

Bethany Church
Missions &
Ministries News



March 2025



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?

**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.



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.



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). Watch your email for a special "Prayer Blast" on Tuesdays.

GRAB

'N' GO

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 (March 16th). 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 4th Sunday of the month (March 23rd). Pick up also offered on Saturday, March 22nd from 11 AM - Noon in the kitchen. Questions? Contact Cinny Attig (717) 244-7624. Benefits the missions of Bethany Church! ***There will not be a Grab 'n Go Sale in April.***

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



EMAIL:
MEDIATEAM@BETHANYREDLION.COM

CARING MINISTRIES



Want to be involved?

Contact Pastor Larry Parlett (717) 244-7624



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!



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.

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



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)



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!

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)

**Musicians
& Vocalists
needed**

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



*Play a brass,
woodwind, string, or
keyboard instrument?*

*Want to be part of a
fun ensemble for
Easter morning?*

*See Julie Beard by
March 16th!*

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

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.



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! 😊





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.
Also, we no longer collect aluminum cans.**



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.





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



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