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The 29th Chapter of Acts...*The Ancient Story Continues*

February 2026

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Ash Wednesday Service

+ February 18th

6:30 PM in the Sanctuary
(service will be livestreamed)

5:30 PM Fellowship Meal
in the Social Hall

6:30 PM Kid's Connections
in the Children's Chapel



February Meetings

Stewardship & Finance Committee, Monday, February 2nd, 7 PM, Upper Room
Administrative Council, Monday, February 9th, 7 PM, Upper Room/via Zoom
Board of Trustees, Thursday, February 12th, 7 PM, Upper Room/via Zoom



My Dear Bethany Family,

By now, most of you know that come July 1, 2026, I will be appointed by the Bishop as a Conference Superintendent. This means I will be the spiritual leader and chief missional strategist for the River Valley District in cooperation with the Bishop and Cabinets of Upper New York and Susquehanna Conference.

That's a super fancy title or job description. In the next few months as I transition from being your Pastor into that new position, please realize that I never sought this position. I was thankful and fulfilled to be your pastor. When I tell you at the end of worship that I love you, those are not just words, they are heartfelt emotions. My initial reaction was that of the biblical story of Jonah, I wanted to run the opposite way of God's calling. But knowing full well that there is no peace apart from God and obedience to God, I submitted my will to His. I now hold on to the biblical story of Esther and hold to the promise that God has a plan "for such a time as this."

It is easy when we "do not know" for the enemy to sidetrack our thinking. The "what ifs" seek only to introduce fear and doubt. Let me remind you of what we have learned together over the last two and half years.

As disciples, we need to strive and encourage one another to keep the main thing the main thing. At the heart of our faith is not a program, a preference, or even a pastor—it is at the person of Jesus! It's all about Jesus. Discipleship begins and ends with us following Him, trusting that God is on the throne and that His love is stronger than anything that threatens to shake us. Scripture tells us that we "know and rely on the love God has for us," and that "perfect love casts out fear." When we remember who God is—faithful, sovereign, unchanging—we find the courage to live with obedience. God wants us to take courage, not because life is easy but because His love is steady and His presence is sure. Loving Jesus and following Jesus is a love that always moves us outward: "Whoever loves God must also love his brother." So, as we walk through our days, our decisions, and our relationships, we return again to the center—trusting God, following Jesus, and letting His love shape how we think and how we live. When we keep the main thing the main thing, fear loses its grip, love takes the lead, and our lives begin to look more like Jesus.

This is our calling; this is our purpose.

Know that I love you, know that as you hurt, I hurt because you are hurting. Let us both hold to God's promises, the Truth, Jesus!

*Blessings,
Pastor Don*

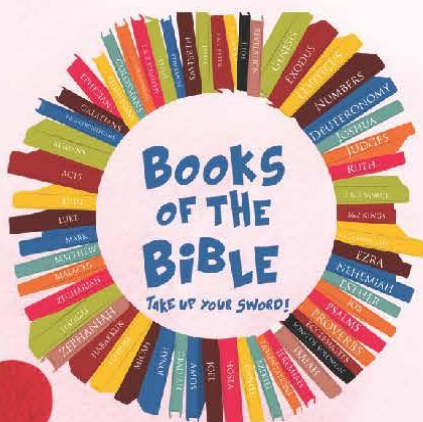
SUNDAY WORSHIP SNOW POLICY

1. Please be safe! If you don't feel safe navigating the roads, sidewalks, and parking lots, please stay home and join us online by going to www.bethanyredlion.com and clicking on the "watch live stream" blue button.
2. Pastor Don will be here to lead worship. If you can join us, great; if not, again join us online.
3. Please be patient with our maintenance team - they will do their best to make the areas as safe as possible.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Little Voices of Bethany

The children of Bethany Church were a blessing in December as they shared their love for Jesus through song on multiple occasions! Brooke Steeper, 11, led the Contemporary Service with her singing of "Goodness of God." The children also all performed as a group both for the Adult Sunday School Classes, as well as during the Christmas Eve Service! We're thankful for each child who helped to make the season so special!



