



# BETHANY CHURCH

The 29<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Acts...*The Ancient Story Continues*

March 2025

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**ASH**  
WEDNESDAY  
*March 5<sup>th</sup>*

Fellowship Meal at 5:30 PM in the Social Hall  
6:30 PM Worship in the Sanctuary  
6:30 PM Kid's Connections in the Children's Chapel

## March Meeting

VBS Volunteer Meeting – Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM, in the Children's Department



For February, we focused on our Mission as a Church by spending one week each on our "B" words: Belong, Believe, and Become. I know the weather was not great, and many of you had to miss those weeks of worship. I would encourage you to go to our church website and follow the link on the front page to our worship video archive. These three sermons from February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> are very important to our faith journey and work as a church.

For the months of March and April, we return to our study of Luke verse-by-verse, and our verses will tie in with Lent. For thousands of years, the church has used Lent as a time to prepare the hearts and minds of new believers for their faith journey with Jesus. I would invite each of you to do the same! Instead of giving up something for Lent, I would invite each of you to take something on. Specifically, I would ask you to commit to being in worship and bringing someone with you! There are so many people who need to know the love of God that is ours as found in Jesus. As we focus on what Jesus has done for us in Lent, people will be confronted with the truth that God loved us so much that He was willing to send His one and only Son to save us.

This Lent, we will offer a special service for Ash Wednesday, at 6:30 PM on March 5<sup>th</sup>. We will also be offering the Stations of the Cross during office hours during Holy Week, April 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>.

We will also offer communion and a special service on Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM. All of these opportunities are designed to help us grow in our faith and our love for Jesus!

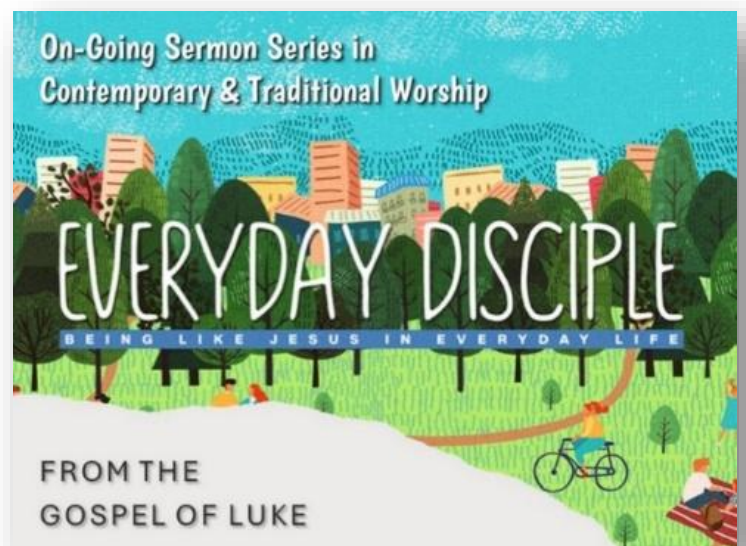
Don't miss out. Nurture your faith walk. Invite others along for the journey. You will be glad you did, and someone's eternity could be changed forever!

Blessings,

Pastor Don

### **Everyday Disciple Sermon Series in Contemporary & Traditional**

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.

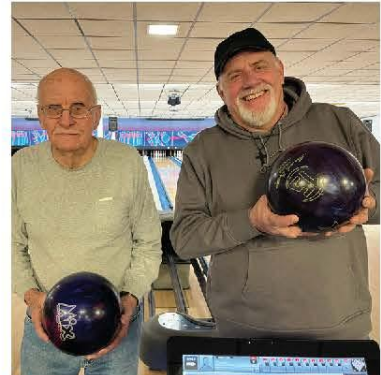






# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO JOINED US FOR OUR  
BETHANY BOWLING NIGHT!



## UPCOMING EVENTS!



**MARCH 9TH: VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING #1**  
10 AM IN THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT!







**Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>  
Nitchkey Field  
Time TBD**

**Your Help is Needed with donations of Plastic Eggs & Individually Wrapped Candy. Monetary Donations are appreciated to help cover expenses. Plastic Eggs & Candy can be dropped off in the container outside the Social Hall.**



# PUZZLE

## FROM WORD TO WORLD

Words are important! God spoke and created all things.  
What does the psalmist declare about creation?

