



# Bethany Banner

Bethany Community Church, 201 Birch Avenue, Grandview, Washington- August, 2021

## **A Note from Elder Terry Dahlstrom:**

Dear Bethany Community Family,

Happy August. The theme of my letter is “Thank You”. I love music, especially Christian songs, that speak to my heart. One song that is special to me is Ray Boltz’ “Thank You”. The chorus says:

“Thank you for giving to the Lord  
I am a life that was changed  
Thank you for giving to the Lord  
I am so glad you gave.”

There are so many people to thank for the life I now share with my Lord. I had been to other churches with friends, however the Lord really spoke to me decades ago when Alix Carlson invited me to a Christmas Cantata at Bethany. I asked her if I could come back and she invited me to Sunday School. Mike Bren was the teacher and I remember how the questions he posed really challenged my beliefs. Pastor Bruce Armstrong, Margaret Baumgartel, and Janet White have also taught Sunday School and helped grow my faith.

Fast forward to Maundy Thursday worship where Tamera Steen did a drama presentation “Christ on the Cross.” I accepted Jesus right then and there as my Lord and Savior.

Pastor Bruce Armstrong led me through membership classes. I was baptized and joined the church late that spring.

Since joining the church, my Bethany Family has helped me grow in knowledge and faith by allowing me the privilege of teaching and leading Bible studies and Sunday School classes.

The last verse of the song says:

“One by one they came,  
As far as the eye could see  
Each one somehow touched  
By your generosity  
Little things that you had done,

Sacrifices made  
Unnoticed on the earth, heaven now  
Proclaims  
And I know up in heaven you are not  
Suppose to cry  
But I was almost sure  
There were tears in your eyes  
As Jesus took your hand  
And you stood before the Lord  
And He said my child look around you  
For great is your reward.”

Thank you to all the people in my Bethany family, teachers, preachers, singers and friends who have led me to and in my relationship with the Lord. I am so glad you gave! Please continue giving to the Lord. You might not know until you are in heaven how many lives you have influenced.

Yours in Christ,  
Terry L. Dahlstrom

**A NOTE FROM PASTOR JOAN SOUDERS:**

This month I had the privilege of providing wonderful M&M ice cream cups to those on my list. I also have visited with those who were in need of spiritual renewal - sometimes in person and other times by phone. So why ice cream? Because it is sweet, tasty and so refreshing during this heat wave. More importantly, that is what daily time with God our Father is like. It is a sweet time of communion and refreshes our soul. My verse for the month of July has been Psalms 34:8 “Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.” Next time you have some ice cream for refreshment, remember “The Lord is good.”

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS, AUGUST, 2021**

**HEAD USHER: Tim Smith**

**LAY ASSISTANTS—(Please no handshaking)**

**August 1: Barbara Olmstead**

**August 8: Maxine Ballinger**

**August 15: Robin Smith**

**August 22:**

**August 29:**

**GREETERS:**

**Aug 1: Refugio & Fela Lara**

**Aug 8: Don & Ann Bentley**

**Aug 15: Gretchen Lange**

**Aug. 22: Ida Mains**

**Aug. 29: Robin Smith**

**Dear Bethany Family,**

**I can't begin to tell you how much I love and appreciate you all.**

**The outpouring of love and support for me and my family was unbelievable! The food, cards, flowers, donations to Bethany and Heartlinks is so appreciated as was your attendance and help at Bill's service. I am humbled at your loving care.**

**Love, Polly McKinney & family**

**A NOTE FROM**

**REV. BRUCE ARMSTRONG**

**Great to be at Bethany again!**

**You continue to be in our prayers as you journey through the joys and challenges of ministry. God bless you!**

## PLEASE PRAY

Paying in these difficult times is so important to keep us connected. If you have prayer needs, please call (1) the church office (882-3576) or (2) Joanie Bertram (882-3468) or (3) call your Deacon.

Assisted care: At Sun Terrace, Prosser—Billie and Suzie Oliver; at Orchard Park, Yakima—Blanche King and Evelyn Floyd; at Fieldstone, Yakima—Jean Wyckoff; at Sunnyside Care Center—Edith Higgins; at Brookdale, Richland—Bea Galey.

For church: Session, and Deacons.

For the Youth Ministry: Mari Larney, Terry Dahlstrom, and youth.

For our Nation and World: Strength and wisdom in fighting the Coronavirus.

Medical Issues: Amy Nunez---in bad accident (and children).