Wednesday Night Connections

Join us Wednesday nights for a fellowship meal at 5:30 PM and/or for Kid's Connections at 6:30 PM! We have begun a study where the children are learning the books of the Bible!



Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM in the Youth Room

We'll attend the Ash Wednesday service on February 18th. (Join us for the Fellowship Meal in the Social Hall at 5:30 PM.)



Sunday Mornings

10 – 10:20 AM in the Youth Room (3rd Floor)

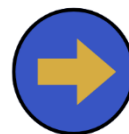
Please encourage your youth to stop in the Youth Room on Sunday mornings to chat about the sermon they just heard or are about to hear and make connections to their daily lives.

BETHANY YOUTH



FREE ENTRY

20 FEB 2025



5:30 – 8:30 PM – MEET IN THE SOCIAL HALL
FOOD AND DRINK PROVIDED

Bible Quiz

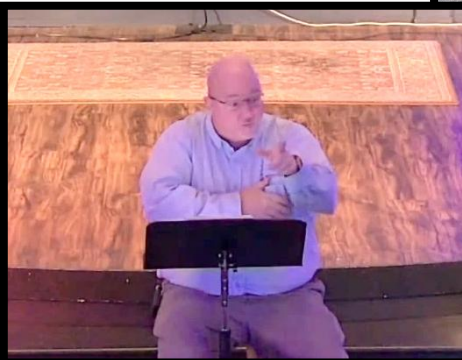
The New Testament uses several Greek words to describe love. Which of the following best represents the **selfless, sacrificial love** that God shows to humanity?



- A) Eros
- B) Phileo
- C) Agape
- D) Storge

Answer: C (See John 3:16 and 1 Corinthians 13)

The Christmas Season at Bethany.....



Thank you to the amazing group of volunteers who decorated Bethany for Advent/Christmas: Karen Miller, Ruby Ellington, Dani Backel, Madi Backel, Gail Beckum, Aaron Sprenkel, and Ron Nickey.



Thank you, Bethany for your donations for Toys for Tots!

In early December, Bethany lost long-time member, Jay Myers. If you have noticed the pictures of the church at the rear of the Sanctuary, you have Jay to thank. This article appeared in the York Sunday News on February 16, 2014 and in Bethany's March 2014 Newsletter:

A natural talent for capturing York landmarks

By Gordon Freireich

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"He's never had an art lesson in his life," Carol Myers says of her husband, Jay.

Sitting in the dining room of their rural home — with more than a dozen Christmas cards he painted spread out on the table in front of him — that seems almost impossible.

But it is not. Jay is a born artist who has been drawing since the time he started elementary school. When he was 17, Jay entered an oil painting in the York Fair. It won a first-place ribbon.

After graduating from Red Lion Area High School, Jay began his career in the printing business and eventually went to work for York Tape and Label Co. (later York Label and now Multi-Color Corporation) becoming the

company's supervisor of art and composition.

Beginning in 1984, the company asked Jay to create a holiday card to send out to customers. "The first one was of the Golden Plough Tavern and Gates House," on the corner of Market Street and Pershing Avenue, Jay says.

Fourteen more scenes followed over the years to be featured on the company's annual cards. The subjects included the Colonial Court House, St. John's Episcopal Church, Codorus Furnace, the York County Courthouse (now Administrative Center), Federal-style homes on East Market Street and Queen Anne-style homes on South George Street, the Elmwood Mansion, First Presbyterian Church, the Kin Mar Estate in West Manchester Township, the Billmeyer House, Central Market, the Cookes House, the Willis House, and the Rex and Laurel firehouses.

The original, realistic-style paintings were created in oils on 16-by-20-inch canvas. For the cards, four-color separations were created and printed on 4½ by 5½-inch labels (appropriate for the company) and then the labels were affixed to the greeting cards.

"His paintings are very detailed," Carol says. That takes a lot of patience, right? "I don't have patience," Jay interjects, "but I like to paint."

Each work "takes about 200 hours," he adds.

