

# Bethesda Beacon

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Stephen Ministry is Coming!

Matthew 25:34-40

*Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'*

As spring seems to have come early this year, and Easter is around the corner, we continue to truck down our ROAD to GROWTH. This is our plan for growth that we developed last year, based on our faith, our passions and our vision of where God wants to lead us. We have three lanes in our road, children's ministry, discipleship and ministry spaces.

Sprouts, our children's ministry continues to grow on Sunday afternoons. Our ministry spaces are getting better every day. We have new lights, new doors, and new playground equipment should be in place by the time you receive this. Our Effingham campground tent renovation is well under way. We will be dedicating the tent in plenty of time for our Sunday School Convention in May.

And now we are about to take another big step forward on our road. Right after Easter we will be restarting our Stephen Ministry. This is part of our discipleship lane. Bethesda has always had a reputation as a loving, family church. Stephen Ministry is program that takes people with a gift for caring and nurturing, and gives them additional training and support so that they can be effective servants in our congregation. Stephen Ministers provide loving care for people who are hospitalized, homebound, experiencing personal crises, in mourning after a loss, lonely or depressed, struggling with their faith, or other similar issues. Stephen Ministers are not counselors or therapists. They are listeners who offer compassionate support. They are the "hands and feet" that offer Christ's healing love.

If you are interested in Stephen Ministry, we will be having an informational meeting shortly after Easter, where you can find out more about the training, commitment and support. We are blessed to have Janet Flowers, as director for our program, who is skilled, trained, and most importantly, passionate about Stephen Ministry. Please take this month to pray about this discipling ministry, and if you might be called to it.

## Thoughts for March 2018

Matthew 25:21 *The master was full of praise. "Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!"* New Living Translation

At the time I write this article the world's eyes are glued to the TV watching the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea. It is fun to cheer for team USA; heartbreaking to see them come so close to the gold only to lose it at the last minute. Every athletic has spent hours, days, even years just to get to the games. They all want to go home feeling they have done their best for team and country. All want to hear the words "well done".

I am reminded of the words of Howard B. Grose, written in 1902:

Give of your best to the Master;  
Give Him first place in your heart.  
Give Him first place in your service;  
Consecrate every part.  
Give, and to you will be given;  
God His beloved Son gave.  
Gratefully seeking to serve Him  
Give Him the best that you have.

As we move into March and into the final days of Lent, pray for your service to God. Ask Him to show you ways to serve Him. If athletics can give their all to a sport, can we not give our best to Him? Consecrate all that you do to Him...strive to hear God's words "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Diane Wilhelm, Prayer Ministry Coordinator

### MARCH NURSERY SCHEDULE

4th Vickie Oliver & Nichole Hadden  
11th Peggy Kessler & Joyce Wadsworth  
18th Martha Heinen & Jennifer Granat  
25th Johnna & Ricky Stringer

### Children's Church Workers

1st Sunday	Tina Keener
2nd Sunday	Lyna Morgan
3rd Sunday	Lyna Morgan
4th Sunday	Vickie Oliver

### Children's Ministry March Schedule (K - 5th grade)

4th	4:30pm
11th	4:30pm
18th	No meeting
25th	4:30pm



### Easter Service Schedule

3/29: Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:00pm

3/31: Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00am



4/1: **Easter Sunday**

7:00am Sunrise Service  
8:00am Breakfast  
9:00am Sunday School  
10:00am Worship Service



