



Connections

“The making of new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

First UMC Bethany

June 2014

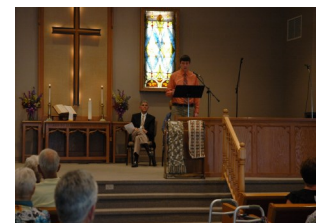
To God Be The Glory...

God is in the miracle business and we have experienced a miracle here at First UMC Bethany! We moved into our new sanctuary in May, 2011 and in May, 2014, our church building is now debt free! Bishop Robert Schnase of the United Methodist Missouri Conference joined us for this special celebration and gave an inspiring message, “Somewhere Out There.” He shared with us that somewhere out there is a child who doesn’t know Jesus but through our ministries, he or she will begin a relationship with Him and other ways we can minister to people in our community.

Bishop Schnase also shared that he met with Pastor Cindy Buhman at our church at 15th and Miller nearly 10 years ago when he first came to Missouri to serve as our Bishop. And now the vision of a new sanctuary to God has been realized and we give God the glory. District Superintendent Steve Cox shared that it isn’t often that a D.S. is part of the whole building process, from the dream, the plans, to the vote, to the completed church and the dedication service that it is debt free! Pastor Cindy shared how she is so pleased that the dream has come true and she offered a beautiful prayer for God’s vision to continue working among us.

We were blessed with beautiful music led by Debbie Cross and Christine Hunt as our pianist. Trace Graham offered his gift with the song “Bless This House,” with Barbara Shelby as accompanist. We had wonderful refreshments, including a delicious cake made by Hayley Slagle with the UM cross and flame and the words “To God Be The Glory.” Janie Martz made delicious mints in shapes of Bibles and praying hands.

We had a WONDERFUL celebration and we give thanks to God for this miracle and for God’s generous people at First UMC Bethany!



Thank You, Friends!

Thank you, friends, for the WONDERFUL luncheon on Sunday to celebrate our ministry together. I am so blessed to serve as your pastor and I am grateful for our 2 ½ years together. We have said “yes” to God and have been part of some amazing miracles. Who can forget the first blessing of our first prayer shawls and now we have blessed over 700! And that first Summer Lunch Box Ministry, making 100 meals a day and at the end of the summer we had prepared and delivered 3,000 meals. And as I write this, we are at it again, making 55 lunches on the first day of our Summer Lunch Box Ministry 2014! We have celebrated God in so many ways, reaching out so others know the grace and love of God. My prayers will be with you and Michael as you continue Christ’s ministry in your corner of the world...and thank you so much for your amazing generosity with your beautiful cards and money. I’ve never had a money tree before. Do you think it will bloom again next spring? LOL!!!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 1 Pastor Susan Party & Mortgage burning
- June 2 Lunch Box Ministry begins
- June 14 Relay for Life BTC Parking Lot
- June 15 Susan’s last Sunday
- June 29 Pastor Michael’s first Sunday
- June 29 Bible School 6:00-8:00pm
- June 30 Bible School 6:00-8:00pm
- July 1 Bible School 6:00-8:00pm
- July 2 Bible School 6:00-8:00pm

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Family of Sherrie Irsay
- Family of Dallas Hillyard
- Betty Dedrick-Health concerns
- Francis Eivins-Health concerns
- Mary Harvey-Health concerns
- Marissa Miller-Health concerns
- Juanita Poush-Health concerns-Crestview
- Jeff Wagner Continued health concerns-Home
- Pastor Susan-In her transition
- Michael Dunlap-Our new pastor as he joins us in worship



Food Pantry Item for June
Peanut Butter

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9:30 am *Worship*
10:40 am *Sunday School*

June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30 Worship 12:00 Susan's Dinner Party 1:30 Mortgage Burning w/Bishop Schnasse	2 9:00 Lunch Box Monday through Friday	3	4	5 9:30 Prayer Shawl 7:00 Singles	6	7
8 9:30 Worship 10:40 Sunday School	9 9:00 Lunch Box Monday through Friday	10 9:00 Prayer Team 9:30 Prayer Shawl 5:00 Choir	11	12 9:30 Prayer Shawl 7:00 Singles	13 Blood Drive at Community Ctr 11:30am -6:00pm Fellowship Hall Reserved	14 Pettijohn Wedding 5:00 pm Relay for Life Btc Parking Lot
15 9:30 Worship 10:40 Sunday School Fellowship Hall reserved	16 9:00 Lunch Box Monday through Friday	17 9:00 Prayer Team 9:30 Prayer Shawl 5:00 Choir	18 6:30pm Church Council	19 9:30 Prayer Shawl 7:00 Singles	20	21
22 9:30 Worship 10:40 Sunday School	23 9:00 Lunch Box Monday through Friday	24 9:00 Prayer Team 9:30 Prayer Shawl 5:00 Choir	25	26 9:30 Prayer Shawl 7:00 Singles	27	28
29 9:30 Worship 10:40 Sunday School Pastor Michael's First Sunday	30 9:00 Lunch Box Monday through Friday					

Birthdays

June 5 Emily Faulkner	June 11 Zachary Faulkner	June 17 Marilyn Flesher	June 22 Kevin Terry
June 7 Elizabeth Easton	June 11 Ryan Herzog	June 18 Harold Helton	June 23 Tommy Pettijohn
June 7 Emmy Callaway	June 12 Karen Shepard	June 19 Robert Shepard	June 24 Brooke Symmonds
June 9 Linda Thomas	June 15 Bob Harryman	June 22 Hadley Hunt	June 27 Heather Giles



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Thank You

Thank you to all my friends at the Bethany United Methodist Church for all the many cards and beautiful prayer shawl. I will look at my cards for many days to come and enjoy them so much. My prayer shawl will always be a reminder of your love for me as I have been a member of the Methodist Church since I was born 100 years ago. Many of you come and visit me and I am so thankful for these visits.

Again thank you for remembering me on my 100th birthday.
 Your Friend, Mona King

Thank You Pastor Susan

Wow! What an adventure we have experienced in the last 2-1/2 years with Pastor Susan. You came at a time when your upbeat spirit was greatly needed. You helped us climb mountains that we didn't think we could. We reached the highest peaks through your ministry and your giving heart. Through your ministry our faith has grown. You showed us ways to achieve comfort, peace and strength. We thank you for the many wonderful ministries you helped start and fulfill within our church and community. Susan, we wish you the best in your new ministries.

We thank you and you will be greatly missed, Friends of UMC of Bethany



ATTENDANCE - SUNDAY SERVICE	<u>Radio Ministry Sponsors</u>
May 4-115 May 18 - 96 May 11 -104 May 25 - 86	May 4- Rand & Jane Slama-In Honor of Anniversary May 11-Dave & Debbie Cross-25th Wedding Anniversary May 18-Donna Fish May 25-Dick & Ramona Hamilton, Tim & Delcena Hamilton & Family-In Memory of Rick Hamilton
Remember our new Pastor will be here on June 29. Hope everyone can attend Sunday Services.	