

Bethany Church Missions & Ministries News



February 2025

Bethany's Servant Leadership for 2025

These persons have been called by God and chosen by the people of God for leadership in the church. This ministry is a blessing and a serious responsibility. It recognizes their special gifts and calls them to work among us and for us. In love, we thank each one for accepting the obligation, and we challenge them to offer their best to the Lord, to these people, and to our ministry in the world, as we all live a life in Christ and make Him known in our witness and our work.

Administrative Council

Connecting People with People
Connecting People with God
Communications

Sally Roberts
Justin Zelger
Jared Olsen

Administration Leaders:

Chair of Administrative Council: Justin Zelger

Chair of SPPR Committee: TBE

Chair of Finance/Stewardship: TBE

Chair of Board of Trustees: Kelly Henshaw

Lay Members to Annual Conf.: Kirby Hickey

Karen Miller

Alternate – Marquita Jones

Recording Secretary:

Jen Daugherty

Administrative Ministry Teams

Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Committee:

Kim Farmer

Kirby Hickey

Nancy Keepports

Bill Ritz

Joel Satterfield

Don Stokes

Jill Thompson

Mike Wilt

TBE (2)

Committee on Lay Leadership:

Brian Kunselman

Karen Miller

Brian Overmiller

Lori Overmiller

Jill Thompson

Justin Zelger

TBE (4)

Board of Trustees:

Kelly Henshaw
Jay Matthews
Kelly Werner

Cory Kimble
Phil Roberts
TBE (2)

Brian Kunselman
Todd Seitz

Stewardship and Finance Committee:

Gail Beckum
Ann Grove
Kirby Hickey
Roland Thompson
TBE (1)

John Cunningham
Rodney Hake
Karen Miller
Justin Zelger

Wade Elfner
Kelly Henshaw
Eileen Sullivan
Mike Zelger

*Faithful servants never retire.
You can retire from your career,
but you will never retire from serving God.*
– **Rick Warren**



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.

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

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 3rd Sunday of the month (February 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 (February 23rd). Pick up also offered on Saturday, February 22nd from 11 AM - Noon in the kitchen. Questions? Contact Cinny Attig (717) 244-7624. Benefits the missions of Bethany Church!

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.

Gift Cards

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just for

GIFTS



Fudge Fundraiser

On December 5th & 6th, a group of the most AWESOME volunteers cooked, cut, and packaged 102 pounds of fudge. Thank you to all who sold, bought, or helped make 2024's Fudge Fundraiser a success. The Missions Committee made a profit of \$742.09 which helped support four local organizations. Way to go, Bethany!!!





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!



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.

CARING MINISTRIES

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

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

EMAIL: MEDIATEAM@BETHANYREDLION.COM

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.



Thanks to all our friends at Bethany Church for their cards, phone calls, visits, and prayers during the year and especially at Christmas. We thank God that we are continually remembered as being a part of this loving and caring congregation of believers in Jesus Christ. -Ron & Melvne Geesey

To the people of Bethany, Thank You! Thank you for your prayers, cards, visits, and wonderful meals we received during Dale's illness—his stay in the hospital, rehab, and since returning home! Wishing God's blessings to all!! -Dale & Linda Hinkle

Good job, Bethany!!! We were able to donate to four different Red Lion area agencies (\$800 each) because of your support of the Missions Committee. We donated to Community Reach (providing local families a "hand up" when needed). We donated to Project Pride (a Red Lion Area School District program giving support to students in need emotionally or financially). We donated to 18 South (a local youth center supplying a safe "hang out" with weekly Christian teaching). We also donated to The Den (an afterschool program providing a nurturing, safe environment to grade school age kids helping with homework, using a big sister/big brother system approach with high school honor students). All of this was possible because you bought sandwiches, bought apple dumplings and fudge. Buying and using gift cards to purchase your groceries makes a huge difference to our ability to make these donations. What an easy way to give to others just by eating and buying groceries. If you have any questions or concerns about the Missions Committee, feel free to ask. You can find me in the Children's Department; and if you want gift cards, see Jen in the church office. Thank you, Cynthia Attig

for those
affected by
the California
Wildfires



Make checks payable to Bethany UMC with "UMCOR" in the memo section. Gifts may also be made through the Giving Kiosk & App or through the link in the weekly Blast (use the UMCOR fund).



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

Rev. Stephany S. Sechrist has been a volunteer with the Festival of Trees for over 40 years. Her expertise on themed Christmas trees has inspired others; and at one time, decorated trees were on three levels! The Festival of Trees was started as a fundraiser for the York



County Council of Churches years ago. It was held in a few locations but is currently held at the William C. Goodridge Freedom Center and Railroad Museum with Crispus Attucks York located at 123 E. Philadelphia Street in York. For the past several years, Pastor Stephany has been found at the helm of decorated themed trees and enjoys her team of

decorators. 2024's Festival of Trees event featured 31 beautifully decorated trees that all told a story of York's history.



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.

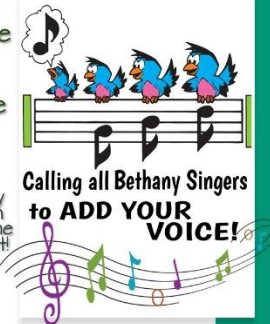


Bells of Bethany

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

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.**

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.



LIFEPATH
Christian Ministries

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.



Peanut Butter

COLLECTION

Just a heads up...the River Valley District (formerly Harrisburg/York Supervisory Area) will be collecting Peanut Butter again this year during Lent which will go to a local food pantry. Peanut butter is one of the most frequently

requested items by food banks because it is Kid-friendly, shelf-stable, and protein-rich. More details to come in the March Newsletter.



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



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.



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