



BETHANY CHURCH

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The 29th Chapter of Acts...*The Ancient Story Continues*

October 2024

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This month's newsletter is sponsored in loving memory of my husband, Jim, by Brenda Evans.



A Special Five-Week Worship Emphasis

**Sunday, October 13th, 20th, & 27th, and
November 3rd & 10th**

I am excited to announce a five-week series designed for our church to invite our friends who don't have a church home. On these five weeks, I will be preaching from one of the most important parts of the New Testament, Luke 15, where Jesus tells us that his Father runs after those who have turned their back on Him; and when they come back to Him, he throws a party! There can be no better time of the year for you to invite someone to come with you to church!

Many times the church gets it all wrong! We think the church exists to serve us and meet our spiritual needs. That is absolutely WRONG! The church is the place that is meant to be a place where lost find hope! In a world that only cares about itself, we have the opportunity to tell people we care about them because God cares about them. We offer hope and truth and God's love. Bishop Felton May used to refer to the church as a

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October Meetings

- Monday, October 7th – Stewardship & Finance – 7 PM – Upper Room
- Monday, October 14th – Administrative Council – 7 PM – Upper Room/via Zoom
- Sunday, October 20th – Connecting People with God – 12 Noon – Upper Room
- Monday, October 21st – SPPRC – 6:30 PM – Upper Room/via Zoom

“Saving Station.” Another theologian calls the church “a hospital for sinners.” We exist to lift Jesus up so that, as Jesus said, “He might draw all humanity unto Himself.” One of the things that is amazing to me about Bethany is the way we love one another and make people feel welcome. This is exactly what Jesus said to do in John 13:34-35 (NIV), “³⁴A new command I give You: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” Others won’t come to Jesus because of our fancy building, our denominational affiliation, our ease of parking...no...Jesus says that they will notice how we love one another! So let’s take Jesus at His word! We love others because of God’s love for us and that same divine love exists for those who don’t even know it yet!

So then I am asking, if you love Jesus, for you to commit to these three things:

1. Commit to pray every day for those who do not have a Jesus Family to come these five weeks.
2. Begin inviting people! Tell them about this special emphasis—tell them you are sharing this with them because you care about them—invite, plead, pester, bribe, offer rides, promise to take them out for lunch, do whatever you have to do to get them to church; and I promise to present the good news of Jesus in a powerful and unmistakable way!
3. Commit to not missing a single Sunday during this special five-week emphasis. Change your vacations, cancel your plans away, so that you can help energize our worship space!

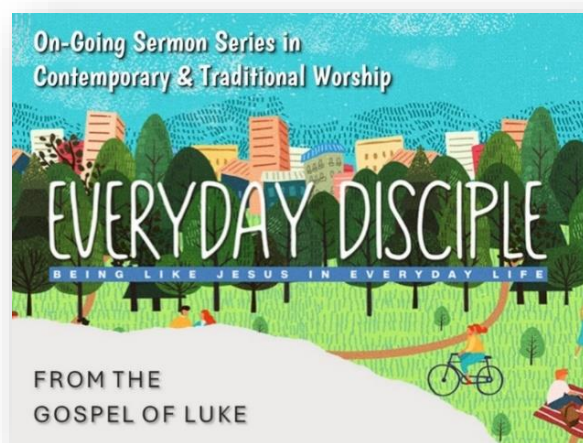
Let’s welcome an entire new group of sisters and brothers into the Kingdom of God in Jesus’ name!

Blessings,

Pastor Don

Everyday Disciple **Sermon Series in Contemporary & Traditional** **October 6th**

