



# THIS WEEK AT BETHEL:

August 8, 2021

**Office hours:** Monday-Thursday, 9am-12pm  
**Pastor Dave's office hours:** Monday, 9am-12pm

**Welcome to Worship!** We are glad to have you with us today! If you are a first-time visitor, we invite you to complete a communication card, available at the Welcome Table. If you have questions or need assistance, please see an usher or greeter.

**Strong hands are requested today following worship:** We need help to tear down chairs, move the band equipment, Altar and more to prepare the Discipleship Hall for an overdue carpet cleaning. Please see George Donovan following worship for direction if you can help!

**Harvest Sunday 2021:** We do still have some items available. They're on a table by the entrance of Discipleship Hall. Please place your donations in the basket on the table.

**Red Wagon Ministry Diaper Drive:** Sunday August 15th through Sunday September 12th (God's Work Our Hands Day). Red Wagon Ministry is a non-profit organization created to help collect and donate diapers for CCAP. Red Wagon Ministry is seeking diapers for babies of all sizes, but especially the large sizes of 5 and 6, baby wipes, disposable adult underwear and briefs, incontinence pads, and flushable wipes. Please consider contributing to this worthy cause by donating these items during one of the next five Sundays.

**Dementia Matters - Empower Through Learning:** The first Dementia support group meeting will be held on **Saturday, August 21, 2021**, from 10-12 at the Winchester Church of God on 2080 North Frederick Pike Winchester, VA 22603. For more information, call Jayne Seymour at 540-535-9775 or email [fit2serve2@gmail.com](mailto:fit2serve2@gmail.com) or [jseymour@dementiamattersusa.org](mailto:jseymour@dementiamattersusa.org) to register.

**WATTS Needs your HELP!** WATTS is opening a Cooling Center at Market Street United Methodist Church. It will be open from August 2nd through October 31st. We will be open from noon to 5 pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and Thursday noon to 4:30 pm. The Cooling Center is a place to stop in for a few minutes to a few hours from the hottest part of the day, to use a clean bathroom, grab a drink or snack, and charge a phone.

They need donations of bottled water, iced tea, Gatorade, sodas, coffee and prepackaged snacks. If you can help, please drop them off at Market Street UMC at the Cork Street door. Ring the bell and WATTS Managers will pick it up. If those times, do not work for you, please message or email: [execdirector@watts-homelessshelter.org](mailto:execdirector@watts-homelessshelter.org) to make other arrangements.

**Altar Flowers:** If you are interested in providing altar flowers for a special occasion, please contact Kim Williams in the church office ([bookkeeper@bethelwinchester.com](mailto:bookkeeper@bethelwinchester.com))

**Want to assist in worship?** A "Sign Up" genius link for greeters, readers, prayers, etc. is available in the weekly e-news and the Bethel Website. Please look for this link where you can sign up to participate in worship when it is convenient for you. You can also see Kristin Siebert after worship to sign up.

**Ways to Give to Bethel:** Thank you for your continued support of mission and ministry at Bethel! At this time, we are not passing the offering plate during our worship gatherings, but you can leave your offering in the basket on the welcome table, or use one of the methods below:

1. Mail to Bethel at 2077 N Frederick Pike, Winchester, VA 22603
2. Use the "Give Now" button on our website.
3. Donate via text, by sending the dollar amount you wish to give, including a dollar sign, (ie: \$50/\$50.00) to 844-946-2995.

*For more news and updates on what is happening at Bethel, checkout our Facebook Page and Website:  
[www.bethelwinchester.com](http://www.bethelwinchester.com)*

## ***You're Invited***



**T**oday Jesus invites us to a meal. It is an extraordinary invitation to do an ordinary thing: form bonds of love and community through shared food and drink. Like Wisdom inviting us to the feast of insight (Prov. 9:1-6), Jesus' invitation to share in the meal of his body and blood teaches us about the breadth and depth of God's love and about God's desire for us to abide in that love (John 6:56).

Jesus' audience asks a reasonable question: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" (John 6:52). Jesus' answer doesn't really address the question; instead, he reiterates that he is the true bread from heaven, the true source of eternal life. This must have been off-putting to his listeners. Eat flesh? Drink blood? And yet, here we find a profoundly grace-filled invitation—abide in me—and a promise: through this meal I abide in you. We are invited to not only join Jesus at the table, but to be at home in the love of God, knowing that Christ makes his home in our hearts and lives too. So come: eat and get to know God.