



This last Sunday we were talking about spiritual gifts in worship as part of our Summer School series. The Methodist perspective that I wanted to share was that spiritual gifts are received by people within the church family, for the purpose of building up that family and its ministries. (If you couldn't make it to church that day, there's your one-sentence wrap up of the whole sermon - but don't think I'm going to do this every week!)

The problem with trying to talk about a big, important topic on Sunday morning is that you can't cover it all in 20 minutes. Sometimes I go home with a voice in my head saying, "You could have talked some more about" Sometimes that voice sounds a lot like Katie. So there are two things that I could have, or should have said, if I had more time.

First, talents and spiritual gifts are not the same thing. Talents are something you can do well. Spiritual gifts are what you do with those talents to build your church and love and serve others. Singing is a talent. Praising God with song is spiritual gift. Teaching is a talent. Helping others to see the truth of God in scripture is a spiritual gift. Cooking is a talent. Making others feel welcome with yummy food is spiritual gift. You may know what talents you have, but God will show you how to use them to love and serve his sons and daughters.

Which leads me to the second thing I would have said on Sunday if I had wanted to preach for an hour or so. God gives us the spiritual gifts we need to build our church family right here, right now. The gifts we receive may not look exactly like they did in Palestine two thousand years ago. If everyone within a stone's throw of Bethesda speaks English, we won't need the gift of foreign tongues. But we really might need gifted believers who will listen to and share with senior citizens or small children. Today the gift of healing might be less about healing bodies than it is about healing broken families. Someone with the gifts of mercy and helping, may look like a guy with a beat-up tool box. One thing I have learned is to never think I can predict how the Holy Spirit is going to work in us.

Spiritual gifts are real! God created us with unique talents, and the Holy Spirit is waiting to show us how to use them! Each day as you pray, take time to ask God to sharpen the talents you were born with, to fill you with a passion to share them in love, to give you the wisdom and the courage to use them as a spiritual gift to others. Then, come and talk to me or one of our church leaders about how you feel God wants to use you and use our congregation. If you are struggling to see how you are gifted, the best way is to ask the people who know you. They often see God working in you and through you in ways you can't see yourself.

Lets build up our church family on a foundation of spiritual love and service!

Brother David

Prayer Thoughts for July 2018

1 John 3:1-3 See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him. Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure. (NLT)

Last fall I buried some compost in my flower garden hoping to enrich the sandy soil. This spring I had a surprise....a vegetable had sprouted from the compost. As I watched it grow, I began to wonder what it might be. My first guess, looking at the leaves, was a squash. Then it began to become more of a vine, so I thought cucumber. The fruit appeared, round and striped, so I decided watermelon. At last the fruit began to develop and ripen and I knew....cantaloupe! And, I have already had a ripe cantaloupe from the mystery vine.

Even though I could not recognize what the plant was at first, the seed that was buried with the compost had already determined the plant and the fruit. No matter how much I wanted a watermelon, the plant was a cantaloupe.

Our Christian walk is very much like my mystery vine adventure. We do not really understand what we will be like because we develop slowly in our Christian walk. But we do know that someday we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He really is. Peter tells us to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18 (NLT)

Prayer request: During the month of July pray for our children and the children's ministry here at Bethesda. Thank God for the wonderful leaders He has provided to move this ministry forward. Ask God to guide these leaders/teachers as they teach the children in Sunday School, Children's Church and Sprouts. Ask God to bless any special summer events that are planned.

Pray for the children, by name if you know them. Ask God to help each child develop and grow into the person He wants them to be. Pray for their salvation and for His guidance during their lifelong journey to become like Christ,

Diane Wilhelm,
Prayer Ministry Coordinator

Children's Church Workers	
1st Sunday	Tina Keener
2nd Sunday	Lyna Morgan
3rd Sunday	Lyna Morgan
4th Sunday	Vickie Oliver
5th Sunday	Kathy Morgan

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
SPROUT JULY SCHEDULE
(K - 5TH GRADE)



JULY 1ST @ 4:30PM

JULY 8TH @ 4:30PM

JULY 22ND @ 4:30PM

NO SPROUTS ON

JULY 15TH & 29TH

Bethesda Women's Association

No Meetings during July



NO UMW Hope Landry Circle Meeting

During July

**Happy July
Birthday Wishes
to:**

- 1st Russ Deen
- 1st Darrin Dickerson
- 2nd Janet Flowers
- 6th Keri Morgan
- 9th Vickie Oliver
- 10th Heather Kessler
- 14th Cathy Dean
- 14th LouDean Hinely
- 15th Macy Morgan
- 16th June Allen
- 18th Ty Keener
- 19th Madison Caldwell
- 19th Rachel Schoonover
- 20th Tiffany Yarbrough
- 20th Anne Sexton
- 24th Leah Allen
- 24th Morgan Stringer
- 24th Hunter Gordon
- 25th Ann Parsons
- 25th Wendy Honnerlaw
- 29th Dakota Hollis
- 31st Tira Jenkins
- 31st Mackenzie Oliver