For Comfort: Polly McKinney and family in the loss of her husband, Bill.

## THANK YOU

A big “thank you” to many people that keep our facility and grounds looking great. Thank you, Tim Smith, for keeping the inside so clean. Thanks to Mark Longfellow for keeping our yards looking spiffy.

Thanks to Ken McPherson for spraying roundup on weeds. Speaking of weeds, Nancy Kragt was seen pulling weeds while Marv was at the men’s Bible study. Several other people trim roses and pull weeds, thank you all.

Thank you, Janet White, for organizing food for the reception after Bill McKinney’s memorial service. Thanks, also to the Deacons, especially Lorri Dillman, for the donut-coffee hour last Sunday.

## Sunnyside Gideons, June 20, 2021

Thank you for allowing a Gideon presentation in your church. Gideons rely upon the churches to supply funds to purchase Bibles and New Testaments that we distribute.

A Bible Blitz in the Tri-Cities May 21 resulted in 4,922 Bibles and New Testaments being placed in hotels and motels to place in their rooms. The used Bibles in good condition will be sent to jails and prisons for another life term. The personnel at the fire stations and police stations were offered New Testaments. Medical facilities were open and usually eager to accept white medical New Testaments for their personnel.

Covid restrictions are relaxing so we plan to distribute New Testaments at fairs and festivals this summer. With the Yakima Gideon Camp we will be at the Central Washington State Fair in Sept/Oct.

Thank you for your donation of \$244.00



Hello Everyone,

On July 5th the youth group had a fun and exciting End of School Fun Day, we ended the 4th of July weekend with a BANG!! We had a huge inflatable water slide, a volley ball net set up which we enjoyed very much. We even played football 🏈 . I would also like to say thank you to the wonderful person for their donation so the kids could enjoy free ice cream and treats from the ice cream truck, we certainly loved it and we appreciate it very much! Thank you to those who came out to support and spend some time with us. Mari and Youth

P.S. Check out the bulletin board with "Youth" pictures.

### **NEW DIRECTORY**

**Alix Carlson and myself have been wanting to put together a new directory for some time and we had requested everyone to give or send a picture to Alix. She will take your picture also if you do not have a picture.**

**If you have a new phone number, e-mail, or address please let Jean know. Thanks.**

### **SESSION REPORT**

**The whole session of 6 Elders has agreed to be your "Pastor Seeking" Committee (Team). The first item to be completed was an updated bio (biography) of our church. We are reviewing what was done a few years ago. We will welcome any questions or comments you may have.**



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Harold Bender
- 2 Gretchen Lange
- 3 Vern VanNostern
  
- 8 Dutch Graf
  
- 9 Refugio Lara
  
- 13 Billie Oliver
  
- 13 Edie Graf
  
- 17 Felicitas (Fela) Lara
  
- 19 Tom Smith
  
- 20 Joanie Bertram
  
- 25 Tomoteo Nunez
  
- 29 Janet Larney
  
- 30 Leo Diaz
  
- 30 David Nunez

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Don & Barbara Olmstead
  
- 12 Gail & Larry Boose
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 20 Ed & Pat Olsen
  
- 22 Tim & Robin Smith
  
- 23 Dave & Maxine Ballinger

## AUGUST, 2021

**SUNDAY    MONDAY    TUESDAY    WEDNESDAY    THURSDAY    FRIDAY    SATURDAY**

<b>1</b> <i>Worship And Communion Joan Souders 5 – 7 p.m. Birthday Party for the “Decades”</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <i>8 AM Men’s Bible Study</i>	<b>4</b>  <i>5:30-7:30 Youth</i>	<b>5</b> <i>9am -Prayer Team</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <i>10 Worship</i>	<b>9</b> <i>7 p.m. Session</i>	<b>10</b> <i>8 AM Men’s Bible Study</i>	<b>11</b>  <i>5:30-7:30 Youth</i>	<b>12</b> <i>9am -Prayer Team</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <i>10 Worship</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>8 AM Men’s Bible Study</i>	<b>18</b>  <i>5:30-7:30 Youth</i>	<b>19</b> <i>9am -Prayer Team</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <i>10 Worship</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>8 AM Men’s Bible Study</i>	<b>25</b>  <i>5:30-7:30 Youth 7pm- Zoom Bible study— Deacons MEETING</i>	<b>26</b> <i>9am -Prayer Team</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <i>10 Worship</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <i>8:00 a.m .Men’s Bible Study</i>				