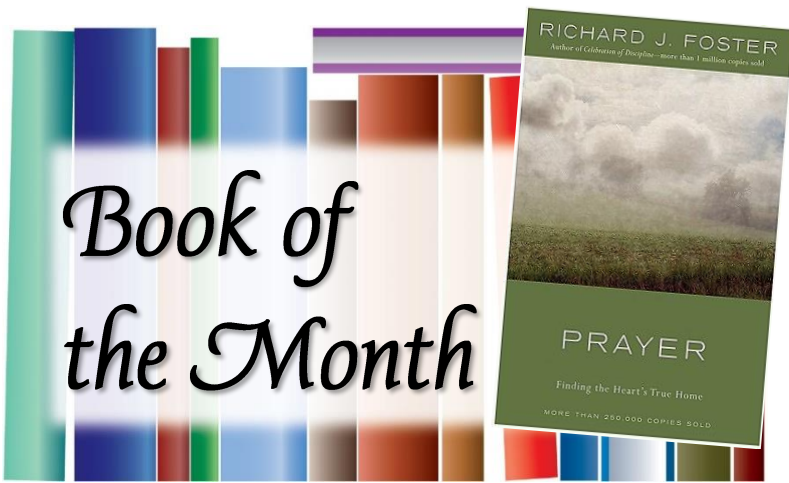
Jesus wasn’t looking for fans. Jesus wasn’t looking for likes or followers. Jesus called us to be His disciples. Join us each Sunday morning, with your Bible, as we study together what Jesus taught about being a disciple from the Gospel of Luke.



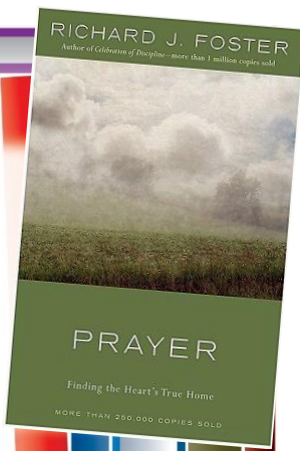
Online Sunday **Morning Worship**

In addition to in-person worship, we are also providing two streams to watch online services, both live and archived. All online watching happens through our website. For further information, please contact Pastor Don.





Book of the Month



The "Connecting People with God" Committee is asking various people in our church what books they have read that have helped them in their walk with God or their understanding of scriptures. Of course, our first recommendation is always the Bible, but we hope you find these others helpful as well. This month's Book of the Month is *Prayer* by Richard Foster. Best-selling author Richard J. Foster offers a warm, compelling, and sensitive primer on prayer, helping us to understand, experience, and practice it in its many forms—from the simple prayer of beginning again to unceasing prayer. He clarifies the prayer process, answers common misconceptions, and shows the way into prayers of contemplation, healing, blessing, forgiveness, and rest. If you have any suggestions to add to our list, please let Justin Zelger know.

Praying Hands Day

**3rd Sunday of Each Month
(October 20th)**

**8:30 – 8:55 AM, 10 – 10:25 AM,
and 11:30 – 11:45 AM**
in the hall between
Contemporary & Traditional



Please come early to your services or stop by afterward to join us in committing to focused prayer for one another. Prayer is a very important part of our lives together, and we want to highlight it with a nice, welcoming activity that will only take a few minutes. All ages are encouraged to participate.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19th
9:30 AM

SPRING VALLEY PARK, YORK
(PARKING AREA AT INTERSECTION OF POTOSI RD. & BLUMIRE HOLLOW RD.)

We will START the DAY with a BRIEF TEACHING AT the main PARKING AREA AT 9:30 AM.

Choose FROM A VARIETY OF TRAILS, INCLUDING EASIER MAINTENANCE ROAD TRAILS FOR THOSE WHO PREFER SMOOTHER TERRAIN. ENJOY FISHING IN THE SERENE WATERS OF SPRING VALLEY PARK. There's space in the creek FOR CHILDREN TO splash AND play.

Complimentary WATER will be provided!
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT JUSTIN ZELGER (717-244-7624).



World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 6th

Holy Hike



Adventure



**CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY**

**Kid's Connections
on Wednesdays
6:30 PM in the
Children's Chapel**

**Sunday School
9 AM & 10:30 AM**



Wednesday nights are always an adventure! Snacks, fun, sharing, and learning about Jesus!



Blessing of the Backpacks
August 25th




The Great Pumpkin Family Night
Saturday, October 19th
4 - 6:30 PM
Light Meal provided

Please RSVP to Karen Miller that your family will be attending so we know how many to prepare for.

