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On January 20th our Church gathered for our "Vision Kickoff Weekend" and what a weekend it was! Wow! We had great attendance and your enthusiasm, care and concern for Bethel was evident. One of the Bethel's strengths that was highlighted during that weekend was how supportive and caring we are for one another. Several people commented that one of the reasons they attend Bethel is because we are a welcoming, friendly church who really seem to care about each other. One of the people that exemplifies this is David Wilson, he's truly a "Gem," pun intended! As you'll see, David has a pretty unique hobby, he's a rock collector.

I asked David how he got into rock collecting and he said, "I started collecting rocks and minerals when I was in the 6th grade. It was because of a science project that Mrs. Salle wanted us to do. I had a classmate named Johnny Packard and his family owned Packard's Rock Shop in Midlothian. Johnny brought in some beautiful Jackstraw quartz crystals from Arkansas. That's what got me started. I started going to Packard's Rock Shop and I was mesmerized by the different types of minerals. Mr. and Mrs. Packard are the ones who noticed my interest and they helped and encouraged me along the way. They introduced me to the Richmond Gem and Mineral Society. It was during one of their shows that we took a field trip to the Rutherford Mine in Amelia County. When I went into that mine, I knew I found my passion. Discovering so many minerals immediately grew into a love for geology and then into a love for the mineral world. My father would often take my sister Dana and me to the mines. My mother once asked me why I like to collect rocks and I told her it's because they are like fingerprints, no two are ever alike." I asked David if he had a favorite rock and he said, "It's hard to pick one, but if I have to say it would be the Oklahoma Desert Rose. I discovered it on a trip to see my grandparents who lived in Oklahoma."



I asked David if studying rocks and minerals helped him to understand God. He said, "I discovered how awesome God is by creating minerals that we depend on every day of our life. Think about it? Without the knowledge of geology, we would still be living in the stone age. The Bible has a lot of references to metals, minerals, clay, limestone, and salt. The Eilat Stone is a green-blue colored gem-stone and was first mentioned back in Biblical times. Then there's Aaron's breastplate, which is made up of 12 different gem stones."

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David's knowledge of rocks and minerals is impressive, but the way that David lives out his faith is most impressive. On the sermon on the mount, Jesus says, "Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock." David's built his life on "The Rock" by following our Lord's instruction and putting his faith into action. For several years now David has been going out of his way to bring folks to church, folks like Marie Justice and Barbara Burchett who don't have their own transportation. David says, "Did you know that Marie Justice used to be my cub scout leader? Or that Barbara Burchett was my 8th grade geography teacher? When I started bringing people to church, I saw them glow. They just seemed to light up and they really appreciate coming to church and being able to see all of their friends. This is especially true for Barbara Burchett." A few years ago Barbara had a stroke and lost her ability to speak. David helps to bring some joy into Barbara's life by bringing her to church. David says, "The Lord has made it possible for me to bring a little joy and happiness into other lives." In addition to transporting people to church, David also enjoys visiting with some of our home bound members. David says, "I always enjoy having dinner with Peggy Heath and chatting with her." I want to thank David for his wonderful ministry. He is an example to us all. As we continue praying to "Discover God's Vision Together," let's listen carefully to God, our Rock, on how we can build upon our friendly, caring nature. I believe it will be foundational to fulfilling God's purpose for Bethel.



I asked David if he would want to share anything with the congregation and he said, "The Last thing I want to say is please take the time to get to know people in our congregation. There is a rich history in each of us. Seize the moment and get to know each other. Finally, when I die, do not come to my grave to tell me how much you love me and how much you missed me, because those are the words I want to hear while I am alive." David, I'll write the words for all of us at Bethel: We love you and we appreciate you and the gift that you are to our congregation. You are loved and appreciated my friend.

May God bless David Wilson and may God bless Bethel Church as we Seek God's Vision Together.

Todd

Bethel Care Team



Hello Everyone,

Where does the time go??? Here we are already in March, the month that brings us officially into Spring, Daylight Savings Time and we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, always a fun day for the littles. It's a happy month, surely one that keeps us on our toes, some times there may be snow, there is always windy days and there is the blessing of more sunshine and longer days. God blesses us with "weather" that brings interest into our lives. It makes us stay inside some days and rejoice and enjoy a nice walk on others. Whatever the day, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

I came across this Bible verse that describes our Care Team in many ways. Let me share it with you, 1 Corinthians 12:6. There are different ways the SPIRIT WORKS. But the same God is working in all these ways and in all people.

We serve in our own ways, some people are good with conversation and just a little visit, others are the most wonderful cooks and bless someone by taking a meal to someone in need. We share times of gathering together and discussing those that have other needs and we have others who step up and donate furniture to someone who might have a need. What would we do without friends who will help if we just ask. I think God wants us to ASK for the needs of ourselves and for others. I want to thank the many people who are always thinking of ways to help our committee. You are each and everyone indeed a real blessing. My prayer going forward is that these needs and those that help to meet those needs continue in our service to others.

