

# Bethany Church Missions & Ministries News



**December 2025**



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.



## 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

*Knitting & Crochet Ministry*



**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays  
2:30 - 4 PM  
in Bethany House**



**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!**

GRAB

N 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, December 21<sup>st</sup>. 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, December 28<sup>th</sup>. Pick up also offered on Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM - Noon in the kitchen. Questions? Contact Cinny Attig (717) 244-7624. Benefits the missions of Bethany 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



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

EMAIL:  
MEDIATEAM@BETHANYREDLION.COM

# 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, and **WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP MAKING THE FUDGE!!**



Please consider helping us on Thursday & Friday (December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>) from 9 AM – 1 PM on Thursday (lunch will be provided) and 9 – 11 AM on Friday. Let Jen in the church office know if you are able to help. One of the perks is all the fudge you can eat from the scrapings out of the pan! Fudge may be picked up on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from Noon – 3 PM or on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> (between and after services) in the Social Hall. 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. The Missions Committee thanks you for your support!





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.



## *Red Lion Borough News*



*Our own Wade Elfner is this year's recipient of Red Lion's Catherine Meyer Award! The Catherine Meyer Award is presented to someone who embodies the same dedication, service, and commitment to the growth and betterment of Red Lion Borough that defined Catherine Meyer, lovingly known as "The Mother of Red Lion." In addition to serving on Red Lion's Planning Commission since 1989 (Vice Chair in 1992; Chairman in 1998), Wade has been deeply*

*involved in the leadership of Bethany Church. He has served more than 25 years as Administrative Council Chair, is currently serving as Treasurer, and played a vital role in the Easter meal from 2013 – 2022 (along with his family ❤️).*

***Congratulations, Wade!***



Look who showed up to  
pack 342 shoeboxes!!  
What a blessing!

Thank You, All! Praise God!





*Thank  
You*

Dear Bethany Friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful birthday cards. I think of you often. I was blessed to be an active part of the ministry of Bethany for years. Those years rewarded me with wonderful memories and beautiful friendships. A big thank you to Pastor Larry. I appreciate and enjoy his visits.

God Bless all of you, Myrtle McCleary

# **Caring & Sharing Donation Drive**

## **Hosted by Dallastown High School**

### **Partner with Us to Support Dallastown Families in Need this Holiday Season!**

#### **Participate in the Donation Drive**

The Caring & Sharing Donation Drive, a Dallastown High School initiative, brings together our school community and partners like **FCA** to support Dallastown families in need during the holidays. Each participating group, classroom, club, or ministry will sponsor a basket **through December 8th**. Groups will collect a variety of goods to fill the basket. At the end of the Drive, all baskets will be collected, and families will receive a basket full of essentials along with gift cards funded through Caring & Sharing monetary donations.

**\*\*\*Bethany's Youth have sponsored eight baskets. Let's help them out and make sure they are FULL! Deadline for donations is Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.\*\*\***

#### **What Do We Collect?**

We are looking for well-rounded baskets filled with a variety of holiday food items, personal hygiene products, and non-perishable goods. Item ideas:

- Mashed potatoes
- Mac and Cheese
- Jelly
- Shelf-stable milk
- Soap/Body Wash
- Canned veggies
- Canned Soups
- Rice
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Stuffing
- Peanut Butter
- Biscuit/Pancake Mix
- Toothpaste

**TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**





# 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.

## **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.

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.



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](http://www.bethanyredlion.com)). Watch your email for a special "Prayer Blast" on Tuesdays.

A graphic for "CARING MINISTRIES" featuring a photo of Pastor Larry Parlett. The text "CARING MINISTRIES" is in a large, serif font. Below the photo, it says "Want to be involved? Contact Pastor Larry Parlett (717) 244-7624".

**CARING  
MINISTRIES**

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

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

A graphic for "Toys for Tots" featuring a Christmas tree branch with red ornaments and several wrapped gifts. The text "We're Collecting New Toys for" is at the top, followed by the "TOYS FOR TOTS" logo. Below the logo, it says "Place your unwrapped donations under the Christmas Tree in the Sanctuary by Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>." At the bottom, it says "Questions? Please see Ron Nickey.".

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## **GriefShare** Thursdays at 1:30 PM in the Social Hall Annex through December 4<sup>th</sup>

GriefShare gatherings (13 weekly sessions) will continue through December 4<sup>th</sup>. 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).



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'S VISITATION PROGRAM IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!**

**LET OUR SHUT-INS KNOW THEY  
ARE NOT FORGOTTEN.  
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?  
CONTACT PASTOR LARRY  
(717) 244-7624.**



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