

# Bethany Church Missions & Ministries News



January 2026

Our Music Department elves brought the joy of the season to our community and our shut-ins by sharing carols and heartfelt fellowship. Their voices were filled with the warmth of Christmas cheer, spreading love, hope, and the true spirit of the holidays.

This happy group (Kim Farmer, Mary Hake, Bill & Sue Ritz, Jill Thompson, Gail Beckum, and Karen Miller) sang Christmas



songs at the Red Lion Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. They have been invited back to sing at the Easter Breakfast and next year's Christmas Breakfast!

Jill Thompson visited Wanda Doverspike (right). They sang Christmas carols and had a great visit!



On Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, Julie Beard, Kim Farmer, and Mary Hake spent the afternoon at Pappus House, sharing music and making friends at the Christmas Open House. Pappus House is a homelike setting for hospice residents and opened its doors in the beautiful Thomasville facility in 2023.





More caroling and cheer by Linda Henshaw and Lori Overmiller as they visited Linda Fisher (l), Jean Herman (r), and Dean Snyder (middle). Elaine (Dean's wife and former Sanctuary Choir member) joined in with the caroling too! 😊



## CARING & SHARING COLLECTION

The Youth want to express their heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your generous contributions of non-perishable food items for our Caring & Sharing Collection for the Dallastown Senior High School. Your kindness and willingness to give have blessed many families in need and truly reflects the spirit of Christ's love and compassion. Because of your support, we were able to share hope and nourishment with our community during this holiday season. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus and for making a difference in the lives of others.







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.

**cash for causes**  
\$50 value

**Weis**  
\$25 GIFT CARD

Shop for your groceries  
or use as a gift while  
supporting your 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.

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

## 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!!



## 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.

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, January 18<sup>th</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, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Pick up also offered on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM - Noon in the kitchen. Questions? Contact Cinny Attig (717) 244-7624. Benefits the missions of Bethany Church!

## *Knitting & Crochet Ministry*



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

**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!



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.



## 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.



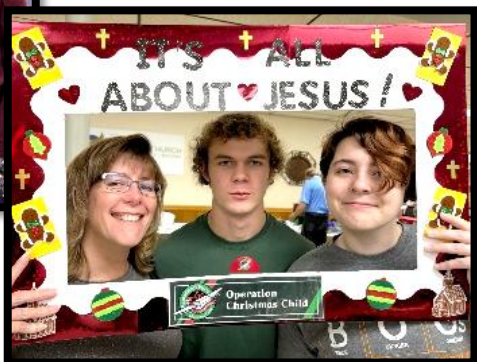
# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



More pictures  
from the  
OCC Packing  
Parties in  
November.  
We packed

342 shoeboxes!! What a blessing! Thank You,  
all! Praise God!







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.



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.



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.

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

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





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