

Bethany Church Missions & Ministries News



October 2025



**Sunday, October 26th
at Noon
(meet in the
Social Hall)**

Join us for a Prayer Walk as we journey through the heart of Red Lion together. This is a wonderful

opportunity for Bethany to connect with our community and uplift our town in prayer. If you're new to this, don't worry! We will provide clear instructions and guidance to ensure you feel comfortable and engaged through the walk. For those with mobility issues, there will be the option to participate from your car, so everyone can join the prayerful fellowship. All ages are warmly invited to be part of this special event! We will meet in the Social Hall after the Traditional worship service. Water will be provided as well. (This is the same day as the Missions Committee's Grab 'n Go sub/sandwich pick-up if you want lunch before we head out!)



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.



Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to drive for others in need. People with a ride need, or who would like to volunteer to transport folks, can call the church office or call or email Pastor Larry at 717-244-7624.

Giant, Weis, & Jerry's Gift Cards Available!

Proceeds benefit the missions of Bethany Church.

Several denominations available. Purchase your certificates in the church office.

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.

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.

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.



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



Everyone is welcome!

The Sanctuary Choir is hopeful you will join us for some wonderful singing opportunities during the 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service.

We rehearse on Sunday mornings at 10 AM in the Music Room.

Come see what it is 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



**Music Director for
Contemporary
Worship**
15 – 20
Hours/Week

See Pastor Don if you are interested in this position

717-244-7624



Wednesday of the month at 8 AM in the Kitchen.
We are usually done by 9 AM. Come when you can.
All help is appreciated!

Knitting & Crochet Ministry



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

CARING MINISTRIES



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

Prayer Requests



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.



Check out our options!

9" (\$4.50) & 12" (\$5.50) Subs

Italian, American, Turkey, & Roast Beef

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, & Sweet Bologna (NEW!)

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 third Sunday of the month, Sunday, October 19th. Order forms will be located throughout the church, order in the church office, or order through the link in the Weekly Blast. Orders may also be placed through the Giving Kiosk and Giving App (under "events"). Pick up and pay in the Kitchen as you leave church on the fourth Sunday of the month, Sunday, October 26th. Pick up also offered on Saturday, October 25th 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 Traditional worship service.

Operation Christmas

Child News

1) LYDA GIEDD, a shoebox recipient, who grew up in Cambodia, will be speaking on Saturday, October 4th at Grace Fellowship Church in Shrewsbury. The program is from 6 - 7:30 PM. Grace Fellowship is located at 74 E. Forrest Avenue. Lyda will touch your heart with her Christian journey story. Hope you will plan to attend this program.

2) Sunday, October 12th: *Our Cookie Plate and Bake Sale*: Plan now to show your support: Buy for a neighbor, friend, or yourself!



3) FACTS: 232 Million shoeboxes

delivered since 1993

11.9 Million shoeboxes collected in 2024

118,000+ Outreach events were led by trained
local church leaders

The Greatest Gift Gospel Story booklet has been translated into 118 languages with ten new languages planned for 2025....and for 2025: translation into Braille! More than 100 countries receive shoebox gifts for boys and girls.

11 Nations collected shoeboxes in 2024: Australia, Austria, Canada, Finland, Germany, New Zealand, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the USA.

**** York County's Goal for packed shoeboxes for 2024:**

16,801 and 16,803 came in, with one church reporting that they dropped off their boxes in Columbia, as it was convenient, but Lancaster County got the credit. 2025 Goal for York County: 19,001!

From the Pennsylvania - New Jersey region: 668,933 shoeboxes were collected, filling 91 sea containers. This region's 2025 goal: 736,801. The "1" at the end is because there is always another child who can be reached for Jesus.

- 4) \$10 "shipping" is Not just for shipping! These funds also are spent to train volunteers to be teachers; to print The Greatest Gift story booklet in their languages, such as "Kiribati" in the South Pacific, a geographically hard place to get to with this ministry. It also helps with the traveling expenses from our trucks to overseas...rough roads and rivers. Sometimes, shoeboxes must travel through one country to get to a destination within another country.
- 5) WORKDAY scheduled for Tuesday, October 14th at 9:30 AM in the Social Hall. All are welcome!
- 6) PRAYERS: Please support Bethany's Shoebox Ministry with your prayers!



We're collecting:

Cell Phones

(for ACCESS-York)

Contact:

Jessica Castle
(717) 244-7624

Aluminum Tabs

(for Ronald
McDonald House)

Contact:

Jane Wiertel
(717) 244-7624

More Red Lion Street Fair Pics







GriefShare

Thursdays at 1:30 PM
in the Social Hall Annex
Through December 4th

GriefShare gatherings (13 weekly sessions) will continue through December 4th. 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) so that we can have enough participant books available. Walk-ins are welcome for any of the sessions.



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.



Shoebox Recipient Program
Date: Saturday, October 4th
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Place: Grace Fellowship Church, 74 E. Forrest Ave., Shrewsbury



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