



BETHANY IN BERLIN

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Christ's Love Grows Here

Bethany UMC



Newsletter



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PASTOR'S WELCOME

Dear Friends and Members of Bethany,

As we begin September, I want to share a new chapter in my ministry journey. On September 2, I will begin Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Bayhealth in Delaware. This experience will help fulfill my field education requirements at Duke Divinity School, support my journey toward ordination in The United Methodist Church, and, most importantly, help me grow as a pastor by caring for people experiencing illness, crisis, grief, and other difficult moments.

Taking on CPE is another significant responsibility alongside the roles I already balance, and because of that, I want to remind you of something important: I am your pastor, and caring for you is never a bother.

I often hear, "Pastor, I know you're busy, and I didn't want to bother you." I am incredibly grateful for the love and consideration behind those words, but please don't let my schedule keep you from reaching out. I may not always answer immediately if I am at work, in class, or at the hospital. Pastoral visits may sometimes need to work around work schedules and nap times, but I still want to walk alongside you in your journey of faith.

Whether you are facing a crisis, need prayer, have questions about your faith, or simply want to sit down, talk, and share a meal together, **I am here.** My role as your pastor is about far more than what happens on Sunday morning; it is about sharing life together through its joys, struggles, questions, and changes.

I am grateful for Bethany's continued love and support as God gives me new opportunities to learn and grow. I ask for your prayers as I begin this experience, and I look forward to seeing how God will use it to shape me into a better pastoral leader and servant.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Jacob T. Jackson



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WORSHIP SERVICES

STOP GOING AROUND

Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

"Waymaker"; #2223 They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

9/6

9/13

FEAR HAS SHORT-TERM MEMORY

Exodus 14:19-31

"Waymaker"; #382 Have Thine Own Way, Lord

TODAY MATTERS

9/20

Matthew 24:36-44

"Waymaker"; #61 Come Thou Almighty King

9/27

WHAT'S YOUR RESPONSE?

Exodus 17:1-7; Philippians 2:1-13

#370 Victory in Jesus; #348 Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

GUIDELINES FOR SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

01.

Respect privacy

If you are sharing a concern about someone else, please avoid specific personal details. It is appropriate to say, "Please pray for John, who was recently diagnosed with cancer," but not to share details about hospital visits, medical information, or family circumstances.

02.

Remember who is listening

Our children can hear from the Sunday School room, and our worship services are livestreamed on Facebook. Please share only concerns that are appropriate for a public worship service.

03.

Keep your sharing brief

To allow everyone an opportunity to participate, please keep your joy or concern to 30 seconds or less.

04.

Prayer requests, not announcements.

This is a time to share joys and concerns that invite the congregation into prayer, rather than community announcements, lengthy updates, or other information better shared after the service.

05.

Keep political opinion out of prayer.

We welcome prayers for our nation, leaders, and those affected by current events, but please avoid political commentary, debate, or partisan statements.

Can't be with us in person?

WORSHIP FROM HOME!

Every Sunday at 10 am



Watch Live

Watch Bethany's services live on Sunday:
Youtube: youtube.com/@bethanychurchinberlinmd4242
Facebook: facebook.com/BethanyUMCBerlin

Listen Live

Dial-in and listen to Bethany's services:
Dial-in Number: 1-(605) 313-9642
Access Code: 1350592



Watch or Listen Later

Find our sermon and full service at a later time:
Youtube: youtube.com/@bethanychurchinberlinmd4242
Podcast: "Bethany in Berlin UMC" on your desired podcast provider



Worcester County Housing Rehabilitation

The **Worcester County Housing Rehabilitation Program** helps local homeowners make necessary repairs so they can continue living in safe and healthy homes. Through grant and loan funding, the program assists with **general home rehabilitation and lead abatement**.

Priority is given to **senior citizens, individuals with disabilities, families with extremely low incomes, and homes with health or safety hazards**.

To qualify, homeowners must live in the property as their primary residence, may not own other properties, and the home must have conditions that do not meet Worcester County's Minimum Livability Code. Additional financial and property requirements apply.

Grant assistance is generally provided for a **5–15 year term** and does not need to be repaid unless the home is sold or refinanced during that period.

Know someone who may need help making their home safer?

Consider sharing the Worcester County Housing Rehabilitation Program with them. Applications and additional information are available through the **Worcester County Department of Development, Review and Permitting**.