Susquehanna Conference News



The Rev. Héctor A. Burgos-Núñez was elected Bishop on November 4, 2022, at the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church. He is the first Hispanic-Latino bishop in the Northeastern Jurisdiction and the first Puerto Rican bishop in The United Methodist Church.

He has been serving the Upper New York Area since January 1, 2023.

Bishop Héctor A. Burgos-Núñez holds a M.Div. from the School of Theology at Drew University in Madison, NJ; a bachelor's in business administration with a concentration in Management and Strategic Marketing from the University of Puerto Rico; and a graduate certificate in Information Systems Technology. At the time of his election to the episcopacy, Bishop Burgos-Núñez was serving as District Superintendent of the Central District of the Greater New Jersey Conference.

Bishop Burgos-Núñez served pastorates at West Creek United Methodist Church 2004 - 2005; First United Methodist Church, Iglesia Casa de Esperanza 2005 - 2009; and Oasis United Methodist Church 2009 - 2014. He also served as Director of Worship and Urban Ministries 2014, Executive Director of NextGen Ministries of GNJ 2016-2018, and Director of Connectional Ministries 2015 - 2019 for the Greater New Jersey Conference.

Bishop Burgos-Núñez is a Community Leadership Fellow from the Lewis Center for Church Leadership, a certified ICA coach, and an Outward Mindset facilitator. He also served as Director of Communications for MARCHA, the National Hispanic/Latino caucus within the United Methodist Church, from 2010 - 2022.

Bishop Burgos-Núñez's interests include racial and organizational equity, leadership development, contextual evangelism and worship, and strategic communications in a digital era. He finds joy in cooking for his family and friends and is known for his famous meat marinades and BBQ ribs. Bishop Burgos-Núñez also enjoys blogging. His blog, Mensajes de Esperanza has more than 150,000 followers throughout Latin America. He shares life with his wife, Jazelis Adorno, and their children, Fabián, Joel, Marcos, and Valeria.

For Bishop Héctor A. Burgos-Núñez to begin to become acquainted with the Susquehanna Conference and our five districts, there will be clergy/laity gatherings in each district.

ALL clergy and laity are invited to join in **connection**, **conversation**, and **communion** with Bishop Burgos-Núñez at the **"C3 Tour."** Our District's meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 13th** at 3 PM at Otterbein UMC, 647 Forge Road, Boiling Springs, PA.

- Time will be provided for **Connection** and to get to know the Bishop. We will also have cards for people to write down questions for him.
- A time of **Conversation** with the Bishop
- Worship and **Communion**

REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED to attend.

CAMP GREENE HILLS CLOSING WORSHIP

Sunday, October 6th

4 PM

We invite you to join us for a heartfelt celebration of the 61 years of ministry of Greene Hills Camp (located at 5125 Greene Hills Manor Drive, Alexandria, PA). Many lives have been impacted at this special place over the years, so please join with us in reflecting upon the work that God has done and continues to do in the Greene Hills Camp community. This will be a time to connect and reflect together on cherished memories, life-long friendships, and the profound impact Greene Hills has had on our faith journeys. A time of worship will begin at the Barn at 4 PM. Feel free to arrive any time after 2 PM to spend time visiting your favorite places and spaces at Greene Hills.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS OCTOBER

