



Bethany E-Blast: May 16, 2018

POWTCFUNDRIVE

Help Raise Funds by Donating
Gently Used Clothing



We Need Your Help! POWTC FUNDrive

We're kicking off our first Fundraiser for Paving Our Way to Christ on Sunday, May 20th. You're are invited to donate gently used clothing items, bedding, towels and shoes to help raise funds to pave the parking lot. These items will be sold to Savers, a thrift retailer, who will pay us for every qualifying donation received. **The drive will begin Sunday, May 20th and run through Sunday, June 10th.**

Item Donations

We'll be accepting gently used clothing, linens, towels, drapes, comforters, shoes, belts and purses. No furniture, books, electronics or household items at this time.

Drop Off

Donations may be dropped off at Bfvumc on Sundays or during the week Tuesday through Friday from 9am until noon. We can also arrange to pick-up items or alternative drop off times at the church. Simply email Susanna Brandon susieq60510@yahoo.com or contact her at 630-487-1158.

Help us reach our goal – we get paid for every pound of goods donated! Invite your friends, neighbors and extended family to participate. The more we donate, the more we earn.

Thank you for your support.

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, gives local consumers a smart way to shop, and has saved more than 650 million pounds of quality used goods from landfills each year. For more information, please visit www.savers.com

Wear RED on Sunday, May 20!

Sunday, May 20 is Pentecost Sunday. You are encouraged to wear RED on Pentecost Sunday. What is Pentecost? An upcoming Fun Facts will emphasize the meaning of the day!

Celebration of Graduates - Sunday, May 20

Bethany will celebrate our class of 2018 graduates during worship service and with a post-worship reception on Sunday, May 20. As we want to recognize all of our graduates - high school, college, grad school, other - please send your graduate's name, school from which he/she is graduating, email addresses (parent and student) and mailing address to the church office (info@bfvumc.org) or Bonni Pear (bonni@motionpr.net) by Wednesday, May 16.

Memorial Service for Elaine Dyer

A Memorial Service for former member Elaine Dyer will be held on Saturday, May 19 at 2pm. All are welcome. A light luncheon will follow the service.

Children's Sunday School Schedule Change for Summer— Teacher Volunteers Needed

May 20th will be the last day for children's Sunday School for the summer.

During the summer worship service, children ages 5 through 5th grade will go to the Sunday School annex for a 30-40 minute lesson and activity time.

An adult teacher will lead the lesson accompanied by youth assistants. We are looking for adults interested in leading this special children's time. Lessons will be planned and materials prepared for you. All you have to do is lead! Questions can be answered by contacting Jill Zine 630-801-9172 jdzfamly@sbcglobal.net. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hall.

Electronic Contributions to Bethany

You can now sign up to make on-going Electronic Contributions on our website, www.bfvumc.org by going to the "Online Giving" tab. You can sign up for the "Give +" donation program, where you can choose a one-time or recurring donation to a fund of your choice, such as "general giving", "parking lot", or "apportionment". You choose the date(s) of the contributions and the frequency. Donations can be made by checking or savings account, or by debit/credit card, and all donations are safe, secure...and free! You may also sign up for electronic giving by filling out a simple one-page form, which is available at the church office. Contact Gwen Daniels or Mark Rogers for help getting started or for more information.

Vacation Bible School Registration is open!

Registrations are flooding in for Vacation Bible School! This year's theme is "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus" and will take place Monday through Friday, July 16-20, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Children from age 3 to entering 5th grade are eligible to attend. Older children may volunteer to help out with the program (which is just as much fun!). Sign up sheets are available on the table outside the church office.



179th Northern Illinois Annual Conference is Coming!

The 179th Northern Illinois Annual Conference will be held June 3-5 at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL. The theme is "Navigating Uncharted Waters" with a focus on Romans 5:3b-4: "trouble produces endurance, endurance produces character, and character produces hope." Check out the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

- **Online registration** is open. The cost is \$95. Registration closes May 20. Onsite registration costs \$130. To find the registration link and all AC info visit www.umcnic.org/AC2018.
- **Volunteers needed.** If you are interested in ushering, greeting or volunteering during plenaries and worship services, please email Alka Lyall at pastoralkalyall@gmail.com.

Bethany Fun Facts

Happy 50th, The United Methodist Church!

Have you ever wondered why we still see two United Methodist churches located across the street from each other? Although it's now more rare, we sometimes still see this, like in downtown Naperville.

The reason is because ~ although the United Methodist heritage can be traced well into the 18th Century ~ The United Methodist Church (notice the "T" in "The" is always a capital) is officially only 50 years old. The United Methodist Church was officially formed on April 23, 1968 with the unification of the Evangelical United Brethren Church (EUB) and the Methodist Episcopal Church (ME), along with the dissolution of the Central Jurisdiction, a segregated group of African American congregations. It was not uncommon for there to be an EUB church and ME church on the same corner, so when the churches unified, they *both* became United Methodist churches!

You also may not know this, but Bethany of Fox Valley UMC has some pretty special ties to this auspicious merger. Coming from the EUB side of the family, Bishop Paul Washburn rose to the fore and was instrumental in leading the effort in the merger. Bishop Washburn's brother & wife, Gale & Betty Washburn (yes, that's right, *our* Betty Washburn) were active members of "Old Bethany" (later, Bethany of Fox Valley UMC). Betty remains an active member of BFV today!

Bishop Washburn graduated from North Central College (an EUB university) in Naperville and from the Evangelical Theological Seminary there (which is now the denomination's Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston). He served as a bishop in Minnesota from 1968 to 1972, and then in the Chicago area from 1972 until 1980, when he retired. He had been a member of the General Board of the National Council of Churches, president of the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs and president of the Board of Global Ministries. Bishop Paul Washburn, the bishop-in-residence at the Gary Memorial United Methodist Church in Wheaton, died on May 6, 1989 at the age of 78.

The history and heritage of The United Methodist Church (The UMC) has taken many twists and turns as it threaded its beliefs into the fabric of its ever-changing world. The UMC will continue to do so as it meets the new challenges of globalization, but God's love, forgiveness, mission and vision continues to drive it and us! forward in our mission to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

As we **celebrate this anniversary** throughout 2018, especially around Heritage Sunday on May 20, check out www.umc.org/umc50 for the latest news, features, and historical retrospectives on this most important anniversary for our church. Also, be sure to follow and tag us on **social media** with #UMC50.



May Birthdays

5 Lauren Smith	13 Zoey Detienne Jeremy Young	24 Kimberly McGuire
6 Tahlia Lewis	15 Shannon McCoy	25 Arianna Hernandez
7 Laura Hall Lee Degner	20 Kyle Horn Pat Korthauer	26 Bryson Webb Caitlyn Webb
8 Joshua Bernardini	21 Mya Lwin	28 Kathleen Guddendorf
9 Cassie Kollmann	23 Michael Yeager	29 Dylan Knox
12 Emma Tucek		

Katie Yeager

30 Julie Stout-Gorbakin

31 Joe Brungart
Doug Rogers

May Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bibbs – May 28