

Bethany Church Missions & Ministries News



October 2024



BETHANY'S FAMOUS APPLE DUMPLINGS WILL SOON BE HERE!

\$7/pack of two
Orders Due Sunday, October 27th

Help is needed to make the dumplings on Monday, October 28th and Tuesday, October 29th (9 AM – 2 PM). Order or volunteer on order and volunteer sign-up forms around the church, at the Giving Kiosk, or through the link in the weekly Bethany Blast.

Questions? Contact Karen Miller or Jane Wiertel (717) 244-7624.



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!! Can't wait to see where the light of Christ is shining!! -Sally Roberts



The Handbell Choir is looking for members who enjoy music and would like to be part of this melodic ministry. No experience necessary. Please see Julie Beard for the opportunity to ring the bells!



OCC Cookie Plate, Miscellaneous Items, & Bake Sale

On Sunday, October 13th, our OCC ministry will host its final **fundraising day** for 2024! Our Fabulous Bethany Bakers, Sewers, and Knitters will provide a variety of baked goods and assorted items for sale. **Some** of the **proceeds** will be used for the **purchase of T-shirts** to complete new outfits for the children.

"All Hands-on Deck" for our **TWO** upcoming Packing Events in the Social Hall:

- **Sunday, October 27th** at 6:30 PM
 - **Sunday, November 10th** at 6:30 PM
- ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

School-aged children and their parents are encouraged to attend and experience the fun of packing a surprise gift-filled shoebox for another Child of God! Quality gift items will already be arranged on tables for your selection!

Please allow your child the opportunity to give to another child in Jesus' name. It's an experience that will touch your heart! A fun, fast-paced hour will provide you with memories to last a lifetime! **Mark your calendar** and talk with your child(ren) now to help them get excited about **helping other children learn about Jesus and His love for them!** You'll be glad you did!

Any questions you may have can be directed to
Carol Ann Frock, OCC Project Leader



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
Workday

9:30 AM
in the Social Hall
Tuesday, October 15th
Please plan to join us!



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.

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



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 or add a note to your connections card in the bulletin.



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 (September 15th). 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-d829-4b3f-9ce1-b0b57e78f8a2> or use the link in the Weekly Blast to order. Pick up and pay in the Kitchen as you leave church on the 4th Sunday of the month (September 22nd). Pick up also offered on Saturday, September 21st from 11 AM - Noon in the kitchen. Questions? Contact Cinny Attig (717) 244-7624. Benefits the missions of Bethany Church!

We're looking for the following items/jobs/volunteers...



- Book store volunteers for the entire church
- Coffee Bar volunteers for the entire church
- Door greeter volunteers for the entire church
- Liturgist volunteers for the Traditional Service
- Floor Lamps
- Flat Screen TV donations

CARING MINISTRIES



Want to be involved?

Contact Pastor Larry Parlett (717) 244-7624

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 at (717) 244-7624.



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?

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.

Meal Ministry

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 (717-244-7624). An IT crew assists in running Sunday morning media presentations for the Traditions worship service.

Acolyte Ministry

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



BE the Light.
Matthew 5:14

Prayer Requests



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.

Mission Opportunities

We're Collecting...

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

Cell Phones
(for ACCESS-York)
Contact:
Jessica Castle
(717) 244-7624

**The Inkjet Collection Program has been discontinued.
Also, we no longer collect aluminum cans.**

Hello Bethany Church!

LifePath Christian Ministries offers a great missions opportunity .



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 Jen in the Church Office.



Dear Bethany Church, Thank you for your lovely card shower for Wanda Doverspike helping her to celebrate her 90th birthday! It filled her days with smiles and blessings from your remembrances. We appreciate your continued interest in her when she is able to attend church, the occasional "thinking of you" cards, and the visits at her assisted living residence. God's continued blessings on all of you. -The Doverspike Family

Dear Church Partner, Thank you for your congregation's gift of \$150. Churches like yours are empowering kids and families to rise above poverty and build futures once thought unreachable. As we continue to see God's miraculous hand transforming lives, know that you are an essential part of this work. We all have a part to play, and your congregation is truly a champion in working alongside vulnerable children and families. In the words of Paul, "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my

prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (Philippians 1:3-5, NIV). World Vision is truly blessed to have you as a church partner—and a champion for kids. Thank you for your gift and compassion for others. In His Name, Anthony Williams, Senior Director, Donor Contact Services, World Vision



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

Our Contemporary Worship Service is looking for volunteers to join the Media Team!



EMAIL:
MEDIATEAM@BETHANYREDLION.COM

The Sanctuary
Choir sings in the
10:30 AM
Traditional
Worship Service
Please join us!



We rehearse Sunday mornings at 10 AM in the Choir Room. Come see what it's all about! Questions?

See Julie Beard



Calling all Bethany Singers
to **ADD YOUR VOICE!**



**Musicians
& Vocalists
needed**

See Pastor Don if you are interested in being part of Bethany's Praise Team

York County White Rose Nurse Honor Guard

What is a Nurse Honor Guard? The Honor Guard pays tribute to nurses after their

death by providing the Nightingale tribute at their funeral or memorial service. This service is similar to a military tribute and officially releases the nurse from their nursing duties. The Nurse Honor Guard dresses in the traditional white uniform complete with cap and cape. The ceremony is brief; it takes about five minutes and consists of reciting the Nightingale tribute and laying of a white rose on the casket or next to the urn, symbolizing the nurse's



dedication to the profession. After the Nightingale tribute is recited, a triangle is rung after roll call for the nurse. The nurse's name is called three times, and the

triangle is rung after each call of the name. After the roll call, the words are spoken and the nurse is officially released from their nursing duties. A lit Nightingale lamp is carried up at the beginning of the ceremony and is then extinguished and presented to the family with personal condolences made. The Honor Guard recently attended a funeral here at Bethany for our own Linda Clement. It was a very moving ceremony. Our own Valerie Hardy-Sprenkle is part of the Honor Guard. If you are interested in additional information, please contact the Honor Guard at WhiteRoseNurseHonorGuard@gmail.com or speak with your funeral director. Any active or retired registered, licensed, practical, or advanced nurse in good standing is welcome to join the Nurse Honor Guard. Participation in the Honor Guard is strictly voluntary.

The Heart of a Volunteer

A daughter had just helped her 90-year-old mother through the complex process of moving from and selling the family home. Now in a senior living center, the once-active woman was adjusting to her new surroundings and lifestyle.

As the daughter finalized arrangements, she tactfully brought up matters of nutrition. Hoping her mom would accept some help, she asked, "What about Meals on Wheels?"

Mom replied, "No, dear. I don't think I can volunteer for them anymore."



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