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| 1. The nations seek God in Jerusalem | Zechariah 8:18-23 |
| 2. Causing others to stumble | Matthew 18:6-9 |
| 3. You adorn us with glory and honor | Psalms 8 |
| 4. Life in the Spirit | Romans 8:1-11 |
| 5. The law endures | Luke 16:14-18 |
| 6. Teaching on marriage | Mark 10:2-16 |
| 7. Happy are those who fear God | Psalms 112 |
| 8. Laws about divorce | Deuteronomy 24:1-5 |
| 9. Teachings about marriage and
vow-making | Matthew 5:27-36 |
| 10. Teach us to number our days | Psalms 90:12-17 |
| 11. Moses meditates on God's word | Deuteronomy 5:22-33 |
| 12. Jesus teaches true commandments | Matthew 15:1-9 |
| 13. Teaching on wealth and reward | Mark 10:17-31 |
| 14. Prayer for acceptance | Psalms 26 |
| 15. The saints' prayers before God | Revelation 8:1-5 |
| 16. The dispossessed shall possess
the land | Obadiah 17-21 |
| 17. The Most High, your refuge | Psalms 91:9-16 |
| 18. Luke witnesses the ministry of Jesus | Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53 |
| 19. The greatness of one who serves | Luke 22:24-30 |
| 20. Warnings to ambitious disciples | Mark 10:35-45 |
| 21. God will exalt the righteous | Psalms 37:23-40 |
| 22. Saul proclaimed king | 1 Samuel 10:17-25 |
| 23. Jesus washes the disciples' feet | John 13:1-17 |
| 24. Sowing with tears, reaping with joy | Psalms 126 |
| 25. Jesus is like Melchizedek | Hebrews 7:11-22 |
| 26. Jesus heals a blind man | Mark 8:22-26 |
| 27. Christ heals blind Bartimaeus | Mark 10:46-52 |
| 28. Those who love Jesus will keep
his word | John 14:21-27 |
| 29. The healing of Aeneas | Acts 9:32-35 |
| 30. Jesus heals two who are blind | Matthew 20:29-34 |
| 31. Justified by God's grace as a gift | Romans 3:19-28 |

Articles for the November
Newsletter are due in the
Church Office by
October 15th.



PRAYER REQUESTS

can be made on the Connections Card in your weekly bulletin, through the links in the Weekly Blast and on our website, or call Jen in the church office 717-244-7624. Watch your email for a special "Prayer Blast" on Tuesdays!

Change of Address

If you are moving, are planning to move, or if the Post Office is changing your address, please notify the church office as soon as possible. The church must pay for all incorrect addresses. We also need the correct mailing addresses of all college students and those attending other schools of higher learning. Thank you!



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.



Bible Quiz

When Jesus asks a Samaritan woman for a drink, at which site related to the ancient Israelites is he resting?

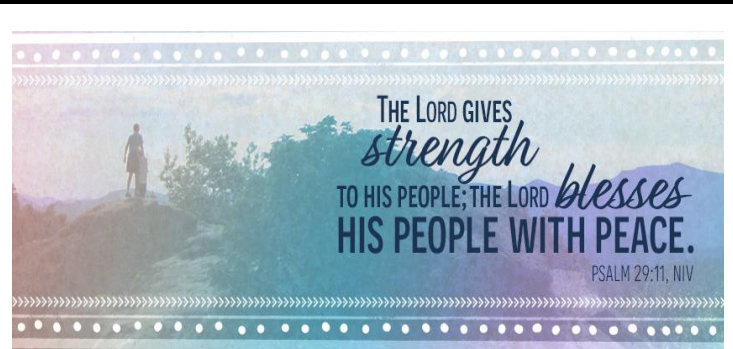
- A. the edge of the Jordan River
- B. beside the Red Sea
- C. Jacob's well
- D. the Pool of Bethesda



Answer: C (See John 4:6.)

ATTENDANCE

Date	Sunday School	Sunday Worship
August 25 th	35	127
September 1 st	38	96
September 8 th	32	101
September 15 th	38	98
September 22 nd	36	108



Baptism & Church Picnic

A wonderful time of fellowship and a meaningful Baptism service was held on Sunday, August 25th. Thanks to Phil and Sally Roberts for hosting this event at their property at Otter Creek! Lots of good food was on hand for all to enjoy. Congratulations to the Loney family, Carlos, Zion, and CJ who were all baptized and to Ron Nickey and Parker Keiser who reaffirmed their baptism.



All SAINTS' DAY will be celebrated on SUNDAY, November 3RD DURING the 9 AM CONTEMPORARY AND 10:30 AM TRADITIONAL worship services. IF you have lost a loved one in the last year (FROM October 29, 2023 – October 2024), whether they ARE a member OR FRIEND OF BETHANY OR NOT, WE WANT TO REMEMBER THEM AND READ THEIR NAME DURING WORSHIP THIS DAY. Please submit their name to the church office

(churchoffice@bethanyredlion.com), DATE OF PASSING, AND A PHOTO by SUNDAY, October 29TH. DURING the service, their name will be read, AND a bell will toll. YOU ARE INVITED TO STAND when your loved one's OR FRIEND'S name is read. IF you have ANY questions, please see PASTOR DON.