Directions: Using the word clues, unscramble the letters to complete Psalm 102:25, NIV.

- |                                  |             |       |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| A preposition                    | NI          | ---   |
| An article                       | HTE         | ---   |
| Genesis means this               | NINBGEIGN   | ----- |
| A second-person pronoun          | OUY         | ---   |
| Past tense of to lay             | IDAL        | ---   |
| An article                       | HET         | ---   |
| A plural noun meaning base       | SODTAINFONU | ----- |
| A preposition showing possession | FO          | --    |
| An article                       | TEH         | ---   |
| A concrete noun meaning world    | HRTEA       | ----- |

Psalm 102:25, NIV

Answer: In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth. (Psalm 102:25, NIV)

# Youth Ministry

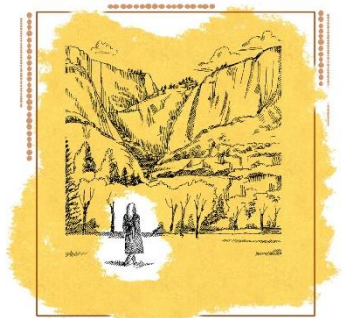
Youth Connections  
Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM  
in Bethany House

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, join us at the Fellowship Meal at 5:30 PM. Then we will attend the Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary at 6:30 PM.

## Bible Quiz

Complete this sentence which introduces a well-known Bible story:  
"The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of \_\_\_\_\_."

- A. flowers
- B. sheep
- C. rocks
- D. bones



Answer: D (See Ezekiel 37:1, NIV)

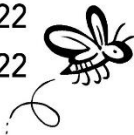


# Puzzle!



Fill in the blanks with the tiny creatures mentioned in each verse (all NIV). Then search for those words in the puzzle below.

- Proverbs 6:6 \_\_\_\_\_
- Psalms 78:45 \_\_\_\_\_
- Matthew 23:24 \_\_\_\_\_
- Judges 14:8b \_\_\_\_\_
- Acts 12:23 \_\_\_\_\_
- Leviticus 11:22 \_\_\_\_\_
- Leviticus 11:22 \_\_\_\_\_
- Deuteronomy 7:20 \_\_\_\_\_
- Exodus 16:20 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Samuel 24:14 \_\_\_\_\_
- Isaiah 50:9 \_\_\_\_\_
- Isaiah 59:5 \_\_\_\_\_
- Leviticus 11:22 \_\_\_\_\_
- Leviticus 11:22 \_\_\_\_\_



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O	L	S	P	I	D	E	R	S	B	E
T	E	C	L	O	C	U	S	T	D	T
S	A	E	F	K	A	T	Y	D	I	D
G	F	L	I	E	S	W	O	R	M	S



Answers: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket

## The Lenten desert



During the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday (March 5<sup>th</sup> this year), Christians figuratively follow Jesus into the desert. Just as our Savior spent 40 days fasting and facing temptation, we focus on self-reflection and contrition.

In an 1873 hymn, Claudia Hernaman wrote, "O Lord, throughout these forty days, you prayed and kept the fast. Inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past."

The desert experience of Lent serves a clear purpose, filling us up rather than depleting us. "This is what Lent is meant to be," writes theologian Ron Rolheiser. "Time in the desert to courageously face the chaos and the demons within us and to let God do battle with them through us. The result is that we are purified, made ready, so the intoxicating joy of Easter might then bind us more closely to God and each other."

## Fasting and Feasting

During Lent, consider this practical — and biblical — advice from Arthur Lichtenberger, a former presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church:

- Fast from criticism, and feast on praise.
- Fast from self-pity, and feast on joy.
- Fast from ill-temper, and feast on peace.
- Fast from resentment, and feast on contentment.
- Fast from jealousy, and feast on love.
- Fast from pride, and feast on humility.
- Fast from selfishness, and feast on service.
- Fast from fear, and feast on faith.





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!



