



BETHANY CHURCH

The 29th Chapter of Acts...*The Ancient Story Continues*

February 2025

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**Love is patient,
Love is kind.**

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4

This month's newsletter is sponsored by Julie Beard in honor of the people at Bethany Church who support the music program each week.

BELONG

BELIEVE

BECOME...



**Special Worship Emphasis
in February**
9 AM Contemporary
10:30 AM Traditional

February Meetings

- Stewardship & Finance Committee – February 3rd – 7 PM – Upper Room/via Zoom
- Administrative Council – February 10th – 7 PM – Upper Room/via Zoom
- Board of Trustees – February 13th – 7 PM – Upper Room/via Zoom
- SPPRC – February 24th – 7 PM – Upper Room/via Zoom



The month of February is full of possibilities. All kinds of things are anticipated. Groundhog Day has always fascinated me. The cold and snow of December and January start to wear on our minds, and we long for the freshness of spring. We look to a rodent to find potential hope of warmer days ahead. Groundhog Day can be a fun distraction, but as a pastor, you know I am going to point you to look at Jesus as your source of hope!

With Jesus as our source of hope, we need to focus on our role as disciples. In that role, we tend to focus on following Jesus, living according to His teachings. The role that receives less focus, though, is our role to make other disciples. That may sound daunting, but it really isn't. As we saw back in October and November, making disciples really is nothing more than caring for people because Jesus cares for them! When people know we care, we then can invite!

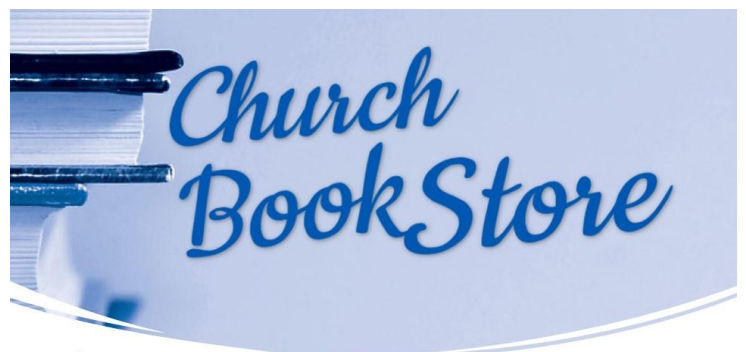
For the month of February, we will be focusing on our mission as a church: To believe, to belong, and to become!

- We **believe** in Jesus - that means we conform our lives to His teachings. Conforming our lives to Jesus is what will make us different from the world and make us worthy of being noticed by the world!
- We **belong** to one another in Jesus - that means we do life together. We serve one another, we care for one another, we laugh or cry with one another, all guided by the Holy Spirit. Jesus said that the rest of the world would notice us and know that we were His disciples by the way we love each other! The way we belong/love one another is what makes us worthy of being noticed by the rest of the world.
- Lastly, we **become** more like Jesus - our goal is to look less like this world and more like Jesus. As Paul writes in Romans, we no longer conform to this world but are transformed by changing our thinking/living like Jesus! The world has plenty of examples of pain, jealousy, greed, etc. The world needs to see examples of truth, hope, joy, forgiveness, patience, peace, kindness, gentleness, and self-control in us!

This is our February faith journey together. Please make being in worship and inviting others to worship a top priority so that we can believe, belong, and become!