This month, the following devotionals can be accessed through YouVersion (<https://my.bible.com/reading-plans/> insert the number listed at the devotional) or click on the link in the Special Bethany Blast on Sundays:

Come to the Feast (35998) – Thru October 5th

The Cost of Following Christ (28597) – October 7th – 11th

For the One (30258) – October 13th – 19th

The Prodigal Sons (37942) – October 21st – 25th

Be Intentional (43058) – October 28th – November 1st

YOUVERSION BIBLE APP



Download the YouVersion Bible app (or go to our website and click the link on the home page) and join with us as we explore different reading plans and Bible studies throughout the year together as a church. Create an account in the app, go to friends, search for Bethany Church Red Lion, and send the friend request. Once accepted, you're ready to go. Contact Justin Zelger or Pastor Don with any questions or for additional details.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month. It is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastors and pastoral families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication, and multiple blessings provided by these special people.

TO PASTOR DON AND PASTOR LARRY:
We are grateful to have you as teachers, counselors, comforters, and the ones who unselfishly serve God's Kingdom here on earth. Thank you for praying for us, guiding us, and caring for us both physically and emotionally.

TO OUR CONGREGATION:
So, go ahead and find your special way to say thanks. It will go a long way to build up those who serve us so wonderfully! One suggestion is to pray for our pastors. Another is to creatively communicate words of encouragement to our pastors for their service to God and our Church. Thank them in person, send them a note of encouragement, send them a gift!

"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching."

(1 Timothy 5:17)



Church Staff Openings

The Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Committee is looking to hire a Youth Ministry Director for 10 – 15

hour per week. For a copy of the position description or questions, please contact Pastor Don at 717-244-7624, ext. 101.



COFFEE & Donuts

Sunday Mornings in the Contemporary Worship Area at the Coffee Bar - All are welcome!

before Sunday School & the 9 AM Contemporary service; after 9 AM service & before the 10:30 AM Traditional Service

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



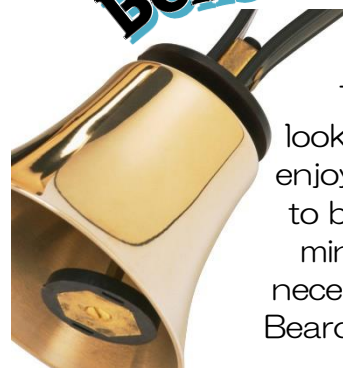
Calling all Bethany Singers to ADD YOUR VOICE!

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

See Julie Beard



Bells of Bethany



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!



Church Book Store

in the Contemporary Worship Area All are welcome!

open before Sunday School & the 9 AM Contemporary service; after the 9 AM service; and before & after the 10:30 AM Traditional Service. Books are priced at cost; please pay in the church office.



Musicians & Vocalists needed

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

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Check Out Our Website!

www.bethanyredlion.com

CHURCH

Conference

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4th
6 PM
in the Sanctuary

All are welcome to attend, but only church members in attendance will have voting privileges.

Bethany Church has purchased a subscription for RightNow Media for the purpose of training leadership and volunteers and providing on-going Bible Study materials. What is really exciting is that the whole congregation (members, attendees, and anyone associated with Bethany) will have access to the RightNow Media website. There are literally more than 10,000 videos to choose from. It works much like Netflix, and there is no additional cost to you. Some of what it includes: training videos, children's TV programs, Bible Studies, Christian Conferences, Leadership Material, and so much more. We can use these online Bible Study courses here at the church; and if a person misses a class, they can view it at home any time they want. You can also use the Bible Studies as an individual, couple, family, or Bible Study group in your own home. Please visit <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/BETHANYUMC> and complete your profile to sign up. You can also text "BETHANYUMC" to 49775 to register. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



