



## **Bethany E-Blast: March 27, 2019**

### **Bethany Breakfast is March 31**

The next Bethany Breakfast is Sunday, March 31 at 10:15 (right after the service). Come and join your Bethany family for good food and great fellowship! Bring your friends and neighbors! There will be enough for all!

### **Benefit dinner for the Pinkard family**

Save some time on Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 4-7p, to attend a benefit dinner for the Pinkard family here at Bethany. Josh Pinkard, who died in the Henry Pratt shooting was the father of three small children, one of whom is a student at our own Blessed Beginnings preschool. The preschool has joined with Old Post Elementary School to raise money for the Pinkard Family Education Foundation. 100% of the proceed will go to this Foundation to fund 529 college plans for Josh's 3 children.

### **No Children's Sunday School during Spring Break**

There will be no Sunday School for our youth and children during the two Spring Break Sundays on March 24 and March 31.

### **There WILL BE Sunday School on Easter Sunday!**

Children's Sunday School for ages 4 through grade 5 **WILL BE HELD** on Sunday, April 21 (Easter Sunday).

### **Free Community Easter Egg Hunt Planned for April 20**

A free Community Easter Egg Hunt is planned for Saturday, April 20 from 10:30am to 12:00pm. Children ages 2-12 are invited to the event, which will be held on the Bethany lawn. 1,000 candy-filled eggs will be distributed. Children are asked to bring their own **SMALL** bag or basket to collect the eggs. Games with prizes and Easter themed arts and crafts will be available as well. Contact the Bethany office with questions, (630) 851-8010.

### **We Need donations for the Egg Hunt Cakewalk**

Small plates of goodies are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt cakewalk that will be held on Saturday, April 20th. Please have the treats at the church by Saturday at 10:00. Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have questions, contact Jill Zine, [jdzfamly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jdzfamly@sbcglobal.net).

### **AGAPE Sunday School Class Food Drive**

The AGAPE Sunday School Class is hosting a Lenten Food Drive beginning Sunday, March 10 and continuing until Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019. They will be accepting non-perishable items that are not expired or money contributions (cash or checks made out to Bethany with "food drive" noted on them. Join in the collection!

## New Mission Team meeting on April 4

Following the words of Jesus found in Matthew 25:40; "I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me." The Bethany Mission's Team is ready to kick off their team efforts on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. here at the church. The Mission team will be focusing on 3 areas of needs this year; local, country and global. Currently Mission efforts to provide for some in need include the cereal drive each 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month and the school supply drive currently underway.

Want to be part of the team? Just show up April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and/or contact Mike Markham [mikmarkham@comcast.net](mailto:mikmarkham@comcast.net) or Jacquee Lawrence [jlawre7808@aol.com](mailto:jlawre7808@aol.com) .

## Dollar Dinners Continue Through Easter

Bethany will again be serving Dollar Dinners on Wednesday evenings starting Wednesday, March 13 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for good food and good fellowship!

## Our Lenten Journey: Getting Through Life's Losses

The time between Ash Wednesday and Easter is a time of self-reflection and spiritual practice to help our faith grow. This year, six small study groups will be focusing on "Getting Through Life's Losses", and meeting from 6:45 to 7:30pm. Small groups will be available (one each for children, and youth, four will be available for Adults).

## School Supply Donations Needed

It's getting close to the end of the school year and some area elementary schools (as well as Bethany's own Blessed Beginnings) need some help! We are collecting certain needed supplies (see the list below) in the boxes below the small group signs in the Narthex. Thanks! Bethany of Fox Valley UMC Missions

### Georgetown/Allen Elementary

Dry erase markers  
Headphones  
Playdoh  
Water paints  
Colored pencils  
Post-it note (3" square)  
2-pocket folders  
Pencil boxes/pouches  
Colored sharpies  
Biner rings  
Staples  
Disinfectant wipes

### Blessed Beginnings

Laminating sheets  
Ink pads (different colors)  
Bags of feathers  
Buttons  
Google eyes (all sizes, bigger)  
Sharpies (black and colored)  
Q tips  
Cotton balls  
Sequins  
Dr. Seuss books  
Ink stamps (animals, farm, ocean, zoo, insects, etc)  
Gallon of glue  
Playground balls  
Color paints (non-std colors, washable, non toxic)

## Sunday Morning Hospitality Sign Up

We need individuals to provide items for our Sunday morning coffee table. If you'd like to host a Sunday by bringing baked goods for our guests and congregation to enjoy after service, or by contributing a can of coffee, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.



## Use Your SmartPhone in Service!

What's your usual way of participating in our worship service? Come to the door, grab a bulletin from the usher, sit down. But now, Bethany's congregation will have a new option: the E-bulletin for your Smartphone!

Here are a couple of ways to get the service on your phone::

**Download** the bulletin to your smart phone or tablet from the link on the front page of the website ("download the bulletin" button). You will need a QR reader app. Grab a connect card from the front glass door of the sanctuary.

