



The Banner

Every person feels, knows and shares God's love

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Simple Gifts for August — The Road Home Dane County

During the month of August, simple gift offerings are going to support The Road Home Dane County, which is committed to ending the issue of family homelessness in our community.

To accomplish this goal, The Road Home relies on the help and support of individuals, congregations and businesses throughout Dane County.

Simple gifts are made by placing loose coins in the offering plates, or by putting cash or a check in mission envelopes. One can also give online by visiting BethanyMadison.org (click on We Serve and, from the drop-down menu, select Giving Financially).

While it might sometimes be hidden from sight, homelessness exists in our community. For example, during the 2020-21 academic year, there were more than 700 homeless youth attending the Madison Metropolitan School District.

The Road Home's efforts are centered on developing long-term relationships that change the lives of families with children experiencing homelessness. The organization works with families not only to relieve the immediate crisis of homelessness, but also to build skills, resources and relationships that set the stage for long-term success.

The Road Home believes that for the greater good of our city and for humankind, we can and should join together to make a difference — because every child deserves a home.

There's no limit to what your help can do for vulnerable families. Your support can have immediate impact by helping families cover rent or buy groceries, and can also be used where needed for ongoing support services.

The Road Home also works closely with the Madison Urban Ministry's Healing House, an eight-bed recuperative care facility.



HEALINGHOUSE
A JustDane Initiative

The Healing House provides a safe place for homeless families when someone needs to prepare for or recover from a medical procedure, childbirth, hospitalization or something similar. In addition to donations, another way for congregations to make a difference for families who have experienced homelessness in our community is by providing meals at Healing House.

Please give generously, as your support will make a difference in real and relevant ways.

To learn more about The Road Home, visit: <http://trhome.org/>

Up next: Simple Gifts for September will go to support Harvest of Hope





PASTOR'S COLUMN



Thank you so much for the warm welcome you have given to me and my family. I can't imagine a church that is more welcoming than Bethany. I have felt loved from the moment I first met with the Leadership Board. Each person I've met has been so kind and so enthusiastic about Bethany and the ministries you share. You also have the most wonderful staff who have been kind and helpful and patient with me.



Often people ask, "what made you decide to be a pastor?" My answer is always that I did not decide to be a pastor. God did. God called me into ministry and God keeps calling me and surprising me in the most amazing ways. I feel confident God has called me to be your pastor. I know that not every day will be perfect. But I know that with God's help we can be the church and the people our community and our world need us to be.

I look forward to getting to know you better at our group gatherings in the next few months. I look forward to worshipping and serving with you. I am so grateful to be your pastor.

Many blessings, Pastor Julie



Interfaith Pride Service

Thursday, August 18th, 5:00 pm — 8:00 pm
First Baptist Church of Madison
518 N. Franklin Ave, Madison



Gather with us for an interfaith event to celebrate and support the LGBTQIA+ community.

FOOD TRUCK & VENDORS at 5:00 pm featuring the Holy COW (Church on Wheels) Food Truck and Queer — affirming community organizations on the front lawn

Interfaith Pride Service at 6:30 pm.

This service centers Queer voices and celebrates the LGBTQIA+ community and our allies.

In-person attendance requires masking and social distancing, regardless of vaccination status.

The interfaith service can be viewed online at live.firstbaptistmadison.org.

Sponsored, in part, by Bethany United Methodist Church.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



ZOOM LINKS

Zoom links for all classes and groups are listed on the Bethany website on the Upcoming Events page. From the home page, click on the "Upcoming Events" box in the lower right of the page. Links are listed by the day of the week on which they occur.

REFLECTIONS BOOK STUDY

Reflections Book Study will meet Monday, August 22 at 1:00 pm via Zoom. The book for discussion is *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett.



Set over the course of five decades, *The Dutch House* is a tale about two people who cannot overcome their past. Throughout their lives, they return to the well-worn story of what they've lost with humor and rage. But when at last they're forced to confront the people who left them behind, the relationship between an indulged brother and his ever-protective sister is finally tested.

Join in a lively discussion whether you have read the book or not. The group welcomes new readers and viewpoints. For more information, contact Betsy Dunne (betsy48dunne@gmail.com).

AGAPE

Save the date! The first Agape meeting of the year will be Wednesday, September 14th at 6:30 pm. It will be a planning meeting for the year ahead so start thinking of guest speakers/activities to add to our calendar. All women of Bethany are invited to be part of our group. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and always have a good time learning or doing something new.

If you would like more information about Agape, please contact Ann Hill at anniehill50@gmail.com for more information.

UWF READING PROGRAM

A reminder for those of you who are reading books for the program, the reports are due August 31. Leave the record of your books in the United Women in Faith (UWF) box on Sunday, August 27 or email Vada (vmayfield@charter.net) by August 31.

MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED IN JUNE

For Faith Bauman: Dennis and Lynn Christensen

For Ric Johnson: Beverly Schrag, Walt and Linda Holthaus

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

Registration for this year's All-Church Retreat are due August 15th.



