

Bethany Church Missions & Ministries News



March 2026

We're Collecting

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 (along with other churches in the River Valley District) will again have a fun Peanut Butter collection during the Lenten season and Bethany 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. Be aware that peanuts are the most common food allergen among adults. You may want to substitute peanut butter for other nut butters such as Almond Butter, Sunflower Butter, Coconut Butter, etc. Thanking you in advance for your participation!

Our River Valley District's Goal is

4,052 Jars of Peanut Butter!



**Get your Apple Dumplings
before they are gone!**



**\$7/pack of two
Only 20 packs left!**

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



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, March 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, March 22nd. Pick up also offered on Saturday, March 21st from 11 AM - Noon in the kitchen.

Questions? Contact Cinny Attig (717) 244-7624.

Benefits the missions of Bethany Church!

Feed the Hungry

March 22, 2026

Prep starts at 1 PM;
delivery at 4 PM from the
church (return by 7 PM)

Please help us through your time, talent, and gifts. Monetary donations may be made through the Kiosk or online giving.

Questions?

Please contact Jared Olsen at 717-244-7624





Operation Christmas Child News

Many thanks to all of you who supported our Operation Christmas Child "Sponsor Tables" in February. Your financial lifeline is sincerely needed and appreciated!

MARCH: Our M&M candy tube fundraiser will begin again this month. Once again, I thank you for participating in this 2nd fundraiser for our OCC ministry!!

One of God's many surprises for our OCC Ministry in 2026:
Hearing from Joshi! Isn't this great?!
Joshi and family live in India.



Hi grand maa, loving greetings to you and grand paa & family in the matchless name of our lord Jesus Christ.

After long long back I was writing to you. Hope you are doing well ? Now do you know me which class I am studying by the grace of the lord and with all your blessings,prayers I am studying 8th standard and growing up the lord, playing drums in the Church Service.

I was praying for you every movement when I recall you but I am excited , when I found your email. Please give me reply so that I can

know much about you. Your gift box was a blessing to me. Convey my wishes and love to all.

Thanking you, Sincerely in him, B.Joshi Richard

Hello friend, Greetings to you in the Precious name of our lord Jesus Christ.

I was so excited when I saw your letter. Since I have examinations, so I couldn't reply you soon. Anyhow by the grace of God I thank God for this opportunity.

How was the snowstorm situation over there? I am praying to God to help you and make you free from storm. I hope you will be fine.

Friend I have sent you my family picture. My dad Prem , mom Precilla, older brother Jermi and me Joshi. My school uniform, going for exam.

As We are living in villages we never recieved any shoeboxes since 2018. But we are praying together.

Friend will you come to India ? So that I can introduce all my friends. I showed family picture of your then All my friends started saying Joshi you are great for having a friend in America. I was soo happy. I was recorded a video of playing drums and was not adding to email. I am sorry. Give my love and greetings to all, especially your husband too. Thank you so much.
With love, Joshi Richard



CARING
MINISTRIES



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



cash for causes
\$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.

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.



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, Ext. 102.



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.



To our Bethany Friends, Thank you for all your calls, visits, Get Well and Birthday cards, and Bethany Carolers! Special thanks to Pastor Larry for his visits and communion. We are so grateful for livestreamed Traditional worship services each Sunday. We love and miss you all! -Elaine & Dean Snyder

Knitting & Crochet Ministry



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



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.

LIFEPATH
Christian Ministries

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.



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 (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!!

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). Watch your email for a special "Prayer Blast" on Tuesdays.

We're collecting....

Aluminum Tabs

(for Ronald
McDonald House)

Contact:
Jane Wiertel
(717) 244-7624

Cell Phones

(for ACCESS-York)

Contact:
Jessica Castle
(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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