Blessings,

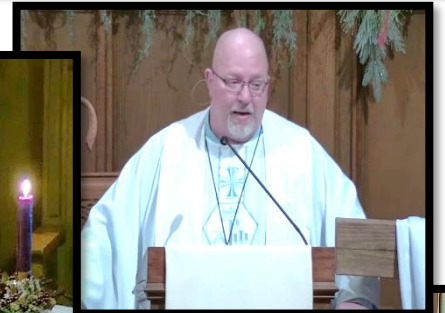
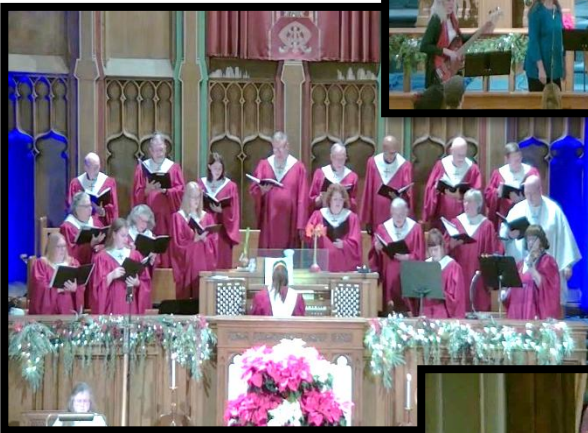
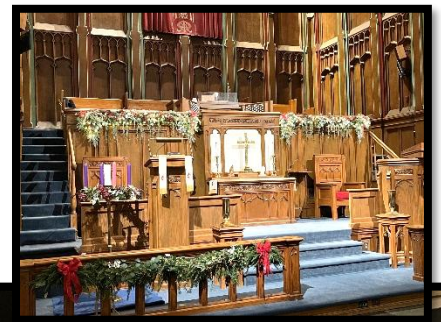
Pastor Don



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.

Christmas at Bethany...



Children's Ministry News

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTIONS!

Join us for a fellowship meal beginning at 5:30 PM and/or for Kid's Connections beginning at 6:30 PM in the Children's Department! This month, we will begin a series where we will examine God's very awesome promises. We hope to see you!



Sunday School
9 AM
Children's Church
10:30 AM





Valentines for Kids

Valentine's Day isn't just for schoolchildren and sweethearts. Loving parents should strive to give their children these life-changing gifts during February and beyond.

- Acceptance: Say and show that you love children for who they are. Give this gift with a kiss.
- Self-confidence: Help boost kids' trust in themselves. Give this gift with a hug.
- Peace: Model how to give your worries to God. Offer this present with laughter.
- Gratitude: Help children be genuinely thankful for each new day and for all of life. Give this gift as they go out the door.
- Faith: Introduce children to Jesus, the best friend they'll ever have. Do this by taking them to church and Sunday school regularly.

Puzzle!

Use the clues to fill in the boxes. Then write those letters on the correct numbered lines below to complete 1 John 4:16 (NIV).

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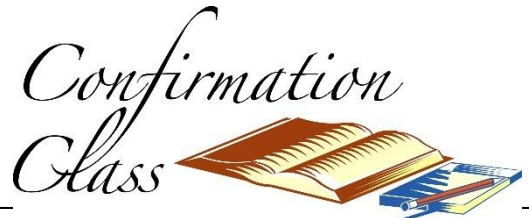
1 John 4:16, NIV



Youth Connections
 Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM
 in Bethany House

On March 5th, 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.



Confirmation Class is an important part of each individual's faith journey. This year's confirmation class will be offered to all in 7th – 12th grade on Saturday mornings from 10 AM – Noon on April 26th, May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and June 7th. Class members who wish to can then join Bethany Church at one of our regularly scheduled worship services on Sunday, June 8th (Pentecost). Joining the church as a member is an important promise they will be making to God and to the congregation. The congregation, in turn, is making a promise to you. This is what we call a covenant, and it is a historically biblical process. If you have any questions or would like to talk further about this year's class, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Don (717-244-7624). To register, please contact Jen in the church office (717-244-7624). Please register your child/children by Sunday, February 9th.



A Prayer for Families

Dear heavenly Father, we come as your children to praise you for putting us in our family — and in our church family. Thank you for the love and nourishment we receive from the people in whose presence you've placed us. We confess our need for your guidance in our families and congregation. Please grant us harmony in our homes and church body. In all situations, help us show love, patience, and respect for one another. In your name we pray. Amen.

