

2020: A Year for Healing and Help after the Loss of a Significant Love Relationship

Let's be honest: The thought of a new year may not bring about a sense of excitement in you. Your last year ~ or years ~ may have proved to be difficult as you struggled in your marriage, suffered a breakup, or lost the most important person in your life. 2020 so far is full of dread, disappointment, or fear.

You may not be able to imagine it yet, but a new year truly does hold new opportunities for you. If you have recently lost a significant love relationship due to divorce, death, or break up, we hope you will consider being a part of our spring ReWYRE workshop. ReWYRE is an 11-week class that focuses on rebuilding your life and learning again how to navigate your relationship with self and others with God's help.

Informational Kickoff Session: January 26th at 5:30 p.m. in Rm. D203-204. *Note: There is no obligation to enroll in ReWYRE after attending the informational session, though attendance at the informational session is preferred and helpful for enrolling in class.*

Classes: February 2 – April 5th, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. in Rm. D203-204. Dinner is served each week.

Cost: \$100

Financial assistance and free childcare are available by emailing erin.temple@bethany-umc.org.

We hope you'll join us! ReWYRE is a community of friends, safe place for support, and glimpse into God's future for you. Visit www.bethany-umc.org/rewyre for more information and/or email erin.temple@bethany-umc.org to register.



Fall 2019 ReWYRE Class

From the Pastor

The Liminal Time

As we begin 2020, the UMC finds itself in what is frequently being called a “liminal” time. The first time I encountered that word, I doubted its validity. However, Oxford defines it as: “*Liminal*” – adjective – 1) relating to a transitional or initial stage of a process; 2) occupying a position at, or on both sides of, a boundary or threshold.

I guess being in the Oxford Dictionary makes it a real word? Anyway, “liminal” is being used to refer to the fact that the UMC is basically “in between” what it has been and what it may become in response to the polarizing issue of same-sex marriage and ordination. In truth, there are many more variables at play than just this one issue, and we are always, historically, on the threshold between what has been and what will be. This year, there are some major changes being proposed to the 2020 session of General Conference. All of us, to some degree, wrestle with change. Major change usually causes major wrestling. Uncertainty about the nature of that change almost always makes our wrestling more intense. (Consider the difference in how you react to a clear medical diagnosis compared to how you react to an undefined one.) There is much uncertainty about what General Conference 2020 may do.

There are several ways we can respond to liminal times. We can be anxious and fearful – which is damaging to our health and relationships. We can be anxious and controlling – which is isolating and damaging to our relationships. We can be in denial – which leaves us ill-prepared for whatever happens, or we can lean into our relationships with God and each other while strengthening our discipleship practices – which leads to increased physical and spiritual health and stronger relationships.

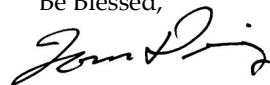
I haven’t seen any proposals for General Conference 2020 that I think will be adopted “as is.” I think it is very possible that no proposal for substantial change will be adopted. Whatever happens, I think there will be people unhappy with the result. For now, however, we have to live with the reality of uncertainty.

What I do know, for certain, is this: no mainline denomination in the USA, however they have chosen to address the issue of same-sex marriage and ordination, is growing. In fact, they are all in serious decline. If we don’t turn our attention to spiritual vitality, whatever General Conference 2020 does will be, ultimately, irrelevant.

Over the next six months, we will keep you informed about developments and processes in the UMC. The Bethany UMC clergy staff will continue to uphold their ordination vows to maintain and teach the doctrine and polity of the UMC, defined by the General Conference and expressed in the **Book of Discipline**. More critically, we will continue to implement our Core Vision. We began with our “Worship + 3” emphasis at the beginning of the 2019 school year. That emphasis will continue even as we align our ministries more closely to our Core Vision. Our clergy staff firmly believes this is the pathway that leads to greater openness to God’s renewing work. We will continue to lead people to “Experience God’s Love, Know Jesus Christ, and Grow in His Image.”

