



Bethesda Outlook

January 2023

Our Mission is to proclaim, celebrate and share the love of Christ with our neighbors in an accepting, caring community.

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Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Friends, you have worked SO hard for SO long. You may prefer to keep your volunteer efforts quiet and somewhat anonymous. Well, it's time that you are treated with the honor and grace you deserve! A small team headed by Jessica Cottrill, Jeff Molitor, Pastor Heidi and Dave, and their friend Patty Halverson are planning a beautiful event to recognize and celebrate the work and the workers without whom Bethesda doesn't exist. Please mark your calendars now for the afternoon of Saturday, January 7th. This will be a very special day: think live entertainment, elegant tables, gorgeous appetizers, delicious grilled salmon (we've heard), even a tuxedo or two ! If you want to bling out, BLING OUT!! If you want to dress up, go ahead and do so. If you want to come as you are, you are absolutely perfect **exactly as you are!** Jeans and T-shirts are fully welcomed, too. We'll be looking for RSVPS to aid our planning process; email jessicarosecottrill@gmail.com . And if you haven't volunteered yet, please do plan on coming to help us say "Thank You"! This is a great opportunity to step in with some time and energy. Let's not let those who've been working the hardest even TRY to clear a table on January 7th! (Yeah, we know. There is simply NO stopping Jeff!!)



Grace Notes

Dear Ones,

This time it was at the Club Q in Colorado Springs, CO. Five people were killed and many others wounded before other patrons subdued the shooter and get the long gun and handgun away from him.

This time.

In the morning I'm changing the readerboard message to convey our love to the LGBTQ+ community and call upon our community to face hatred with strong love and compassion. We cannot allow our sisters, brothers, and cousins to be vilified, slandered, attacked, and killed. We need to do more than we've been doing. The problems of division, polarization, hatred and violence cannot be solved by more division, polarization, hatred and violence. College students were killed in Idaho. College athletes were shot and killed on a bus returning from a football game in Virginia.

The only way I can manage this onslaught is to be reminded every day that it is God "in whom we live and move and have our being." No matter. No matter what. No matter what happens. God is with us.

Whew.

God will strengthen us and guide us into responses that promote healing and peace. We have tools. And we have the Spirit stirring us up out of apathy and complacency into loving action.

Soon I hope to be able to announce seeds that are being planted in South Snohomish County that could sprout into a tree of Life that will help our community bridge the divides and reduce the incidents of violence and the scourge of addiction that is devastating the physical and mental health of our children and youth. We need to be there for them in powerful ways. We need to announce not just hope, but genuine healing.

God, make it so. And hurry!

--Pastor Heidi

Council Hi-lights

- There were two congregational meetings held on December 11 & 18, where discussions regarding possible financial “windfalls”, budget, and Reconciling Works.
- Further discussion for the budget was postponed until January.
- POSSIBLE selling of the Bill Cumming painting. A volunteer will check into it’s value.
- Several amendments to our constitution were approved by the congregation.

Council
President:
Jeff Molitor

Vice President:
Jaye Lill

Secretary:
Kate Kurfess

Treasurer:
Sue Rasmussen

Paul Larmore

MONTH END FINANCIAL REPORT

As of November 2022

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Balance Forward | \$(4,998.97) |
| Offerings | \$ 5,386.48 |
| Other Income | \$ 9,440.06 |
| Total | \$ 14,826.54 |
| Total Expenses..... | \$ 9,952.41 |
| New Balance..... | \$(124.84) |



Happy Birthday.....

01/08—Sue Rasmussen

01/30—Joan Minnis

10 Little Christians

10 little Christians standing in line. 1 disliked the preacher, then there were 9.
9 little Christians stayed up very late, 1 overslept Sunday, then there were 8.
8 little Christians on their way to Heaven. 1 took the low road and then there were 7.

7 little Christians chirping like chicks. 1 disliked music, then there were 6.
6 little Christians seemed very much alive, but 1 lost interest, then there were 5.
5 little Christians pulling for Heaven's Shore, but 1 stopped to rest, then there were 4.

4 little Christians each busy as a bee. 1 got his feelings hurt, then there were 3.
3 little Christians know not what to do. 1 joined the sporty crowd, then there were 2.

2 little Christians, our rhyme is nearly done, differed with each other, then there was 1.

1 little Christian can't do much 'tis true, brought his friend to bible study then there were 2.

2 earnest Christians, each won one more, That doubled the number, then there were 4.

4 Sincere Christians worked early and late. Each won another then there were 8.

8 splendid Christians if they doubles as before. In just so many Sundays, we'd have 1,024.

In this little gingle, there is a lesson true, you belong either to the building or to the wrecking crew!

Author unknown.

Contributed by Joan Minnis

WE LIFT IN PRAYER:

ANDERSON, DIANE (Rasmussen cousin)
ANDERSON, JULIA
BALL, TAMMY (friend of M. Schwald)
BLEVENS, DEAH (friend of Mickey S.)
BRUNO, BERNADETTE (neighbor of Rod Schwald)
BUMSTEAD, GARY (Joy H. cousin)
CARROLL, KAREN
CHRISTOFFERSON, DEBBIE
CRONBACH, LEE
GATER, DANIELLE
HALLADAY, JOY
HALVERSON, ROY (Joy H. brother)
HAMRE, JUDITH
HANDLE, JERRY (Steve W. Family member)
HARPER, MARTI
HAUMAN, SUE
HEDLUND, DANNA
HILLERMAN, TIM
HINSON, FRANCES
JOHNSON, BILL
JUAN, ANTOINETTE
JUPITER, PAT
LEASE, CHRISTINA (Valerie G. Granddaughter)
MARKES, FRANK (friend of Mickey S.)
MOLIHAN, RUTHANN (Richard Smith's sister)
PFIFER, JANET & BILL (neighbor – Rod Schwald)
RICE, PATTY (Karen C. daughter)
SHORE, DIANA
SCHWALD, MICKEY
SPENCER, NATHAN
STANTON, PATRICK
WILLS, PAT (friend of Joy H.)
WILSON, DOROTHY



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR FAMILY MEMBERS AND CARE GIVERS.