United in Mission: Shared Ministry & Hub Meetings

Join **Bethany, St. Paul's, Atlantic, Stevenson, Community Church at Ocean Pines, Curtis, New Bethel, Calvary, St. John's, and Showell** as we continue to strengthen our connectional ministry across congregations.



- ✓ Combine Resources and Talents
- ✓ Build Relationships Across Congregations
- ✓ Live Out Our Shared Call to Discipleship

HUB/SHARED MINISTRY MEETING
Sept 23rd & Oct 14th at 2:30 PM
BETHANY UMC

Focus on service projects for
our community and shared worship
opportunities for our churches

FAMILY WORSHIP NIGHT

Dinner • Worship • Breakout Activities

Bring the whole family for a night of food, fun, and worship! Each evening begins with a shared dinner, followed by a brief worship service featuring contemporary Christian music and a short message. Afterward, kids and youth will go to age-appropriate breakout groups with games, crafts, activities, and meaningful conversation.



Friday, Sep. 25th - 6:00 pm
Friday, Oct. 23rd - 6:00 pm
Friday, Nov. 13th - 6:00 pm



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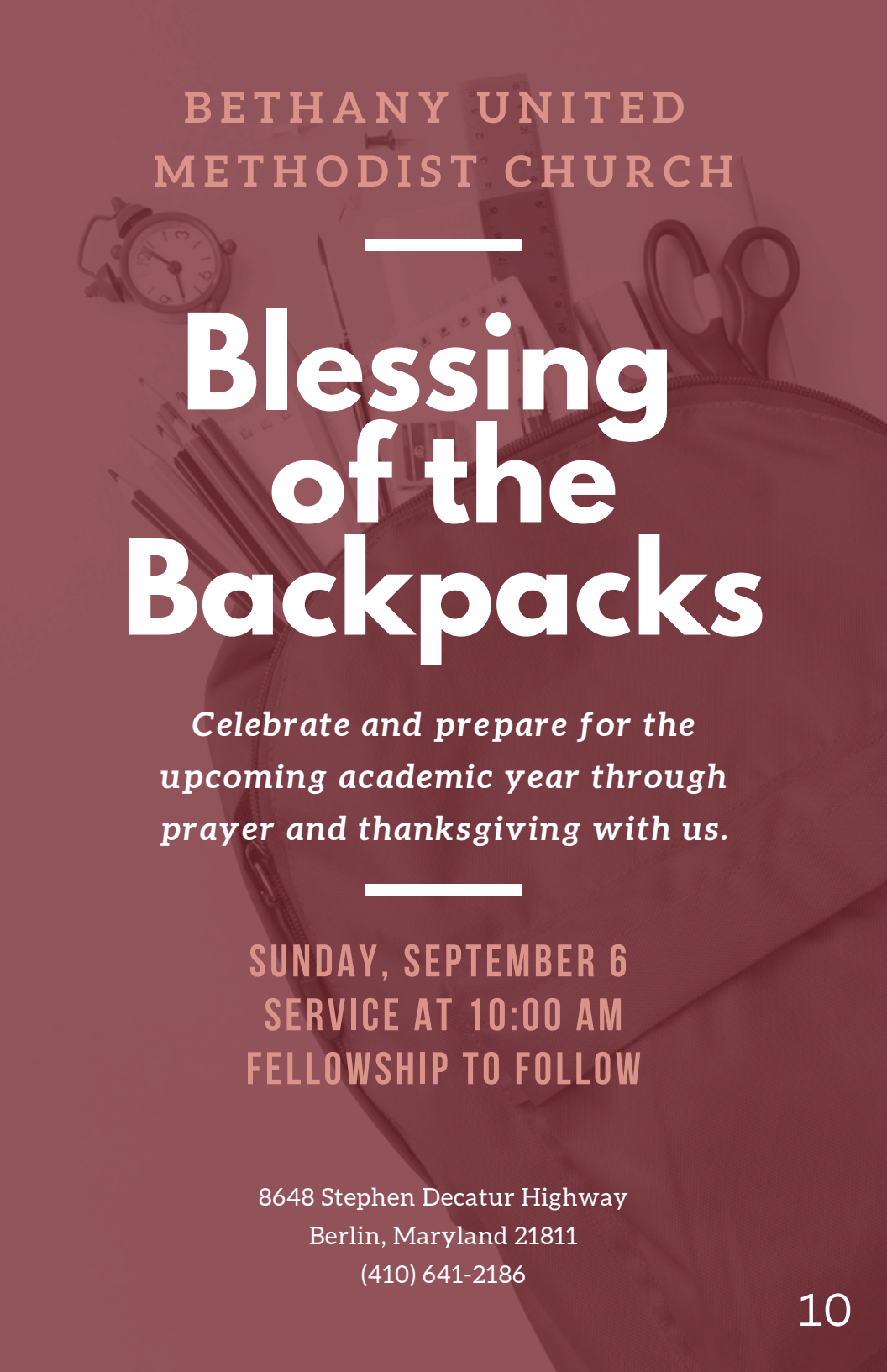
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All ages welcome!





