

BEULAH BEACON

TRANSFORMATION

By Pastor Daniel Chun

Trunk or Treat is coming up! Which means it's that time of the year where we prepare to host our local community of North Chesterfield, inviting children and family to see all the decorated trunks and receive loads of candy. Surprisingly, Trunk or Treat is one of the biggest events of the year for us as we estimate about 1500 people to come through our parking lot. That is why we try to go all out for Trunk or Treat by renting a light tower, asking members to donate 25,000 plus pieces of candy, and even partnering with the Gideons to give out 500 plus New Testament bibles.

If there is one thing that we can learn from Trunk or Treat, it is that community engagement is and should be a main priority of the church. I am a firm believer that without engagement with the local community that surrounds us, our church would cease to exist. One of the spiritual pillars that holds the church together is "missions". Missions being our call to engage with those that surround us and sharing with them the love of Christ. How I then interpret this is that we, Beulah, have a mission to make known to our community that we, who model Jesus Christ, exist and care for them.

One of my favorite lessons that was taught to me about our mission to engage with community is this: "If your church (ex. Beulah) was to suddenly disappear, would

the community know or care? If the truthful and honest answer to this question is 'no', then the church must start reconsidering the purpose of the church."

As much as the church is a place of worship for Christians, it is also the place where the community knows that it is a place that strives to care and love because we model the care and love that Jesus Christ had for us. Matthew 5 reminds us that Jesus says: "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden." Jesus desires the church to be like on a hill where those surrounding us can see us. Jesus desires us to be the light of Christ so that people who are in darkness can be drawn to it.



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FEATURED ARTICLES

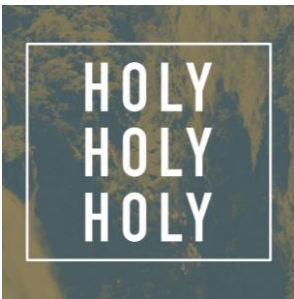
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MUSIC NOTES

By Deborah Wenrich

I have chosen two songs Holy, Holy, Holy and Spirit Song this month to give you the history behind these songs.



Holy, Holy, Holy was written by Reginald Heber. He was born in Cheshire, England in 1783. He received a great education and knew the value of hard work. After his education was completed, he was ordained into the Anglican church as a minister. He chose to be a minister at a very tiny church in Hodnet, England. Within his congregation, he was known for being a poet and a devout man. In 1823 at the age of 40, he was called to be a missionary to India. His title

was Bishop of Calcutta which put him over the missions in India, the island of Ceylon, and all of Australia.

His chief ambition was to build a clergy school so that the area would have ministers after he was gone. While he was building the school, he traveled across India spreading the gospel. The intense climate and responsibility wore on his health. One afternoon, after preaching the gospel to a large group of Indians, he dropped dead from heat stroke.

After his death, his work carried on. His wife found the fifty-seven hymns that he had written while he was ministering to the tiny church in Hodnet and she published the whole collection called "Hymns Written and Adapted to the Weekly Church Service of the Year. All of the hymns are still being used to this day. One hymn stood out "Holy, Holy, Holy":

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty,
Early in the morning my song shall rise to thee,

The Story Behind: Holy, Holy, Holy Brantley, Taylor 6 March, 2002 Hymn Charts
<https://www.hymncharts.com/2022/09/07/the-story-behind-holy-holy-holy/>



Spirit Song was written by John Wimber. He was known for being a charismatic pastor and the founder of Vineyard Christian Fellowship. He served as pastor to the Society of Friends in Yorba Linda, California in 1970. Then he moved to Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa, California in 1978. He differed with his congregation over the role of spiritual gifts and the active manifestation of the Holy Spirit in congregational life. He left Calvary Chapel in 1982 and became the senior pastor of Vineyard Fellowship in 1983.

Spirit Song was written in 1979, it appears in many hymnals. The song encourages an intimate relationship with the singer and Christ through the ministry of God's Holy Spirit. It encourages the singer to surrender all the things that hold them so that the Holy Spirit can make them whole.

