



## Bethany E-Blast: August 1, 2018

### Youth Lock-In Scheduled for August 10-11

Bethany is hosting its first Youth Group Lock-In August 10-11 starting at 7pm at the church. This FREE event is for all youth in grades 6-12, and will last until 8:30am on Saturday morning. There will be games, worship time, good food, and much more. BRING A FRIEND!. If you are interested in having a child participate, please pick up a registration form at the church office! If you have any questions, contact Deidre Ewers at [deidree@bfvumc.org](mailto:deidree@bfvumc.org).



### New Youth Mentor Team Announcement

**Deidre Ewers** was introduced to Bethany of Fox Valley UMC in November 2017 as our part-time youth director. She organized and led the youth gatherings once a week for fun activities, service projects and bible study. Many youth kids have benefited from her knowledge, care and love. Bethany was blessed and privileged to have Deidre as a passionate youth director. Also, Bethany is very grateful for her leadership and compassionate ministry guiding and teaching our youth. Now she is going to serve as one of our youth mentors with Bradley Bibbs and Angelica Elias-Magadan. We will lift up a new youth team and its students in our prayers.

### Bake Sale Coming—Note Corrected Date!



It's coming: Bethany will be hosting a bake sale booth at the Aurora Train Station on Saturday, August 18. Start thinking about baking something! Make sure it's something that will hold up in hot weather (like brownies or cookies!) More information coming soon!

### Summer Special Offering

There's still time to participate in the Summer Special Offering! Just make sure to note that the donation is to be used for the Summer Offering on the notation line of a check or attach a note to your donation in some way. This year, **the summer offering will be used to help cover the \$4,700 in costs that were incurred earlier this year to repair the fire sprinkler system.** By using these funds we will be able to catch up on our financial obligations and increase our apportionment giving through the Northern Illinois Conference of the UMC.



## Piano Dedication Service is September 9

Mark your calendars! Bethany will hold a special service to dedicate the new grand piano in the Sanctuary on Sunday, September 9. Come see and hear the culmination of all the hours, work and donations the Bethany family has brought together! Watch the Blast for more information!

## Upcoming Special Event: UMF Annual Stewardship Summit Saturday, August 18 at FUMC of La Grange

**“Set the Tone of Generosity With Testimony”**

**UMF Annual Stewardship Summit Saturday, August 18 at FUMC of La Grange**, 100 W. Cossitt Ave., La Grange, IL 60525 Keynote speaker Dr. Saul Ebema 8:30am registration; program begins at 9:00am. Individual registration \$25, Church Group \$75.

To whom much is given, much is required. “I tell people that I live in a blessed nation. In my home country, it’s not as rich as here, but people have God. God is all that they have. What I’ve noticed here is that people believe in God, but people don’t depend on God.”

After fleeing Sudan on a harrowing Journey to South Africa, Pr. Saul attended the Baptist Convention College in Soweto and received his undergraduate degree. He came to the United States after receiving a presidential scholarship in 2005 to attend Northern Seminary. He graduated with both Masters of Divinity and Doctorate in Ministry degrees. Pastor Saul lives in Lombard with his family and loves to play soccer.

## Bethany Fun Facts

**“Safe Sanctuary”** Have you noticed the beautiful crosses cut into some of the doors throughout the church facility? Those are not just decorative, they serve a purpose. Safe Sanctuaries is an overt expression in making congregations safe places where children, youth and elders may experience the abiding love of God and fellowship within the community of faith.

We hope you feel welcome and safe within this house of the Lord.

Source: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/leadership-resources/safe-sanctuaries>



### August Birthdays

2	Tim Buchenot Chloe Talsma	17	Ella Underwood	27	Amy Zine
5	Gayle Boclair	18	Denise Bernardini Michael Whitt	28	Robin Smith
6	Jeff Risner	19	Bob McClure	29	Kim Gautschi
10	Tom Korthauer	20	Sondra Barner	30	Camden Schulte Ruby Williams
13	Dale Allen Madison Hawkins Lila Hawkins Amelia Stern	21	Thatcher Schulte	31	Arryana Young
15	Joel Garvey Natalie Hernandez	22	Melissa Schulte		
16	Shelton Boclair Stephen Boclair	23	Marissa Caputo		
		25	Bob Cobb		
		26	Judy Buchenot Isidra Perea		

### August Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Edwards      August 7