**No Mid Week Services
on July 4th**

Saturday
July 7th
9am
'Tent'
work day at
campgrounds

**Effingham County United Methodist
Campground
Annual Campmeetings
July 13th - 18th
*Everyone Welcome***

July 12th-15th Youth Encampment
July 16th-18th Children's Encampment

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August 2018 Newsletter

Deadline is 7/16/18

Please turn in all announcements, articles,
or other information by this date. T.Y.

**Administrative Council Meeting
Monday, July 23rd @ 7:00pm**

Back to School Party
Sunday, July 29th

Prayer list:

- Our Pastor
- All Ministries at
Bethesda UMC
- Stephen Ministries
- Military
- Leaders of America
- Carolyn Bannister
- Samantha Billeiter
- Woody Brewster
- Diana Cato
- Justin Cox
- Irma Davis
- Jason DuBoise
- Harry & Reba Edwards
- Emmory Ely
- Ethan Ferguson
- JD Fulcher
- Tony Hickman
- Betty Hinely
- LouDean Hinely
- Ashley Helmey
- Pam Jernigan
- Mark Jones
- TJ Kessler
- Ginger Kieffer
- Mike Lance
- Samantha LeNeave
- Jake Long
- Clayton Morgan
- Scott Morgan
- Caroline Morton
- Royce Nease
- Jan Nyborg
- Eileen Olsen
- Allen Perry
- Connie Shuman
- Irene Stanford
- Joyce Wadsworth
- Jaymie Wilson
- Wannette Yarbrough
- Alma Zettler
- Bernard L. Zipperer

JULY NURSERY SCHEDULE

- July 1st *Ricky & Johnna Stringer*
- July 8th *Cathy Hickman & Wendy Zittrauer*
- July 15th *Wanda Evans & Izzy Granat*
- July 22nd *Dencie Edgy & Jana Fox*
- July 29th *Vickie Oliver & Nichole Hadden*



Happy July Anniversary Wishes:

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| <i>Durell & Royce Nease</i> | <i>July 1st</i> | <i>Married 41 years</i> |
| <i>Harry & Reba Edwards</i> | <i>July 3rd</i> | <i>Married 64 years</i> |
| <i>Michael & Frances Ambrose</i> | <i>July 19th</i> | <i>Married 15 years</i> |
| <i>Dennis & Martha Jean Heinen</i> | <i>July 19th</i> | <i>Married 38 years</i> |



Judy Davis
**Welcome
to the
Bethesda UMC
family.**

We are so glad you are here!

*Camp Meeting
Friday, July 13th*

*Bethesda UMC will be leading the
music on this night*

*If you would like to join the choir please
see Marianna Chopin.*

*If you have someone you
want to add or remove
from the prayer list please
send me an email, call the
office or leave a note on my
desk.*

*Thank you,
Linda*

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Bethesda UMC Youth

JULY 2018

Sunday, July 1	Movie Night at Bethesda 4:30-6:30pm
Wednesday, July 4	No Bible Study-Happy 4th of July
Saturday, July 7	Campground Tent Work day 9am
Sunday, July 8	No UMYF
Wednesday, July 11	Bible Study 6:30-7:30pm
July 12-15	Effingham Youth Camp-sign up by July 8
July 13-18	Effingham Campmeeting 11am & 7pm
Sunday, July 15	Lunch at Bethesda tent following Worship
Sunday, July 22	UMYF -TBA
Wednesday, July 25	Bible Study 6:30-7:30pm
Sunday, July 29	UMYF--“Make your own Game” 4:30-6:00pm

“May the Lord bless you and keep you!”

Questions??? Tammy Saxon or Jennifer Granat

The Stephen Ministry at Bethesda UMC is starting and they would appreciate all your prayers.

Stephen Ministry is grounded in Jesus’ command to love one another!

For more information please see Jan Flowers or Brother David



Christ Caring • For People • Through People

Bethesda is collecting household items for our families at **People Helping People**.

Our goal is to supply 15 bags per month.

We appreciate your donations and pray these bags will bless these families.

The list of items include:

(full size—not travel size)

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| Detergent | Soap | Toothpaste | Toothbrushes | Paper towels |
| Lip Balm | All purpose cleaner | Lotion | Dryer Sheets | Toilet paper |