As we wait in this liminal time, let’s direct our energies to seeking a new breath of God’s life and Spirit into our personal faith as well as our congregational life. Let’s push deeper into worship, discipleship, service, and generosity. Let’s open ourselves more radically to the indwelling and enlivening of God’s Holy Spirit, personally and church-wide. Remember, we don’t know what the future holds, but we know – and trust – Who holds our future.

Be Blessed,



Prayers



CELEBRATIONS:

BIRTH: Henry Allen—12/8 to Justin & Jenn Allen (*grandparents are Kim and Marcy Allen*); Emmie Marie Van Cleave—11/2 in NM to Robert & Kelly Van Cleave (*great-grandmother is Pat Lovett*)

CONCERNS:

DEATHS: Scott Crane (*Myrna Jacks’ nephew*) - 12/29 MO; Will Flamm—1/2; Lester Howland (*Janis Kidd’s father*) - 12/26 Harlingen; Mary Louise Matzen (*Debby Leshner & Joanne Tencer’s mother*) - 12/28; Linda McLin (*Karen O’Neill’s sister-in-law*) - 12/31; Barbara Roucloux—12/26

Genuine prayer comes from the relationship with God and is not trying to get “results.” Too often in prayer we are saying “Thy will be changed” instead of “Thy will be done.” Mother Theresa said, “Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God’s gift of Himself.”



Your *Financial Estimate of Giving Card* is an important way to express your gratitude and faith.

The broad scope of church activities, ministries, and missions that we perform today is

enabled primarily upon these financial commitments. Your pledge helps us plan how much we will be able to accomplish in the coming year.

**2020 current Estimate of Giving commitments:
458 pledges for \$2,022,276**

We are grateful for this response! We are behind in responses and total amount pledged compared to last year, so if you haven't turned in your cards yet, please prayerfully consider your financial gift for 2020 and turn in your card soon. Make your commitment by email to Jane Herbst, by mail, or place them in the offering plate at worship.

Cards can be found in the office or on the Welcome Desk. For questions contact Jane Herbst, Finance Manager, at jane.herbst@bethany-umc.org or call the church office.

Upcoming Sermon Topics:

For the full series list and for audio recordings of past sermons, please visit the website at www.bethany-umc.org.

1/11 & 1/12 Baptism of the Lord

Sat: Sheri Sun: Tom

HEART Principles

1/18 & 1/19 Hear and Understand Me

Sat: Wynn Sun: Tom

**1/25 & 1/26 Even If You Disagree,
Please Don't Make Me Wrong**

Sat: Sheri Sun: Tom

2/1 & 2/2 Acknowledge the Greatness Within Me

**2/8 & 2/9 Remember to Look for My Loving
Intentions**

2/15 & 2/16 Tell Me the Truth with Compassion

2/22 & 2/23 Children's Sabbath



HEART Principles

2020 Annual Church Conference Sunday, January 26, 5:00 p.m. In the Worship Center (4:30 p.m. Light Reception in the Gathering Area)



This is our annual Church Conference, where we look back at 2019 and celebrate our ministry activities and events, and then look forward into 2020. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Teresa Welborn, will be presiding. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Childcare provided in F105.

Listening Prayer

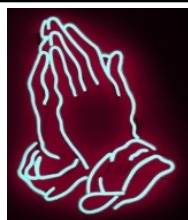
Be still and discern God's Will

Come any Wednesday to the Upper Room, D-307, for an opportunity to listen to God in a time of prayer.

Morning: 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Evening: 5:30 - 6:30 PM

<http://bethany-umc.org/ministries/prayer/listening-prayer/>



Wednesday Fellowship Meals!

5:15-6:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Let someone else do the cooking! Join us on Wednesday evenings for dinner and fellowship. Dinner is served continuously.