Since Jay retired after 41 years with the company in 2006 and Carol retired as a secretary from Bell Socialization Services, the couple have made many trips to other states and countries. Jay has captured many of these travels on film and then painted them on canvas. He has also created a series of Christmas themes on pieces of slate.

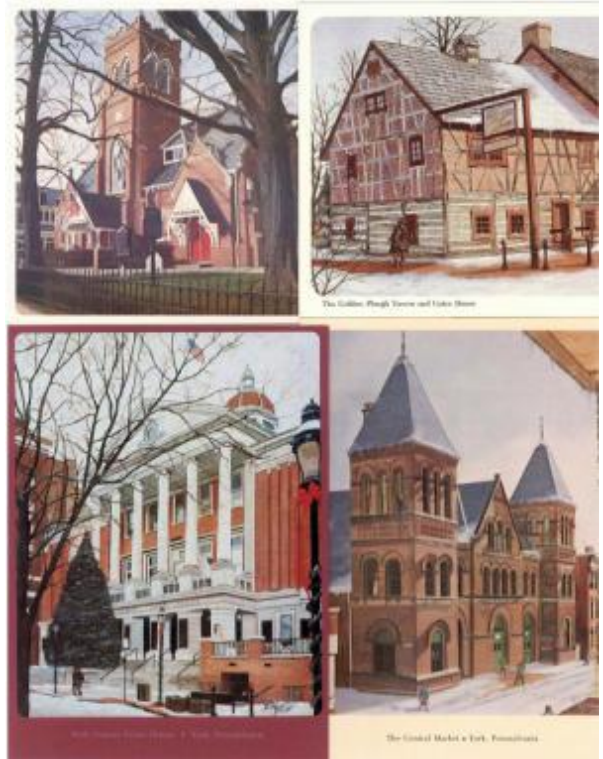
Jay's most recent work is of the Rehmeier Hollow home, scene of the famous 1928 "Hex Murder," which is not too far from his own home. "I had been shown a photograph of the home with police cars in front of it taken the day Nelson Rehmeier's body was found," he said. He made a copy of the photograph and then did an oil painting that now hangs in the family dining room.

In fact, just about every wall in the Myers' two-story home has oil or acrylic paintings by Jay. "I like Native American subjects," Jay, 75, says.

Jay has done three paintings of his church, Bethany United Methodist in Red Lion, which are in the church. About 50 years ago, he created a large wall mural for the Red Lion VFW Home of the World War II flag raising on Iwo Jima. And it's still there.

Both Jay and Carol are York County natives. Married for 55 years, they met at the Playland Skating Rink. They have two children: a son, Jade Myers, owns Matrix Art Services, West York; and a daughter, Jody Alwood, is vice president of Leverwood Knife Works, Dallastown.

Gordon Freireich is a former editor of the York Sunday News.



Bethany's Servant Leadership for 2026

These persons have been called by God and chosen by the people of God for leadership in the church. This ministry is a blessing and a serious responsibility. It recognizes their special gifts and calls them to work among us and for us. In love, we thank each one for accepting the obligation, and we challenge them to offer their best to the Lord, to these people, and to our ministry in the world, as we all live a life in Christ and make Him known in our witness and our work.

Administrative Council

Connecting People with People	TBD
Connecting People with God	Justin Zelger
Communications	Jared Olsen

Administration Leaders:

Chair of Administrative Council:	Justin Zelger	Chair of SPPR Committee:	Jill Thompson
Chair of Finance/Stewardship:	TBD	Chair of Board of Trustees:	Kelly Henshaw
Lay Members to Annual Conf.:	Jane Matthews Jen Daugherty Alternate – Brian Kunselman	Recording Secretary:	Jen Daugherty

Administrative Ministry Teams

Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Committee:

Jill Thompson	Kim Farmer	Nancy Keeports	Bill Ritz
Joel Satterfield	Jeremy Clegg	John Thompson	Don Stokes
David Kline	LMTAC 1 or 2		

Committee on Lay Leadership:

Brian Kunselman	Karen Miller	Brian Overmiller	Lori Overmiller
Jill Thompson	Justin Zelger	Kathy Henshaw	Carol Urey
Mike Wilt	Vickie Petit		

Board of Trustees:

Kelly Henshaw	Cory Kimble	Brian Kunselman	Jay Matthews
Kelly Werner	Julie Beard	Sue Ritz	Linda Henshaw

Stewardship and Finance Committee:

Wade Elfner	Rodney Hake	Kelly Henshaw	Jill Thompson
Justin Zelger	Eileen Sullivan	Mike Zelger	Roland Thompson
John Cunningham	Sherree Hake	Sandy Behrens	Jane Matthews
Jen Daugherty			

Faithful servants never retire.

