

# BEULAH BEACON

## RECAP OF YOUTH BEULAH MISSIONS

By Pastor Daniel Chun

From June 25th to July 1st, I had the honor of leading five of our youth to Romney, West Virginia to join the Jeremiah Project in serving the community in different home repair projects. Home repair projects included cleaning homes, building fences, building the foundation to wheelchair ramps, etc. In addition to the home repair work, we all had different opportunities to spend time with the homeowners we serviced. Hearing their stories made the work we did much more impactful. Being able to have the face-to-face interaction with the homeowners allowed us to see the impact God was making through our services.

What I truly appreciated about our experience was the intent focus and time spent in worship. After each day's work, we spent evenings in worship. Praising in song, listening to God's Word, and reflecting on how God was sighted (called God's Sightings) throughout the day. The focus on worship added a deeper spiritual blessing as we embraced everything. What we were doing was not for our own gain but for the gain of God's Kingdom.

I would like to share one of the many stories and experiences that was truly God's blessing over the community of Romney and our team. I personally had the privilege of leading a team of high school students to the home of Kimberly Gray. She was an elderly woman who had a rough past and was trying to get by paycheck to paycheck. When we first got to her home, we were originally tasked to clean her front and back deck in



preparation for painting. We came upon a devastated and stressed homeowner who didn't get any sleep because her water pump broke. As many of us know, without a functioning water pump, there's no running water and fixing a water pump is not a cheap fix.

Our team had to adjust and work on the house using creek water which was a fun yet unique challenge. But as we left Mrs. Kimberly Gray's house, we felt sad and helpless because we couldn't do anything about the water pump. We returned to camp and continued our day and entered worship. As we worshipped, the speaker, who is also the main program director for the Jeremiah Project, shared Mrs. Kimberly Gray's situation. He shared with us how powerful and gracious God was. He shared with us he had been on the phone with Mrs. Gray and a plumber hoping to get her water pump fixed. What normally would have been a job that would take weeks, the plumber graciously said he would be able to repair the pump within two days. On top of all that, the Jeremiah Project has a Memorial Fund, called the Greater Impact Fund, which covered the whole cost for the water pump. By God's love and blessing, Mrs. Gray was able to get a repaired water pump without being financially burdened and in a timely manner.

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# MUSIC NOTES

By Deborah Wenrich

For August Beacon, I have included the history behind the hymns “Amazing Grace” and “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” for your enjoyment.



*Amazing Grace:* Amazing Grace was written by John Newton who was a slave trader turned minister. In his early sea years, Newton mocked religion but a near death encounter changed his perspective. In 1748, his ship was caught in a violent storm off the coast of

Buncrana, Ireland. He prayed that God would save the life of his crew and ship. He lost one sailor. Even though he experienced a great awakening, he continued in the business of slave trading. In 1754, he retired for medical reasons and then in 1764, he became an Anglican minister. He wrote, “I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see”. Newton’s poem became popular in the newly formed America when it was published in New York City in 1790. By the 1830’s many Baptists, Congregationalists, and Reformed churches used it in their hymnals, but nothing was known about the author. William Walker, a composer, tweaked the melody and renamed the melody “New Britain”. He then set it to John Newton’s words, and it became “Amazing Grace” It appeared in print in 1877 in Sacred Songs and Solos. Almost two hundred years after Newton penned “Amazing Grace” it became the ballad of the United States Civil Rights Movement. It is still a beloved hymn in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. From Stormy Seas to Civil Rights: The Surprising History of ‘Amazing Grace’ McDonnell, Sharon 14, December 2020, 2023 Minute Media <https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/638832/amazing-grace-history>



*Great Is Thy Faithfulness:* Thomas C. Chisolm was born in Kentucky in 1866. Though he had no formal education, he succeeded academically. He became a schoolteacher at the age of sixteen. Later he became an associate editor and then moved on to become the editor of the Pentecost Herald in Louisville, KY. In 1893

at the age of 26, he gave his heart to Christ. In 1903, he became a minister but due to lack of poor health, he had to limit his years of service. He wrote hundreds of poems throughout his life. One poem that he wrote was based on Lamentations 3:22-23. “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness”. He eventually sent the poem to William Runyan who came up with the musical setting. George Beverly Shea was asked to sing the hymn on the Moody Bible Institute Radio Station. Billy Graham heard the song on the radio and asked George Shea to sing it as part of his ministry. The song, “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” became known internationally through the crusades of Billy Graham. Hymnology: The Story Behind “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Forton, Abby 2<sup>nd</sup>, September 2021 Geneva College <https://www.geneva.edu/blog/uncategorized/hymnology-great-is-thy-faithfulness>

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Later in the week, our team went back to Mrs. Kimberly Gray’s house, and we witnessed the great joy and smile of Mrs. Gray. Her face was filled with so much joy and amazement. She shared that she couldn’t believe that God is so good. She couldn’t believe that there would be people called Christians willing to go out of their way for someone like her. As we were witnessing this, our team couldn’t help but also feel joy and be blessed to be a part of God’s miraculous work. I believe mission work is an opportunity where as much as we go and serve, it always seems like we are the ones being blessed by God.

