

Bethany United Church of Christ

Embracing the Community

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Happy Spring!

Spring News 2019

Lent, Easter, and Beyond

Rev. Colleen Samson

Our Lenten season at Bethany will be particularly meaningful this year. Pastor Kathy and I will join together in a Sermon Series called Busy: Re-connecting with an Unhurried God. There are many good parts to the series, and it will bring a different flavor to worship. Lent is a time for self-reflection; a time to consider your relationship to God and others. So, slow down!

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and lasts for forty days, not counting Sundays. The season concludes when we join together with disciples everywhere on Easter morning to celebrate the risen Christ. During Lent, the Bethany family will join together in a Maundy Thursday service on April 18 at 6:30 p.m. and an Easter Sunrise service on Easter morning at 7:00 a.m. The sunrise service will be followed by breakfast.

As we move toward Pentecost, the world of the disciples opens in a whole new way. Perhaps it can open for us in a different way, too. The new life that blooms around us reminds us that our life in Christ is new every day. What is it like to awaken every day to a new life, to be invigorated by hope? May your life be hopeful and grounded in the resurrected Christ who promises us newness of life. The promise of Easter is the love of God into eternal life. Carry that promise with you every day.

New

Something New at Bethany

New

There have been conversations over the years about the aging of our building and the equipment. Recently we replaced, with the help of a generous parishioner who supplied us with financing, our heating/air system in fellowship hall. It was thirty years old. It was time. There are other things in our building that will need to be repaired or replaced. Your church council wants to start a fund for Equipment Repair and Replacement. Over the next few months, you will hear more about a plan and ways you can help. The Bethany family is always good at giving when the church has a need. Watch and listen for details to come!

Bethany is a community of justice and peace serving the needs of people on their spiritual journey.

NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

Every Sunday Morning

Adult Faith Formation 9:30
Sunday School 9:30
Worship Service 10:30



Scriptures

March

March 10 Psalm 91: 1-2,
9-16
March 17 Luke 13: 31-35
March 24 Isaiah 55: 1-9
March 31 Psalm 32

April

April 7 Psalm 126
April 14 Psalm 118: 1-2,
19-29
April 21 Isaiah 65: 17-25
April 28 Job 12: 7-10

May

May 5 John 21: 1-19
May 12 John 10: 22-30
May 19 John 13: 31-35
May 26 John 14: 23-29

June

June 2 John 17: 20-26
June 9 Psalm 104: 24-34,
35b
June 16 John 16: 12-15

Happy Easter!

Easter Events

April 18 at 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service at Bethany

April 21 at 7:00am Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast

Worship Service at 10:30am

*No Sunday School



Quilts of Valor Presentation

Lou Grandmaison was recognized for her military service on January 26, 2019, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Conover. Lou was presented a quilt from the Quilts of Valor, a non-profit foundation whose mission is "to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor." Veterans across the nation have been receiving tangible gifts of love and appreciation from quilters since this nationwide grassroots program started in 2003. Since its beginning through December 31, 2018, a total of 209,111 quilts have been awarded. Congratulations, and thank you, Major Lucile Grandmaison, United States Army, Retired.



Mark Your Calendars

Meet and Eat Events:

April 11 at 6:30 JD's Smokehouse

June 13 at 6:30 Yellow Deli

August 15 at 6:30 Butcher Boys

October 17 at 6:00 Captain's Galley

Social Events

May 18 at 4:00 Cookout at Bethany

July 13 at 3:00 Ice Cream Social at Pastor Colleen's Home

August 11 Worship Service at The Little White Church at Blowing Rock Conference Center

November 2 at 5:00 Bingo at Bethany

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

		April	
	3	Edith Grimes	
	23	Julia McCray	
	27	Jane Campbell	
		May	
20	Gina Beard		
27	Jerry Pope	9	Lou Grandmaison
29	Beth Graham		

**BUSY:
RECONNECTING WITH AN
UNHURRIED GOD**

A SERMON SERIES FOR LENT



- The Right Tempo
- Preparing a Table
- Tuning In
- Living Light
- A Time for Every Matter
- Give it a Rest

Earth Day



Bethany Youth

Celebrate

Earth Day on Sunday, April 28, at the 10:30 Worship Service.