Tea at your church! It is a perfect venue for our tea! Dale Childrey and the Beulah United Methodist volunteers did a great job! Through your efforts, we were able to raise in excess of \$2,500 for our Community Service Projects! Thanks again!