This is just one of many stories that our mission’s team experienced during our week. It is through these experiences that our youth have been transformed by God. Our next prayer and step is that we bring these blessings back home to our own church and community, hoping to grow the Kingdom of God more. Please join us in prayer and in the mission that God has given to us.

Please note – The Greater Impact Fund which supported Mrs. Kimberly Gray is always seeking financial contributions to continue to serve the community of Romney. If you are interested in donating or want more information, please reach out to Pastor Daniel Chun.



# MUSIC MINISTRY

Fall will be here soon and with it the Music Ministry. There are several opportunities for people of all ages to share their talents in worshipping God. Information and signup sheets will be in the Narthex during the month of August. If you have any questions, please contact Deborah Wenrich at [deborah@beulahumc.org](mailto:deborah@beulahumc.org).

## Adult



**SANCTUARY CHOIR:** The choir rehearses on Thursday nights from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, beginning September 7. The choir is open to all skill levels and voices. The Sanctuary Choir sings the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month until June 16, 2024. The Christmas Cantata will be Sunday, December 17. WE NEED SOPRANOS, ALTOS, TENORS, AND BASSES!!!

**BELLS OF PRAISE:** Adult handbells are recruiting. If you know your right hand from your left hand. Please come out and have some fun! Rehearsals are every Monday night from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm and begin September 11. They will play on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month beginning in October and going forth until the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in June 2024.

**WOMEN'S CHORUS:** This new music group is open to ladies who would like to sing together (SATB, tight sound). Rehearsals are weekly from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm and begin Tuesday, September 12. The women's Chorus will sing on the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday monthly.

## Children and Youth



**CHILDREN AND YOUTH HANDBELLS:** C & Y Handbells are open to children ages 5 to 17. Rehearsals will be weekly and begin Wednesday, September 6 from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. They will play at the Community Thanksgiving Service (TBA), December 24, Christmas Eve Service, May 12, Mother's Day service, and June 16, Father's Day service.

## Everyone

**MUSIC ENSEMBLE:** The Ensemble is open to all instrument players. There must be a minimum of three players to start. Rehearsals on Thursday nights from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm starting September 7. The Ensemble will alternate between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month.

**CHRISTMAS PLAY:** The Christmas play will take place on Saturday, December 9 at 7:00 pm. Auditions are Sunday, September 17 & September 24 at 1:00 pm. Please sign up to audition. There is a separate sign-up sheet if you would like to help with sets, ushering, or costumes. Play rehearsals are on Sundays at 1:30 pm, starting October 1.



By Barry Iglehart

[root-cellar.org](http://root-cellar.org)

## NINTH OF AV, TENTH OF AV



It is said that every single catastrophe, every (possibly) disastrous crisis that has befallen the Hebrew nation throughout history has occurred on one particular date on their calendar. That would be Ninth Av. We are near it now as I write, and it will have passed by the time you read this.

Jerusalem sacked by Babylon and their people carried off to enslavement was on the Ninth of Av. Haman's plot to eradicate all the Jews in Persia was set to commence on the Ninth of Av. All the way through to Rome destroying the Temple, the Inquisition and the Jews expulsion from Spain took place on the Ninth of Av. Nazi schemes, even wars between the new nation of Israel and hostile neighbors revolved around the Ninth of Av. Incredible. And this day is commemorated and remembered by them as a people. This should be enough, but you may ask why?

My thought is this, there is also the Tenth of Av. With every day that brought possible annihilation, there was and is a day that follows, one with fresh hope and blessings. They still stood. God's holy people, His chosen ones were still there. His promises to them, and so to us, were still intact. This is also what taking Him at His word means. Jehovah Nissi, God will conquer. Jehovah Jirah, God will provide. He did for them. He will do so for us. Shalom.



# United Women in Faith

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CANDLE BURNING

Every year, our unit participates in a “Candle Burning” ceremony, where a candle is burned for a specific amount of time based on donations made to global missions in memory or in honor of someone. Candles will be burned at our District and Conference Annual Meetings in October and at our unit’s annual covered-dish luncheon in November.