You can retire from your career, but you will never retire from serving God.

– Rick Warren

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FEBRUARY

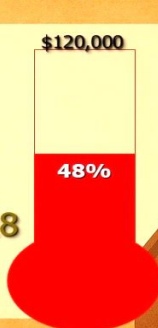
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| 1. The teaching of Christ: Beatitudes | Matthew 5:1-12 |
| 2. The child is brought to the temple | Luke 2:22-40 |
| 3. God will bless the righteous | Psalms 37:1-17 |
| 4. The beatitudes in Luke's gospel | Luke 6:17-26 |
| 5. Light shines in the darkness | Psalms 112:1-9 [10] |
| 6. A gentle life born of wisdom | James 3:13-18 |
| 7. Hearts far from God | Isaiah 29:13-16 |
| 8. The teaching of Christ: salt and light | Matthew 5:13-20 |
| 9. The law is light | Psalms 119:105-112 |
| 10. Christ, the light | 2 Corinthians 4:1-12 |
| 11. Christ the light of the world | John 8:12-30 |
| 12. The one begotten of God | Psalms 2 |
| 13. The faith of Moses | Hebrews 11:23-28 |
| 14. The coming of Elijah | Mark 9:9-13 |
| 15. Christ revealed as God's beloved Son | Matthew 17:1-9 |
| 16. Israel led to God's holy mountain | Psalms 78:17-20, 52-55 |
| 17. A remnant chosen by grace | Romans 11:1-6 |
| 18. The practice of faith | Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 |
| 19. Create in me a clean heart | Psalms 51 |
| 20. God mercifully reproves Jonah | Jonah 4:1-11 |
| 21. The fast that God chooses | Isaiah 58:1-12 |
| 22. The temptation of Jesus | Matthew 4:1-11 |
| 23. Mercy embraces us | Psalms 32 |
| 24. Christ was tempted as we are | Hebrews 4:14 - 5:10 |
| 25. Not one of these little ones should be lost | Matthew 18:10-14 |
| 26. The Lord watches over you | Psalms 121 |
| 27. God's faithfulness | Micah 7:18-20 |
| 28. God's word means justice for all | Isaiah 51:4-8 |

ATTENDANCE

Date	Sunday School	Sunday Worship
January 4 th	34	115
January 11 th	39	113
January 18 th	15	43
January 25 th	0	73

HVAC CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Progress - 48%
 Goal - 100%
 Goal - \$120,000
 Collected - \$57,072
 Remaining - \$62,928



Change of Address

If you are moving, are planning to move, or if the Post Office is changing your address, please notify the church office as soon as possible. The church must pay for all incorrect addresses. We also need the correct mailing addresses of all college students and those attending other schools of higher learning. Thank you!



Church Directories (July 2025) are located at various locations around the church and can be picked up at your convenience. Please doublecheck your information and let Jen in the church office know if there are corrections/additions (address, cell phone, email, etc.) that need to be made.

PRAYER REQUESTS

can be made on the Connections Card in your weekly bulletin, through the links in the Weekly Blast and on our website, at the Giving Kiosk or through the Giving App (under "contact us"), or call Jen in the church office 717-244-7624. Watch your email for a special "Prayer Blast" on Tuesdays!

Articles for the March

Newsletter are due in the Church Office by February 15th.



"The heart-shaped communion wafers were a nice touch for Valentine's Day."



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.