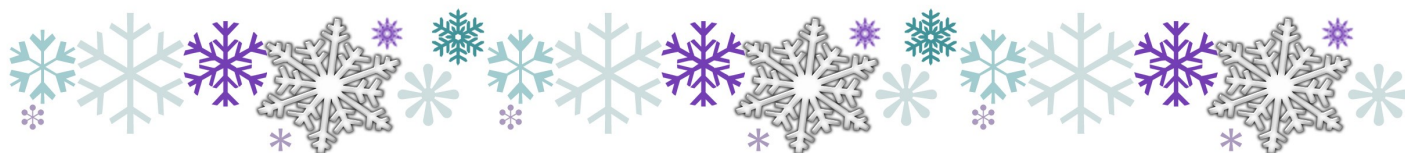
Dinner Prices: Adult \$7 Youth \$6 Seniors \$6
Children: 3 yr - 5th gr \$4 2 yr & under Free
Family Ticket (parents & children in high school or younger) \$23 Max

January 15

Homemade Lasagna, Roasted Brussel Sprouts, Garlic Bread, Garden Salad, Praline and Cream Cheesecake
Kids Option: Hot Dog or PB&J
or Smaller Portion of Adult Meal

January 22

Oven Roasted Chicken, Roasted Red Potatoes, Creamed Corn, Salad Bar, Chocolate Cream Pie
Kids Option: Chicken Strips or PB&J
or Smaller Portion of Adult Meal





How the UMC Works

The Importance of Educating Yourself

While we often think of coming to “our church” on Sunday mornings, in fact Bethany is part of a much larger global denomination containing more than 45,000 churches and 13 million members from around the world. The United Methodist Church (UMC) has approximately equal number of members outside the United States as within our country.

In May of 2020, a UMC General Conference representing all of these churches from around the world will be held to continue discussions about how the global UMC can move forward in light of the polarizing viewpoints surrounding homosexual marriage and the ordination of homosexuals as clergy.

Because these discussions are certain to impact every church within the denomination, we think it is important that Bethany members become more familiar with how the UMC “works.” As you are certain to be hearing terms like “delegates,” “judicial council,” “Book of Discipline,” and so on, we want to prepare you to understand what is happening.

In each issue of the *Epistle*, we will be highlighting frequently asked questions we have heard, as well as providing you with links to get additional information, should you choose to dive deeper.

To kick off the series, we start with the most basic ... **What is UMC Polity?** Polity refers to the operational and governance structure of the church, including not just a local church but also the larger global church structure. In upcoming articles we will explain many aspects of our denomination's *polity*. If you'd like to get started learning it all today, we invite you to visit bethany-umc.org/umcworks

SS Guest Speaker:

John Rudd—Mobility Worldwide
Searchers Class at 9:30; LIFE Class at 11:00
Sunday, January 12

John has recently become the Chairman of the Board for Mobility Worldwide, which is a really big honor for him. Come hear about this amazing ministry and their really big goals for the future!

Beyond Walls – Transforming Lives Update

Time to celebrate! Our congregation rose to the challenge in December and in conjunction with the offer by one family to match contributions, we achieved our \$5M goal!

Thanks to everyone for this significant achievement! We will enjoy the fruits of this program for years to come!

Women's Friday Morning Bible Study

Believing God by Beth Moore

Fridays, January 10—March 13
9:30am-12:00pm, Room D209/210
Book Fee \$16

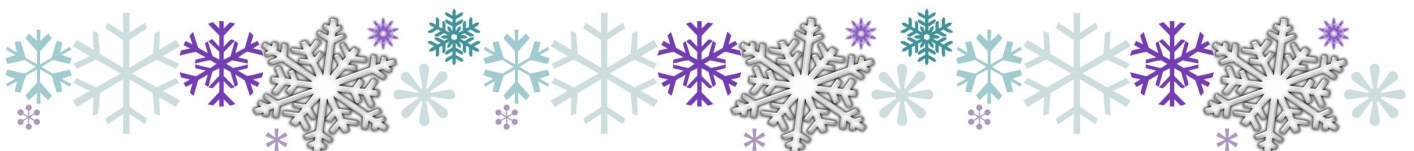
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D49AFA62CAA8-believing>



Just in case you are Hospitalized

Your Bethany family wants you to know we are blessed to be able to offer God's love and comfort to you in times of need. One of the ways we can do that is to make daily visits to hospitals when our members are hospitalized. Pastors and trained lay volunteers go every day of the week to offer prayer and comfort in a brief visit.

