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Bethel Beacon

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Living our faith, sharing God's love.



Message from the Pastor

Dear Bethel Family,

I am your new pastor and through this article I send you greetings in the precious name of our Lord, Jesus Christ in whom we all are one body. We moved to Warrenton on June 26th and are still unpacking boxes. My family and I have been profoundly touched by the warm welcome and hospitality by the Bethel church family. It was great seeing many of you in the church this past Sunday and Rupa and I look forward to knowing you more in the coming weeks and months. I am grateful for this opportunity to give a brief introduction of my family and myself through this article.

I was born and raised in Pakistan and moved to the USA in 2010. Though I had a degree in psychology I chose to become an entrepreneur and ran three different businesses simultaneously until I came to America. Becoming a pastor was NEVER a part of my future endeavors but God had different plans for my life. My calling to the ordained ministry was incredibly profound and so obvious in many ways that not only I but others around me affirmed that too. I surrendered and to prepare to be ordained in the UMC as an elder I went to Wesley Theological Seminary and earned a Master of Divinity degree. While I was still in seminary I

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was appointed as associate pastor at Floris United Methodist Church in Herndon, VA in July 2014 where I served for four years till June 2018 before taking my next appointment at Crenshaw UMC (Blackstone, VA) as the lead pastor.

Helping the local church growth, both spiritually and numerically, is my passion. To become a more effective pastoral leader to help the local church grow I am pursuing a Doctor of Ministry Degree at Wesley House Cambridge, England; I have completed the course work and now working on my research project. I hope to graduate in May 2025. In addition, I recently graduated from a prestigious nine-month-long leadership program “Reynolds Program in Church Leadership.”

I love traveling and meeting new people. Spending time on the beach or swimming pool with family is always a bonus. My favorite bible verse is Proverbs 9:10 “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

Now here is a little bit about my family. Rupa and I got married in 2003 and it was a completely arranged marriage; we saw each other the day we got married. Remainder of the story I save for another time. Rupa and I have three children, Kassaf (19, sophomore at Shenandoah), Kadisha (17, high school senior), and Kevin



(13, eighth grade). They love to be in water; pool or beach, doesn't matter. Kevin has a deep love for basketball and can't wait to start playing on Marshal Middle team.

I have heard great things that Pastors David and Clayton have shared about you all and look forward to learning more. We keep you all in our prayers and ask you to pray for us during this time of move and transition. God Bless you.

In Christ,

Rev. Nadeem



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Conference: Brett Hahne

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Murray Edwards

Youth Representative:

Grant Taylor

Young Adult Representative:

TBD

Pastor Childers Farewell

Dear Bethel UMC Friends:

You opened your arms to me and it has been such a blessing having these few months to serve as your pastor. I am sure you know that Bethel is a unique congregation. I have talked with so many of you about what attracted you to Bethel UMC. Over and over I have heard: "It just felt comfortable", "people were so welcoming", "It seemed like family", "it was an easy congregation to get to know and find a home". I feel that way about you as well. You welcomed me. But there is more to it than that. I also know that at Bethel UMC you have a spiritual bond in Jesus Christ that draws members together. We all need a place where our spirits can be fed; Bethel does that for us. It fills the emptiness, and gives us a community of faith where we know we belong.

My prayers are with you all and your new pastor, Rev. Nadeem and all of his family as you grow in faith and love together. I have been blessed to get to know him and I know you are going to be blessed as well. May God bless and keep each of you. I count it all joy having been in your presence.

Pastor Clayton Childers



Pastor Clayton receiving his *missed opportunity buy* from the yard sale as a gift from Pat Martin.

Pastor Clayton leading the Young Disciples Message with Rin Tin Tin, Brody and Denali.



July Birthdays

- 2 Mark Langan
- 5 Courtney Asawadeekul
- 7 Brian Bartlebaugh
- 12 Greg Steinmeyer
- 15 Karen Putnam
- 20 Cameron Lee
- 23 Mary Ann Teets
- 24 Jennifer Sellers
- 26 Linda Hayden
- 26 Travis Taylor
- 28 Brett Hahne

July Anniversaries

- 9 Matt and Rachel Gibson
- 18 Gary and Nancy Pinson

**Worship
Reminder**

Communion will be served by intinction on the first and third* Sundays of the month. Those who prefer the self-serve elements or the gluten-free elements can ask the server when they come up.

Don't Stop the Music

Pat Martin, Music Director

THANK YOU – Sanctuary Choir!

I am so grateful for the dedicated folks who have rehearsed on Thursday evenings in order to bring Special Music to enhance our worship services on Sunday mornings this past year. Some of these people have been with us all year; while others have been with us for a season. Regardless, they have all shared their gifts and talents to help us point our hearts to God. Be sure to let them know you appreciate them.