YOUVERSION BIBLE APP



Download the YouVersion Bible app (or go to our website and click the link on the home page) and join with us as we explore different reading plans and Bible studies throughout the year together as a church. Create an account in the app, go to friends, search for Bethany Church Red Lion, and send the friend request. Once accepted, you're ready to go. Contact Justin Zelger or Pastor Don with any questions or for additional details.



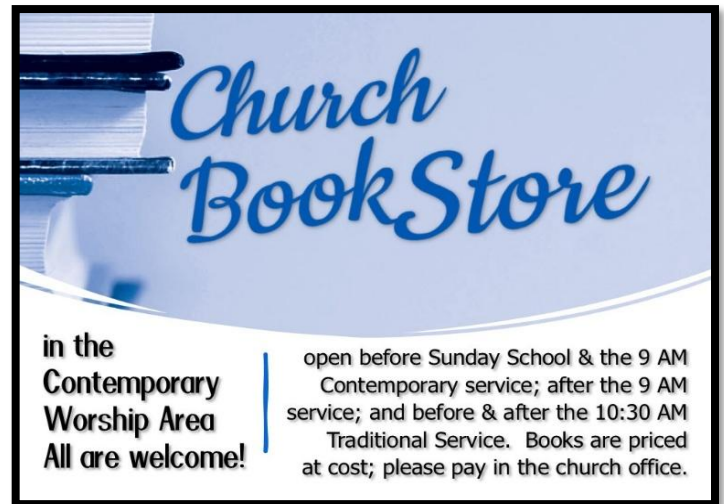
This month, the following devotionals can be accessed through YouVersion (<https://my.bible.com/reading-plans/> insert the number listed at the devotional) or click on the link in the Special Bethany Blast on Sundays:

Receiving God's Healing (1341)
February 1st – 5th

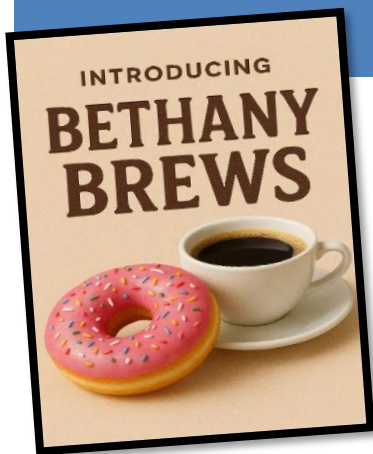
Heavenly Strategy (35752)
February 8th – 12th

Ashes to Ashes (44002)
February 15th – 20th

Jesus, I Need You (37140)
February 22nd – 24th

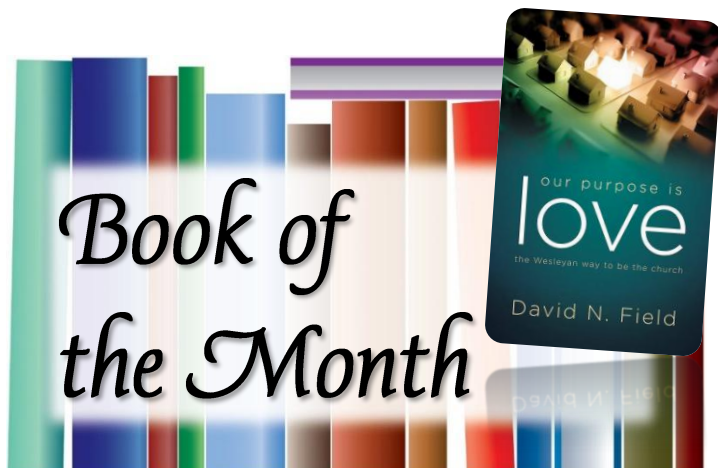


In addition to in-person worship, we are also providing two streams to watch online services, both live and archived. All online watching happens through our website. For further information, please contact Pastor Don.



We are so excited to announce that our coffee bar has a new location! It's been moved to a more convenient spot (outside the east sanctuary doors at the Ramp entrance), creating a welcoming space for fellowship and connection. Now, you can enjoy your favorite coffee and treats while connecting with fellow members before and after services. We invite you to start a new tradition or rekindle an old one and stop by the new coffee bar area, grab a cup, and enjoy the warmth of time spent with your church family! If you have any questions about the coffee area or any suggestions, please contact Rachel Zelger, Julie Beard, or Ron Nickey.