Our prayer is that you don't have to be hospitalized, but if you are, **please make sure the office is contacted (512-258-6017)**, as local hospitals no longer contact churches upon the hospitalization of their members.





SpiritWalk Spring 2020

SpiritWalk is comprised of short-term classes offered each spring and fall designed to deepen you in the foundations of the Christian faith. How is God calling you to establish yourself in the Way, Truth, and Life of Jesus?

More info and registration online at www.bethany-umc.org/ministries/adult/spiritwalk.

The Truth—Beliefs & Doctrine

Lives of Great (Early) Christians

We will examine the Christian life from many perspectives, examining how people in radically different political and social circumstances have tried to use their strengths and address their weaknesses. We will learn about individuals such as Paul, the early martyrs, the first monk, the desert faithful, St. Augustine, St. Patrick, and St. Benedict.

Leader: Dave Lutz

When: Mondays, 6:30-8:30pm, Jan 27—Mar 16

Mere Christianity

In this 8-session video group study, you will discover why ***Mere Christianity*** by C.S. Lewis is one of the most read and beloved Christian books of all time. Host Eric Metaxas and a variety of Christian leaders help us understand the timeless message of C.S. Lewis in fresh ways for a new generation. \$25 for materials

Leader: Jeff Border

When: Sundays, 6:30-8pm, Feb 9—Mar 31

The Life – Relationship with Jesus

Intro to Grow Groups

Learn about the essential practice of Christian community, and how this ancient practice is necessary for growing as disciples of Jesus today. This class prepares people to join a Bethany Grow Group. \$15 for book

Leader: Anita Bradberry

When: Sundays, 4-5:30pm, Feb 9—Mar 8

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

This study will focus on the biblical integration of emotional health, a relationship with Jesus, and contemplative spiritual practices. We will look at seven biblical principles of emotionally healthy spirituality that lead to beneath-the-surface transformation. This class is sure to challenge and encourage anyone to take a deeper look beneath the surface of their life and continue growing in a relationship with Jesus. \$30 for materials

Leader: Pastor Thomas Johnson

When: Sundays, 4-5:30pm, Feb 9—Mar 29

The Way – Living Out the Faith in All of Life

Freedom of Simplicity

Simplicity is not merely having less stuff, less stress, and more leisure but an essential spiritual discipline for the health of our soul. Join us for a discussion about the how, but also the WHY of the modern Simplifying movement as we enter the season of Lent. \$15 for book

Leader: Kim Brooks

When: Thursdays, 6-7:30pm, Feb 20—Mar 12

Micro-Lending to the Poor

In this class we will learn about micro-lending as a means to enable motivated, yet poor, individuals to lift themselves out of poverty. We will look at how a micro-lending organization works. Then we will initiate several micro-loans, using the pooled material fee from this course. Join us as we learn about and practice caring for the poor to bring about economic relief for those in need. \$15

Leader: David Holloway

When: Sundays, 1:30-2:30pm, Feb 9, 16 & 23

Christian Life Resources

The Path Between Us: An Enneagram Journey to Healthy Relationships

The Path Between Us explores our relationships with one another through the lens of the enneagram. Looking at what we want, what we fear, and what we offer unique to our enneagram numbers gives us insight into how we can develop loving, mature, and compassionate relationships. Please note: this is NOT an intro class for the enneagram. Make sure you have an established familiarity with the enneagram before taking this class. \$25 for book & study guide

Leader: Pastor Sheri Clifton & Holly King

When: Sundays, 12:30-2pm, Feb 2—Mar 8

Financial Peace University

Crash course on taking control of your money using materials by Dave Ramsey. Financial Peace University is a great opportunity for anyone entering a new life stage or someone who wants to be a good steward of the financial resources God has given them. www.fpu.com/1101421. \$99 (scholarships available)

Leader: Nikki Stromp & Tim Heise

When: Sundays, 4-6pm, Jan 26—Mar 22

ReWYRE:

Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends

10-week class about growing and discovering God's love in new ways after the end of a love relationship. Kickoff Sunday, Jan 26, 5:30-7pm. \$100 for materials (scholarships available upon request)