Please help me keep this list up to date by notifying me of any changes.

Thank you – Judy Rasmussen

January 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | |
| S=Sanctuary FH=Fellowship Hall O=Office Bldg B3=Building 3 | | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Worship 10:15am (S) Gleaning 4:00pm (FH) | Office Closed Handbell Rehearsal 3-5 (S) CPR class 7:30pm (FH) | | Al-Anon 6:30pm(O) | Handbell Rehearsal 2-4 (S) Al-Anon 7:00pm (O) | Girl Scouts (50529) 5:30-8:30pm (FH) | Volunteer Recognition 2pm (FH) |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| Worship 10:15am (S) Council Meeting (O) 12:30pm Gleaning 4:00pm (FH) | Handbell Rehearsal 3-5 (S) Sue's Bible Study 2:00pm (O) | Lake Village Condo Mtg 7-9pm (FH) | Foodie Book Group 6:30pm (FH) Al-Anon 6:30pm (O) | Handbell Rehearsal 2-4 (S) Al-Anon 7:00pm (O) | Girl Scouts (50529) 7:00pm | |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| Worship 10:15am (S) Gleaning 4:00pm (FH) | Handbell Rehearsal 3-5 (S) MLK /day of service (latino club (Terrace HS) GS Team Mtg: 6:30pm (FH) | | Al-Anon 6:30pm(O) | Handbell Rehearsal 2-4 (S) Al-Anon 7:00pm (O) | | Private Party (FH) 12:00-4:00pm |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| Worship 10:15am (S) Gleaning 4:00pm (FH) | Handbell Rehearsal 3-5 pm(S) Sue's Bible Study 2:00pm (O) | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | Al-Anon 6:30pm(O) | Handbell Rehearsal 2-4pm (S) Al-Anon 7:00pm (O) | | Community Breakfast 8-11:30am (FH) |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |
| | Handbell rehearsal 3-5pm (S) | | | | | |

Puzzle Page

YUMMY HOT CHOCOLATE



WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

The words appear UP,
DOWN, BACKWARDS
and DIAGONALLY.
Find and circle each word.



H O M E M A D E T S Y L K M M
V B E O L S H Q U Q O R E I A
S B U V G S Y G X K J E G L R
W P S U P T A O Q S N T C K S
E U M O H R O P S I E N M I H
E T O W C B A H K P B I J I M
T N A R X O J X N U D W F N A
C H R L C U Z R I R Q O S W L
M C Z O O J U I R E I M R A L
A D C O U C P T D D G A E L O
E M R A W A O S W R K E T X W
T W G N Z T F H J O R R A S S
S Q U Z P U C F C I A C W O A
I W R E D W O P L E D R X I D
J H E A T D E P P I H W X I M

CHOCOLATE
COCOA
CREAM
CUP
DARK
DRINK
ENJOY

HEAT
HOMEMADE
HOT
MARSHMALLOWS
MILK
MIX
MUG

ORDER
POWDER
SIP
SPOON
STEAM
STIR
SUGAR

SWEET
WARM
WATER
WHIPPED
WINTER

!UPDATES & DOINGS!

Stewardship Studio

Friends, we need financial support to keep going here on 56th Ave in Mountlake Terrace. We aren't making our budget: not our skeletal budget, not even the amputated budget. We zeroed out many line items, saying to each other that we would fund those expenses with "donations". We haven't. Yet. Not fully. We planned as if we would be averaging over \$8,500/month in regular offerings. We haven't hit that number once. Through October we have averaged \$4,988/month. We have had to spend monies that were designated for capital improvements, and have radically spent down our savings. And we're still behind on payroll.

In the Church Council we've heard this phrase many times: "The facts are friendly." There have been deaths among the saints at Bethesda. Others have moved away. Financial situations have changed in all of our households. And Covid has slowed down our outreach efforts for three years.

We need to pray together. We need to brainstorm openly. We need everyone's best ideas and participation. We are not without options. And there is something that each of us can do.

Homecoming

During the holiday season the pull of home is strong. We decorate our dwellings, prepare special foods, play special music, host traditional parties, give and receive gifts that convey lasting love. Hospitality is full and free.

This is a time to invite friends and family to come home to Bethesda. Good things are happening here, despite our financial challenges. Our energy is good. Our music is fabulous. The message we proclaim is genuinely Good News. Folks catch the aroma of Holy Presence when we gather in worship.

In a small congregation like Bethesda, especially one with part-time pastoral ministry, we know that if something is going to get done, we'll likely need to do it ourselves, or really step up to lead other volunteers on larger projects. Outreach requires every one of us. If you've encountered something good here, tell someone else. Invite them to your church home during the holidays. Invite them to come Home.



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Join us for worship Sundays at 10:15 a.m.
either in person (masked) or by Zoom.



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