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	Sally Roberts
Connecting People with God	Justin Zelger
Communications	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 Keeports	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	Cory Kimble	Brian Kunselman	Jay Matthews
Phil Roberts	Todd Seitz	Kelly Werner	TBE (2)

Stewardship and Finance Committee:

Gail Beckum	John Cunningham	Wade Elfner	Ann Grove
Rodney Hake	Kelly Henshaw	Kirby Hickey	Karen Miller
Eileen Sullivan	Roland Thompson	Justin Zelger	Mike Zelger
TBE (1)			

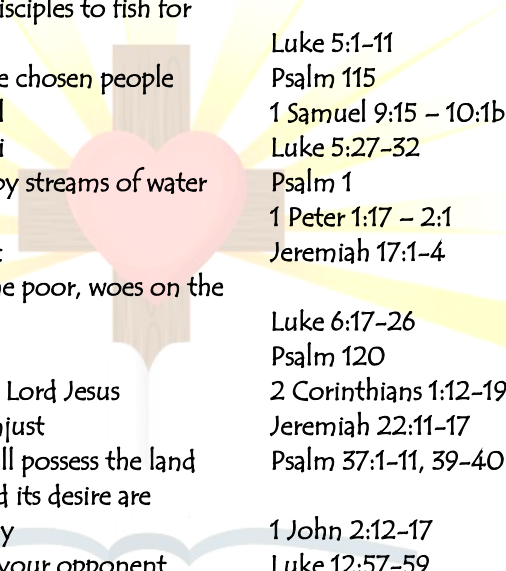
Faithful servants never retire.

You can retire from your career, but you will never retire from serving God.

– Rick Warren

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FEBRUARY

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| 1. Zedekiah ignores Jeremiah and Jerusalem falls | 2 Chronicles 36:11-21 |
| 2. The child is brought to the temple | Luke 2:22-40 |
| 3. The widow of Zarephath fed | 1 Kings 17:8-16 |
| 4. In God I trust | Psalms 56 |
| 5. Recognizing the works of God | Luke 19:41-44 |
| 6. I will bow toward your holy temple | Psalms 138 |
| 7. The apostles reluctantly welcome Saul | Acts 9:26-31 |
| 8. God's spirit rests on Othniel | Judges 3:7-11 |
| 9. Jesus calls the disciples to fish for people | Luke 5:1-11 |
| 10. God blesses the chosen people | Psalms 115 |
| 11. The call of Saul | 1 Samuel 9:15 - 10:1b |
| 12. The call of Levi | Luke 5:27-32 |
| 13. Trees planted by streams of water | Psalms 1 |
| 14. Born anew | 1 Peter 1:17 - 2:1 |
| 15. A heritage lost | Jeremiah 17:1-4 |
| 16. Blessings on the poor, woes on the rich | Luke 6:17-26 |
| 17. Woe to me | Psalms 120 |
| 18. The day of the Lord Jesus | 2 Corinthians 1:12-19 |
| 19. Woe to the unjust | Jeremiah 22:11-17 |
| 20. The lowly shall possess the land | Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40 |
| 21. The world and its desire are passing away | 1 John 2:12-17 |
| 22. Settling with your opponent | Luke 12:57-59 |
| 23. Love your enemies | Luke 6:27-38 |
| 24. Confession of sin | Psalms 38 |
| 25. Advice concerning the Lord's supper | 1 Corinthians 17-22, 27-33 |
| 26. Forgiving seven times | Luke 17:1-4 |
| 27. Worship upon God's holy hill | Psalms 99 |
| 28. The vision of Cornelius | Acts 10:1-8 |



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	Christmas Eve
December 24 th	-	-	191
December 29 th	35	106	-
January 5 th	35	129	-
January 12 th	36	111	-
January 19 th	18	62	-

SUNDAY WORSHIP SNOW POLICY

1. Please be safe! If you don't feel safe navigating the roads, sidewalks, and parking lots, please stay home and join us online by going to www.bethanyredlion.com and clicking on the "watch live stream" blue button.
2. Pastor Don will be here to lead worship. If you can join us, great; if not, again join us online.
3. Please be patient with our maintenance team - they will do their best to make the areas as safe as possible.

