



The Newsette

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Our Vision: Bethany Christian Church is committed to worshipping God, deepening our faith, spreading the gospel, and serving where Christ leads.

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Senior Pastor

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Financial Secretary

Duane Toole
Director of Music

Carol Molinares
Pianist

To submit information for the Newsette, call (804) 233-1066 or send an email to bethanychristiandoc@gmail.com

We are still broadcasting our Sunday service online on Facebook for those members and friends who choose to worship at home.

MARCH TEAMS

If you are unable to serve on the date(s) assigned, please arrange for a replacement.

PROPERTY OPENER and CLOSER
David Walls

COMMUNION PREPARATION
1 – Jo Anne & Ross Dorneman
8 – Jo Anne & Ross Dorneman
15 – Stephanie Lewis
22 – Geoff Gangloff
29 Palm Sunday – Brian & Penny Gradwell

USHERS - all month
Primary: Ray Crawford
Backup: Johnny Grubb

WORSHIP LEADERS

1 – Linda Grubb
8 – Barbara Ozlin
15 – Barb Koch
22 – Donna Wicker
29 Palm Sunday – June Sears

DEACONS

Frances Pully
Jo Anne Dorneman

ELDERS

1 – Johnny Grubb
8 – Barbara Ozlin
15 – Barb Koch
22 – Donna Wicker
29 Palm Sunday – June Sears

ELDER SERVICE TO HOMEBOUND

Barb Koch and June Sears

OFFERING COMMITTEE

Barbara Koch and Linda Walls

NOTE 1: The Into Action AA group will be meeting in our Youth Center: •Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. •Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

NOTE 2: Crown and Joy Presbyterian Church meets in our main building: •Sundays at 1:00 p.m. •Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
•Third Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. and other times as coordinated with us



THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

"Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death."

~ Pope Francis

"March is an example of how beautiful new beginnings can be." ~ Anamika Mishra

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:10

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

Stewardship report as of January 31, 2026 (8.33% of the year)

Income received year-to-date\$12,834.81 (8.34% of annual budget)

pledged donations; "give-as-I-can" donations;
transient, Sunday School, budgeted special offerings and
receipts; budgeted facility donations; budgeted
interest/dividend income

* also YTD, we have received and disbursed through Misc Special Offerings

Total operating expenses year-to-date.....\$14,276.91 (6.77% of annual budget)

For 2026, we:

- accounted for \$2,325 in facility donations
- accounted for \$1,360.85 gain in the value of our Perpetual Endowment Fund

Information on our accounts as of January 31, 2026

Truist Checking Acct	\$ 49,900.29
Truist Business MM Acct	\$ 644.05
Truist CD (matures 6-12-2026)	\$ 26,512.98
Christian Church Extension Fund CD for Loving & Caring Endowment (principal cannot be used - matures 05-14-2026)	\$ 10,000.00
Christian Church Extension Fund CD (matures 3-27-2026)	\$ 50,000.00
Perpetual Endowment*	\$ 436,241.04
* principal.....	\$ 237,855.59
* dollars available as directed by designated gifts from members/friends.....	76,178.51
* income available for general church needs as directed by the General Board.....	122,206.94

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

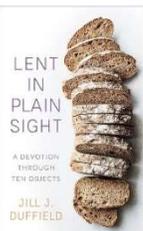


Daylight Savings Time begins on **Sunday, March 8**. Don't forget to "Spring Forward" and set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 7.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE DEPARTMENT

Please join us for the first "Combined Sunday School" event of 2026, **Sunday March 1st** at **9:15 am**.

WORSHIP | SPIRITUAL GROWTH | COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT



Lenten Lunches continue in March. On **Wednesdays at 11:30 am** please join Pastor Jackie as she leads us in a study using the book by Jill J. Duffield, **LENT IN PLAIN SIGHT**. Bring your bag lunch. Beverages will be provided. Hope you will join us as we see how God often works through the "ordinary". ~ Sue Marion

We will be open as a Church World Service/Lutheran World Relief drop-off depot in **March and April**.

Blessing Box Offerings -- This collection is a special way to express our gratitude to God for His many blessings to us. The Blessing Box offering will be accepted on **Sunday, March 8 and Sunday, March 15**. Disciples Women started this offering in 1953, and now 50% of your donations go to support the mission of the whole church and the other 50% go to fund the ministries carried out by Disciples Women through the International Disciples Women's Ministries.