History of Hymns: "Spirit Song" Dr. Hawn 26, June 2013, 2023 Discipleship Ministries,
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/history-of-hymns-spirit-song>

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But to be the "light of the world" where we are on the top of a hill so that the world may see, we need to pursue engagement with our community. Let's consider as the church, how we can engage with our community? Thinking about the needs that surround us. For example, I recently spoke with a police officer for Chesterfield County, and he shared with me that surprisingly what people in this community need more than food banks, is laundry detergent. (Because food stamps do not cover laundry/hygiene needs)

As we consider the needs of our community, I would then invite you to pray for the Holy Spirit to guide and nurture us. For the Holy Spirit to lead us to act in our engagement with our community.

Maybe as you are reading this, the Holy Spirit is convicting you. A simple step that you can take, especially as we prepare for Trunk or Treat is to be a part of our Trunk or Treat this year. Come bring your "trunk" and get to see the faces of the community as you give out candy. Be a volunteer for Trunk or Treat and as you help guide people and have conversation with the families. Or very simply, just come to Trunk or Treat and be present, caring for each person that comes into our parking lot.

Let's consider the impact God could make in the lives of the thousands that will come into our space. Let's consider all the bibles that we give out. All the conversations we have with the families that surround us. I believe God is going to do something special through our Trunk or Treat. And I encourage you to take a bold step of faith and be present as we engage with our community so that they may know that we love and care for them just as Jesus loves and cares for us.

BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

The Bible Reading plan can be found on the church's website at <https://www.beulahumc.org/bible-reading-challenge>

OCTOBER READING

01 Sunday (Catch-up day)	17 Leviticus 11-13
02 Exodus 11-13	18 Leviticus 14
03 Exodus 14-16	19 Leviticus 15-17
04 Exodus 17-19	20 Leviticus 18-20
05 Exodus 20-23	21 Leviticus 21-23
06 Exodus 24-26	22 Sunday (Catch-up day)
07 Exodus 27-28	23 Leviticus 24-25
08 Sunday (Catch-up day)	24 Leviticus 26-27
09 Exodus 29-31	25 Numbers 1-3
10 Exodus 32-34	26 Numbers 4-5
11 Exodus 35-37	27 Numbers 6-7
12 Exodus 38-40	28 Numbers 8-10
13 Leviticus 1-4	29 Sunday (Catch-up day)
14 Leviticus 5-7	30 Numbers 11-13
15 Sunday (Catch-up day)	31 Numbers 14-15
16 Leviticus 8-10	



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Please take the time to acknowledge our pastors at Beulah for all their dedication to sharing the word of God with us. They continue to serve us so faithfully and go "above and beyond" in so many ways to be a blessing to us. SPRC would like to encourage everyone to please consider writing a note of appreciation or words of encouragement, giving a small token of appreciation (i.e., gift cards) or even homemade baked goods to Pastor Don and Pastor Daniel during the month of October to show our appreciation for all that our pastors do! If you would like to send an expression of your appreciation to the pastors you can mail them to P.O. Box 37098, N. Chesterfield, VA 23234 or you can leave it in their mailboxes in the church office.

THIS MONTH'S COMMUNION OFFERING

World Communion Sunday

World Communion offering is a special offering in the UMC to support young adults and make a global impact for Christ. Half of the offering benefits World Communion scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. The remainder assists Ethnic Scholarships for U.S. and international undergraduate students in the U.S. and Ethnic In Service Training. These funds are administered by the General Boards of Higher Education and Ministry and Global Ministries.

SHERBOURNE FOOD PANTRY

During the month of October, Sherbourne Food Pantry is requesting donations of canned soup. Your donation can be left on the wire rack at the Information Center or in the white Afterhours Donation Cabinet in the Breeze Way. Thank you for your help in reaching our pledge of 5000 lbs.

FOOD DELIVERERS NEEDED

Every Tuesday the food donated by the church is delivered to the Sherbourne food pantry between the hours of 9:00 am and 11:00 am. We are looking for people to help make this delivery happen. There are two slots available each week to make a team to weigh the food and deliver it. Please sign up at the Information Center to help make the deliveries. If you have any questions please see Randy Ramey or Tom Buckley.



