

Bethany Church Missions & Ministries News



April 2025



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.



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

Phil & Sally Roberts and Deb Jackson helped out at a food distribution night in December for the York County Food Bank. Sally noted that volunteers are always needed!



Peanut Butter

6,075 jars of Peanut Butter—that is all we need! 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. We need to be aware that peanuts are the most common food allergens among adults, so you may want to substitute peanut butter with sunflower butter, coconut butter, etc.—all good! I look forward to hearing how your church does! -Rev. Dr. Gary Weaver, Superintendent, River Valley District

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.





BETHANY CHURCH'S

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT!



SATURDAY,
APRIL 12, 2025
10 AM

NITCHKEY FIELD

316 WEST AVENUE, RED LION

JOIN US FOR A WONDERFUL TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AND
A BBO LUNCH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE EGG HUNT!

**IN EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER,
THE EGG HUNT WILL BE CANCELLED**

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.



It is time to S P R I N G into action for our 2025 OCC Ministry! The first workday is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8th, at 9:30 AM in our Social Hall. Looking forward to a fresh new start for this year and seeing each of you here. Your loving hearts and helping hands are so much appreciated!

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.



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!

**CARING
MINISTRIES**

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



Unfortunately, there will not be a Grab 'n Go Sub/Sandwich sale in April. Sales will resume in May with orders due on May 18th and delivery on Saturday, May 24th, and Sunday, May 25th. The Missions Committee thanks you for your support! Questions? Please see Ciny Attig (717-244-7624).

We're Collecting...

Aluminum Tabs
(for Ronald McDonald House)
Contact:
Jane Wiertel
(717) 244-7624

Cell Phones
(for ACCESS-York)
Contact:
Jessica Castle
(717) 244-7624

The Inkjet Collection Program has been discontinued.
Also, we no longer collect aluminum cans.

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

EMAIL:
MEDIATEAM@BETHANYREDLION.COM



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Thank you,
Bethany, for
your
prayers,
cards, and encouraging
words during my recent
hospitalization and
extended recovery.
Thank you to Pastor
Don, Pastor Larry, and

others who visited me to brighten my day and share positive thoughts with me. During this time while I was in the hospital, my mother, Betty, started to have serious health issues as a result of a fall. She very quickly needed the care of Hospice and ultimately passed away while I was totally incapacitated and unable to be with her. My wife, Becky, along with my daughter, Gwen, and family filled in for me by visiting both mother and me during this very emotional time. I am forever grateful. In all of this, I focused on God to take each of us through this emotional time, and He did.

-Kirby Hickey



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!



Musicians & Vocalists needed

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

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)



Calling all Bethany Singers to ADD YOUR VOICE!



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.

Knitting & Crochet Ministry



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



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



The Lion's Den

Snack Donation Ideas

The Lion's Den needs our help! They need water and snack donations. Seventy percent (70%) of the families with children attending Mazie Gable Elementary School live below the poverty line. Sometimes, what they receive at school may be the only food/meal they will eat that day. Below is a list of what The Den is looking for. Please remember, **NO NUTS** for allergy reasons! There are between **25** and **40** kids on any given Tuesday or Thursday. Donations can be dropped off in the Social Hall.

8 oz. Water Bottles (no larger)

Individually Packaged

Fruit Snacks
Goldfish
Pretzels
Chips
Cookies

Snack Pack Pudding
Raisins
Cheese Crackers
Popcorn
Snack Cakes

They also need Board Games, Coloring Books, Crayons, and such for K through 6th grade.



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.



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

***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

The poster features a black background with yellow and white text. On the right side, there is a black and white photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer. A thin yellow arc is drawn around the text on the left.



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