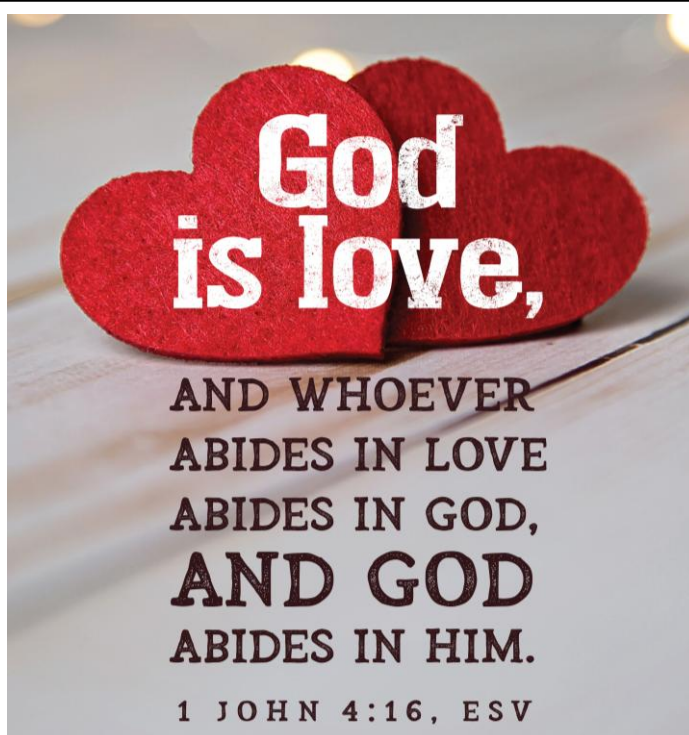
Articles for the March

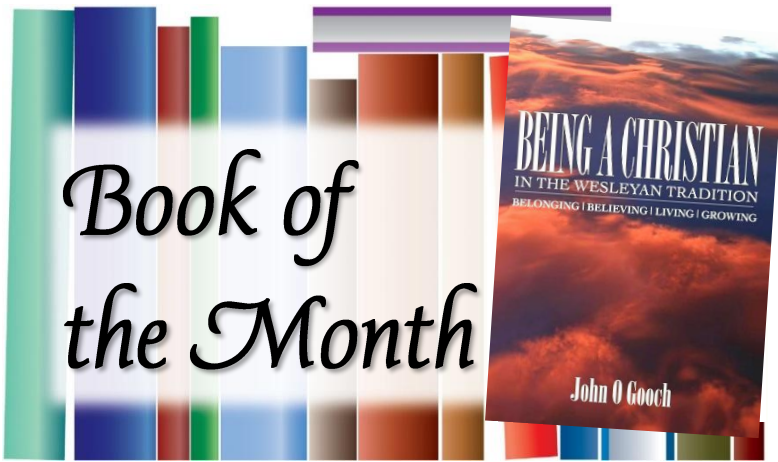
Newsletter are due in the Church Office by February 15th.



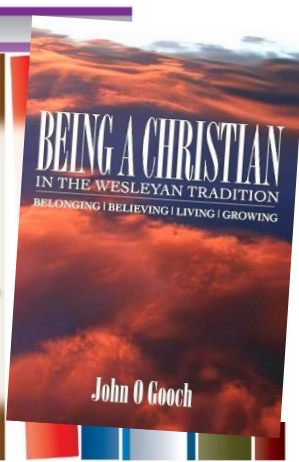
PRAYER REQUESTS

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 is asking various people in our church what books they have read that have helped them in their walk with God or their understanding of scriptures. Of course, our first recommendation is always the Bible, but we hope you find these others helpful as well. This month's Book of the Month is *Being a Christian in the Wesleyan Tradition* by John O. Gooch (copies are available in the church bookstore). Discover what it truly means to be an involved member of your church and grow in your faith. The author speaks to the heart of our

participation: how we belong, what we believe, how we live, and the possibilities for our growth in faith. If you have any suggestions to add to our list, please let Justin Zelger know.

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.