Leader: Erin Temple and Rex D'Avila

When: Sundays, 5:30-8pm, Feb 2—Apr 5

Savvy Caregiver

This free six-week course is designed to help caregivers of those with dementia. It is led by experts, Bethany Care Ministries Pastor Dave Lutz and Cheryl Goad, Stephen Minister. This program helps caregivers manage day-to-day life with their loved one who has dementia. The course meets at St. Thomas More who is partnering with Bethany. Information: Pastor Dave Lutz, dave.lutz@bethany-umc.org or 512-876-3054

Leader: Pastor Dave Lutz & Cheryl Goad

When: Wednesdays, 10am-12noon, Feb 5—Mar 11

SPIRITWALK REGISTRATION

Turn in at church office or register online at www.bethany-umc.org/ministries/adult/spiritwalk.

Class Name(s): _____

Total Materials Fees (if any): _____

Your Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Names and ages of children needing childcare (*provided upon request, \$7/child/date, \$20/date family max*):

- Childcare is available with advance notice at \$7/child/date, with a family maximum of \$20/date. Payment envelopes are available outside the Nursery, room F105. Scholarships are available.
- Tuition scholarships are available. Contact Thomas Johnson. in the Bethany office, 512-258-6017 or thomas.johnson@bethany-umc.org.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Mind or Heart

We are complex beings, living most of our lives leading with our minds or our hearts. These ways of being often act as two separate ways of existence, giving rise to a very different moment-to-moment experience.

Our minds are important to us: the beauty of the mind is in its ability to focus, organize, categorize, reason, and problem solve. When we need these skills, our minds are helpful. The limitation of the mind is that it records all past experiences as fact, so it has a limited perspective. The mind does not exist in the present moment but comments on the present moment from its knowledge of the past, often injecting fear and negativity into a current situation. The linear mind is judgmental and dualistic (the downside of its organizing and categorizing qualities). Fear, anxiety, and judgment live only in the mind.

Another way to existence is through the heart. When we open our heart to love, beauty, and gratitude we feel joy, expansion, and inspiration. The heart is the way to Presence, Consciousness, or Being (a spiritual realm beyond ourselves). In practical everyday life, most of us can access our heart by thinking of someone we love unconditionally (baby, pet), or visualizing a thing of beauty. If we focus on compassion or gratitude, our hearts open as well.

Since we need our mind, what can we do to focus with the heart? First we can develop an awareness of the mind. We can take time to listen to the voice and what it is saying, then ask, "Is that what I want to be telling myself?" We can learn to quiet the mind, and enlist it only when we need it. Meditation and/or Prayer are good ways to practice being without mind commentary.

We have a choice to develop a healthy relationship with our minds. When we find ourselves in a state of anxiety, fear, worry, or negativity, we can simply breathe, shift our focus and drop into the heart. One of the most valuable things we can do, is spend some time quieting our minds to create a sense of peace and presence.

Lisa Blackwood MS MA LPC-S #19803
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What is Special Needs Ministry? Can I help?

January 19th at 1:15 p.m. ~ Ministry Center

We'd love to fill you in! Join us for "Special Needs Ministry 101." This training event will introduce you to our volunteer team and fill you in on the basics of what we do and how you can help.

*Snacks served. Questions? erin.temple@bethany-umc.org.



Reminder: We're here.

Life Recovery meets on Sundays
at 2:00 p.m. in Rm. D209-210.

Our group works through the "tough stuff" in our lives ~ addictions, dependencies, hurtful habits, etc. If something is holding you back in life and faith, join us!

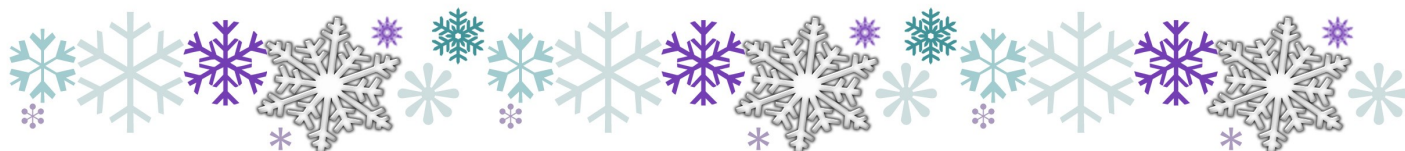
*Contact: erin.temple@bethany-umc.org
or just come where/when we meet.