**Or**, load the Bethany website and click the link next to the "Download the bulletin" button. This says "view as web page". That will take you right to the service bulletin.

**Or**, you can scan QR code at the front glass door of the sanctuary. It will direct your device to download it from the church webpage. Then, you can download it at your device. Still, grab a connect card!



We will still project the service on the screen in front of the church. And we will still provide large print bulletins. And there will still be a number of paper bulletins at the door. We hope to reduce the number of bulletins we print each week. Let us know what you think!

## Great Agers Potluck Features a Master Gardener

Great Agers will meet on April 12 for our monthly potluck lunch. Bring a dish to share and your own table service. Plan to arrive between 11:30 a.m. and noon. Lunch will be served at noon. Following lunch, Master Gardener Sue Styer will demonstrate the best ways to create a container vegetable garden. She will show everyone how to get a bountiful harvest of fresh homegrown vegetables and herbs in limited space that also looks appealing as well as tastes great. Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex if you plan to attend. Call Judy Buchenot at 630-820-0095 if you have questions. Hope to see everyone!

## Spring POWTC FUNDrive:

### Get Ready! We'll be hosting a final FUNDrive this Spring for Paving Our Way to Christ

Last year, thanks to your generous donations, we collected over 5,000lbs of gently used clothing items and were able to raise just over \$1,200 to apply towards our parking lot drive. We'll be hosting another drive this May. So, as you begin to purge some of your winter items and clean out closets, please remember to set those items aside for our drive. We're looking for gently used clothing items, coats, bedding, towels, tablecloths, shoes, stuffed animals and purses. Any soft item that can be easily bagged and transported.

An announcement and collection packets will go out for drop off dates closer to the event. If you like to drop off items sooner, please contact Susanna Brandon, 630-487-1158, or the church office. We do have space available to store a limited number of bags.

**About Savers:** Savers, Inc. is a privately held global thrift retailer. Through its unique business model of purchasing, reselling and recycling secondhand merchandise, the Savers family of thrift stores benefits more than 150 Nonprofit organizations give local consumers a smart way to shop and has saved more than 650 million pounds of quality used goods from landfills each year.

## Bethany Preschool Fund Raiser Begins!

Bethany's preschool, Blessed Beginnings, is planning a sale of bundtlets, in partnership with local favorite, Nothing Bundt Cakes. The cakes, which feed 1-2 people each, are individually wrapped and cost \$5 each. Flavors include Red Velvet, Chocolate Chocolate Chip, White Chocolate Raspberry, Lemon, Marble, Pecan Praline, Carrot, Confetti, Classic Vanilla and Strawberries and Cream. The order deadline is Wednesday, April 10 by 3:00pm For questions, contact preschool director Kim Reina at 630.851.8010 or [director@blessedbeginnings.info](mailto:director@blessedbeginnings.info).



## Bethany Fun Facts Quiz

I told you there would be a quiz at some point! Can you answer these questions about Lent? More question next week, answers will be provided after Easter!

1. What does the term "Lent", which comes from "lencten," mean?
  - a. Sacrifice
  - b. Time
  - c. Spring
  - d. March Madness
2. How were ashes imposed in the early church?
  - a. The shape of a cross was drawn on the forehead.
  - b. Ashes were smeared across closed eyelids.
  - c. Ashes were poured or sprinkled over the head.
3. Why do people give things up for Lent?
  - a. To follow the example Jesus' 40-day fast in the wilderness.
  - b. To help us focus on prayer and devotion.
  - c. To give the acquired savings to the poor.
  - d. All of the above.

## Upcoming Events:

Lent Study and Dollar Dinners	Wednesday, March 27	6:00pm	FH
Consolidated Election	Tuesday, April 2	All Day	FH
Dorcas Circle	Wednesday, April 10	12:00pm	FH
Great Agers	Friday, April 12	11:30am	FH
Pinkard Benefit Dinner	Saturday, April 13	3:00pm	FH
Community Egg Hunt	Saturday, April 20	10:30am	Lawn



## March Anniversaries

Patrick & Judy Buchenot, March 15

## March Birthdays

- 2 Becca Jones
- 8 Colleen McCoy  
Cristian Piceno
- 9 Thomas Dennehy  
Aaron Lewis
- 11 Nicole Boclair
- 12 Jill Zine
- 13 Walt McGuire
- 14 Grace Jantz
- 15 Alyssa Allen
- 16 Jane Heidemann  
Zachary Horn
- 17 Susan Heath
- 19 Jillian Seyl  
Jennifer Seyl
- 21 Jamie Marquardt  
Kelly Mielcarz  
Ashleigh Tucek
- 22 Mary Wolf
- 23 Michael Wolf
- 25 Sarah Young
- 28 Richard Conlin
- 29 Katie Close