<p><b>Happy March Birthday Wishes</b></p> <p>1st Sarah Pierce  1st Kimball Fox  3rd Peggy Kessler  3rd Mike LeNeave  7th Kaitlyn Guzman  8th Bobby Wadsworth  10th Zach Schoonover  11th Kailey Kessler  12th Laurie Stregles  14th Diane Wilhelm  17th Emma LeNeave  18th Charlotte Leighty  19th Chris Bazemore  22nd Doug Saxon  22nd Jana Fox  23rd Brayden Saxon  26th Clay Morgan  28th Durell Nease  29th Irma Davis</p>	<p>From Jane Seaman,  Coastal District Administrative Assistant</p> <p>Dr. Wayne Moseley is retiring from the Coastal District as Superintendent this year. I would like to honor him at our April 15, 2018 District Conference, being held at Gateway Community Church in Rincon. If you would like to send a monetary gift, made out to the Coastal District, I plan on giving Wayne and Sharon a nice amount and donating the rest to Epworth By The Sea in the form of a brick with their name on it as well as a cash memorial gift. Please send in your donations as soon as you can, mailed to Jane Seaman, Coastal District, 110 Rushings St., Richmond Hill, GA 31324. I will make sure that your name is listed on their card on behalf of the Coastal District. It has been an honor to work for such a Godly couple, who sincerely has prayed for each of you and appreciated your service in God's kingdom. Let's send them off with love, thanksgiving and our support!</p>	<p><b>Prayer list:</b></p> <p>Our Pastor  All Ministries at Bethesda UMC  Military  Leaders of America</p> <p>Ronald Allen  Carolyn Bannister  Woody Brewster  Diana Cato  Irma Davis  Jason Duboise  Harry &amp; Reba Edwards  Emmory Ely  Ethan Ferguson  JD Fulcher  Tony Hickman  Betty Hinely  LouDean Hinely  Ashley Helmey  Pam Jernigan  Kelsey Keener  Tina Keener  TJ Kessler  Ginger Kieffer  Samantha LeNeave  Jake Long  Michelle McKuhen  Clayton Morgan  Scott Morgan  Caroline Morton  Bernie Pierce  Melanie Rahn  Connie Shuman  Irene Stanford  Joyce Wadsworth  Jaymie Wilson  Wannette Yarbrough  Alma Zettler  Bernard L. Zipperer</p> <p><i>If you have someone you want to <u>add</u> or <u>remove</u> from the prayer list please send me an email, call the office or leave a note on my desk.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you,  Linda</i></p>
	<p><b>Happy March Anniversary Wishes:</b></p> <p>3rd Doug &amp; Tammy Saxon Married 28 years  9th David &amp; Katie Cott Married 5 years  13th Rusty &amp; Kristen Zittrouer Married 19 years</p>	
<p>Jennifer Granat is looking for someone to assist in sending out birthday and anniversary cards each month.</p> <p>If you are interested and would like to know more please see Jennifer.</p>	<p><i>The Easter Lilies order forms will be available beginning March 4th in your Sunday bulletins. The cost will be \$11 for each lily. Any questions see Mrs. Laurie Stregles.</i></p>  	
<p><b>Administrative Council Meeting</b>  Monday, March 26  At 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>Bethesda Women's Association</b>  Tues. March 20, 18 @ 7:00pm  Hostess: Laurie Stregles  Program: Eileen Olsen  Place: Laurie's Home</p>	
<p><i>NO UMW Hope Landry Circle meeting during March</i></p>	<p><b>Youth events</b>  <b>Page 4</b></p>	
<p>April 2018 Newsletter ~ Deadline is 3/19/18  Please turn in all announcements, articles, or other information by this date. Thank you!!</p>		

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**Bethesda UMC Youth**  
We invite all youth (grades 6 - 12)  
to join us for the following



# March 2018

- Sunday, March 4 UMYF-Tye Dye (bring a white tshirt)-4:30-6pm  
**(Krispy Kreme Fundraiser begins-delivery April 8)**
- Wednesday, March 7 Bible study 6:30-7:30pm
- Sunday, March 11 UMYF-Senior baskets-4:30-6pm
- Wednesday, March 14 Bible study 6:30-7:30pm
- Sunday, March 18 No UMYF
- Wednesday, March 21 Bible study/Pack Household bags 6:30-7:30pm
- Sunday, March 25 Worship/Lunch/PHP Easter Celebration
- Wednesday, March 28 Bible study 6:30-7:30pm

**“May the Lord bless you and keep you!”**  
Questions?? Tammy Saxon or Jennifer Granat

Bethesda is collecting household items for our families at **People Helping People**. Our goal is to supply 20 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 |  |

The Ronald McDonald House relies on donations from the community and fundraising projects to help provide for the families finding refuge at our House.  
It's truly a win-win situation!



Please continue to save & donate your pop tabs, you can give them to George Zittrouer or drop them off in the box located in the church office.



Thank you.