



## **Bethany E-Blast: April 24, 2019**

### **Bethany Breakfast Scheduled for April 28**

Our next Bethany Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 28 at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall! Come for the food, stay for the camaraderie!

### **“Storms of Life” Recital Showcases**

#### **Justin Brown’s Original Compositions**

Everyone from Bethany of Fox Valley is invited to a recital by our organist/pianist/trombonist Justin Brown on Saturday, April 27 beginning at 10am in the Bethany of Fox Valley Sanctuary. The recital, titled “Storms of Life”, features many of Justin’s original compositions, performed on the trombone and piano.

### **Our Mother/Daughter Banquet is Going to Wonderland**

It's time to make like Alice and follow the white rabbit down the rabbit hole to attend our annual Mother and Daughter Banquet. This year's event is entitled "Curiouser and Curiouser: an evening in Wonderland" and will be a time for top hats and teacups; feasting and fun; magic and mystery. Tickets will be available starting on April 28 and be sold again on May 5 for the journey into Wonderland on May 11. Each ticket will be accompanied by a top hat to be decorated and worn in hopes of appeasing the Queen of Hearts. This fanciful journey will begin at 5 p.m. with a silent auction in the narthex. At 5:30, the March Hare will lead everyone down the path, past the Cheshire Cat to the back room for a meal served by a group of the mad hatter's friends who will be pausing from pondering the riddle "Why is a raven like a writing desk?". After dinner, everyone is invited to travel down the path once again to the sanctuary to solve the riddle, "When is a doctor also a magician?" The answer, according to the dormouse, is "when the doctor is Dr. David Wax, a Chicago physician who believes magic and laughter is the best medicine." Surely by now, you are thinking that this evening sounds "curiouser and curiouser" so satisfy your curiosity by buying a ticket today. Adults are \$12 and children 2 to 12 are \$6. Children under two years of age are free.

### **ROAR! Life is Wild, God is Good VBS Info Coming Soon**

Register early for our annual Vacation Bible School, which will be held July 22-26! Our kids will join Mack, Hooper, Marge, Zion and Savanna as they explore God’s goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. VBS forms and information will be going out this week, so keep your eyes open for it!

## **News from Blessed Beginnings:**

**Thank you, thank you** to everyone from the congregation who donated school supplies to the students at Blessed Beginnings! We loved all the new scissors, 3 hole punch and many other items!!! Thanks for the support from this fabulous congregation!!

**Parent Conferences** are this week with our parents!

**Monday, April 29 and Tuesday, April 30 is our Vision and Hearing for the children ages 3 and up.** This will help detect any issues a child may be having. If anyone has a child or grandchild that could use testing, it is only \$4 for each test. Please call Kim at 630-851-8010 or email her at [director2blessedbeginnings.info](mailto:director2blessedbeginnings.info) if you would like to get them tested.

We will celebrate our teachers next week during **Teacher Appreciation week, April 29-May 3.** Thanks to all of them for a wonderful job with all of our students!!

**Our Mother's Day Tea is on Wed and Thurs May 8th and 9th.** We would like to celebrate all that they do for our students.

**Graduation is on Friday, May 17th.** Anyone is welcome to come. It is at 6:00!

## **Annual Conference is June 2-4, 2019**

Online registration is open for the 2019 Northern Illinois Annual Conference. Register before April 28 to get the early bird rate of \$80. The theme for this year's 180<sup>th</sup> session is "Back to the Future". We will be recalling, reimagining and reclaiming our history for a hopeful future. The conference will be held June 2-7 at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center and Hotel 1551 N. Thoreau Dr., Schaumburg. For more information, visit [www.umcnic.org/AC2019](http://www.umcnic.org/AC2019)

## **Spring POWTC FUNDrive:**

**Get Ready! We'll be hosting a final FUNDrive this Spring for Paving Our Way to Christ**

Last year, thanks to your generous donations, we collected over 5,000lbs of gently used clothing items and were able to raise just over \$1,200 to apply towards our parking lot drive. We'll be hosting another drive this May. So, as you begin to purge some of your winter items and clean out closets, please remember to set those items aside for our drive. We're looking for gently used clothing items, coats, bedding, towels, tablecloths, shoes, stuffed animals and purses. Any soft item that can be easily bagged and transported.

An announcement and collection packets will go out for drop off dates closer to the event. If you like to drop off items sooner, please contact Susanna Brandon, 630-487-1158, or the church office. We do have space available to store a limited number of bags.

**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 give local consumers a smart way to shop and has saved more than 650 million pounds of quality used goods from landfills each year.

## **Upcoming Events:**

**"Storms of Life" Justin Brown Recital**  
**Mother/Daughter Banquet**  
**Dorcas Circle**

**Saturday, April 27 10am**  
**Saturday, May 11, 5pm**  
**Wednesday, May 15**



## April Birthdays

- 1 Kevin Hawkins, Sr.
- 3 Jennifer Hawkins
- 5 Isabella Piceno  
Olivia Townsend
- 6 Samantha Schulte
- 7 Jim Bernardini
- 11 Sharon Pietronicco  
Anthony Pinto
- 12 Ivan Chambers, Sr.
- 13 Lisa Marquardt
- 14 Cara Wueste
- 15 Nanette Kopecky  
Haena Park
- 16 Isabel Hughes
- 17 Priscilla Kenney
- 21 Jim Propheter
- 23 Shawn Dennehy
- 25 Susanna Brandon
- 26 Kristine Jimenez
- 28 Shannon Webb  
Jessica Young
- 30 Dana Hughes