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## REPURPOSE FOR A PURPOSE!

UPSY DAISY CREATIVE REUSE CENTER is a nonprofit organization associated with **Bethany United Methodist Church**. The center will be collecting discarded materials that can be reused and given new life. These collected materials will be sold at discounted prices to teachers, crafters, artists, students and others in the community for creative and utilitarian purposes. Upsy Daisy is able to provide a home for difficult-to-recycle materials such as wood or metal furniture, glass, textiles, plastics, crayons, etc. that can be used for creative reuse/repurpose. In addition to selling the donated materials, we will use the materials to offer workshops, craft kits, educational lesson plans, and renewed/repurposed items for sale.

Reuse means to find new ways to use things that otherwise would have been thrown out. Creative reuse (also known as upcycling or repurposing) is the process of transforming by-products, waste materials, useless, or unwanted products into new materials or products that are more valuable or of a higher quality. The benefits of creative reuse are multifaceted. The environmental benefits of upcycling are mammoth, aside from minimizing the volume of discarded materials and waste being sent to landfills each year, it also reduces the need for production using new or raw materials which leads to a reduction in air pollution, water pollution, greenhouse gas emissions and often a conservation of global resources. There are also social, economic, and personal benefits to creatively reusing materials.

## HOW CAN BETHANY UMC MEMBERS HELP?

**VOLUNTEER! Donate! Create!**

**Volunteers needed for - Decorating 😊 Cashiers 😊 Pricing 😊 Packaging 😊 Sewing projects 😊 Craft Classes/Demos 😊**

**NURSERY is available for infants to 3-year-olds during the Sunday school hour and 11:00 service.**

The nursery is located in the main hallway between the office and fellowship hall.

**Nursery volunteers are needed. WILL YOU HELP?** Sign-up sheet is outside the nursery.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given for the glory of God by Jason, Shannon, Jordan, and Carter Roane in honor of Cheryl Roane and in memory of Diane McFarland.

*To donate altar flowers in honor or memory of loved ones, please write your name on the flower chart in the main hallway or contact the church office. Thank you.*

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY		
<b>TODAY</b> <b>Mother's Day</b>	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Worship (8:30 Informal, 11:00 Traditional)
	9:30 a.m.	<b>**Second Sunday Potluck Breakfast**</b> (WBFH)
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School & Confirmation Class
<b>Tuesday, May 16</b>	6:00 p.m.	York River Villas (Lacey Martin)
	7:00 p.m.	Administrative Council (WBFH)
<b>Wednesday, May 17</b>		<b>BANNER SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE</b>
	6:00 p.m.	GNMCS Committee (Mary Lotsey)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
<b>Thursday, May 18</b>	10:00 a.m.	Music Camp (WBFH)
	10:30 a.m.	Naomi Circle (Mary Lotsey)
	5:00 p.m.	Media Upgrade (Mary Lotsey)
	6:30 p.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary)
	7:00 p.m.	Bethany Bible Study (Lacey Martin)
<b>NEXT SUNDAY, May 21</b>	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Worship (8:30 Informal, 11:00 Traditional)
	9:30 a.m.	Celebrations & Fellowship (WBFH)
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School & Confirmation Class
	4:00 p.m.	Joshua Spiritual Formation Group (Mary Lotsey)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BANNER DEADLINE – Extended to Wednesday, May 17.** Please submit your announcements by the deadline to ensure timely publication. Thank you.

**HOUSE OF PRAYER, Thursday at 6:30 PM.** — God’s will be done through the General Conference of the United Methodist Church, April 23-27, 2024.

**BBS (Bethany Bible Study), Thursday at 7 PM.** This week: Romans 7.

Zoom Link -- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85962217161?pwd=ajhjV1I5aXF3WIRHZWpKalpoU3BGUT09>

Meeting ID: 859 6221 7161

Passcode: 191759

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION** – If you have a family member graduating from high school, college, or graduate school, please email your information to [admin@bethanyumc-gp.org](mailto:admin@bethanyumc-gp.org) or drop off in the church office as soon as possible. Information on younger students (middle school and below) who are transitioning to the next level is welcome also. **Deadline to submit information for publication in the June *Bethany Banner* is Wednesday, May 17.** Thank you.

### Rocky Railway VBS — June 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 6-8 p.m.

For 4-year-olds thru rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders

We hope everybody is ready for a great time on the Rocky Railway!

Invite your grandkids, children, and friends for an awesome week of great Christian fun!

If you are interested in volunteering, we could use help with everything.

Contact Carter Roane via email ([youth@bethanyumc-gp.org](mailto:youth@bethanyumc-gp.org)) or text/call (804) 815-5722.

Can't wait for this week of fun and sharing the word of God!

**THANK YOU** — I don't have words to express my sincere gratitude for all the expressions of love from my church family. I just cried when I read some of them. Your love was palpable, your prayers were powerful. — *Alan Harvey*

### BETHANY AWARDED 2 GRANTS

Bethany has been awarded 2 grants from the Mission Rivers District Board of Mission. A \$5000 grant was awarded to cover a large portion of the cost of refurbishing our steeple. The second grant was also for \$5000 and will be used by the Media upgrade team to complete the major portion of our media upgrade.

### LOST – BETHANY SCRAPBOOK

A scrapbook was compiled for the 135th anniversary and placed afterward in the Mary Lotsey Class for future reference; however, the scrapbook is either misplaced or missing. If you know its whereabouts, please contact Don Thomas (email: [hoeforkhall@cox.net](mailto:hoeforkhall@cox.net); phone: 804-642-2223) or the church office. Thanks.

## CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

*Join us in the fellowship hall at 9:30 for cake, coffee, and celebration!*

### Birthdays:

- 5/14 Cheyenne Taylor; Mike Sage; Matt Sage
- 5/15 Mary Leigh
- 5/16 Billie Edwards
- 5/17 Philip Ransone
- 5/18 Evan Reams
- 5/19 Shanah-Ann Kendall Bair
- 5/20 Bob Blubaugh

### Anniversaries:

- 5/20 Ron Ervi & Loreen Paiva (23)
- 5/20 Mike & Bunny Ekdahl (9)

**REGISTRATION OPEN NOW FOR “FEEL THE NOISE” MUSIC CAMP, July 17-21**  
Register online at <https://vbspro.events/p/a2df6a> OR pick up a registration brochure at one of the entrances. Space limited to 50 middle schoolers. Questions? Pick up brochure or visit [www.bethanyumc-gp.org](http://www.bethanyumc-gp.org) for more info. **Volunteers still needed. Contact Sandy Byrd at 757-570-0858 if you need details or can help in any way.**



## FEEL THE NOISE

MUSIC CAMP



JULY 17-21, 2023  
9 A.M.-1 P.M.



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