Daily Devotions

This month, the following devotionals 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:

You Belong (11579) – February 2nd – 6th

I Believe: God (39102) – February 9th – 13th

Become Disciples (12371) – February 16th – 20th

Learning to Listen (35156) – February 23rd – 27th



Praying Hands Day



3rd Sunday of Each Month (February 16th)
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.

Online Sunday Morning Worship



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.

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WEDNESDAY
March 5th

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

Church Staff Openings

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.

COMMUNION
Sunday

Join us the first Sunday of every month.

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

COFFEE & Donuts

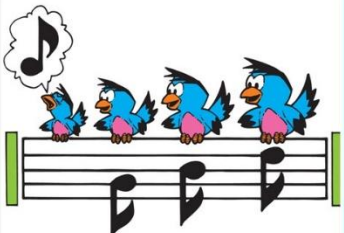
Sunday Mornings in the Contemporary Worship Area at the Coffee Bar - All are welcome!

before Sunday School & the 9 AM Contemporary service; after 9 AM service & before the 10:30 AM Traditional Service

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!



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

New Day ~ New Time
Begins February 20th

GriefShare
Support after losing a loved one



Thursdays
1:30 PM
in the Social Hall Annex

Contact Pastor Larry if
interested in attending
717-244-7624, Ext. 102

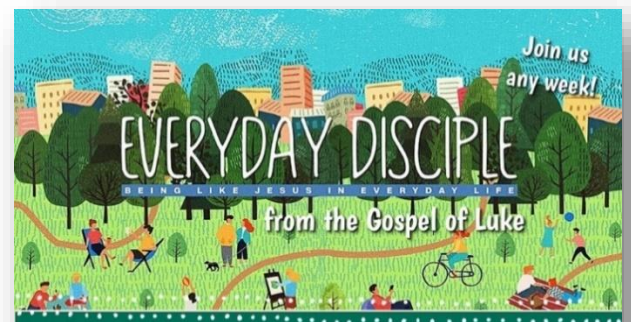
GriefShare

Thursdays at 1:30 PM
in the Social Hall Annex

New Day ~ New Time
GriefShare gatherings (13 weekly sessions) will begin Thursday, February 20th. 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 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.

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 5th.**



Join us
any week!

EVERYDAY DISCIPLE
BEING LIKE JESUS IN EVERYDAY LIFE
from the Gospel of Luke

**Bible Study with Pastor Don
Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM
in the Sanctuary**

**BELONG
BELIEVE
BECOME**

Men's Bible Study
Wednesdays
@ 6:30 PM
Begins February 5th

Meets in the
Contemporary
Worship Area
Coffee Corner

Led by Justin Zeiger

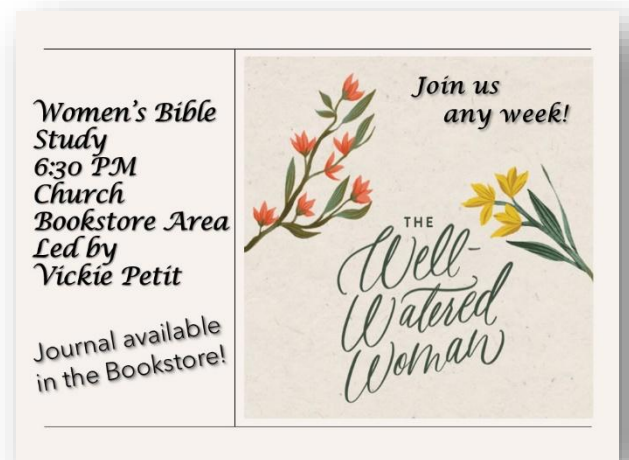
Men's Bible Study Belong ~ Believe ~ Become Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM in the Contemporary Worship Area Coffee Corner

A Bible Study rooted in Wesleyan theology. We want to be a people who Belong to Jesus and create a community of belonging. Believe in Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life and help others in their belief, and Become more and more like Jesus and help others to do the same. This study will explore those themes together. **Will not meet March 5th.**

Women's Bible Study The Well-Watered Woman

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM
in the Church Bookstore Area
Concludes February 5th