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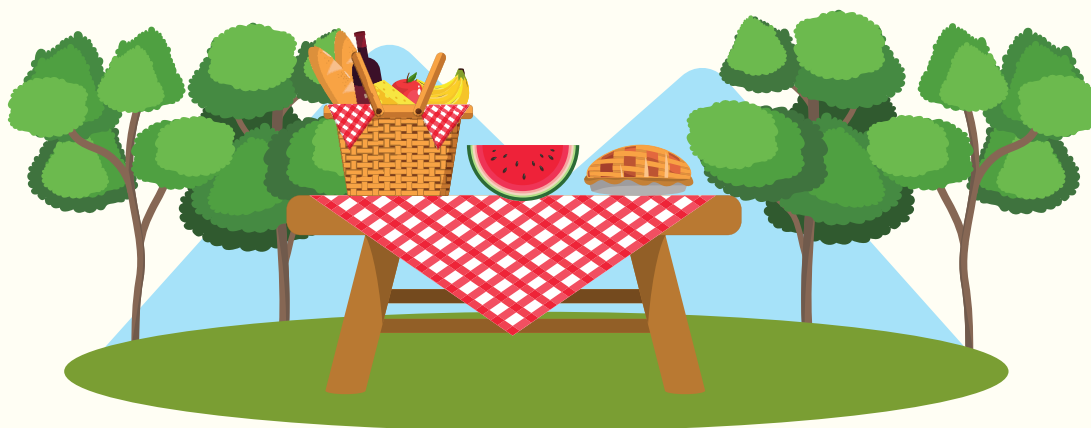
Blessing of the Backpacks

*Celebrate and prepare for the
upcoming academic year through
prayer and thanksgiving with us.*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
SERVICE AT 10:00 AM
FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW

8648 Stephen Decatur Highway
Berlin, Maryland 21811
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Bethany UMC's CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC



JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP
HAMBURGERS & BEVERAGES PROVIDED
SHARE A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT

SUNDAY
27
SEPTEMBER

BETHANY UMC
FOLLOWING OUR
10 AM WORSHIP

8648 STEPHEN DECATUR HIGHWAY BERLIN, MD 21811

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RSVP, CONTACT THE CHURCH AT
410-641-2186 OR INFO@BETHANYBERLIN.ORG

BETHANY UMC'S

2026 FLEA MARKETS



~~SAT. MAR 2~~

8 AM TO
12 PM

SAT.
SEPT 5



CRAFTER AND BAKE SALE

VENDOR DETAILS
(TABLES AVAILABLE OR BYO)

\$15 FOR
1 SPACE
\$25 FOR
2 SPACES

CONTACT MARY MARTINEZ
OR USE QR CODE TO RESERVE

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BREAKFAST FOR SALE
VISIT FROM WORCESTER
COUNTY PUP

CHILDREN'S CRAFT
TABLE

OUTDOOR WEATHER
PERMITTING

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WILD WEST BLOCK PARTY



OCT. 10TH - 11 AM TO 2 PM

8648 STEPHEN DECATUR HWY
BERLIN, MD 21811

FREE FOOD

-
LIVE MUSIC

-
BOUNCE HOUSES

-
YARD GAMES

-
ARTS AND CRAFTS

-
SNOW CONES

-
GIVEAWAYS

-
LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS
AND CHARITIES

-
SO MUCH MORE
ALL FOR FREE!



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SPECIAL SPOTLIGHT

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL RESPONSES TO THE QUESTION, "WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU WANT TO THANK GOD FOR TODAY?"

"Church being close to my house so I can ride my bike."