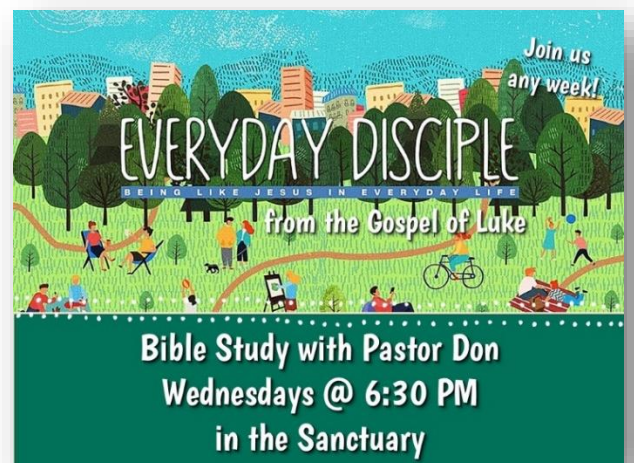
GriefShare

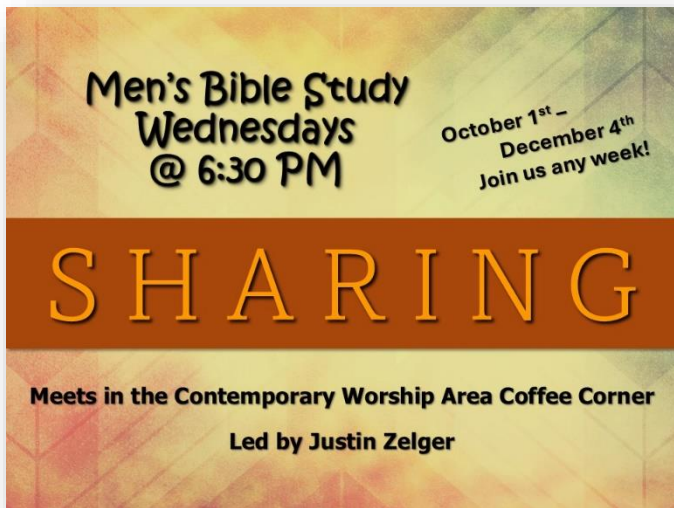
Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM
in the Social Hall Annex

Grief is a long and troublesome journey—but a journey you don't need to walk alone. We would like to invite you to GriefShare held here at Bethany Church on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM. Anyone is welcome who is going through a grief journey. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Larry at 717-244-7624. Please let Pastor Larry know if you will be attending so that enough materials will be available.

**Everyday Disciple -
Being Like Jesus
in Everyday Life
Bible Study with Pastor Don**
Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary
(will not meet October 2nd)

Join us for Bible Study in the sanctuary with Pastor Don. Everyday Disciple will focus on a verse-by-verse method. We will go in depth each week looking at the passage of scripture that will be used for the coming Sunday's sermon in both services. As disciples, we are to grow in our Christlikeness each and every day. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we peel off layers of this world, and we put on the mind of Jesus. Our study of Luke will be just that, an exposure of our worldliness and the call to be more like Jesus. Please bring your Bibles and something to write with. Study notes will be provided.





Men's Bible Study Sharing

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM
 in the Contemporary Worship Area
 Coffee Corner
 October 1st – December 4th

This Bible Study will explore the ways in which we share the gospel, facilitate conversation, and foster discipleship as individuals and the church.

Women's Bible Study The Well-Watered Woman

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM
 in the Church Bookstore Area

Discover the bottomless, refreshing Well of God's Word—and experience a fullness and peace beyond your circumstances. In the chaos of our everyday, it can be difficult to live out and apply the truths of Scripture. We want more of Jesus, but we find ourselves looking to our own lives and accomplishments for our worth and identity. And while that may buoy us for a time, we're often left feeling dried up, discouraged, and longing for more. Gretchen Saffles knows what it's like to feel overwhelmed and unable to flourish.

