

Bethany Church Missions & Ministries News



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SHINE YOUR LIGHT

Hey Bethany, show us where you are "shining your light." You've

shared great photos of your vacations and summer fun, now we'd like to see where and how you are impacting our community. Please send in pictures (to Jen in the church

office) and share a bit about the

organizations where you shine!!

Kelly Henshaw helped at the Habitat Build in Red Lion. Can't wait to see where the light of Christ is shining!! -Sally Roberts



Knitting & Crochet Ministry

1st & 3rd Mondays
2:30 - 4 PM
in Bethany House

Do You Like Technology?

We need you! If you like technology and would like a way to give back to your church, call or email Pastor Don (717-378-2776). An IT crew assists in running Sunday morning media presentations for the Traditions worship service.

Bethany Church's Visitation Program is just one way of staying connected to members who have difficulty getting to services but still want to be a part of the Bethany family. By visiting them, we let them know they are not forgotten and that as God cares, we care. To do this, though, we need faithful visitors who are willing to commit to one visit or contact a month. If this is something you feel called to do, please contact Carol Urey (717) 244-7624. It is with grateful hearts that we thank both visitors and those being visited for this on-going ministry.

Visitation Program



We're Collecting...

Inkjet Cartridges
(with undamaged printheads)
for Bethany Youth
Contact:
Jen Daugherty
(717) 244-7624

Cell Phones
(for ACCESS-York)
Contact: Jessica
Castle
(717) 417-2501

Aluminum Tabs
(for Ronald
McDonald House)
Contact: Jane Wiertel
(717) 244-7624

Aluminum Cans
for Together We CAN
Make a Difference
Contact:
Pastor Mark
(717) 244-7624

The Den After School Program is looking for donations of 8-oz. water bottles and individually wrapped snacks. Please drop off your donations on the table at the rear of the Social Hall.
Thank you!

Peanut Butter

We are still collecting Peanut Butter through Easter. Bring in your donations and place on the table outside the Social Hall.

Remember, our Harrisburg/York Supervisory Area has set a goal of 4,048 jars! Keep that peanut butter



There is a free, seven-part Mental Health Series titled "Mental Illness, Despair, and the Crisis of Meaning" offered online through Focus on the Family (<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/mental-illness-despair-crisis-of-meaning-sign/>). The format of each session is as follows: seven-minute video presentation, reading and meditating on scripture, questions for discussion, prayer, and additional resources. Topics include: The Restorative Mission of Jesus Christ; The Recent Decline in Life Expectancy; The Problem (and deals with some alarming mental health statistics); Our Understanding; Redeeming Life Lost; People, Place, Purpose; and The Solution. Throughout the presentations, the speaker constantly reiterates the need for the church to play an important role in finding help and healing for ourselves and others. The presenter points out that the only category of people who did not experience a decline in their mental health during the Pandemic were the ones who attended a church service weekly either in person or online.

Following is list of phone numbers that may be of help during a mental health emergency:

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

	1-800-273-8255
Substance Abuse	1-800-662-HELP(4357)
Crisis Text Line	Text "MHFA" to 741741
Veterans Crisis	1-800-273-8255 (Select #1)
Disaster Distress	1-800-985-5990
Domestic Violence	1-800-799-7233
Sexual Assault	1-800-656-4673



You can still send us your prayer requests. Call Jen in the Church Office, complete the prayer section of the Connections Card in your weekly bulletin, click on the "Prayer Requests" picture in The Blast (you'll just need to complete the online form), or click on "Prayer Request" in the upper right-hand corner on our website home page (www.bethanyredlion.com). Watch your email for a special "Prayer Blast" on Tuesdays.





Check out our options!

9" (\$4.50) & 12" (\$5.50) Subs

Italian, American, Turkey, Roast Beef, & Sweet Bologna (9" only)

Pretzel Sandwiches - \$4.50

Ham & Cheese, Sweet Bologna, Roast Beef, Turkey, & Chicken Salad

Kaiser Roll Sandwiches - \$3.75

Turkey, Roast Beef, Chicken Salad, Ham Salad, Egg Salad, & Tuna Salad

Subs & Sandwiches

Sponsored by the Missions Committee

Make Sundays

less hectic as you head
out of church for the
day. If you like to "eat
out" after church, then

grab a sandwich for supper. The fixings are wrapped separately; no soggy sandwiches! Place your order by the 3rd Sunday of the month (Sunday, March 17th).

Order forms will be located throughout the church, order in the church office, or order at the Giving Kiosk.

Orders may also be placed online at

[https://app.easytithe.com/App/Form/cb21b65c-d829-](https://app.easytithe.com/App/Form/cb21b65c-d829-4b3f-9ce1-b0b57e78f8a2)

[4b3f-9ce1-b0b57e78f8a2](https://app.easytithe.com/App/Form/cb21b65c-d829-4b3f-9ce1-b0b57e78f8a2) or check the Weekly Blast for the link to order. Pick up and pay in the Kitchen as you leave church on the 4th Sunday of the month (March 24th).

Pick up also offered on Saturday, March 23rd from 11 AM - Noon in the Kitchen. Questions? Contact Cinny Attig (717) 244-7624. Benefits the missions of Bethany Church!



To the Knitting & Crocheting Ministry – Thank you for the lap robe that was recently made for me. Your thoughts and prayers were very much appreciated during its creation and during the



time of my medical issues. Your gift was a pleasant surprise!
Thank you, again! -Doran Frock

Thank you for the birthday cards, birthday cake, and many recent visits. They were all so very appreciated!
-Gloria Shanbarger

Thank you to the anonymous person who donated the HUGE amount of peanut butter from COSTCO! Your giving spirit will make a great impact in our community!