Have a happy March, enjoy the peaks of flowers beginning to poke their heads from the ground. The beauty of God's earth is about to show up!!!

Shirley Lewis/Team Lead

Family Movie Night Coming March 17

Based on the best-selling book series by Bernard Waber, **Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile** is a live-action CGI musical comedy that brings this beloved character to a new, global audience. Join us on March 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the People of Hope Center for "Family Movie Night." We will watch *Lyle, Lyle Crocodile* and enjoy snacks, comedy, fun and fellowship. More details coming soon.



By Heather Kerns
Preschool Director

We are so ready for March, Spring, and warmer weather to come our way! Spring promises new beginnings, and we cannot wait to see what the next few months bring. It is incredibly hard to believe that we only have a few more months with our amazing students and families. We have had such a great year together and we will certainly cherish the rest of our time together.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Bethel Museum of Fine Art! Our preschoolers were so excited to have a special time to showcase their creative masterpieces for their friends, family, and church members. We hope to make this a yearly tradition at our preschool as these sweet children deserve to be doted on.

As you know, open enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year began last month. We have been overwhelmed, in the best possible way, by the response we have had. All our preschool classes are almost completely full! We are beyond grateful to our wonderful families for recommending our little school to people in the community, as well as all of those who will be returning to Bethel again next year, for allowing us to continue doing what we love to do! We cannot wait to share all the exciting things that are happening with our preschool in the future, thanks to all your support and love.

March will be a busy month for our preschool. We will have two STEAM days in March (one on the 9th and the other on the 23rd). In addition to that, we will take our spring pictures, both individual and class, with Noah James Photography on March 21st and 22nd. We will also host a LUCKY Fun Friday Event for students on Friday, March 17th. We will make St. Patrick's Day crafts, play games, eat snacks, and have a wonderful morning together.

Looking ahead to the month of April, our preschool will be closed for Spring Break from April 3rd-7th, our classes will learn about the true meaning of Easter and celebrate the Easter holiday with their class, and we will have our schoolwide field trip to the Richmond Metro Zoo!

I cannot adequately describe what an incredible year we have had in our preschool. The love and support of the church and our preschool families has been more than I could have ever dreamed. As always, I am so appreciative to all of you for helping make our program so successful.

God Bless all of you,
Heather Kerns
Bethel Baptist Preschool Director

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Missions News by Frances Morris

Women's Missionary Union Meeting—The monthly meeting of the WMU will be held on **Monday, March 6, at 10 a.m.** in the People of Hope Center. All women are invited.

Bethel Preschooler Cards: If you have signed up to send a card to a preschooler, please be sure to remember his/her birthday and any upcoming holidays.

Kroger: To register your Kroger card for missions, go to www.Kroger.com and sign in. Then click on "Community" on the tab bar and click on "community Rewards." The church member number is **QW701**. You will still get your points toward gas.

Men's Fellowship Lunch March 2, at Noon



The Men's Fellowship will meet for lunch on Thursday, March 2, at noon at the Italian Delight Restaurant in Powhatan. If you have any questions, please call Bruce Lewis at 804-467-2886. All men are welcome.

Ladies Fellowship Lunch March 30, at Noon



You're Invited!

The Ladies Fellowship Luncheon will meet Thursday, March 30, at noon at Four Seasons Restaurant in Midlothian. All women are invited. If you would like more information about the Ladies Lunch, or you plan to attend, please call Shirley Lewis at 804-467-2885 so she can call and reserve a place for you.

Many Thanks

Dear Bethel Family,
Shawn and I can finally take a moment to think about Connor's memorial and how supported we felt from our Bethel community. Todd performed a beautiful tribute to honor our son's 12 years here on earth, Linda put TLC into the bulletins, and many of you showed up to pay your respects to our superhero. We have felt the love and appreciated the cards arriving in the mail saying how much you enjoyed Connor's smile or seeing him at Trunk or Treat. We are forever grateful for your support and God's grace - thank you.

Love,
Shawn and Krista Smith

Many Thanks Continued

Dear Bethel Church,
Thank you so much for the Christmas bag, everything you put in it was perfect! I was especially happy with all the chocolate and cookies. I told my caregiver that she wasn't opening the bag fast enough. Thanks for thinking of me. Special thanks to Shirley Lewis who is a kind and wonderful friend and many thanks to everyone at Bethel Baptist Church.

Your friend always,
Lee Elam

Dear Bethel Family,
I want to thank my loving church family for the many phone calls, cards, prayers and the lovely dish garden I received following my surgery. They all have meant so much to me and certainly have boosted my recovery. I hope to be back with you soon.