All ages and household units are welcome to gather at Pine Lake Camp on Sept 3-4. Enjoy activities such as swimming, boating, hiking, relaxing on the beach, craft projects, and board games. Meals will be offered in the dining room for lunch and supper on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Overnight lodging (private sleeping room with attached bathroom) is available in the Rader Center. We will worship by the lake on Sunday morning. Contact Ms. Lisa (Bethany.Madison.Children@Gmail.com) for registration costs and details.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP UPDATE

Bethany youth mission team returned from a week in West Virginia Kanawha County serving the homeowners of West Charleston.

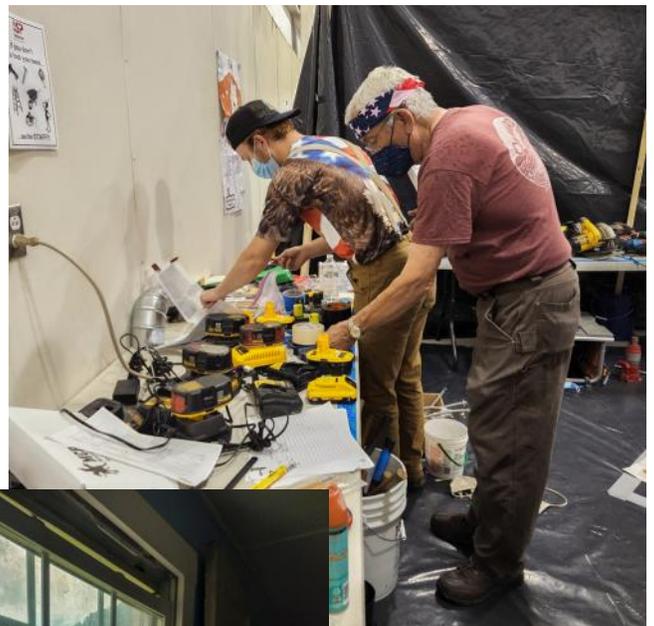
Four youth and four adults attended the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) to help make homes warmer, safer, and drier. The homeowner we worked with had a trailer home that she had purchased a few years ago, and ASP has been helping her with the repairs for 2 years now. Last year exterior work was done to replace the siding and build a porch, and this year crews put a new metal roof on and also replaced walls and flooring inside. Our group was tasked with tearing out paneling, insulation, and repairing framework, re-insulating, and then drywalling and painting. We also had a crew working to replace a hot water heater.

We had a wonderful, life — changing experience, and we want to thank the Bethany congregation for all your love, prayers, and support. The mission team will present a program highlighting our trip on August 28th at the worship service.

Check out photos on pages 4 & 5 and on our website (<https://bethanymadison.org/photo-galleries-youth/>).



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For Children's Ministry information, contact Lisa Weaver, Director of Children's Ministries
Phone: (608) 238-6381 / Email: Bethany.Madison.Children@Gmail.com

Summer Sunday School

The children are spreading a lot of joy this summer! Our projects have included:

- ⇒ Father's Day cards
- ⇒ "Welcome, Pastor Julie" poster
- ⇒ Decorating caps and painting rocks for the Mission Trip participants



Ice Cream: Aug 28th

You are invited to join Ms. Lisa, Ms. Brigit and Pastor Julie at The Chocolate Shoppe at 2531 Monroe Street on Sunday, August 28, between 1:00 — 2:00 pm. Ms. Lisa and Ms. Brigit will purchase a scoop of ice cream for all children, youth, and their family members. Families are welcome to play at Wingra Park (adjacent to The Chocolate Shoppe) either before or after eating ice cream. RSVPs welcome for planning purposes.

For Children's Ministry information, contact Brigit Parlow, Director of Youth Ministries
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A LOOK AT OUR FAITHFULNESS

Sunday, July 3
 Total 99

Sunday, July 10
 Total 163

Sunday, July 17
 Total 123

Sunday, July 24
 Total 108



We are a Reconciling Congregation,
 welcoming all people to be a part of
 our church family.

Information

Office Hours: 8 am - 2:30 pm, Monday — Friday
Church Office: (608) 238-6381
Email: Bethany.Madison.Office@Gmail.com
Website: bethanymadison.org

Sunday Morning Schedule

Early Bird Coffee Chat (Zoom)	8:30 am
Faithlink Adult Discussion Class	8:45 am
Coffee Fellowship	9:00 am
Worship (in person and on Zoom)	10:00 am
After-Worship Fellowship (Zoom)	11:00 am

Staff

Senior Pastor.....	Rev. Julie Wilson
Pastor of Visitation	Rev. Brad Mather
Deacon	Rev. Kory Douglass
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Director of Youth Ministries.....	Brigit Parlow
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Financial Secretary.....	Sandra Arrington
Custodian	Ron Rebholz

Bulletin Deadline : Tuesdays at Noon
E-Banner Deadline: Tuesdays at Noon
Banner Deadline for the September Issue: August 22