Hello Bethany Church!

I have come upon a great missions opportunity through LifePath Christian Ministries.



Corners of Your Field is a partnership opportunity between local churches and LifePath Christian Ministries. Corners of Your Field encourages attendees of our partner churches to be intentional about selecting their gently used household items as a donation to LifePath Thrift Stores. The stores then return a portion of the value of these items in the form of gift cards to your church to help those directly in your care.

The above statement is taken from the LifePath website. When you make a donation of gently used items to their thrift stores, you can link your name to Bethany UMC, Red Lion. By doing that, the donations, etc. are kept track of, and LifePath gift cards will be sent to the church quarterly. These can then be given to those in need of clothing, etc. Bethany Church information is already in their system. Just ask them to link your donation to Bethany Church, Red Lion. What a great and easy way to help our community. Questions? Contact Kelly Chronister (717-244-7624).

Children's Department

Spring Mission Project ~ CHICK'S RULE

A flock of chicks changes lives

- Provides eggs and protein for nourishment
- Boosts income through sales of extra eggs and offspring
- Ensures security for generations through "Passing on the Gift"



Chickens require little space and can thrive on readily available scraps; this allows families to make money from the birds without spending much. And since a good hen can lay up to 200 eggs a year, your "flock of chickens" gift provides a steady source of

nutrition and income. A flock of chicks through Heifer International costs \$20.

Children will be taking home a plastic Easter egg to fill with loose change. Their eggs will be returned on *Palm Sunday, March 24th*. We will combine our change to purchase a flock+ to help change the lives of those who need sustainable nourishment. All are welcome to also donate to the Chicks Rule mission project.



Chipper Chicken says, "Thank You very much!" Because Jesus loves us, we can love others with our gift of a flock of chickens. Please also pray for the family who will be receiving our gift.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LENDING WAREHOUSE

Are you or a loved one experiencing a short-term illness, injury, or convalescence and are in need of a piece of medical equipment? The Medical Equipment Warehouse continues to be of service to Red Lion and surrounding areas.

The Lord has helped us to serve others by lending out Wheelchairs, Scooters, Walkers, Rollators, Canes, Crutches, and other items for long or short-term use. Just contact Brian Overmiller with your medical equipment needs.

Would you like to feel the joy of serving both your church family and your community while taking only a small amount of your time? Please consider joining our group. To learn more, contact Brian Overmiller (717) 244-7624.

Giant, Weis, & Jerry's Gift Cards Fundraiser

Buy \$50 Grocery Gift Card each week...

Buy \$50 worth of groceries each week...

After 50 weeks, you will have contributed \$125 to Bethany Church missions!!

Gift Cards available in the church office

The graphic includes images of a \$50 Giant gift card, a \$25 Weis gift card, and a \$25 Jerry's gift card, along with a 'cash for causes' logo and a basket of fruit.

Samaritan's Purse OPERATION Christmas Child

"This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12

Please support Our M&M Fundraiser Again This Year!

After you enjoy eating your M&M candies, please drop off your M&M tube filled with quarters or rolled green dollar bills. Both are appreciated!

The graphic features a blue wooden background with red hearts hanging from a string, a Samaritan's Purse logo, and an M&M candy tube.



Did you know that Bethany's Meal Ministry consists of a group of volunteers who pitch in to help our fellow parishioners during challenging times?

Meal Ministry

If you are in a situation that could be eased by having a meal prepared, please contact us for help.

If you are looking for a way to help serve the church and spread the faith, we invite you to join our ministry.

Please know our meals do not require "top chef" quality but rather your favorite recipe for someone to enjoy from your kitchen.

Questions? Please contact Jill Thompson at 717/244-7624.




The Bethany Sanctuary Choir has been joyfully sharing anthems from the Loft for the Traditions Service. We will briefly rehearse following the church service on Sunday, March 10th. Please join us in the Loft. Questions? Please contact Julie Beard.



On Easter Sunday, the Handbells will once again ring at Bethany! Come and hear their amazing sounds as part of our worship! Thanks to

Cynthia Attig, Sherree Hake, Nancy Kauffman, Linda Henshaw, Karen Miller, and Lisa Tarman for sharing their talents! If you would be interested in playing the handbells, please contact Julie Beard (717-244-7624).

Practices will be in May, and the next scheduled performance will be in June, with more to follow!



Is it time to replace your Dishcloths (\$4), Scrubbies (\$1.50), or Wool Dryer Balls (\$6/each or 3/\$15)?

A portion of the proceeds benefits Bethany's Missions Committee.

Contact Becky Hickey to order
717/244-7624

Downtown Fellowship is looking for volunteers for join the Media Team!



EMAIL: MEDIATEAM121@COMCAST.NET



Liturgists, Communion Stewards, and Ushers needed! Can you help lead worship? Can you help pass out bulletins and direct people, if needed? Can you carry a tray of communion elements? Can you help prepare the communion elements? The answer is yes. The real question is, will you? Pastor Don is looking for a team of people who will help in the laity's role of leading worship. If you will serve the body of Christ in any or all of these ways, please contact Pastor Don as soon as possible (717-378-2776) or add a note to your connections card in the bulletin.

CARING MINISTRIES



Want to be involved?
Contact Pastor Larry Parlett (717) 244-7624

The Transportation Ministry is looking for additional volunteers to help with transportation to church, appointments, and grocery shopping for those who are unable to drive. If you are willing to be on our availability list, please contact Pastor Larry at 717-244-7624.





See Jen in the church
office if you would like to
Acolyte in Traditions
Worship and carry the
light into the world!



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