On February 15th, please come early to your services or stop by afterward to join us in committing to focused prayer for one another. You'll find our table located outside the church office. Prayer is a very important part of our lives together, and we want to highlight it with a nice, welcoming activity that will only take a few minutes. All ages are encouraged to participate.



The "Connecting People with God" Committee is asking various people in our church what books they have read that have helped them in their walk with God or their understanding of scriptures. Of course, our first recommendation is always the Bible, but we hope you find these others helpful as well. February's Book-of-the-Month is *Our Purpose is Love* by David Field. As Christians, we know we are supposed to love one another, but even that mandate has come to mean different

things to different people. What does it mean to love God and neighbor today—in both the world and the church—and can this be the answer to the conflict that divides and polarizes us? In *Our Purpose is Love*, David Field answers this question with a compelling "Yes!" as he challenges us to recognize and reclaim love as the center of our identity and purpose as the church. Field presents a Wesleyan vision of the church as the embodiment of God's love in the world and explores the implications of this vision for our life together. In this vision, the church is where we become creatures of love, learning to love God and neighbor ever more completely and authentically through the means of God's grace. As a result, we bear witness to the world by reflecting God's love more and more perfectly in the way we treat others and order our common life. With a special focus on the importance of unity for the church's witness, Field invites us to consider the ways in which **embodying God's love can and should influence how we live as individuals and as communities of faith, calling us to reclaim and recommit to love as the center of who we are.** If you have any suggestions to add to our list, please let Justin Zelger know. Justin confesses that he has not read this book yet, but he wants to so he will be purchasing the first copy! 😊



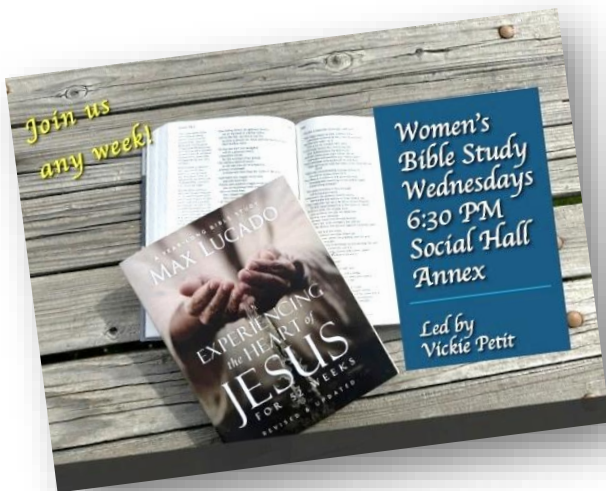
Bethany Church has purchased a subscription for RightNow Media for the purpose of training leadership and volunteers and providing on-going Bible Study materials.

What is really exciting is that the whole congregation (members, attendees, and anyone associated with Bethany) will have access to the RightNow Media website. There are literally more than 10,000 videos to choose from. It works much like Netflix, and there is no additional cost to you. Some of what it includes: training videos, children's TV programs, Bible Studies, Christian Conferences, Leadership Material, and so much more. We can use these online Bible Study courses here at the church; and if a person misses a class, they can view it at home any time they want. You can also use the Bible Studies as an individual, couple, family, or Bible Study group in your own home. Please visit <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/BETHANYUMC> and complete your profile to sign up. You can also text "BETHANYUMC" to 49775 to register. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



5:30 PM
\$5 Adult
(ages 13 & Older)
\$2.50 child
(ages 2 – 12)

Please register for the meal by the Sunday before on the Connections card in your bulletin, at the Giving Kiosk or in the Giving App (under "events"), or call Jen in the church office.