Bethany Supports Mental Wellness!!

By partnering with *NAMI of Central Texas**, Bethany is stepping up to change the conversation and end the stigma surrounding mental illness by offering hope, healing, and free educational workshops, multiple resources, and informative literature for those facing mental health challenges and their families.

Please stop by the *Connection Corner* on January 12 before or after the 11am service to learn about the *NAMI Family Support Group* that meets monthly on the 4th Thursday in room D203 from 7 to 8:30pm. This group is for those over age 18 and offers a safe, supportive and understanding environment to discuss your difficulties and experiences with your loved one, which is hard to find in the real world. You are NOT alone.

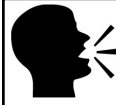
* NAMI = National Alliance on Mental Illness





2019 New Baby Ornaments Ready for Pick-Up!

A Christmas ornament was made for each baby born last year in our Bethany family. These ornaments decorated our Worship Center during Advent and Christmas. They are now available for the families to take home as a gift from Moms On Mission and the Bethany Nursery. They can be picked up in the church office, in a drawer labeled "New Baby Ornaments." Questions? Contact Elizabeth Nettles at elizabeth.nettles@bethany-umc.org



HEY KIDS!! You are "Called!"to join our choirs as they prepare their spring musical entitled "Called!" Using group & solo singing, speaking parts & instruments, our musical reflects on Biblical heroes & encourages our young singers to find God's calling on their own lives. Mission project included! We resume Wednesday rehearsals on January 8, 2020, 6:15 – 7:00 pm. Auditions for parts in the musical are January 29. Our choirs are:

PreK 4 & K –	KidzPraise
1st & 2nd grades –	Joy Singers
3rd – 5th grades –	KidzFantastik

Direct questions to stantonmarylen@gmail.com



Dining Divas

Ready to hit the refresh button, ladies? Then *Dining Divas* is for you! This fellowship group meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month to dine, dish, or just delight in fellowship and fun! Join us **Tuesday, January 14**, at 6:00 at **Chili's** at Lakeline Mall.

Come casual, and connect through fabulous conversations with charismatic ladies. *Dining Divas* is open to all women; remember *age is only a number*. Childcare is available, \$7 per child, with reservation. Want to RSVP, request childcare, or have other questions? Contact Christin Smith at christin.smith@bethany-umc.org. Find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bumcdiningdivas/> or on the website www.bethany-umc.org/moms.



PRIMETIMERS UPCOMING EVENTS

2/2—Georgetown Palace Theatre:

Sunday. See Neil Simon's wacky comedy ***Laughter on the 23rd Floor***. \$35 includes supper in the Bethany Café after.

Reservations to Shirley at 512-219-5842 by Tuesday 1/28. Leave Bethany at 1:00 pm.

2/5—Chit, Chat & Chew: Men's Breakfast, Wednesday, 8am at Jim's on Spicewood Springs/183

2/7—Game Night: Friday, 6:30–9:30pm in the Ministry Center. No reservations needed.

2/9—Lunch in the Bethany Café: Sunday after 11 am worship, \$7 per person. Reservations to LaVon, 512-465-2125 by Tuesday 2/4.

2/19—Movie: *The Green Book* Based on a true story of an African American musician in the 60's. Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. Student Media Room D-101. BOX lunch, Ham or Turkey sandwich from Jason's Deli, \$7. Call Shirley at 512-219-5842 for reservations and choice of box lunch by Friday 2/14.

Domino Play: Wednesdays, 3-5 pm in the Ministry Center. Join us!

Please be sure you are free before making your reservation.