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



If you play a brass, woodwind, strings, or keyboard instrument and would like to be part of a fun ensemble for Easter morning, please see Julie Beard by Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

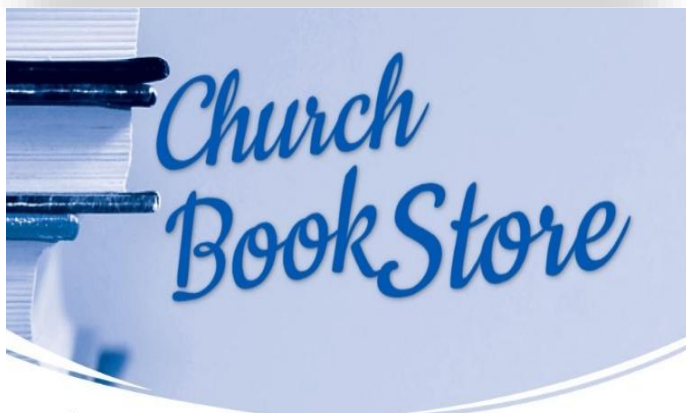
The Sanctuary Choir sings in the 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service Please join us!

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)



will again grace our Sanctuary and Contemporary Worship Area for Easter Sunday.

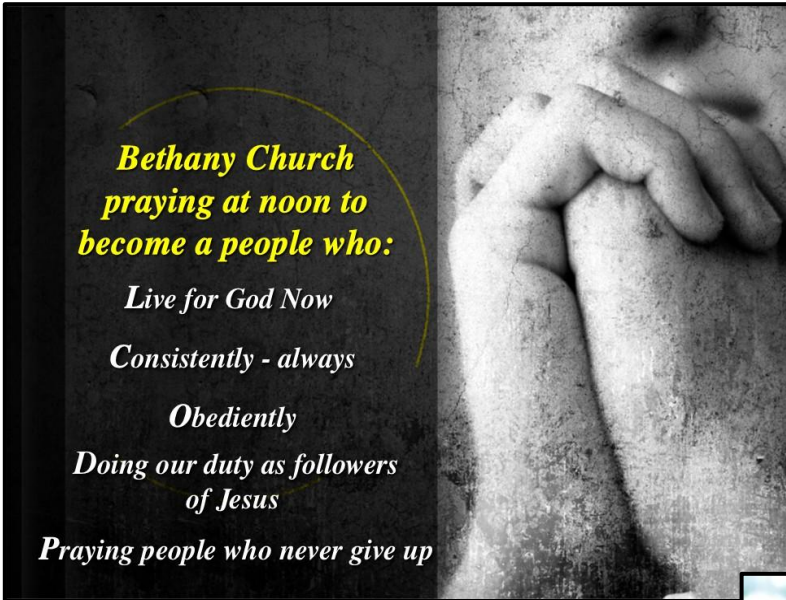
**Orders are due in the church office by Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.** You may order a plant in memory of or in honor of a person, class, or loved ones. We will be offering Easter Lilies (\$9.50), Tulips (\$8.75), Hyacinths (\$8.75), Daffodils (\$8.75), Mums (\$9.50), Pansies (\$3.50), Gerbera Daisies (\$5.25), and Hydrangeas (\$15.50). Easter Flower envelopes may be found at all entrances to the Sanctuary and in the Information Cubby in Contemporary worship in which you may place your cash or check. Flowers **MUST BE PAID** for when ordering. Please indicate your choice of flower on the envelope and what you would like included in the bulletin. Please place the envelope in the Church Offering Plate or mail to or drop off in the church office. Orders may also be placed at the Giving Kiosk & through the Giving App or through the link in the weekly Blast. If you would like to do something other than contribute a flower, you may make a donation to the work of our Missions Ministry in honor of or in memory of a loved one.



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.





**Bethany Church  
praying at noon to  
become a people who:**

*Live for God Now*

*Consistently - always*

*Obediently*

*Doing our duty as followers  
of Jesus*

*Praying people who never give up*

# Praying Hands Day

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Each Month (March 16<sup>th</sup>)**

**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.



The Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Committee is looking to hire a Youth Ministry Director

for 10 – 15 hours per week. For a copy of the position description or questions, please contact Pastor Don at 717-244-7624, ext. 101.



**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

## 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.



This month, the following devotional 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:

**Lent: A Journey Through 7 Spiritual Disciplines**  
(35748) – March 5<sup>th</sup> – April 19<sup>th</sup>



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.