In *The Well-Watered Woman*, Gretchen leads us to the Well of fullness, the Word of freedom, and the Way of fruitfulness. She teaches that God's Word will satisfy us for all eternity. Using Scripture and her own personal story of surrender, Gretchen offers spiritually hungry women tangible tools to not only know Jesus more but to live a life that thoroughly enjoys Him, seeks Him, and follows Him into freedom. Devotional Journal available in the Church Bookstore.



WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEALS

5:30 PM
 \$5 Adult (ages 13 & Older)
 \$2.50 child (ages 2 – 12)

Please register for the meal by the Sunday before on the Connections card in your bulletin, at the Giving Kiosk, or call Jen in the church office.



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Thursdays | 6:30 PM
Dinner at 6 PM

**Is Celebrate Recovery for me
or someone I know?**

Living in a broken world, we all deal with life's hurts, hang-ups, and habits. No one has the ability, nor should they attempt to face their hurts on their own. Celebrate Recovery is a beautiful community of strugglers that courageously enter this safe and beautiful space to get honest about our pain, and the negative ways we may see ourselves, God, and others. In this process, we come to accept that some of the habits we may have developed to escape our pain have caused destruction in our life and those close to us. Celebrate Recovery is a biblically balanced approach to help bring sustainable recovery and healing to our hurts. It guides us toward new healthy truths and life-giving habits as we repair our broken relationships. Join more than seven million hurting people across the globe who now walk in freedom through the power of Jesus Christ as we walk through the eight principles of Celebrate Recovery based on the Beatitudes in Matthew 5. These are some of the issues people find freedom from in Celebrate Recovery: Anger ~ Codependency ~ Eating Disorder ~ Love & Relationship Addiction ~ Physical, Sexual, and/or Emotional Abuse ~ Drug Addiction ~ Alcoholism ~ Sexual Addiction ~ Gambling Addiction ~ Grief ~ Mental Health ~ and many other issues we may struggle with.

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

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.

**MEDICAL
EQUIPMENT
LENDING
WAREHOUSE**

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.



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 (October 20th). 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.easyithe.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 (October 27th). Pick up also offered on Saturday, October 26th from 11 AM - Noon in the kitchen. Questions? Contact Cinny Attig (717) 244-7624. Benefits the missions of Bethany Church!

Gift Cards
are not
just for
GIFTS

Help out the
MISSIONS COMMITTEE
by using gift cards
for your regular
Grocery shopping
** See Jen in the
church office **

Knitting & Crochet Ministry



Visitation Program

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.



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.



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.



CARING MINISTRIES



Want to be involved?

Contact Pastor Larry Parlett (717) 244-7624

Bethany Church collects items for the following organizations. Collection containers are located outside the church office and inside the back door. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

Cell Phones

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



Aluminum Tabs

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



Inkjet Cartridges

This program has been discontinued.

We no longer collect aluminum cans.



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

Meal Ministry



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.



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



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.



50-Year Continuous Members Recognized

Congratulations to the following members who were recognized on Sunday, September 8th in Traditional Worship!

Bobbie Jean Eicholtz
Britt A. Gemmill
Deborah C. Keeports
Judith A. Markel
Carol Myers
Jay L. Myers
Jeffrey L. Rexroth
Kenneth R. Stoltzfus, Jr.
David A. Zelger
Michael S. Zelger



Dave Zelger

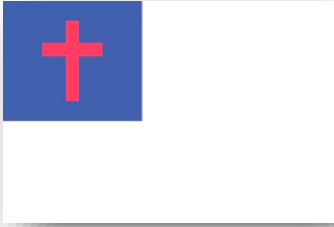


Mike Zelger



Jay & Carol Myers





CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

CHRISTIAN FLAG —

Dating to the early 20th century, the

Christian flag represents all of Christianity, though it's been used primarily in the Americas and Africa. The red Latin cross symbolizes

Jesus' blood shed on Calvary to grant us eternal life. The blue background represents Christ's faithfulness even unto death, as well as our baptism into Christ. The white field signifies Jesus' purity, non-violence and surrender to God's will, plus the peace we gain by surrendering ourselves to Christ.

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."



