

# Bethany Church Missions & Ministries News



**November 2024**



# 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



Bethany's Final **Packing Night** for this year is scheduled for Sunday night, **November 10<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM in our Social Hall.

Please plan to spend an hour with us that evening. It will warm your heart! You'll be so glad that you did! Sit-down jobs are also available! Your PRAYERS are most certainly welcomed and encouraged.



## Get your Apple Dumplings before they are gone!

\$7/pack of two

See Karen Miller in the Children's Department  
or Jen in the Church Office

Available on Sundays and during the week!

# FUDGE FOR CHRISTMAS!

Just in time for Christmas, the Missions Committee will again be having a Homemade Fudge Sale as a fundraiser. You can place your order on the order forms (available at various locations around the church),



through the Giving Kiosk, through the link in the weekly Blast, or through the Giving App (under “Events”). Fudge will sell for \$10 per pound (sorry no ½ pound sales). REMEMBER: It is delicious, and it freezes well, too! Fudge may be picked up on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from Noon – 3 PM or on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> (between and after services) in the Social Hall. Orders will be due in the

church office on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be making Peanut Butter, Chocolate, and Chocolate-Peanut Butter fudge. A limited number of extras will be available for sale on Sundays in the church office until the fudge is gone.



# NOW FOR SOME REAL IMPORTANT STUFF:

WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP MAKING THE FUDGE!! Please consider helping us on Thursday & Friday (December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>) from 9 AM – 1 PM on Thursday (lunch will be provided) and 9 – 11 AM on Friday. You can sign up to help using the various options listed above. One of the perks is all the fudge you can eat from the scrapings out of the pan!



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.



## **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.

## 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*

GRAB

'N' GO

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month (November 17<sup>th</sup>). 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 using the link in the Weekly Blast or the Giving App (under "events"). Pick up and pay in the Kitchen as you leave church on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month (November 24<sup>th</sup>). Pick up also offered on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11 AM - Noon in the kitchen. Questions? Contact Cinnie Attig (717) 244-7624. Benefits the missions of Bethany Church!

CARING  
MINISTRIES



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

Knitting &  
Crochet Ministry



1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays  
2:30 - 4 PM  
in Bethany House

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

## Visitation Program

Gift Cards  
are not  
just for  
GIFTS



## 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.

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.



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!

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.



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.

## We're Collecting...

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

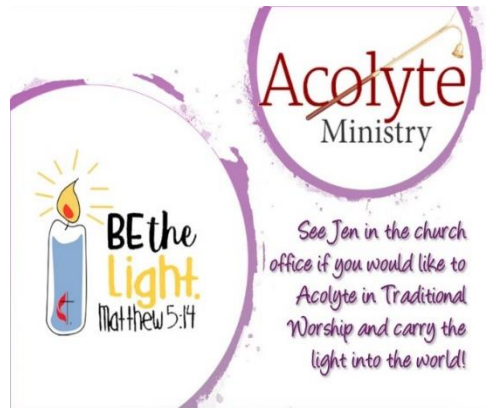
**Cell Phones**  
(for ACCESS-York)  
Contact:  
Jessica Castle  
(717) 244-7624

**The Inkjet Collection Program has been discontinued.  
We no longer collect aluminum cans.**

*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



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



*Prayer Requests*



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







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

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  
(717-244-7624)



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





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BELONG | BELIEVE | BECOME

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