## 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!



### ATTENDANCE

Date	Sunday School	Sunday Worship
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	35	106
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	27	117
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Cancelled	61
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	24	80
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	25	91



## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### MARCH

- |   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. Moses on the blazing mountain          | Deuteronomy 9:15-24            |
| 2. Jesus is transfigured on the mountain  | Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]          |
| 3. Do not be far from me                  | Psalms 35:11-28                |
| 4. Cornelius and Peter                    | Acts 10:23b-33                 |
| 5. The practice of faith                  | Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21           |
| 6. God shall keep you                     | Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16            |
| 7. God promises deliverance               | Exodus 6:1-13                  |
| 8. For everything a season                | Ecclesiastes 3:1-8             |
| 9. The temptation of Jesus                | Luke 4:1-13                    |
| 10. Prayer for protection from evil ones  | Psalms 17                      |
| 11. Satan tempts Joshua                   | Zechariah 3:1-10               |
| 12. Satan tempts Job                      | Job 1:1-22                     |
| 13. The Lord shall keep me safe           | Psalms 27                      |
| 14. Our citizenship is in heaven          | Philippians 3:17-20            |
| 15. A pilgrimage song of praise           | Psalms 118:26-29               |
| 16. A hen gathering her brood             | Luke 13:31-35                  |
| 17. God's covenant with Abraham           | Psalms 105:1-15<br>[16-41], 42 |
| 18. God is faithful                       | 1 Corinthians 10:1-13          |
| 19. The Lord appears to Joseph in a dream | Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a       |
| 20. O God, eagerly I seek you             | Psalms 63:1-8                  |
| 21. Warning to the church in Sardis       | Revelation 3:1-6               |
| 22. A tree and its fruits                 | Luke 6:43-45                   |
| 23. The parable of the fig tree           | Luke 13:1-9                    |
| 24. My hope is in God                     | Psalms 39                      |
| 25. The angel greets Mary                 | Luke 1:26-38                   |
| 26. The fruit of the promised land        | Numbers 13:17-27               |
| 27. Be glad, you righteous                | Psalms 32                      |
| 28. Walking by faith and not by sight     | 2 Corinthians 5:6-15           |
| 29. Moses begs forgiveness                | Exodus 32:7-14                 |
| 30. The parable of the forgiving father   | Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32            |
| 31. Restoring our fortunes                | Psalms 53                      |

## Our Mobile App for Giving Has Changed



Our easyTithe Giving App has been replaced with the "My Church Home" app by Ministry Brands Amplify (see below). Once you download the App, search for zip code, 17356, and Bethany UMC should pop up. Choose as your church. Unfortunately, we've been told, you will have to enter all your information again to register on the app. Giving Online, Text, and the Giving Kiosk saw no change. If you have any questions, please see Jen in the church office.



**My Church Home**  
by Ministry Brands Amplify

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## Articles for the April

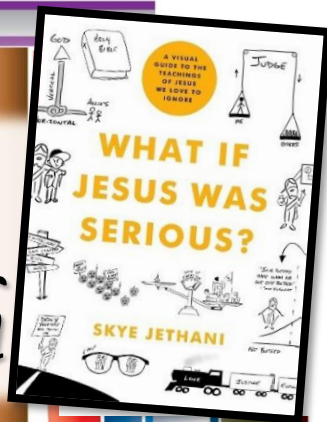
Newsletter are due in the Church Office by March 15<sup>th</sup>.



## 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!

# Book of the Month



The "Connecting People with God" Committee's March/April Book Club of the Month is *What if Jesus was Serious?* by Skye Jethani. He takes a look at some of Jesus' most demanding teachings in the Sermon on the Mount and pushes us to ask whether we're really hearing what Christ is saying. The visual component of the book makes it memorable and enjoyable to read, and Skye's incisive reflections make it worthwhile for any Christian. Please note, we are changing things up with the Book of the Month! We are entering year two as we started the Book-of-the-Month last March, and we are going to try something deeper this year. We will ask anyone who is reading the books we have recommended to meet in the Book Store corner in between the Contemporary and Traditional services any week during the time that the book is emphasized to discuss how it has impacted them, questions they have, or what they love or don't love about the books! For this first attempt, we will break down the book like this:

March 9<sup>th</sup> – Discuss Part 1

March 16<sup>th</sup> – Discuss Part 2

March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Discuss Part 3

March 30<sup>th</sup> – Discuss Part 4

May 4<sup>th</sup> – Discuss Part 9 and pick up a copy of the next book!