Sincerely,
Faye Cohen

Dear Bethel Church Family,
Thank you for all the prayers, support, food, flowers, calls and cards we received. We appreciate all the continued prayers that we can get.

Love,
Mike and Paige Rider

Bethel family & friends thank you so much for the many cards, phone calls & text messages & good comfort food you gave me as I navigate through this wrist surgery & PT. David & I are so blessed to be a part of such a beautiful body of believers & we treasure this.♥

Love & Blessings to all,
Cheryl Grubbs

To My Church Family,
I would like to thank everyone for thinking of me and taking the time to send me a Christmas card. I love my church family and I so enjoyed looking through the cards I received this year and I wish everyone a great year.

Love,
Barbara Bell

4 Ways to Give at Bethel

- 1. In Person:** Drop your check in the offering plate as you enter or leave the People of Hope on Sunday morning.
- 2. Send a check to our secure mailbox:** The address is: Bethel Baptist Church, 1100 Huguenot Springs Rd. Midlothian VA, 23113.
- 3. Online Giving:** On our Website there is a link to give. Once you click on the link you'll be prompted to give through either your bank account or a credit card. Here's the link for online giving: <https://www.bethelchurchmidlothianva.org/giving/>
- 4. Text Giving:** Simply text the dollar amount you'd like to give to (804)361-8590 and follow the prompts. You'll be asked to enter a debit card or credit card number. The minimum amount for text giving is \$10. The platform we're using is safe and secure and you'll be given the option of an email receipt at the end of your transaction. As always, we are grateful for your contributions to the church and we thank you for your gifts.

The Boxcast App



The Boxcast App is now available to view our complete church services on your Apple TV, Roku, or Smart TV. This will provide a simple high quality means to view our services on your large screen TV so the entire family can watch the service together. Please follow these instructions:

1. Add the Boxcast app to your device.
2. Search for the church's channel by searching for Bethel Baptist Church Midlothian, VA. (NOTE: Spelling and punctuation is important when searching.)
3. Once you find our channel the church's logo will appear. Select this channel.
4. You are DONE.

Please contact any member of the AV team if you have any questions.

Monday Small Group Sharing and Caring

The "Sharing and Caring" group meets each Monday morning at 9 am in the People of Hope Center. For more information, contact Bruce Bartlam at 804-739-2936.



Sunday School Classes

The following classes are meeting in person:

- The Providers Class meets in the Providers Classroom in the People of Hope.
- The Endeavors Class meets in the Endeavors Classroom in the People of Hope.
- The Salt and Light class now meets in the 2nd room on the left in the Education Building (it is marked Salt and Light)
- Students in grades K-5 will meet in the Jigsaw Room downstairs.
- Students in grades 6-12 will meet in the Youth Room downstairs.

The nursery remains open during the Sunday School hour for our younger children. We will still offer zoom to those who can not be here. The zoom class will be from Robert Brooks class in the Providers classroom.

The zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87461349993?pwd=UW0rZ2F0OEp4RUJNVHhK1pGRmIDQT09>

Meeting ID: 874 6134 9993 Passcode: 139739

A Note from Our Library

So far our winter has been mild except for a few really cold days. My hope is that it stays that way. Would you believe our library staff has been planning for the end of the preschool year. I know Dr. Seuss will be on the top of our list. His birthday is the 2nd of March. The books written by him will be on display soon. Easter is next in our plans. Then it will be close to the end of the preschool year. So sad. We are hearing the boys and girls in the hallway. When they come into the library it fills us with such joy. What they have learned this year is truly amazing. Spring is just around the corner, you better hurry and finish your winter reading.



Barbara Bell, Media Director

WMU Sunday

Join us on March 5 at 10:30 a.m. for WMU Sunday. Our speaker will be Sara Hubble, Operations and Pastoral Director of Camp Crossroads. We will have special music from Lucy Hansen, and a musical presentation from our very own Bethel ladies. If you would like to sing with our Bethel Ladies, please contact Janet Goodman. We hope you will join us on March 5, as we celebrate missions.

March Birthdays



1	Abbey Brooks	17	Wendy Theriot
1	Ed Wooldridge	17	David Wilson
2	Judy Barker	18	Jim Bradley
3	Amy Beltz	18	Shannon Gerace
3	Nancy Humphreys	18	Laura Hughes
3	Cheyenne Nelson	20	Micah Gilbert
3	Wendy Palmore	20	Robert Brooks
4	Conner Brock	20	Kimberly Cody
4	Kylie Grubbs	20	Pat Bartlam
4	Layne Puryear	20	Colin Patteson
6	Pat Beltz	21	Cindy Wight
6	Kari Liverman	22	Steve Dragnich
6	Christine Cullen	22	Margaret Watkins
6	Jeanne Yeager	24	Doug Acree
7	Jean Redmond	24	Joe Atkinson
8	Donna Brooks	27	Brayden Rider
9	Debbie Weir	28	Andrea Hale
10	Coleman Goodman	29	Carrie Persichini
10	Faith McNeel	29	Bobby Moseley
10	Jennie Sadler	29	Debbie Passmore
14	Howard Humphreys	29	Kenny Passmore
14	Mark Justis	30	Bill Redmond
14	Debbie Salyer	31	Rylan Mead
14	Scott Tooley		