January Mission Opportunities

January 14 - **Feed My People** at First UMC Austin (Debbie Childers): 5:00 am

January 19 – **Church Blood Drive** at Bethany delivery drive by Worship Center (Jim Bos)

January 27 - **Mobile Loaves and Fishes** at Bethany FH (Gayle Kneupper)

January 31 - **Mobile Loaves and Fishes** at Bethany FH (Gayle Kneupper)

Our next Missions Team meeting is **Monday, January 27**, at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

<http://www.bethany-umc.org/monthly-missions>



"Whatever you do to the least of these you do to Me."

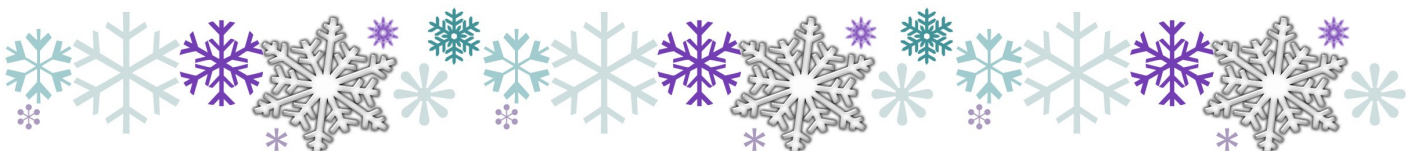
Jesus- Matthew 25:40

Don't forget to stop by the Connection Corner every third Sunday to pick up your pre-assembled Bags of Grace!

Cost is still just \$3 each.

Tax-deductible donations are always appreciated. Your gifts help support the hundreds of 'Bags of Grace' delivered to the homeless at 'Church Under the Bridge' each month. Thank you!!

'Bags of Grace' is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization.



Student Ministries



Ski Trip: 3/15-22/2020

Cost: \$850 non-skier: \$490

Registration now open

bethany-umc.org/ministries/student/events

2020 WINTER RETREAT

Who: all youth (6th-12th grade)

When: Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020

Where: 7A Ranch in Wimberly

Cost: \$75

Bring your friends

Register NOW

Find Event and Fundraising info online: www.bethany-umc.org/ministries/student

Children's Ministries

Like us on Facebook!



Share this page with everyone. We will be updating it regularly to let you know everything that is going on in the life of Bethany UMC Children's Ministry.

www.facebook.com/BUMCChildren

Buying a new Christmas Tree?

Don't know what to do with your old tree? Give your old tree to Children's Ministry for 2020 VBS!

Contact Susan Hinderliter at

susan.hinderliter@bethany-umc.org

or 512-258-6017 ext 269



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Join Us For Worship

Saturday Worship 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Chapel Communion Service
9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Youth Worship 5:30 p.m.
Mid-Week Worship
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
More worship details inside on p.3

*Next Epistle deadline: January 14 for the
January 26 publication.*

If you would like to subscribe to receive this bi-weekly newsletter by mail or email, contact the church office at 512-258-6017.

Primetimers Celebrate Life in Christian Community!

Bethany is enriched by the wisdom, faith, and experiences of older adults who participate in ministries that are vital to the life of our congregation. If you are an older adult (60+), you are a PRIMETIMER!! *If you're not yet involved and are searching for more meaning and community in your life, join us for any and all of these activities:*

Fellowship and Learning Opportunities:

Trips to the Bob Bullock or Blanton museums to see special exhibits or IMAX Theater presentations.
Sunday luncheons in the Bethany café or local restaurants.
Trips to the Georgetown Palace Theater to enjoy delightful musicals and plays.
Day trips throughout Texas to historical or educational sites.
Monthly Friday Game nights and weekly Wednesday 3 p.m. domino play.

Spiritual Growth and Nurture Opportunities:

Sunday School Classes at 9:30 or 11 a.m. Sunday mornings
Grow Groups
Women's monthly UMW circles, Bible classes, and Men's monthly breakfasts

Comfort, Care and Connection Opportunities:

Home Communion, Home/Hospital Visitation, House of Friends, Grief Care/Healing Touch Ministries, ReWYRE (Divorce Recovery), Funeral Reception and Care Teams, AARP Drivers Safety Classes

For more information and scheduling, check *the Bethany Epistle*, the weekly worship Bulletin, the Bethany website www.bethany-umc.org, or contact Cecilia Barrentine @ 512-258-6017 x231.