Our Mobile App for Giving is Changing

Beginning on October 1st, our easyTithe Giving App will no longer be available. You will now need to download the "My Church Home" app by Ministry Brands Amplify (see below). Unfortunately, we've been told, you will have to enter all your information again to register on the app. Online, Text, and Giving Kiosk giving should see no change. If you have any questions, please see Jen in the church office.



My Church Home

by Ministry Brands Amplify

Open



Ministry Brands

Lifestyle

*Bethany Church is Christ's love in action,
a beacon to the community,
empowering all people to live in
extraordinary ways for Christ*



Online Giving

Online giving is so much more than just online! Our giving tools provide the ability to donate on our website (www.bethanyredlion.com) or The Blast, through a mobile app (search for My Church Home—by Ministry Brands Amplify in your App Store [begins October 1st]), from our Giving Kiosk (located outside the church office), and Text Giving (717/801-1430). After creating an account, you are able to give a donation or schedule a series of donations directed from your checking account or debit/credit card.

Giving with Google Pay Available!

A quick, safe option for gifts and payments.

What is Google Pay?

Google Pay is a **digital wallet** that allows more flexibility for how you donate or pay by storing payment information in a Google account, rather than entering a debit or credit card number.

That means when you want to make a donation or payment, all you have to remember is your Google login and password to access your previously loaded payment methods. **Note: You can manage your Google "wallet" payment options via your Google Account under Payments & Subscriptions. (accounts.google.com or pay.google.com).**

How can I use Google Pay?

It will present as a payment option alongside Credit Card, Debit Card, and Bank Account.



A faster, safer way to pay

Add a payment method to your Google Account to get started with Google Pay



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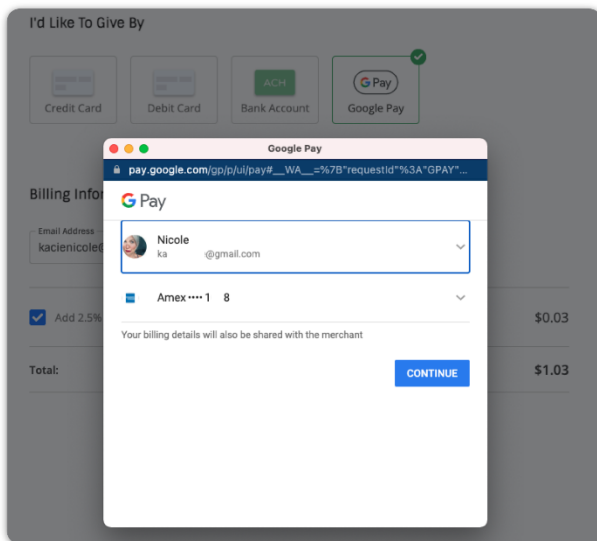


Check out quickly in apps and on the web



Pay with your phone in stores

Add a payment method



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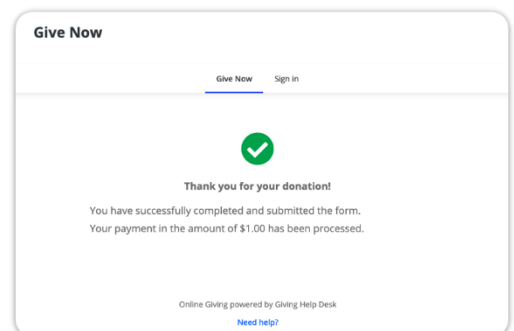
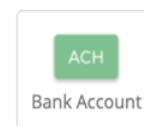
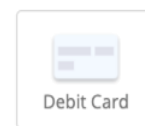
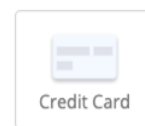
2. Enter a Billing Email address. *Note: The billing email address entered here should be the one associated with your giving account (if you already have one).*

3. Click the button that says **GPay**, and a pop-up window will appear allowing you to select which saved

card you'd like to use for this transaction.

4. Once you've selected your card, click **CONTINUE** to complete your gift or payment.

I'd Like To Give By



Keep in mind, that Google Pay will appear blank if you've not already added payment methods. If you decide you'd rather not pay with Google Pay, simply close out the pop-up window and select a different payment method on the giving or registration form.