Opportunities for:

Mission/Ministry

- Music Ministry/Choir
- WMU
(Meets the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m.)
- Charlotte's Pantry (See Brenda Peck)
- Backpack Ministry (See Vera Caniglia)
- Sunday Morning Nursery Ministry (during worship)
- Friends of the Homeless (5th Mondays at 8:30 a.m. (See Ardelle Florence))
- AA Meeting every Thursday at 5:30 p.m.
- Puppet Team (See Andrea Hale)
- Media Center (See Barbara Bell)
- Care Team Ministry (See Shirley Lewis)

Fellowship/Discipleship

- Men's Fellowship Lunch 1st Thursday of each month at noon (See Bruce Lewis)
- Women's Fellowship Lunch last Thursday of each month at noon (See Shirley Lewis)
- Youth Group Meets every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m.
- Sacred Circle Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday School Classes 9:30 a.m. each Sunday
- Brotherhood Breakfast (every 5th Sunday)
- JIGSAW children's ministry, every Sunday (See Tina McNeel)
- Sharing & Caring Group meets every Monday at 9 a.m. in POH (See Bruce Bartlam)

Charlotte's Pantry Schedule

Upcoming pantry schedule:

March 8, 2023—5 to 6:30 p.m.

March 24, 2023—9 to 11 a.m.

April 12, 2023—5 to 6:30 p.m.

April 28, 2023—9 to 11 a.m.



If you would like to help on any of these dates, please contact Brenda Peck.

Daylight Savings Time March 12, 2023

On Sunday, March 12, Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 AM! Don't forget to move your clocks forward before you go to bed on Saturday night or you will be late to church on Sunday morning.



Wednesday Night Programs in March



March 1 — Ministry and Missions Celeb —7:00 p.m.

March 8 — Sacred Circle/Todd Bradbury—6:15 p.m.

March 15 — Sacred Circle/Todd Bradbury—6:15 p.m.

March 22 — Sacred Circle/Todd Bradbury—6:15 p.m.

Sacred Circle New Time

Sacred Circle meets each Wednesday night at 6:15 p.m. Please note this is a new start time. **We are back to meeting in person in the People of Hope Center**, but you still have the option to join virtually via Zoom. We'd love for you to join us as we study the Word and learn together. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday nights.

Note from Our Parish Nurse



Carbon Monoxide Detectors:

Daylight Saving Time is Sunday, March 12th. As you prepare to set your clocks forward one hour, remember to check the batteries in your carbon monoxide (CO) detector and smoke alarms. Also, there are some heart healthy handouts on the table in the nursery.

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

Blessings,
Cindy Luck RN FCN

St. Patrick's Day is March 17th. Enjoy this St. Patrick's Day Seek & find.

Word List:

Brave, Christian, Church, Gaelic, Harp, Hope, Ireland, Man, Missionary, Saint, Shamrock, Sincere, St. Patrick, Trinity

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Rugs for Rover

Many Thanks to everyone who contributed to the WMU campaign "Rugs for Rover" Thanks to you we were able to give many rugs, blankets, towels and dog bedding to the Richmond Animal League. These donations will be used to keep many dogs warm and comfy this winter.

Picture: (Left to Right) Martha Vaughan, Janet Goodman and Ann Powell



The WMU (Women's Missionary Union) meets the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. in the People of Hope Center. We focus on missions. If you have a heart for missions and enjoy fellowship and fun, we would love for you to join us.

Coming to Bethel

Saturday, April 22nd at 6 p.m.
1100 Huguenot Springs Road
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Mark your calendars now and
make plans to attend.

Tickets: \$10 at the door.

For more information
call 804-350-1422



March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ministry & Missions Celebration—7 pm Choir Rehearsal—6:15 pm	2 Men's Fellowship Lunch—noon at Italian Delight AA Meeting—5:30 pm	3 Circle of Truth—5 pm	4
5 WNU Sunday Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	6 Sharing and Caring—9 am ESL—9 am WNU—10 am	7 Garden Club—9 am Boy Scouts—7 pm	8 Charlotte's Party—5 to 6:30 pm Sacred Circle—6:15 Zoom/or in person Choir Rehearsal—7:15 pm Youth Group—6:30 pm	9 Preschool—STEAM—12:30 pm AA Meeting—5:30 pm	10	11
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9:30 am Sunday School | 10:30 am Worship



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