Women's Bible Study **Experiencing the Heart of Jesus for 52 Weeks** Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM in the Social Hall Annex

We will be studying Unit 5 – Experiencing the Joy of Jesus (2/4 – Sacred Delight; 2/11 – God's Gladness; 2/25 The State of the Heart). Memory Verse – Matthew 5:12 – "Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven." **Will not meet on Ash Wednesday, February 18th.**

Men's Bible Study **the Book of Romans** (concludes February 4th) Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM in the Contemporary Coffee Corner Area

Please join us as we study **the Book of Romans**. This book of the Bible provides a foundational and systematic understanding of core Christian doctrines, including human sinfulness, salvation by grace through faith, justification, sanctification, and the unity of Jews and Gentiles in God's plan. Often considered the clearest presentation of Christian doctrine in the Bible, it is a deeply theological and practical letter from the Apostle Paul to the church in Rome.





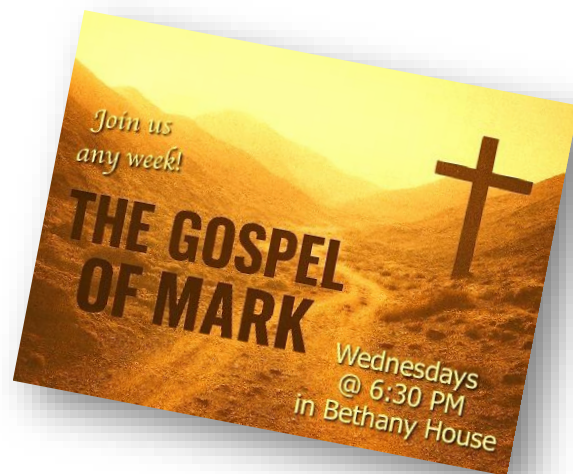
Men's Bible Study
Friend of Sinners
 Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM
 Begins February 11th
 in the Contemporary Coffee Corner Area

This Bible study explores why Jesus prioritizes authentic relationship over perfection. Together, we'll look at Scripture to see how Jesus meets people with grace, invites honesty rather than performance, and calls us to walk with Him—not to earn His love, but to experience it. Join us as we discover the freedom of a faith built on connection, not perfection. **Will not meet on Ash Wednesday, February 18th.**

Bible Study with Pastor Don – the Gospel of Mark

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM
 in Bethany House

Come hang out with us as we dive into the Gospel of Mark! This is a relaxed, welcoming Bible Study where we'll explore who Jesus is and what His message means for our lives today. No prior experience needed—just bring your curiosity and join the conversation! **Will only meet on February 11th this month.**



GriefShare
 February 19th – May 14th
 Thursdays @ 1:30 PM
 in the Social Hall Annex

The journey of grief is a difficult process and is a unique experience for each person. It is a journey that you don't have to walk alone. Weekly GriefShare gatherings provide support and encouragement from a variety of video presenters with grief experiences, Biblical truths, sharing from within the group, and a helpful workbook for each participant. A new 13-week GriefShare

session will begin on Thursday afternoon, February 19th (from 1:30 – 3 PM) in the Social Hall Annex.

Participants can attend any time during the 13 weeks, but regular attendance is most helpful. If an evening meeting time is needed, please let us know. Pass this invitation on to others who can benefit from our gatherings. Walk-ins are welcome, but it is very helpful to know the approximate number of participants so that we can have a workbook for each person.

To register or for more information, call Pastor Larry at 717-244-7624, Ext. 102.

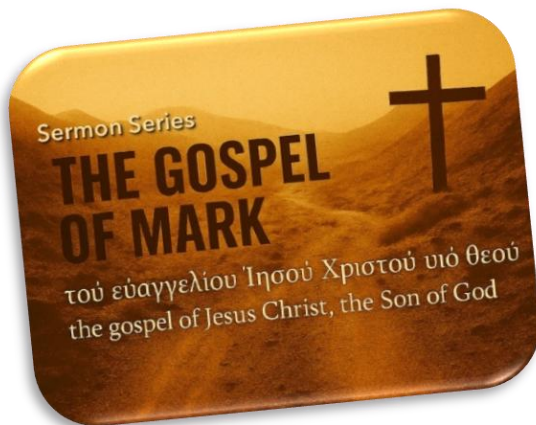
Is Celebrate Recovery for me or someone I know?