If you would like to donate to missions in honor or in memory of someone, please contact Barbara Tuttle, 804-271-2289, by Monday, August 21. You and the person you are honoring or remembering do not have to be members of the UWF, and any amount is acceptable. Your names will be included in the programs, but individual donations are not listed. Thank you for your gifts to missions.

## UWF MISSION WITNESS

The Daily Prayer Guider is published annually by United Women in Faith. It invites us to pray as one people responsive to God’s call to relationships of caring, connecting and healing in a world of uncertainty in all but the love of God. Each month we share a testimony from a person in mission for Christ through the United Methodist Church.

### Scripture for the Month

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, then you will produce much fruit. Without me, you can’t do anything.

John 15:5

### Witness

Each day when I walk into the Neighborhood Center, I am reminded of Luke 12:48, which says, “from everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required.” Many people define “much” as wealth and material things and think that not much is required of them. I define “much” with the simple things that God gives us each day, like waking up this morning. My “much” is simply having my health and strength. Because I have much to be thankful for, I want to give so much to the children that we minister to each day. This verse reminds us that we should not simply live for ourselves and that we owe an obligation to all those around us. At the Neighborhood Center, we are shaping the lives of young people every day. We offer smiles, in a sea that is devoid of them. We offer guidance on a landscape where it is easy to get lost. We also offer kindness in a world where meanness is prized. When we focus on God and how much God blesses us, it is easy to do so much for others.

- Barbara Williams, Front Desk Clerk,  
Neighborhood Center of the United Methodist church,  
Harrisburg, PA

### Prayer

Please pray for international missionaries serving in Nigeria, North Macedonia, Norway and Panama and our missionaries serving in the United States in New Jersey, New York, and North Carolina.

## CONFERENCE KITS REPORT

For this year’s Virginia Annual Conference, 14,745 kits were donated for disaster relief through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). Of that total, 2,691 were from our Three Notch’d District, including 62 Hygiene Kits from Beulah. Our groups and individual members also donated \$1,851 for shipping and toothpaste and to provide Hygiene Kits and Cleaning Buckets. Thank you for your generosity.

## COMMUNION OFFERING

### CrossOver Healthcare Ministries

<https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/>

*(Information taken from the CrossOver website)*

The August Communion offering goes towards CrossOver Healthcare Ministries. The mission of CrossOver is to provide high quality healthcare, promote wellness, and connect community talents and resources with people in need in the name of Jesus Christ.

CrossOver patients come from 118 countries and speak over 50 languages. Approximately one quarter of their patients identify English as their first language. They are proud to serve patients from all over the world. Their vision clinic and pharmacy serve clients from six other safety net medical clinics in the area in addition to CrossOver patients. The CrossOver clinic offers pediatrics, which allows all members of a family to receive care in one location.

# THE MONTH IN REVIEW

**Wedding of Pastor Daniel and Karis:** On Saturday, July 8, Pastor Daniel Chun and Karis Gibson joined together in marriage. The wedding was beautifully decorated with ferns and flowers. God's blessing on the happy couple could be felt by everyone. On Monday, July 10 the reception was held for the Beulah family. The bride and groom walked to every table to have a photograph taken with everyone in attendance.



**New Members:** On Sunday, July 16, Beulah welcomed Tom Buckley and Deborah Wenrich into the congregation. Tom and Deborah, have been an active part of the congregation. Tom is a part of the Men's Bible study, Word Seekers Sunday School class, and has been in the Sanctuary Choir. Deborah has served at the music director here at Beulah. We are elated to have them formally join our Beulah family.

**Lady's Ice Cream Social:** The United Women of Faith annual Ice Cream Social was held on Tuesday, July 18. It was such a great evening of fun and fellowship! Our "Pink Flamingo/Beach theme" was a big hit, not to mention our "build your own sundae" with all the great toppings and of course the delicious homemade cookies! Many thanks to all who came out and supported this fun evening!



**Called Charge Conference:** On Sunday, July 23, the professing members of the church gathered to vote on whether to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. The total cost to disaffiliate was \$613,000. There were 182 members who voted. 156 voted for disaffiliation and 26 voted to stay with the United Methodist Church. The vote passed with 86% of the present professing members voting to disaffiliate. 66% was required for the vote to pass. On October 7, the conference will vote to release Beulah's affiliation from the United Methodist Church. Please continue to be in prayer for Beulah as we trust God for our Future.



**Being Flexible in Worship:** On Sunday, July 30 the staff arrived at the church to find the transformer and power pole lying in the street. The power and phonelines out of service. They quickly contacted the 8:30 service congregation to let them know service would not be happening in-person. A Facebook message and churchwide email went out letting everyone know services were being recorded and a special online service would be accessible at noon on Facebook. By 1:00 pm on Sunday, July 30, there had been 148 views and had been shared by multiple people. This is evidence of Beulah's hunger for the worship of God and trusting in His word.