United Women in Faith

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH AND MEADOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL

For several years, groups and individuals at Beulah have provided monthly treats to the instructional assistants in the Exceptional Education Department at Meadowbrook High School to recognize them for all they do to help their students. Your Beulah United Women in Faith is sponsoring this outreach. Please sign up at the Information Center if you or your group would like to be a part of this. The IA's appreciate it so much!

RICHMOND CROP HUNGER WALK 2023

Take a walk and change the world! The 53rd Annual Richmond CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, November 12, beginning and ending at Ginter Park UMC, 1010 W. Laburnum Ave., Richmond, 23227, and you can join the walk in person or virtually. The event will begin with a rally at 1:30 pm, and the walk/run will begin at 2:00. Twenty-five percent of funds raised will be shared by Shalom Farms and Peter Paul Development Center. Seventy-five percent will go anywhere in the world where people are in need. Our Beulah Team is already registered at events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/richmondva, where you can join the team or make a donation. Follow updates at Richmond CROP Hunger Walk on Facebook. "We walk because they walk."

UMCOR DISASTER RELIEF AND RECOVERY

The United Methodist Committee on Relief has a reputation for being "First in, last out" because of the UM connection in our country and the relationships they have formed with relief agencies in other countries. Their response to the fires in Maui and the hurricane in Florida is coordinated through the Annual Conferences serving those states, and they are responding to the earthquake in Morocco and the floods in Libya by working with their partners in those countries. If you want to be a part of these efforts, make your check out to the church with Advance #901670 on the memo line for domestic relief and Advance #982450 for international relief. You can add a specific location or simply "Where needed most". 100% of your donation will go to relief. Administrative costs are covered by the special offering taken on UMCOR Sunday in March. Learn more at umcor.org and get regular updates on UMCOR's Facebook page.

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 have asked one thing from the Lord – it's all I seek to live in the Lord's house all the days of my life, seeing the Lord's beauty and constantly adoring his temple.

-Psalm 27:4

Witness

Growing up in Sierra Leone, my family relied on farming, fishing and hunting for our livelihood. Oftentimes, overfishing led to decline in marine and wildlife. At the same time, our slash-and-burn farming practice released carbon into the atmosphere and degraded the land. Due to my family's economic reliance on nature, I lost sight of the importance of caring for it. However, that changed when I moved to Saint Lucia as a Global Mission Fellow. I became more aware of how my action and inaction contribute to climate change – the leading cause of hurricanes in the region. Thus, I began to volunteer alongside Eastern Caribbean Peace Corps and Massy Stores to clean water points and beaches of waste, preventing tons of plastic from entering the rivers and degrading the land. I have learned that God, humans and nature are interconnected in many ways and the smallest and perhaps the most important way is the air shared by all living organisms. The air could be regarded as God's breath because it originated from God (Genesis 2:7). This should challenge us to see nature as neighbor, and a call to care for it.

-- Moinna Minah, Global Mission Fellow-International from Sierra Leona serving in Santa Lucia, South Caribbean District, Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas

Prayer

Please pray for international missionaries serving in Sierra Leone, South Africa, South Korea, and Switzerland, and our missionaries serving in the United States in Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Tennessee.

THE MONTH IN REVIEW

On Friday, September 8, the Beulah United Women of Faith had our annual prayer breakfast for the World Thank Offering and serving our community. Barbara Tuttle presented a program on Community and supporting others. Included in her program was a Bible trivia game where she shared a story from the Bible, and we had to say where that story was found in the Bible – taken from cards she had distributed on each table.

Jann Niccoli started the second part of the program which began with multiple scriptures where God reminds us that we are ALL made by Him and are commanded to care for others. We were reminded that foreigners or aliens are just people from other areas. Whether we look the same, worship the same, or speak the same language, we are still created by Him. Jann introduced Michelle Russell, the volunteer coordinator for the International Rescue Committee (IRC). The International Rescue Committee is an international humanitarian aid nonprofit that works in crisis response, recovery, development, and advocacy. In the United States and the United Kingdom, they operate a network of resettlement field offices, helping individuals who have fled violence and conflict to build new lives in these countries.



The BUWF found several areas of interest from this talk that we will be discussing to help support the work of the Richmond IRC field office. The breakfast was incredibly good, and the fellowship was, as always, wonderfully warm and caring.



