

# Bethany Church Missions & Ministries News



**December 2024**

## 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 (December 15<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 at <https://app.easytith.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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month (December 22<sup>nd</sup>). Pick up also offered on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 11 AM - Noon in the kitchen. Questions? Contact Cinnie Attig (717) 244-7624. Benefits the missions of Bethany Church!



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!



# Children's Department Christmas Tree of Blessing

*Help us make Christmas more magical for area children!*

## Infant/Toddler (6 – 24 months)

- Anything Little Tikes
- Anything Playskool
- Anything Baby Einstein
- Anything Fisher Price
- Learning Walkers
- Tonka Trucks
- Trains
- Stacking Rings
- Mr. Potato Head (all kinds)
- Doctor Kit
- Plush Doll
- Books
- Bath Toys

## Preschoolers (ages 2 – 5)

- Play Instruments
- Cars/Trucks/Trains
- Kitchen Play Set
- Mega Bloks
- Lincoln Logs
- Animal/Dinosaur figurines
- Play-Doh sets
- Princess Dresses & accessories
- Baby Dolls and accessories
- Legos Duplo
- Super Hero figurines
- Ride on toys/scooters
- Educational toys
- Activity Kits

## Older Children (ages 6 -12)

- Baby Dolls and accessories
- LOL Dolls
- Barbie Dolls and accessories
- Animal/dinosaur figurines
- Remote Control Cars
- Funko Pop figurines
- Super Hero figurines
- Science kits
- Nerf Guns
- Kids Crafts
- Lego
- Sport balls/bats
- Books/Puzzles/Games
- Educational toys

**All unwrapped gifts will need to be dropped off in the Children's Department no later than Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Donations of wrapping paper and tape are also needed!**

**All gifts will be distributed to Red Lion area families.**





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, and 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 on the forms around the church, through the link in the Weekly Blast or Giving App (under

“events), or with Jen in the church office. One of the perks is all the fudge you can eat from the scrapings out of the pan! 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. 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. The Missions Committee thanks you for your support!



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



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.

## Knitting & Crochet Ministry



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

## 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.





# 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

Pastor Pat Beckum volunteers for Hospice visiting Veterans under their care. While there, the Veteran is presented with gifts either made or donated. In the picture is a quilt handmade for the Veteran. While visiting, Pastor Pat does what is called a "pinning." Two of the gifts are very special recognizing their service to our country. One is a pin especially designed for them and a certificate recognizing their contributions.



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.

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

**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 \*\*



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.



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.



CARING  
MINISTRIES

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



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

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- 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

Thank You!

Friends at Bethany, This morning, October 28, 2024, my church group said a prayer of Thanksgiving, particularly for the people God has put around us—people who care for others and show us how. Near noon, I visited Zach at the nursing home. Many times, Zach has very little to say. Today was better. He said “Hi, Cecil” when I entered, and he said “No, thank you” when I offered to bring Orange Gatorade from my car. When awake, Zach looks around a lot without much extended gaze except at his silent TV. He has a bit of trouble staying dressed and keeping the bedclothes on his bed. His sweet nurse, Salina, says that he ate breakfast, but only because she fed it to him. Another nurse came in and said that Zach was to get a shower today. As I saw the care from the nurses—God again focused me on my earlier gratitude filled prayer. In the 20 minutes before Zach’s shower, I opened the package that Bethany Church sent. I saw the hand-made blue letter holder and



placed his hand on the cross. I told him that the cross reminds me how much that Jesus has cared for Zach and that the letters inside the carrier also show care from the people at Zach's church back in PA. Once again, I praise God for showing me people who care for others and help me to learn. I couldn't keep my voice bold, but I read the letters aloud. Zach nodded several times when I asked if he recognized the signature names. I read the introduction, a couple of prayers, and the first chapter from the book that you sent ("This, Too, Shall Pass"). Recently, I have read some academic articles on the associated topic of pain and trials. I think of God's power to "refine" us, in his service, through trials. God has been using our care for Zach in just exactly that way. Referring to 1 Peter 6:7 and the chapter context, the result is "praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ." Simply put, Bethany Church, Thanks for the caring that you have shown. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow. –Cecil Stuerke

Special thanks to Pastor Larry. He has been such a Godsend during this year with the loss of my son, Robert. –Edna Adams

Dear Friends in Mission, Thank you! The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR (for US Disaster Response and Recovery) may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be—Thank you! Since 1940, UMCOR has served as the humanitarian agency of The United Methodist Church, providing disaster response and relief to areas impacted by natural and man-made disasters around the world. And through our financial support, you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships as UMCOR responds to increasingly-frequent and destructive storms—sharing 100% of the donated funds with those in need! Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate genuine love for our neighbors. Grace and Peace, Roland Fernandes, General Secretary, Global Ministries/UMCOR



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



**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.**



## 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.



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), through the Giving App under "contact us," or click on "Prayer Request" in the upper right-hand corner on our website home page ([www.bethanyredlion.com](http://www.bethanyredlion.com)). Watch your email for a special "Prayer Blast" on Tuesdays.

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  
(717-244-7624)



## Musicians & Vocalists needed

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



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