April 6<sup>th</sup> – Discuss Part 5

April 13<sup>th</sup> – Discuss Part 6

April 20<sup>th</sup> – Easter

April 27<sup>th</sup> – Discuss Parts 7 – 8

**SOCIAL PAINT EVENT**  
**Hosted by Kelly Werner**  
**Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**1 – 3 PM in the Social Hall**  
**Register by March 12<sup>th</sup>!**  
**No painting experience needed!**

Register in the church office or with Kelly Werner, through the Giving Kiosk or App, or through the link in the Weekly Blast.

Bring a snack to share; drinks/plates/napkins will be provided.

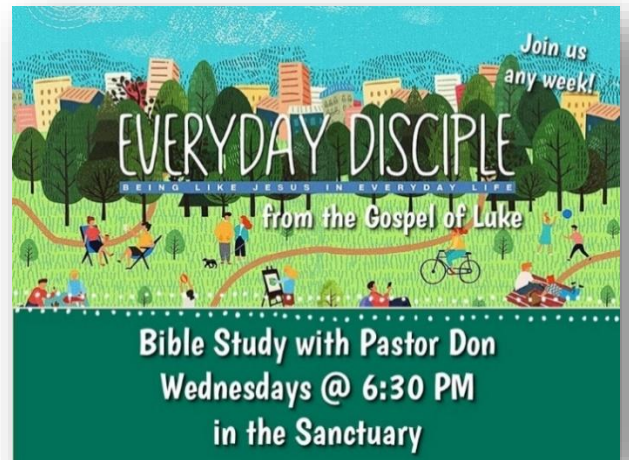
Event is intended for adults, but open to all ages!! Children will have accommodations to help them succeed but will need parent supervision as well.



## Everyday Disciple – Being Like Jesus in Everyday Life Bible Study with Pastor Don

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary

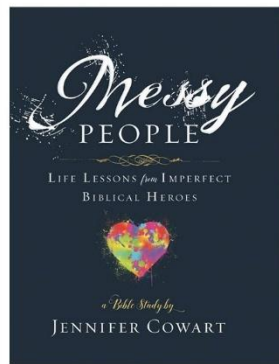
Join us for Bible Study in the sanctuary with Pastor Don. Everyday Disciple will focus on a verse-by-verse method. We will go in depth each week looking at the passage of scripture that will be used for the coming Sunday's sermon in both services. As disciples, we are to grow in our Christlikeness each 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. **Will not meet March 5<sup>th</sup>.**



Join us  
any week!

Women's  
Bible Study  
Wednesdays  
6:30 PM  
Social Hall  
Annex

Led by  
Vickie Petit



## Messy People

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM  
in the Social Hall Annex

Every life gets messy at times. Sometimes these messes are literal, like a house that would be easier to condemn than to clean. But sometimes they are intangible messes such as illness, conflict, depression, abuse, bankruptcy, divorce, and job loss. And these messes can be painful, hurting our hearts and our homes. But as we see in the Bible, God loves to use messy people! We will dig into the lives of biblical

heroes who were messy people just like us but who were used by God in powerful ways. Together we will examine the stories of five wonderful but messy people and one messy parable character: Rahab, the Prodigal Son, Josiah, Mary, David, and Daniel. From their stories, we will learn how God can use broken people, restore damaged hearts and relationships, give us power to handle our critics, and help us deal with the hard moments of life. Along the way, we'll discover that we don't have to just endure messy lives but can actually learn to thrive with God's guidance and help. In the hands of God, our messes can become His masterpieces! **Will not meet March 5<sup>th</sup>.**

## Men's Bible Study Covenants (based upon Bible Project resources)

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM  
in the Contemporary Worship Area Coffee Corner

When Christians talk about having a personal relationship with God, they're usually referring to having God as a friend, or a father, or even a teacher. But the Bible also frequently talks about our relationship with God in terms of a partnership. A partnership involves working alongside someone to accomplish a goal together. We will explore what covenants are, what covenants have been made, and what our part is in the partnership with God. **Will not meet March 5<sup>th</sup>.**  
<https://bibleproject.com/guides/covenants>