The Life is Precious Campaign that ran for the month of July was a huge success. This was to help support the work and teachings of the Pregnancy Help Center of Chesterfield. In addition to the \$2466.44 that was raised, there was a carload of donations that were taken to the center. As always, the Beulah family continues to show it is love and caring for others. THANK YOU!!!!!!

Arlene Mays On September 22, Arlene Mays celebrated her 100th birthday. She is the first known member of Beulah to reach the age of 100. She is loved by Beulah and if you wish to help her celebrate, cards can be sent to her address: 5610 Chesterwood Drive, N. Chesterfield, VA 23234.



Nancy Cowardin turned 90 years old on September 30. On Wednesday, September 27, the church celebrated Nancy during the Wednesday Night Worship Meal. There were cake, cards, and wonderful memories.

DISAFFILIATION AGREEMENT COST CAMPAIGN

We appreciate your prayers and support as we move forward to raise the funds required to execute the Disaffiliation Agreement by November 1, 2023.

DISAFFILIATION AGREEMENT COST CAMPAIGN PROGRESS AS OF 9/26/2023

	Individual Gifts x \$1 to \$999	50 families (or individuals) x \$1,000	20 families (or individuals) x \$5,000	10 families (or individuals) x \$10,000
Goal	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Received	18 Totaling \$5,486	20 Totaling \$24,500	7 Totaling \$35,783	7 Totaling \$70,000

We believe the closing amount required will be approximately \$585,000. As of this date we have received or have in process approximately \$413,050. This leaves a little over \$171,950 we need to raise. Please see the table in the Narthex or a Finance Committee representative for information on how to donate.

BEULAH'S BEST

Beulah's Best will meet **Tuesday, October 17**, at 10:00am. Our program will be Deborah Wenrick playing her music for us. Come enjoy the music, fellowship, and refreshments.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We give God praise for the birth of Rosalie Dudley. Rosalie is the daughter of Todd and Lexi Dudley and granddaughter of David and Barbara Dudley. She was born September 27, 2023 around 3:00 pm and weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz.

CONDOLENCES

We offer love, support, prayers, and condolences to the friends and family of Bill Waterworth. Bill went to be with the Lord on Thursday, September 21, 2023. His service was held on Wednesday, September 27. His obituary can be found through the link below.

[WILLIAM BILL WATERWORTH](#)

We offer love, support, prayers, and condolences to the friends and family of Rachel Ammons. Rachel went to be with the Lord on Sunday, September 24, 2023. Her Service of Celebration of Life was held on Friday, September 29, 2023. Her obituary can be found through the link below.

[RACHEL AMMONS](#)

Trunk TREAT

October 31 at 6:00



TRUNK OR TREAT ANNOUNCEMENT!

Trunk or Treat 2023 is right around the corner and we are in need in of Beulah's support once again! Starting this Sunday we need the following support:

SIGN-UP YOUR TRUNK(S)!

Anyone can sign-up to be a trunk! All you need is to be willing to decorate your vehicle! Sign-up at the Information Center!

SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER!

We need help with set-up, clean-up, and even candy delivery! Those who don't want to do a trunk but still be active can sign-up to volunteer! Sign-up at the Information Center!

CANDY, CANDY, CANDY!

We need candy! Approximately 25,000 pieces of them! Please donate as much candy as you can! But please remember to remove any candy with peanuts or other nuts!

Thank you for all your love and support! For any questions, please contact Pastor Daniel Chun.

BEULAH FALL FESTIVAL

November 11, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Check out the table in the Narthex for information!

The Fall Festival is Saturday, November 11, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. This year there are many things for the entire family: hayrides, bouncy house, face painting, games, live blue grass music, breakfast, lunch, country store, baked goods, homemade crafts, jams, pickles, and the list just keeps going!!!

PRE-ORDERS

Pre-orders and payments for apples, BBQ, Brunswick stew, baked beans, pork rinds, and apple butter are due by November 1. Order forms can be found at the table in the Narthex.

COUNTRY STORE

You or your group can sign up for a table in the Fellowship Hall to sell items during the Fall Festival. Please fill out the "Country Store" form found at the table in the Narthex and leave it in the Fall Festival Box or with the office.

YARD SALE

The Yard sale during the Fall Festival is open to the public. Each space is \$25 if reserved before November 1. The forms and additional information can be found at the table in the Narthex.