Joan Bacot (our wonderful accompanist),
 Tim & Sandy Boone, Clayton Childers
 Janice Cooke, Becky Crouch, Murray Edwards, Gayle Ferrell
 Joe Florence, Charlene Hahne, Debbie Mroczek, Martha Jo Payne
 Duane Williamson, Christine Winters and Karla Yocum

Summer Special Music – Share your Talents

During the rest of the summer, we will have some small groups bring the music; the Blueridge Barbershop Chorus will sing again in August; some of our talented youth will share their gifts of music; and Dick Brewer will play his violin for us in August. If you would like to provide Special Music one Sunday, please just reach out to me. On several Sundays, we will sing Meditation Hymns that will include some of your Favorite Hymns.

Special Summer Pianist

On Sunday, July 14th, while I'm away enjoying a Cousin Reunion in PA, Grant Taylor will be at the piano leading the hymns and responses. This will be Grant's first time leading the music for an entire Sunday service at Bethel. And I can tell you, it's very different than playing something special during a service. I'm very grateful that Grant said, "Yes!" without hesitation. None of the others who would typically take over for me on a Sunday were available. I know Grant will do a terrific job and I also know he will appreciate your support and encouragement as he steps into something new.

Living our Faith, Sharing God's Love

Bethel United Methodist Youth

Youth Sunday, June 30

At the current time, the following Adult Volunteers are working with Bethel United Methodist Youth (BUMY): Joice Fredenburgh, Debbie Mroczek, Karla Yocum, Karen Nelson, and Sandra Colvin. The contact person is Joice Fredenburgh. We had our “Youth Service” on Sunday, June 30th. We want to thank everyone in our Bethel family for their support by attending our service. We will be taking a break from meeting in July, but we will still be having our “Motel Ministry” activity. We will begin our Bethel United Methodist Youth (BUMY) meetings again in August.



*Thank you
Bethel Youth
and Leaders*

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Don't Stop the Music

Will You Be a Part?

I hope you will consider joining the choir when our rehearsals begin again at the end of August. We need all voices: soprano, alto, tenor and bass. And guess what? Most of our members DO NOT read music. So, if you like to sing, please talk to me. Our work is never about performing. It is ALWAYS about pointing people to God, never to ourselves. We need you.

Reach me at pat88piano@gmail.com or 703-220-7079

Motel Ministry

We always need the following items. Please drop them off in the Social Hall Motel Ministry bin. Thank you

Canned Food----meats (chicken and tuna), soups, spaghetti, beef stew, chili, fruit, etc.

Can openers

Deodorant (men's and women's)

Men's and Ladies' **Disposable razors**

Small packs of **cookies and crackers**

Capri Sun **Drink Packets**

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Mustard and Mayonnaise

Finance Monthly Report

Income & Expenses*

June Income: \$22,198.00 June Expenses \$26,731.73

YTD 2024 Income: \$134,254.00 YTD 2024 Expenses: \$161,844.91

*Because the Beacon is published monthly, finances for the prior month will be reported.

Attendance & Giving

Date	Views	In-Person Adults/ Kids	Average	Giving
June 2	31	62	94.48	\$6,470.00
June 9	74	71	96.58	\$3,720.00
June 16	37	56	96.44	\$3,420.00
June 23	24	85	96.92	\$3,943.00
June 30		90		\$4,645.00

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July Sermons

- July 7:** God Has A Plan Jeremiah 29:10-14
- July 14:** Calming in the Storm Mark 4:35-41
- July 21:** Dig A Ditch 1 Kings 3:9-18
- July 28:** In God We Trust 1 Samuel 1:9-18

Events and Meetings

Wednesdays	Prayer Gathering, 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary
Saturday, July 6	UM Men Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Social Hall
Sunday, July 7	Motel Ministry, 11:30 a.m. Social Hall
Tuesday, July 9	Fauquier Cty Quilters, 7:00 p.m. Social Hall
Tuesday, July 9	Finance Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Pavilion Room
Sunday, July 14	Trustees, 11:30 a.m., Upper Room, Rm 402
Thursday, July 18	Ruritan Dinner, 7:00 p.m., Pavilion Room
Sunday, July 21	SPRC Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Upper Room
Tuesday, July 23	Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Pavilion Room

Northern Virginia District Superintendent

Installation Service

On September 8, 2024 at 3:00 p.m., the Northern Virginia District will hold an installation service for our new District Superintendent, Rev. Kirk Nave. Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson will be with us to welcome Kirk into this new role. This event will take place at:

Burke UMC
 6200 Burke Centre Pkwy
 Burke, VA 22015

Save
the
Date

**Sunday,
September 8**

Installation Service
for
District Superintendent
Rev. Kirk Nave



All are welcome to attend this worship service and reception.
 Please **RSVP** at the website provided in order to help us plan for refreshments.
<https://novaumc.org/ds-installation-service/>