

Bethany Church Missions & Ministries News



February 2026

Peanut Butter

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 the impact that may be needed can be as simple as one jar at a time. Bethany will again have a fun Peanut Butter collection during the Lenten season and will be blessing Community Reach with your donations. Peanut Butter is one of the most frequently requested items by food banks because it is kid-friendly, shelf-stable, and protein-rich and 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. Donations can be dropped off on the table provided in the Social Hall.



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.

Missions Committee Update

Historians credit Napoleon with first saying an army travels on its stomach, meaning if there is enough food available, they can't be stopped. The Missions Committee also travels on its stomach. We bought sandwiches, apple dumplings,

apple pies, fudge, and grocery gift cards to buy more food.

It worked because we were able to give \$2,200 each to three different Red Lion agencies. We donated to Red Lion's Community Reach, 18 South Youth Ministries, and Red Lion Area School District's Project Pride. All money we earn stays in the Red Lion area to help families with an added emphasis on kids. Thank you for your support and don't forget buying gift cards does not cost you any more than your cost of groceries and yet it helps our bottom line.



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, February 15th. 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, February 22nd. Pick up also offered on Saturday,

February 21st from 11 AM - Noon in the kitchen.

Questions? Contact Cinny Attig (717) 244-7624. Benefits the missions of Bethany Church!

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!

Knitting & Crochet Ministry

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



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.



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.



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.



Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the beautiful birthday cards. Each message meant more to me than you know. I am truly blessed to be part of such a loving and caring church. Your kindness made my birthday extra special, and I appreciate every one of you! A special thank you to Pastor Larry for his visits. With gratitude, Sara Hannigan

To My Bethany Church Family, My heart is full of joy as I think about all the cards I have received. Each one was a reminder of God's love expressed through His people. Thank you for your thoughtfulness, your prayers, and the joy you gave me. I am grateful to be part of a church family that lifts one another up in such meaningful ways. I have loved the visits from Pastor Larry. He is such a blessing to our church. God bless you all, Edna Adams.

Dear Bethany Church, Thank you for your donations! Your generosity in 2025 has made a tremendous impact in the lives of at-risk youth in our community! We cannot thank you enough for your donations and your support! We love and appreciate you greatly and hope we can count on

your support in 2026 as we continue to grow and reach even more together! -18 South Youth Ministries

Sincere thanks to my Bethany Church Family for the many acts of kindness shown to me these last few months. My heart is full! Can't begin to tell you how grateful I am. -Carol Urey



**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!



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!!



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.



OCC 2026 It's Here and Now!

2025 was an awesome year for our OCC Shoebox Ministry! We delivered 342 packed boxes and "filler items." These "filler items" accompanied our shoeboxes to the Processing Center in Baltimore. They are then used to help complete partially packed shoeboxes, thus making those boxes a more presentable gift.

Our 2026 OCC Ministry Season has begun! This is thrilling! Each year, God provides numerous surprises for this ministry, so the excitement is just beginning!

Our first "kick-off" event will be the SPONSOR TABLES in the first two weeks in February. You and your family are encouraged to view and select a pre-purchased items(s) or "Wish List" item(s) for your sponsorship. These tables will be set up outside the church office. Please plan to stop by and see the selection of gifts we plan to share with God's children this 2026 season!

Help us pack our boxes with Love and Prayers as well as gift items. And to you, a heartfelt thank you for your consideration of purchasing these gift items! I know our hearts will indeed be touched and richly blessed by God.



Let the 2026 Shoebox Fun Begin!
Carol Ann Frock, Project Leader

P.S. If you don't know what to do with all those Christmas cards you received, the OCC Ministry can use the fronts of the cards (be sure to keep any messages from loved ones!). Drop off card fronts 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). Watch your email for a special "Prayer Blast" on Tuesdays.



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



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
Substance Abuse
Crisis Text Line
Veterans Crisis
Disaster Distress
Domestic Violence
Sexual Assault

1-800-273-8255
1-800-662-HELP(4357)
Text "MHFA" to 741741
1-800-273-8255 (Select #1)
1-800-985-5990
1-800-799-7233
1-800-656-4673



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