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Embracing the Community

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Fall News 2019

New Ministries at Bethany

By Rev. Colleen Samson

It pleases me to write about two new ministries that are underway at Bethany. Both ministries are relevant for today's world. The first is a "Crisis Care Ministry." The "Crisis Care Ministry" is an outgrowth of my doctoral program. Those participating in the ministry are Rev. Kathy Naish, Vivian Cline, Vicki Smith-Canipe, Cindy Smith-Canipe, Donna Rauschenberg, Lisa Goins, Julia McCray, Sarah Bostian and Lou Grandmaison. The named individuals went through a six-week training course on how to care specifically for women and children in crisis, but their training can extend to anyone going through a crisis. The need for this ministry arose when there was a hurricane in eastern North Carolina last year and our UCC Southern Conference could not respond with spiritual care givers. Bethany UCC served as a pilot training for other churches to develop their own program.

The other new ministry is called "The Green Team." This ministry, which is just beginning, is the result of a couple discussions in the Bethany Adult Discussion group. Judy Kirby was on a Green Team in another church and shared how they were able to make a difference in how their church was contributing to environmental issues. If you are interested in caring for the environment and finding ways that Bethany can make changes to be part of the environmental solution, then please join "The Green Team!" Both of these ministries are relevant in today's changing world. Let us do our part to care for God's children and God's world.

Fall is a beautiful time of the year to consider how you can participate in any of the ministries at Bethany. Maybe you have been wanting to join Adult Discussion on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. or Prayer Partners that meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Perhaps you are willing to help with Fellowship events or teach our young people. Just let Pastor Colleen know how you would like to serve. Everyone is needed and appreciated!

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

September

Sept 8 Psalm 139: 1-6
Sept 15 Luke 15: 1-10
Sept 22 Luke 16: 1-13
Sept 29 Luke 16: 19-31

October

Oct 6 Luke 17: 5-10
Oct 13 Luke 17: 11-19
Oct 20 Laity Sunday
Jer 29: 1, 4-7 and Luke 18: 1-8
Oct 27 Psalm 65

November

Nov 3 Psalm 119: 137-144
Nov 10 Luke 20: 37-38
Nov 17 Luke 21: 5-19
Nov 24 Luke 23: 33-43

December

Dec 1 Matthew 24: 36-44
Dec 8 Matthew 3: 1-12
Dec 15 Matthew 11: 2-11
Dec 22 Matthew 1: 18-25
Dec 29 Matthew 2: 13-23

Mark Your Calendars!

September 21 PRIDE Celebration
11:00 to 4:00 Salt Block in Hickory NC.

September 28 Church Workday Saturday at 8:00 am. Bring tools and gloves.

October 6 Quarterly Birthday and Anniversary Celebration following worship Service

October 17 Meet & Eat 6:00 at Captain's Galley in Hickory NC.

November 2 5:00 BINGO/Hot Dogs in Fellowship Hall.

November 24 Harvest Meal following Worship Service.

Up Coming Events!

**WNCA ANNUAL MEETING
POLITICS AND THE PULPIT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019**

ABERNETHY LAURELS

REGISTER AT
wnca-soc.org

**LAITY SUNDAY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019**

GUEST SPEAKER,
JO ANNE FLICK

*Bethany's own members and
young disciples as available*

Abernethy Laurels Resident Sprinkles Love in her Community

Special to the O-N-E

Lou Grandmaison, a resident at Abernethy Laurels retirement community, had a yearning to help others in her community. Grandmaison is active with LINC (Linked in New Creative) Ministries, including LINC Gift and Thrift store in downtown Newton, and gives freely of her time by volunteering in numerous activities with church and non-profits. When she heard of a critical need to help local foster children, Grandmaison knew she had work to do. Sadly, there are nearly 350 children in Catawba County currently in foster care. When children are placed into, many times it is unplanned leaving the children without essential items, stated Grandmaison. Grandmaison decided to organize a supply drive at Abernethy Laurels for the second year in a row. "Our community is filled with others that want to make a difference. I knew when staff and residents heard about this need, they would open up their hearts and wallets," added Grandmaison, "and they sure did." Sprinkle Some Love, the name of the supply drive held through the month of July, was an effort to collect school supplies, hygiene products, and therapy/calming items. Within a week, the once empty barrel was overflowing with supplies like backpacks, crayons and markers, tissues, toothbrushes, and other needed supplies. Collected items were passed along for distribution through Family Builders of Catawba Valley, a division of Catawba County Social Services that creates, builds, strengthens and sustains families through the adoption and foster progress. "I'm so proud to be part of a community that supports efforts like this one." shared Grandmaison. "It warms my heart to know that we are making a difference in the lives of local children - we are sprinkling love right here in our local community.

For information about adopting or fostering a child or learn ways you can help, visit fostercatawba.com.

A not-for-profit retirement community in Newton, NC, Abernethy Laurels takes pride in its history and tradition of excellence. For more information about Abernethy Laurels, please visit their website at www.abernethylaurels.org.



Lou Grandmaison - Pam Kidwell - Kelli Osborne



NEW LIFE CELEBRATION BE PREPARED

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

WORSHIP WITH A
GUEST SPEAKER

FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK
AFTER WORSHIP

WITH NEWTON POLICE
DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

*SIGN UP SHEET OUTSIDE OF
FELLOWSHIP HALL*

Daylight Savings Time

November 3, 2019

Turn Clocks back 1 Hour



October

- 1 Lisa Goins
- 12 Eric Ervin
- 22 Trish Passman
- 25 Vicki Smith-Canipe
- 30 Ruth Sanders

September

- 12 Donna Ervin
- 21 Kenneth Reed
- 24 Elizabeth Cline

November

- 10 Norma Boggs
- 27 Kathy Naish



Bethany UCC / Claremont and Zion UCC/ Lenoir celebrated a joint worship service at Mt. Bethel Reformed (The Little White

Church) in Blowing Rock on August 11, 2019. The service was led by Rev. Colleen Samson. The congregations then shared a meal at the Blowing Rock Conference Center. It was a beautiful day!