**"Being with my family and friends both
in and out of church."**

**"My family, also my friends and
gymnastics."**

"For God."

"My family and friends."

"For his forgiveness to us."

"My friends, my family and church."

"Having sisters and family to help me with hard decisions."

"Having the Rosamilia family."

"Having prayer and a loving God."

SEPT. CALENDAR

SEPT 2

WEDNESDAY

10 AM PRAYER
AND CARE TEAM

11 AM BLOCK
PARTY PLANNING
MEETING

SEPT 5

SATURDAY

8 AM TO 12 PM
FLEA MARKET

SEPT 6

SUNDAY

10 AM SUNDAY
WORSHIP &
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY
SCHOOL

BACKPACK BLESSING

SEPT 9

WEDNESDAY

10 AM PRAYER
GROUP

11 AM SPRC

6:30 PM L.I.F.T.

SEPT 13

SUNDAY

10 AM SUNDAY
WORSHIP &
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY
SCHOOL

SUM FRUIT
COLLECTION

SEPT 16

WEDNESDAY

10 AM BIBLE STUDY

11 AM NOW MEETING

6:30 PM L.I.F.T.

SEPT 20

SUNDAY

10 AM SUNDAY
WORSHIP &
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY
SCHOOL
CHURCH COUNCIL
VOTE AND CPR
TRAINING TO FOLLOW

SEPT 23

WEDNESDAY

10 AM SPIRITUAL
PRACTICE

2:30 PM HUB

6:30 PM L.I.F.T.

SEPT 25

FRIDAY

6 PM FAMILY
WORSHIP NIGHT

SEPT 27

SUNDAY

10 AM SUNDAY
WORSHIP &
CHILDREN'S
SUNDAY SCHOOL
CHURCH PICNIC
TO FOLLOW

SEPT 30

WEDNESDAY

10 AM PRAYER AND
CARE TEAM

6:30 PM L.I.F.T

EXTENDED PRAYERS

1. Charlotte
2. Dee
3. Gloria
4. Joanne
5. Judy & Jeffrey
6. Wilma
7. Kevin and Linda Anderson
8. Russel Bagnall, Jr.
9. Callie Bitner
10. Melody Bennett
11. Patricia Brodsky
12. Kevin Clemence
13. Scott and Mary Collins
14. Evan Craig
15. Brantley Cropper
16. Francis Daigre
17. Bruce Davis
18. Dee Drescher
19. Jen Elliott
20. Shirley Findlay
21. Bette Finley
22. Richard Finley
23. Sharon Goetz
24. Keith Goshen
25. CJ Hebert
26. Joel & Nell Houston
27. Rebekah Jackson
28. Helen Maloney
29. PJ Maloney
30. Jenna Martin
31. Fox Martinez
32. Nathan Mitchell
33. Jacob Mongelli
34. Colin Murphy

35. Lily & Joe Nicosia
36. Suzanne Nimmo
37. Jeff Pan
38. Pat Parks
39. Liberty Porch
40. Mason Prather
41. Leneve Savag
42. Ryan and Chrissie Spencer
43. Carson Taylor
44. Bob & Gloria Taylor
45. Cathy Tenorio
46. Norma Timmons

47. Frank & Nancy Tribuno
48. 46. Charles W.
49. Joyce Wagner
50. Ken & Judy Williams
51. Kelly Wood
52. John & Linda Wyatt

LOCAL, REGIONAL & GLOBAL

1. Active duty military and veterans
2. Desire to find common ground and peace in our world
3. First Responders and Caregivers
4. Friends & members of Bethany UMC
5. God's direction for ways to help the homeless
6. Human Trafficking
7. Immigrant Crisis
8. Issues surrounding abortion
9. People who don't know Christ
10. People struggling with violence, racism, unemployment, injustice, mental health & drug issues
11. The United Methodist Church & all denominations, Lower Shore District, Pen-Del Conference
12. Troubled relationships & marriages
13. Vulnerable youth in our community
14. World Conflicts
15. World Hunger, Water Availability

BETHANY BIRTHDAYS

1 – Sue Hart

1 – Dixie Porter

2 – Diana Rosamilia

5 – Peter Stang

8 - Llsa Hugendubler

10 - Dakota Rosamilia

13 – Kinley Ringenary

17 – Jackson Dell

23 – Avah Black

25 – Joel Houston

28 – Frank Tribuno