VOLUNTEER

We need volunteers for the Fall Festival. For details and a list of areas you can volunteer in please see the "volunteer binder" at the table in the Narthex.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP MEALS FALL SCHEDULE

October 04

Mariners: Baked Spaghetti, bread, salad, and dessert

October 11

New Centurions: Potato bar and dessert

October 18

Mary E. Farmer Circle of Love: Italian pasta and dessert

October 25

Wesleyan Stratton: Grilled hot dogs, baked beans, coleslaw, and dessert

November 01

Friendship Circle: To Be Announced

November 08

Prayer Team: Pino's Lasagna, salad, and dessert

November 15

Chili Cook Off

CHILI COOK OFF

As part of the Wednesday Worship Meal, there will be Chile Cook-Off on **November 15**, so get out the crock pots and some copies of your recipe and let's make it fun and share our recipes with friends. There will be awards given for first, second, and third place. To enter your chili in the cook-off please visit the Information Center.

BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER

02	Roy Hartless Bee Malone	22	Dawn Hall Jann Niccoli Barbara Sadler
05	Lee Grammer, III Harry Grammer, IV Rachel Holmes Betty Skaggs	25	Jim Tyler Nancy Dyckes Charles Lancaster Tommy Waterworth
07	Frances Dail Tom Grammer	26	Jarrod Boitet George Petrohovich
08	Karis (Gibson) Chun	29	Frances Kinneberg
09	Bud Burke	30	Elizabeth Cole
11	Alice McKissick		
17	Brandon Hastings		
18	Christian Hastings Diane Kuti		
19	Patti Peterson		
20	Barbara Tuttle		
21	Michael Williams		

November

01	Margaret Burke
06	Chad Conner Tom Owens
07	Sandy Lunsford Lynn Snow

OCTOBER CALENDAR

05 UWF Mission Meeting	Prayer Shawl Ministry
06 Mariners Dinner	UMM Dinner & Meeting
09 Ruth Robertson Friendship	18 Wesleyan Stratton
10 Mary Farmer Circle of Love	Falle Festival Meetings
Finance Meeting	22 Stockholders Dinner
Rebekah Fellowship	24 Springdale Bible Study
14 Hearing loss Association	25 Prayer Meeting
16 Fall Festival Prep Day	31 Trunk or Treat
17 Beulah's Best	

REOCCURRING WEEKLY

Sunday

8:30 Worship
Sunday School
11:00 Worship
Play Rehearsal

Monday

Card Ministry
Men's Bible study
Bells of Praise Rehearsal
Scouts

Tuesday

Cub Scouts
Women's Chorus Rehearsal

Wednesday

Staff Meeting
C&Y Bells Rehearsal
Wednesday Worship Meals

Thursday

A Matter of Balance Class
Beulah Land Quartet Rehearsal
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THANK YOU NOTE

To: My Beulah Family

From: Barbara Tuttle

I can't thank you enough for all the cards, phone calls, and expressions of concern and prayer support since my hip surgery and the ongoing issues with my eyes. I especially appreciate Pastor Don praying with me before my surgery, Pam Collins and Jann Niccoli getting me to my physical therapy appointments when my Debbie was not available, and the Card Ministry's beautiful handmade cards. My family and I will never forget your loving support during this time.

To: Beulah

From: Lois and Charles Lancaster & Gil Buckner

Thank you for all the acts of kindness shown to us during our mothers passing. Your cards and prayers meant so much.

To: My Beulah Family

From: Elaine Johnston

I want to thank my Beulah family for their kind thoughts and prayers for the healing of my hands, before and after carpal tunnel release surgery. Pastor Don's visit and prayer blessed not only my daughter, Michele, and me, but the entire staff at St. Mary's Ambulatory Surgery Center! Several of them told me his presence was such a blessing and so appreciated. And, please thank our card ministry for the beautiful card they sent. I will treasure this and pray for the hands who made it. I am so grateful to be a member of Beulah Church!

To: Ushers,

From: David Dudley, Usher Coordinator

I want to THANK all my ushers for serving our church so faithfully every Sunday. I really appreciate your willingness to be so flexible when asked.