Living in a broken world, we all deal with life's hurts, hang-ups, and habits. No one has the ability, nor should they attempt to face their hurts on their own. Celebrate Recovery is a beautiful community of strugglers that courageously enter this safe and beautiful space to get honest about our pain, and the negative ways we may see ourselves, God, and others. In this process, we come to accept that some of the habits we may have developed to escape our pain have caused destruction in our life and those close to us. Celebrate Recovery is a biblically balanced approach to help bring sustainable recovery and healing to our hurts. It guides us toward new healthy truths and life-giving habits as we repair our broken relationships. Join more than seven million hurting people across the globe who now walk in freedom through the power of Jesus Christ as we walk through the eight principles of Celebrate Recovery based on the Beatitudes in Matthew 5. These are some of the issues people find freedom from in Celebrate Recovery: Anger ~ Codependency ~ Eating Disorder ~ Love & Relationship Addiction ~ Physical, Sexual, and/or Emotional Abuse ~ Drug Addiction ~ Alcoholism ~ Sexual Addiction ~ Gambling Addiction ~ Grief ~ Mental Health ~ and many other issues we may struggle with.



Thursdays | 6:30 PM

Dinner at 6 PM



Sermon Series The Gospel of Mark

Discover the fast-paced, action-filled account of Jesus' life and ministry in the Gospel of Mark. This series invites us to encounter Christ's power, compassion, and call to discipleship. Through vivid stories and profound truths, we'll learn what it means to follow Him wholeheartedly in a world that needs hope.

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.

GRAB IN 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, 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 or 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 is 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!

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.



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?

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.

Meal Ministry

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.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LENDING WAREHOUSE

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 (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.

This 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 straightforward 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

CARING MINISTRIES

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

**Get your Apple Dumplings
and/or Apple Pies before
they are gone!**



**\$7/pack of two Apple Dumplings
\$10/Pie**

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

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

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!!





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 item(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.



Our Mobile App for Giving Has Changed

Our easyTithe Giving App has been replaced with the "My Church Home" app by Ministry Brands Amplify. Once you download the App, search for zip code, 17356, and Bethany UMC should pop up. Choose as your church. Online Giving, Text, and the Giving Kiosk saw no change. If you have any questions, please see Jen in the church office.



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Spring Cleaning for the Soul

Ash Wednesday is February 18th, and it marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. Lent hints of spring, a time when the earth begins to awaken from a winter's nap, and new growth bursts forth all about us.

More personally, it is an opportunity to enter into a springtime for our spirit. For centuries Christians have used the 40 days of Lent to seek spiritual growth. Sincere repentance, a changing of heart, casting off old sinful practices and seeking to commune with our creator help us go in the right direction. Spending serious time in silence and prayer focuses our attention. Reading spiritual literature, becoming more knowledgeable about the New Testament, meeting in small groups with other Christians to share personal stories of faith can all be immensely stimulating. Joining with others to serve the helpless and hopeless can strengthen our spiritual life.

Lent is a time to let God do "spring cleaning" within us. It's our opportunity to allow God to help us toss out the "stuff" that hinders us and then freshen up the "new creature" we are meant to be as followers of Christ.

Bethany Tidbits from 2025



Donald & Nancy Eaton celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. They were married at Bethany on June 26, 1965. Nancy's grandfather, Rev. Cawley Stine (Evelyn Ziegler's father) performed the ceremony with Rev. Welty.

Jennifer Satterfield won three ribbons at the Mason-Dixon Fair. She won first place in Snickerdoodles and Oatmeal Cookies and third place in Chocolate Chip Cookies. She enjoys baking for people and shares her baking with others. In the past, she has made cookies for Delta-Peach Bottom Elementary School students and their PTA. Congratulations, Jenny!



The Reverend Stephany Sechrist attended the Marquis de Lafayette Bicentennial Ball at the York History Center in June. Attendees dressed in Renaissance attire and enjoyed a fun evening!

*Bethany Church is Christ's love in action,
a beacon to the community,
empowering all people to live in
extraordinary ways for Christ*

