Announcements

1. ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers that adorn our altar this week were donated by Mary Wolf in memory of her father, Chester Heath.

2. SPECIAL SUMMER OFFERING

As you may know, each summer we collect a special offering to support our greatest financial need at that time. You may also know that the Yuhllin church, who had been renting space at Bethany since 2016, moved out in May 2022. Our Board of Trustees are working hard on finding another church interested in sharing our space. While we are confident that we will find a replacement, we still need to cover that lost \$2,000 monthly revenue through other revenue sources until that occurs. To cover our financial obligations, we have used money from our endowment fund. This is not desirable at any time, but during the recent market downturn, when the value of our endowment fund has shrunk, it is even less desirable.

Therefore, your special summer offering will be used to reduce the amount of money that we would otherwise need to withdraw from the endowment fund. Additionally, since we often see a reduced level of giving over the summer months, if you could keep up with or even increase your regular offerings during this time, we could reduce our reliance on the endowments even more.

The Administration Council and Church Council thanks you for your continued generous support of Bethany of Fox Valley United Methodist Church.

3. NEW CUSTODIAN

We would like to welcome Yeibintu Kabba to Bethany of Fox Valley UMC as our new custodian. Yeibintu is known to many as a custodian at Waubonsie High School where she has worked for the past 12 years. If you are around the church on Saturday afternoons, stop in to meet Yeibintu.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Small Group: Loyal Leaders class (10:15am) Children's Church (9:20 am)

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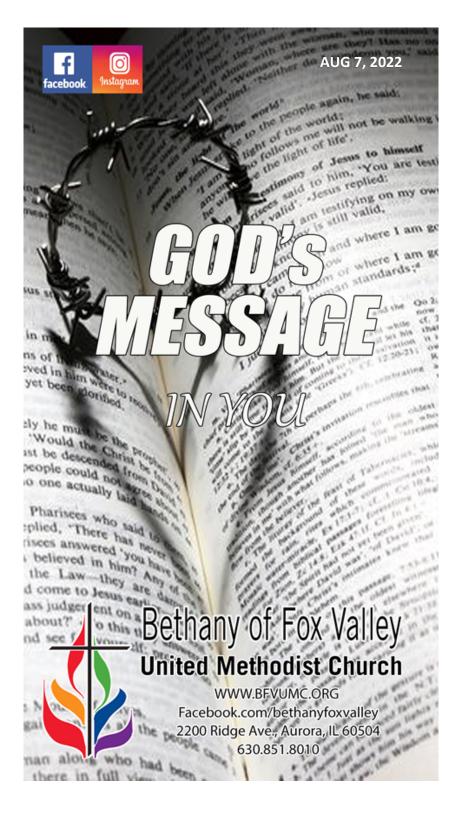
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This Week at Bethany

SUN AUG 7	Worship Loyal Leaders	Sanctuary & Online F.H.	9:00 am 10:15 am
MON AUG 8	Trustees Meeting	BFVUMC	6:30 pm
TUE AUG 9	Ad Council Meetin	ng ZOOM	7:00 pm
THU AUG 11	Church Council M	leeting ZOOM	7:00 pm
SAT AUG 13	Cello Recital	Sanctuary	10:30 am



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

* Indicates that worshippers are to stand if able. Congregational responses are in bold print.

Online Greeter: **Jacquee Lawrence** Worship Leader: **Gwen Daniels**

Text to **630.454.1434**.

Member's word: **PRAYER**Guest's word: **GUEST**

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude "Close to Thee"
(Arranged by Sharon Wilson)

Bethany Ensemble

Welcome Rev. Park

Announcements Gwen Daniels

*Opening Hymn "Precious Name" (vs.1,3,4) UMH #536

1. Take the name of Jesus with you, child of sorrow and of woe; it will joy and comfort give you; take it then, where'er you go.

Refrain:

Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven. Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

- **2**. Take the name of Jesus ever, as a shield from every snare; if temptations round you gather, breathe that holy name in prayer. (Refrain)
- **4**. At the name of Jesus bowing, falling prostrate at his feet, King of kings in heaven we'll crown him, when our journey is complete. (Refrain)

*Call to Worship **Hebrew 11** Gwen Daniels

- L: Praise God for things seen:
 - C: For stars and heavens, for sand and seashore.
- L: Praise God for things hoped for:
 - C: For things not seen.
- L: Praise God for the gift of faith!
 - C: For our trust in God, we give God thanks and praise.

 AMEN

Defer Endowment Fund Announcement

Pat Buchenot Co-Chair of Trustees

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Park

Lord's Prayer All

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we
forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

*Scripture Reading Ephesians 6:18-24 (CEB) Gwen Daniels

¹⁸ Offer prayers and petitions in the Spirit all the time. Stay alert by hanging in there and praying for all believers. ¹⁹ As for me, pray that when I open my mouth, I'll get a message that confidently makes this secret plan of the gospel known. ²⁰ I'm an ambassador in chains for the sake of the gospel. Pray so that the Lord will give me the confidence to say what I have to say. ²¹ Tychicus, my loved brother and faithful servant of the Lord, can inform you about my situation and what I'm doing. ²² I've sent him for this reason—so that you will know about us. He can reassure you. ²³ May there be peace with the brothers and sisters as well as love with the faith that comes from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ May grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ forever.

This is the Word of Life for all the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Offering Anthem

"O, The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus/Liefde Was Het"

(Traditional Welsh melody, Arr. by Jan Mulder)

You may give your offering at **www.bfvumc.org/online-giving** or mail it to:

Bethany of Fox Valley UMC (2200 Ridge Ave. Aurora, IL. 60504)

Message

You Are God's Message XIV PRAYER IN SPIRIT

Rev. Park

Hanuri Park

John Kwon

HOLY COMMUNION & SENDING FORTH

Rev. Park

John Kwon

Holy Communion Screen (In-person)
Subtitle (Online)

Communion Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together" UMH #618

*Closing Hymn "We've a Story to Tell to the Nation" UMH #569 (vs.1&3)

1. We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right, a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.

Refrain:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright; and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

3. We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above hath sent us his Son to save us, and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love. (Refrain)

*Benediction Rev. Park

Postlude "Lift Every Voice and Sing" (J. Rosamond Johnson)

We are glad that you joined us this morning in worship. We hope that you find strength, renewal, and a sense of peace going through the coming week.

SAINTS IN ACTION

Worship Leader: Gwen Daniels

Ushers: Jill Zine & Laura Garvey
Power Point Preparer: Jacquee Lawrence

Greeters: Lisa Vydra & Debbie Rogers
In-Person Slide Operator: Jacquee & Ken Lawrence

Online Worship Service: Dorothea Rynearson & Eric Fahey

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	7/10	7/17	7/24	7/31		
IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE	26	37	40	45		
ON-LINE ATTENDANCE	16	10	9	9		
WEEKLY OFFERING	\$6,685	\$3,390	\$2,655	\$3,686		
SUMMER OFFERING		\$300	\$2,400	\$530		