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

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



**GriefShare**  
Thursdays at 1:30 PM  
in the Social Hall Annex

New Day ~ New Time GriefShare gatherings continue in March. Anyone who is dealing with the loss of a loved one is welcome no matter how long it has been since the loss. Please register online at [griefshare.org/findagroup](http://griefshare.org/findagroup) or contact

Pastor Larry to register or for more information (717-244-7624, ext. 102) so that we can have enough participant books available. Walk-ins are welcome for any of the sessions.





# 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.



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.



Many thanks to all of you who participated with our February Sponsor Tables fundraiser. It is always helpful and appreciated to have funding for purchases early in the year.

Also in February, a quick trip was taken to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, where we received a carton of combs, a few hand-knitted caps, some rope, and small stuffed animals. (We were also sent home with hand-knitted scarves and prayer shawls, which we were able to share with the Red Lion community.)

It is, once again, time for our M & M Candy Tube Fundraiser. As you enjoy eating the colored candy treats, think of them as a **rainbow**. God's covenant with man that serves as a reflection of encouragement. Rainbows are a symbol of hope in many cultures. They appear as perfect arcs, often during a rainstorm when the sun shines onto water droplets, shattering its white light into an array of brilliant colors. Our shoebox gifts can serve as an opportunity for a child to **get to know Jesus** and to also experience **hope and His love for him or her**.

M & M candy tubes will be located in several areas of the church. Please take one home, enjoy the sweet treat, and return the candy tube filled with quarters or your rolled bills to the church office or Sunday offering plates. Thank You and Bless Your Hearts for loving and supporting this ministry here at Bethany Church!





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

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.

## 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.

Get your Apple Dumplings before they are gone!

\$7/pack of two

See Karen Miller in the Children's Department, Jane Wiertel, or Jen in the Church Office. Available on Sundays and during the week!



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GIFTS





*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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month (March 16<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 on 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 (March 23<sup>rd</sup>). Pick up also offered on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11 AM - Noon in the kitchen. Questions? Contact Cinnie Attig (717) 244-7624. Benefits the missions of Bethany Church! **\*\*\*There will not be a Grab 'n Go Sale in April.\*\*\***



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



Want to be involved?

Contact Pastor Larry Parlett (717) 244-7624



# Peanut Butter

Very few of us will have the opportunity to make a significant change on a global or even larger level. Yet, we can all make an impact in the world in which we live. And I am adding that the impact that may be

needed can be as simple as one jar at a time. The River Valley District will be having a fun Peanut Butter collection during the Lenten season and will be blessing any local food bank/giveaway your church chooses. Our Area goal is 6,075 jars! Peanut Butter is one of the most frequently requested items by food banks because it is kid-friendly, shelf-stable, and protein-rich. We know that peanut butter is a tasty, versatile, and nutrient-dense food. A two-tablespoon serving provides 200 calories, 16 grams of fat, seven grams each of protein and carbohydrates, and 1.5 grams of fiber. I look forward to hearing how your church does!

-Rev. Dr. Gary Weaver, Superintendent, River Valley District

**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.**

## Knitting & Crochet Ministry



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



Hi Bethany, Thank you so much for donating to 18 South Youth Center in 2024! Your generosity has greatly impacted the lives of at-risk teens in our community! We are so grateful for your support and look forward to an even greater impact in 2025! With Thanks, Chris Kenna

Dear Friends in Mission, Thank you! The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR 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 your financial support, you are serving within a vital network of interactive relations as UMCOR responds to increasingly-frequent and destructive storms—sharing 100% of 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 (Support of UMCOR's U.S. Disaster Response & Recovery)

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.

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, Ext. 102.

The logo for Transportation Ministry features a blue silhouette of a bus and the text "TRANSPORTATION Ministry" in blue and grey.

## 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

In her retirement, Julie Beard has found joy in volunteering locally. She contacts families as part of the Bereavement Team for Hospice. Shown here, Julie greets visitors at Pappas House, allowing the staff to continue to care for residents. Julie was recently recognized for volunteering 30 hours from December through February! 😊