# AUGUST CALENDAR

- 08 Finance Meeting
- 09 Beulah Pool
- 22 Springdale Bible Study
- 24 UWF Meeting
- 25 Mariners Dinner
- 30 Prayer Meeting

## REOCCURRING WEEKLY

- Sunday** 8:30 Worship  
Sunday School  
11:00 Worship
- Monday** Card Ministry  
Scouts
- Tuesday** Cub Scouts
- Wednesday** Staff Meeting

## BIRTHDAYS

### AUGUST

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|----|---------------------|----|--------------------|
| 01 | Della Delbridge     | 24 | Dawn Owens         |
|    | Crystal Grady       |    | Jeff Snow          |
|    |                     |    | Dawn White         |
| 02 | David Conner        | 25 | Rozzie Butcher     |
|    | John Hall           |    | Kerry Foster       |
|    | Lois Quaiff         | 27 | Karen Clanton      |
|    | Margaret Schools    | 29 | Mike Harris        |
|    | John Sherrill       |    | Pam Mays           |
| 03 | Martha Vaughan      |    | Jerry-Grace Sadler |
| 04 | Julia Grisham       |    | Ken Spitzley       |
| 06 | Jane Mason          | 30 | Cindy Smith        |
|    | Jim Taylor, Sr.     |    |                    |
| 08 | Steve Conner        |    |                    |
|    | Gail Lamm           |    |                    |
|    | Pat Soyars          |    |                    |
| 09 | Sarah Eastwood      |    |                    |
|    | Lorraine Spencer    |    |                    |
| 10 | Betty Lowe          |    |                    |
| 12 | Arnold Beck         |    |                    |
| 14 | Wren Sadler         |    |                    |
|    | Chip Scavone        |    |                    |
| 20 | Dick Peterson       |    |                    |
| 23 | Charles Quaiff, Jr. |    |                    |

### SEPTEMBER

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|----|--------------------|
| 01 | Travis Brooks      |
|    | Ruth Glick         |
| 02 | Barry Iglehart     |
| 03 | Kim Dell           |
|    | Bridgette Harrison |
|    | Sarah Inman        |
|    | Brenda Ridgeway    |
| 04 | Amanda Collins     |
| 07 | Pam Collins        |
|    | Kelsey Cunningham  |

## NOTES

**To: Beulah Friends**

**From: Rachel Holmes**

Thank you for the cards, calls, and prayers after my recent eye surgery. Things are "looking better". I am so thankful to be part of the Beulah family. Love and Blessings.

Transforming lives  
as we seek, share,  
and serve God.

## A MATTER OF BALANCE

Back by popular demand! This 8-week class emphasizes practical strategies in managing falls. You will learn to: view falls as controllable, set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risks at home, and exercise to increase strength and balance. This class is open to anyone concerned about falls or interested in improving balance, flexibility, and strength. The classes are on Thursdays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, September 07 through October 26. To register for this free workshop, please contact Kathy Brown by phone (804-343-3004) or email (kbrown@youraaa.org).

## FALL FELLOWSHIP HAPPENINGS

Fall is just around the corner and with fall comes WEDNESDAY WORSHIP MEALS. They will begin around the middle of September and go until the week before Thanksgiving. As in the past, a host/hostess is needed for each event. You can make your request for a particular Wednesday night by signing up at the information desk beginning August 1. The format will be the same as last year. You are welcome to prepare your meal or have someone cater it for you. Donations will be accepted for each meal and proceeds will belong to the hosting organizations. Please feel free to use paper products, which will be provided. The salt and peppers and flowers will be left on the table each week. If you wish to use a caterer, there will be a list of ones previously used in the office, for your convenience. After each meal, please remember "lots of hands" make for less work and quick clean up. Questions and/or suggestions can be directed to Sarah Eastwood.

## MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDERS

Do you know someone serving in the military or is a first responder? We would like to keep them covered in prayer and let them know how much we appreciate them. Please give their name and contact information (email and mailing address) to Bob Mays at parrotsrus@verizon.net

## SHERBOURNE

The Sherbourne Food Pantry has let us know they are running low on supplies. During the months of August and September, they are requesting donations of canned food and pantry items to help prepare the pantry for the upcoming fall and winter. Your donation can be left on the wire rack at the Information Center or in the white After hours Donation Cabinet in the Breeze Way. Thank you for your help in reaching our pledge of 5000 lbs.