

Bethany Church **Missions &** **Ministries News**



November 2025



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX PACKING PARTIES!

Sunday, November 2nd &
Sunday, November 9th
6:30 PM in the Social Hall

All are welcome to come and enjoy an hour of fun and excitement! "Sit down" jobs are available, too! If you have never participated in this event, please take the time this year to do so! Bring a friend or neighbor!!
It will bless your heart!

It's All About JESUS!!

Each child is worthy of
Jesus' love!



cash for causes
\$50 OFF

weis
\$25 GIFT CARD

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

Proceeds benefit the missions of Bethany Church.

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

Shop for your groceries or use as a gift while supporting your church!

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

Feed the Hungry

On Sunday, August 24th, a handful of folks from the Bethany community

prepared and delivered 180 meals in York City. In cooperation with York's Helping Hand Ministry, all meals were distributed to those in need. Many thanks to the PBJ crew, the brown bag crew, the kitchen crew, the delivery crew, and the clean-up crew. Great teamwork!! Interested in participating in a local, hands-on mission? Have questions? Talk to any of the most recent participants (Brian & Lori Overmiller, Justin & Rachel Zelger, Dan Snyder, Dave Miller, Fred Hess, Jared Olsen, Nancy Keeperts, and Carol Urey), and they will give you the scoop.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food...Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25



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



GRAB



GO

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, November 16th. 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, November 23rd. Pick up also offered on Saturday, November 22nd from 11 AM - Noon in the kitchen. Questions? Contact Cinny Attig (717) 244-7624. Benefits the missions of Bethany Church!



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.

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.



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.

Get your Apple Dumplings & Apple Pies before they are gone!



\$7/pack of two

A limited number of apple pies are also available to purchase
(\$10/each).

See Karen Miller, Jane Wiertel, or Jen in the Church Office.
Available on Sundays and during the week!



FUDGE FOR CHRISTMAS!

Just in time for Christmas,
the Missions Committee
will again be having a
Homemade Fudge Sale as a
fundraiser. You can place

your order on the order forms
(available at various locations
around the church), through the
link in the weekly Blast, or
through the Giving Kiosk or the
Giving App (under "events").
Fudge will sell for \$10 per pound
(sorry no ½ pound sales).

REMEMBER: It is delicious, and it
freezes well, too! Fudge may be
picked up on Friday,





December 5th from Noon – 3 PM or on Sunday, December 7th (between and after services) in the Social Hall. Orders will be due in the church office on Sunday, November 30th. We will be making Peanut Butter, Chocolate, and Chocolate-Peanut Butter fudge. A limited number of extras will be available for sale on Sundays in the church office until the fudge is gone.

NOW FOR SOME REAL IMPORTANT STUFF:

WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP MAKING THE FUDGE!! Please consider helping us on Thursday & Friday (December 4th and 5th) from 9 AM – 1 PM on Thursday (lunch will be provided) and 9 – 11 AM on Friday. You can sign up to help using the various options listed above. One of the perks is all the fudge you can eat from the scrapings out of the pan!



Thank you to everyone who helped me to celebrate my 80th birthday last month and for keeping it a secret for so long! It was a real blessing and joy to have you there to enjoy the day. The decorations were beautiful, and the food was great. Love you friends and family! -Karen Miller

Dear Bethany Family, Thank you so much, to all of you, who took the time to send birthday cards to my mother and father, Shirley and Gordon Stamets. The beautiful images on the cards, and your encouraging messages, truly brightened their days! Thank for reaching out to them! Much appreciation, Judy Markel

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.

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.



Everyone is welcome!

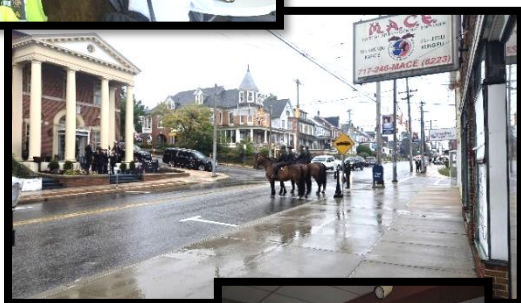
The Sanctuary Choir is hopeful you will join us for some wonderful singing opportunities during the 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service.

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

Come see what it is all about!

Questions? Contact Julie Beard (717-244-7624).

Just a reminder of how beautiful and peaceful our Sanctuary is. It was recently opened for anyone who wished to view the funeral for the three police officers who recently lost their lives in the line of duty. Bethany House was also opened for all first responders attending the funeral service and snacks and drinks were provided for them. We were deeply honored to open our church doors on this day, and we are so grateful to be a part of the Red Lion community.



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.



The Newsletter Team could use a few extra hands preparing the monthly Newsletter for mailing. We meet the last 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!



Operation Christmas Child

Our Youth recently helped out on a Sunday evening and folded shoeboxes in preparation for the OCC Shoebox Packing Parties this month! Thank you to Bethany's Youth for your help!





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. Questions? Please contact Pastor Larry for more information (717-244-7624) so that we can have enough participant books available. Walk-ins are welcome for any of the sessions.



SURVIVING the HOLIDAYS

**and Silent Night (Blue) Christmas
Observances**

**Tuesday, November 18th @ 6:30 PM
Thursday, November 20th at 1:30 PM
in the Social Hall**

We will be hosting a combined GriefShare sponsored Surviving the Holidays gathering and a Silent Night Christmas observance for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one, whether recent or even years ago.

The holidays, from Thanksgiving to New Year's can be an especially tough time for those who are grieving. The one-time gathering, Surviving the Holidays, provides a helpful video, time to share with others and a participant book which has many encouraging, faith-based articles and stories from many grief survivors.

There will also be a brief worship service on both dates with prayer and a time of remembrance for those who have passed from our

lives. Walk-ins are welcome at each of the gatherings, but if you could let us know you will be attending ahead of time, we will be sure to have enough participant books available for each person.

You may contact Pastor Larry (717-244-7624) or let Jen in the church office know that you are planning to come.

Our regular weekly GriefShare gatherings meet on Thursdays at 1:30 PM in the church Social Hall until December 4th. You are invited to any and every gathering.



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:

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

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



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