

# Bethany

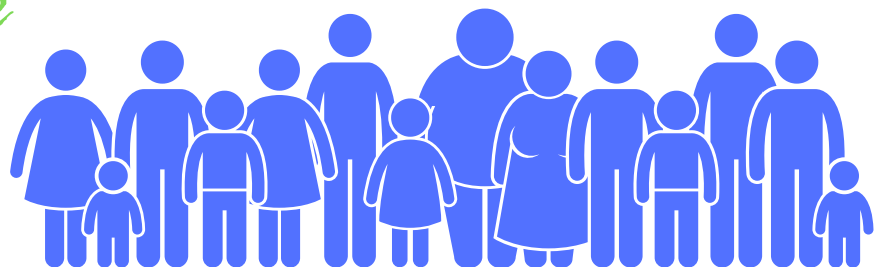
## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Bethany has always cared deeply about the wide array of issues facing our community, such food disparity, homelessness, and the needs of children. As we continue to recover normality post-pandemic, we want to continue helping those on the margins. It is a goal of ours as a church to improve our community and help those who require it. Jesus intended for us to spread good and to spread kindness, and we as a church must continue to carry out his mission in every way we can. In our homes, our church, and our community, we can be the change we want to see. As a church, we can strive to leave a positive legacy.

The Mountain Sky Conference is offering the opportunity to about 30 churches to be involved in firing up churches in the community who have been deeply affected by Covid-19 or who are disaffiliated with the United Methodist Church. We are incredibly fortunate to be a part of this denomination, and although we have very consistent attendance, our Sacred Doors Denver has been affected severely by Covid cancellations. Applying for this grant will require gathering some information, but this work will be well worth it, because in this work we will find a new spark and strengthen our community. Our plans, our congregation, and our community is solid, and we will gather and prepare for these new changes and challenges together as a church. September will be a month of reflection and preparation. We can continue to come together and to spread Jesus' kindness in every way possible. I am honored to be part of this time in the life of Bethany UMC.

*Love, Pastor Denise*



## THEME -

### A Table for All The Mountain Sky Conference of The United Methodist Church

We seek to create and sustain communities of faith that embrace diversity in their midst. We encourage inclusivity of all of God's children, creating a place for

every one to know the life-giving grace of Jesus. While many in our world seek to divide and separate, in the Mountain Sky Conference, we are working to unify—building A Table For All of God's children throughout rural, suburban, and urban communities.

Our conference is full of diversity—geography, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, political, socio-economic, ability, and more. But we have one main

thing in common—we all recognize the love and acceptance of Jesus for all.

And we can't keep this to ourselves! We are called to share this love and acceptance with all in the Mountain Sky Conference and the world.

We value “sitting at a Table” that represents our diverse voices throughout our

region. While we might not always agree, acceptance and love are the cornerstones of true inclusion. In our differences, we will learn and grow as we

seek to understand one another. In our unity, we are more powerful than we know and can truly create change in the world for God's glory.

### The Plan

Just like each church is unique and diverse, this program will cater specifically to each church's needs.

We will support each church with financial support grants as we accompany them on a journey of exploration, discernment, and experimentation centered on a four-themed process: observe, orient, decide, act. Because each church is unique, this process of support will be tailored to each's size, needs, and context.

Comments from our congregation about concerns for school:

- Safety
- Teacher Patience
- Grades
- Math
- Art, Music
- Meeting new people ie kids and teachers
- New classes
- That they have to have school on computers again.
- That my 10 yr old great granddaughter is starting Middle School, that seems to young to me.
- I have five great grandchildren. Four of them are in school. One is only two
- Would I make new friends? (And I did!)
- How many weeks till vacation?
- Are my friends all in my classes?
- Do the teachers know who I am?
- Do I know where all my classes are being held?
- Is my locker easy to get into and roomy enough?
- Are there any problem kids (or teachers) in my classes?
- Safety from violence fro outsiders or insiders.
- No problems with weather or sickness
- Things are so different. Concerns are not like you have today. You have so much to learn and think about.
- Thinking and praying for all of you as you start school.

Comments from our congregation about celebrations for school:

- My friends
- My teachers
- My school
- I hope my grandchildren always stay as interested in school as they are now.
- Children can go to school for a full term
- They meet and make friends with many people
- Friendships
- Learning new things
- The school year is one that you enjoy and learn a lot.
- That there is many friends and activities.
- Hope that you don't come across people that like to bully.
- If you see it happening, that you stand up for self and others.
- Remember God loves you and is with you always, and so is your church family.



### September FOOD NEEDS

Jelly, Tuna, Canned Fruit, Mushroom Soup,  
Evaporated Milk, Gravy packets

## Lectionary Readings

### September 4, 2022

- Jeremiah 18:1-11
- Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
- Deuteronomy 30:15-20
- Psalm 1
- Philemon 1:1-21
- Luke 14:25-33

### September 11, 2022

- Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
- Psalm 14
- Exodus 32:7-14
- Psalm 51:1-10
- 1 Timothy 1:12-17
- Luke 15:1-10

### September 18, 2022

- Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
- Psalm 79:1-9
- Amos 8:4-7
- Psalm 113
- 1 Timothy 2:1-7
- Luke 16:1-13

### September 25, 2022

- Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
- Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
- Amos 6:1a, 4-7
- Psalm 146
- 1 Timothy 6:6-19
- Luke 16:19-31

## Liturgists

### September 4, 2022

Lataine Shaw

### September 11, 2022

Mary Johnson

### September 18, 2022

Eva Staley

### September 25, 2022

Lataine Shaw

## Usher

-Carson Kaiser



# September 2022

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

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Saturday

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Jade Beals and Brett Rohrer  
ANNIVERSARY

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11AM Worship

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Sara Feathers  
BIRTHDAY

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11AM Worship

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Curtis Gay  
BIRTHDAY

