

# Bethany Church Missions & Ministries News



**January 2025**

## 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 (January 19<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 through 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 (January 26<sup>th</sup>). Pick up also offered on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM - Noon in the kitchen. Questions? Contact Cinny Attig (717) 244-7624. Benefits the missions of Bethany Church!

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

# **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.



## **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.



**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!**

# Apple Dumplings

Our Apple Dumplings Fundraiser was a great success. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and purchased our dumplings. 600 apples, 23 happy and busy volunteers, and two mornings of peeling, coring, dough making, rolling, and bagging with flour everywhere! All of our profits go to benefit our Missions Outreach.





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.



## 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.**



## 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!

# Knitting & Crocheting

## Ministry



Bethany's Knitting & Crocheting Ministry blessed 328 people in 2024 (178 with prayer pockets, baby blankets, lap robes, prayer shawls, hats, and scarves—150 with pocket crosses that were handed out at the Red Lion Street Fair)! This ministry is one way we show God's love through Bethany. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays in Bethany House from 2:30 – 4 PM. Please join us!

Gift Cards

are not  
just for

GIFTS



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.

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**Thanks**



Thank you, Bethany family, for all the lovely cards you send! I really enjoy cards. I read them over and over and put them where I see them

every day. -Barb Gingerich

Dear Bethany, Thank you so very much for helping me celebrate my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. The decorations and food were excellent! It was great to see so many people! Can't say thank you enough to the people who put this together. It is something that I will never forget! -Sara Hannigan



Thank you for your cards and posts helping me celebrate my 104<sup>th</sup> birthday. Your greetings made this birthday extra special. Thank you for your kindness. -Betty Hickey



## 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



## Operation Christmas Child 2024 Year-End Results

WOW! 2024 OCC season here at Bethany Church produced wonderful results. We packed 350 shoeboxes and some pencil kit "filler item packs" that were then delivered to the Genesis "drop off" Church in York New Salem before they left from there for the Processing Center in the Baltimore area. York County packed 16,835 shoeboxes and that number may increase once the "online" packed boxes are counted and included. The goal for York County was 16,001, so you can see that goal was exceeded! Woo Hoo!! So many blessings and opportunities to reach others for Jesus. It certainly put a BIG smile on my face—as I hope it does yours.

Look at the Fun and Excitement of those involved in our two Packing Events. What Memorable Occasions! Thank you, Each and Every One, for your participation all throughout the year in this ministry. You make it happen!

2025 is already in the planning and buying stages! It's going to be another terrific year for our OCC ministry here at Bethany! Thank You, ever so much for your support! ~ Carol Ann Frock









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



# CARING MINISTRIES

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



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.

**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 Jen in the Church Office.



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

*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



**Musicians & Vocalists needed**

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



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)