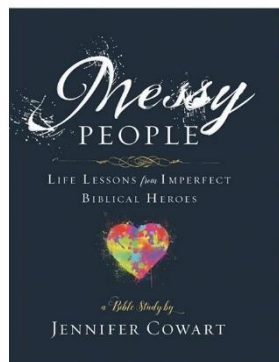
Discover the bottomless, refreshing Well of God's word—and experience a fullness and peace beyond your circumstances. In the chaos of our everyday, it can be difficult to live out and apply the truths of Scripture. We want more of Jesus, but we find ourselves looking to our own lives and accomplishments for our worth and identity. And while that may buoy us for a time, we're often left feeling dried up, discouraged, and longing for more. Gretchen Saffles knows what it's like to feel overwhelmed and unable to flourish. In *The Well-Watered Woman*, Gretchen leads us to the Well of fullness, the Word of freedom, and the Way of fruitfulness. She teaches that God's Word will satisfy us for all eternity. Using Scripture and her own personal story of surrender, Gretchen offers spiritually hungry women tangible tools to not only know Jesus more but to live a life that thoroughly enjoys Him, seeks Him, and follows Him into freedom. Devotional Journal available in the Church Bookstore.



Begins
February 12th

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
Begins February 12th

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 5th.**



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)



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.



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.



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 (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 on 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!

Gift Cards
are not
just for
GIFTS



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!

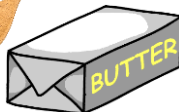
Are you or a loved one experiencing a short-term illness, injury, or convalescence and are in need of a piece of medical equipment? The Medical Equipment Warehouse continues to be of service to Red Lion and surrounding areas. The Lord has helped us to serve others by lending out Wheelchairs, Scooters, 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 (717) 244-7624.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LENDING WAREHOUSE

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!!!



CARING MINISTRIES



Want to be involved?

Contact Pastor Larry Parlett (717) 244-7624

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.

for those affected by the California Wildfires



WILDFIRE RELIEF

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).

Knitting & Crochet Ministry



1st & 3rd Mondays
2:30 - 4 PM
in Bethany House



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

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



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



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

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.



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.

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.

Bethany Tidbits 2024...

Wanda Doverspike celebrated her 90th birthday!



Julie Beard visited Betty Hickey shortly after her 104th birthday!



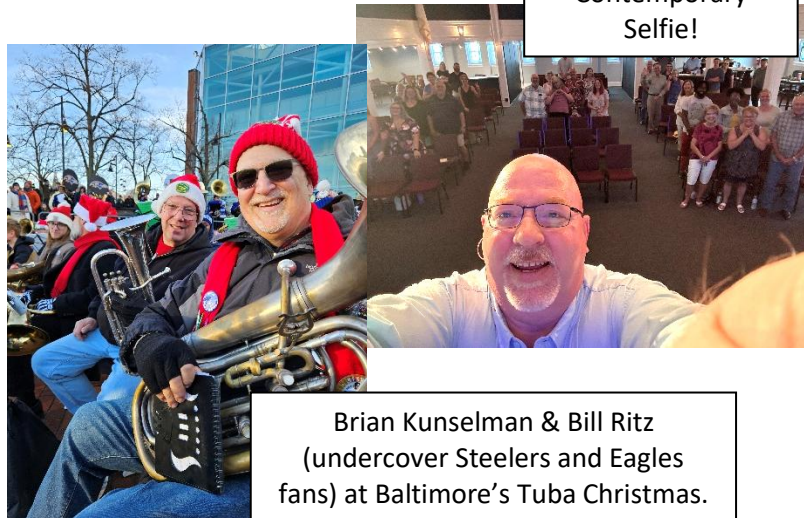
Do You Want to Build a Snowman? Well, Becky Hickey did. Most Creative!



Each week, Brian Kunselman is our faithful Sunday School Supt. We are grateful for Marty Neff, who has graciously stepped in when needed.



Contemporary Selfie!



Brian Kunselman & Bill Ritz (undercover Steelers and Eagles fans) at Baltimore's Tuba Christmas.