Please make your checks payable to "Bethany Christian Church" and write "Blessing Box Offering" in the memo section.

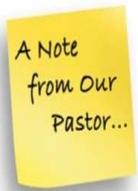


Bainbridge Community Ministry box in the hallway near the Chapel is always open for your donations of non-perishable food (and there is a box for paper bags with handles). Tim Skeens, from Bon Air Christian Church, is always so kind to deliver our food donations.

- *things to think about when donating to the food bank: cans with pop tops (no can opener required); smaller portions not oversized boxes; items that don't require ingredients not in the box (i.e., some mac & cheese requires milk and butter); cooking oil, sugar, and spices are needed also*

The upcoming Easter Egg Hunt will be held **Saturday April 4th, 2026** from **11:00am until 2:00pm**. We will be hosting again with Crown and Joy. Please bring Easter Egg Donations through **March 29th**. A donation box will be placed in the Narthex. Thank you, Linda Walls.

FROM PASTOR JACKIE TWEDELL WOODS



This week marked the first Sunday in Lent. We began this season of reflection, reverence, and prayer with Jesus' temptation in the wilderness. Faced with our own temptations to forget who God is – a God of love...a God who is present, always...a God who calls each of us God's beloved – we find comfort in the promise of Bread from Heaven!

As we give thanks for this wonderful gift of simple, ordinary bread, we are reminded that we find God in ordinary things...things that are often in plain sight...things that, because they are so plain, we tend to overlook.

Throughout the rest of Lent, we will follow "Lent in Plain Sight," drawing our attention to ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem: dust, bread, the cross, coins, shoes, oil, coats, and stones. On Sundays during worship, and at our Lenten Lunches, we will spend time with each ordinary object, and we will dive into the biblical account of Jesus final days. My hope is that through these objects, we will draw closer to God, to each other, and to God's promise of God's presence. This upcoming Sunday, our ordinary object is the cross. As I have begun preparing for worship, I have found myself seeking out all the crosses I have hanging on my walls, standing on my bookshelves, in my jewelry box. How many crosses do you have? How do you display them? What memories are connected to them? What does the cross mean to You? Over the next few weeks, we will also be interacting with coins, shoes, oil, coats, and stones. I hope you will begin to pay attention to how you interact with each these items.

For example...

When was the last time you remember holding coins?

How many pairs of shoes do you have?

What kind of oil do you use when you cook?

How many different kinds of coats do you have currently hanging on your coat rack?

When you hold a rock, what do you find yourself thinking about?

And finally, what is God saying to you in each of these items?

As you contemplate these simple items, my prayer is that they will point you to God's presence, which is in all things, and is with us in every single moment, always.

Blessings,
Pastor Jackie

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Combined Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 11:00 am Crow n & Joy 1:00 pm	2	3 AA-YC 7:00 pm	4 Lenten bag lunch and study 11:30 am C&J 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm	5 AA-YC 7:00 pm	6	7 C&J Marriage Chat 9-11 am
8 Daylight Saving begins Blessing Box Offg Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Crow n & Joy 1:30 pm	9	10 AA-YC 7:00 pm	11 Lenten bag lunch and study 11:30 am C&J 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm	12 AA-YC 7:00 pm	13	14
15 Blessing Box Offg Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Board mtg noon Crow n & Joy 1:30 pm	16	17 DWF Circle #1 10:00 am AA-YC 7:00 pm	18 Lenten bag lunch and study 11:30 am C&J 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm	19 Theology on Tap at Maldini's 6:30 pm AA-YC 7:00 pm	20	21 C&J 8:30 am
22 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Crow n & Joy 1:30 pm • Apr Newsette deadline	23	24 AA-YC 7:00 pm	25 Lenten bag lunch and study 11:30 am C&J 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm	26 DWF Circle #4 7:00 pm AA-YC 7:00 pm	27	28 Easter Egg Hunt with C&J 10 am
29 Palm Sunday Easter Offg Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Crow n & Joy 1:30 pm	30	31 AA-YC 7:00 pm				
		Notes: AA: Into Action Alcoholics Anonymous C&J: Crow n & Joy Presbyterian Church DWF: Disciples Women's Fellowship		FH: Fellowship Hall YC: Youth Center		© 2022 Vertex42 LLC Calendar Template by Vertex42.com