



BETHANY CHURCH

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

March 2026

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This month's newsletter is sponsored in loving memory of my husband, Russ, by Carol Urey.

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*

March Meetings

SPPRC, Monday, March 30th, 6 PM (note change in time!), Upper Room



As we move deeper into the season of Lent, we are invited to slow down and remember who we are—and who God is. Psalm 103 gives us one of the clearest, most beautiful pictures of that truth. The Psalmist reminds us that “the Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.” God does not treat us as our sins deserve, nor does He repay us according to our failures. Instead, He removes our sin “as far as the east is from the west.”

That is who God is.

And then the Psalmist turns our attention to who we are. “He remembers that we are dust.” Our lives are fragile, temporary, easily shaken. We flourish for a moment like a flower of the field, and then the wind blows over it and it is gone. Yet even in our frailty, God’s love remains steadfast. From everlasting to everlasting, His compassion holds us, His grace restores us, and His faithfulness continues from generation to generation.

Lent gives us space to hold these two truths together. We remember our limitations, our need for mercy, our dependence on God. But we also remember His character—His patience, His kindness, His unfailing love.

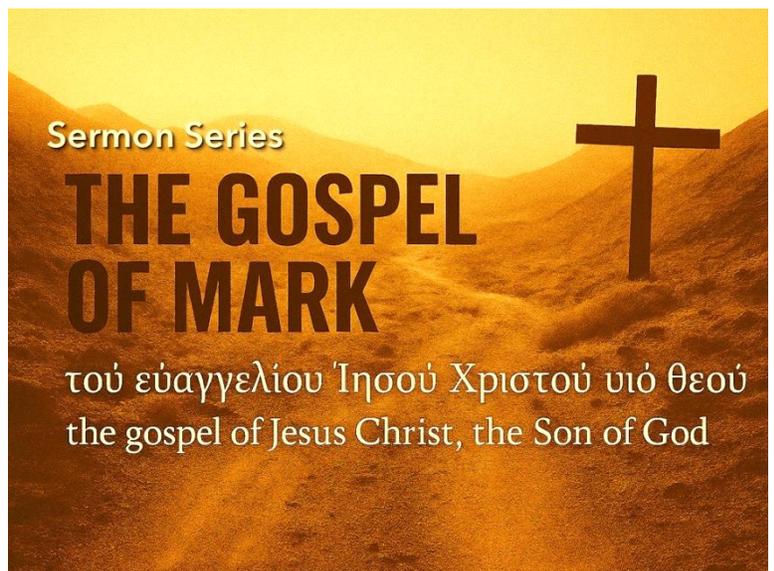
This season invites us to return to God with open hearts, to receive the forgiveness He freely offers, and to live as people shaped by His grace. We cannot stand on our own—and the good news is, we don’t have to. The God who knows our weakness is the same God who lifts us up, restores us, and leads us forward in love. As we journey together toward the cross, our Lord’s suffering for our sake, and the empty tomb, let us love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength! And may we love others into the wonderful mercy of God!

It’s good to be your Pastor my Bethany Family! I love you!

Pastor Don

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.





Easter Sunday
Continental
Breakfast
April 5th
8:30 – 11 AM
in the Social Hall

Donations of Breakfast Casseroles, Muffins, and Pastries appreciated. Sign-up sheets available around the church, sign up through the Giving App or Giving Kiosk under “events,” sign up through the link in the weekly Blast, or let Ron Nickey know what you can bring.



GOOD FRIDAY

April 3rd
7 PM
in the Sanctuary



will again grace our Sanctuary and Contemporary Worship Area for Easter Sunday.

Orders are due in the church office by Sunday, March 22nd. You may order a plant in memory of or in honor of a person, class, or loved ones. We will be offering Easter Lilies (\$9.50), Tulips (\$8.75), Hyacinths (\$8.75), Daffodils (\$8.75), Mums (\$9.50), Pansies (\$3.50), Gerbera Daisies (\$5.25), and Hydrangeas (\$15.50). Easter Flower envelopes may be found at all entrances to the Sanctuary and in the Information Cubby in Contemporary worship in which you may place your cash or check. Flowers **MUST BE PAID** for when ordering. Please indicate your choice of flower on the envelope and what you would like included in the bulletin. Please place the envelope in the Church Offering Plate or mail to or drop off in the church office. Orders may also be placed at the Giving Kiosk & through the Giving App or through the link in the weekly Blast. If you would like to do something other than contribute a flower, you may make a donation to the work of our Missions Ministry in honor of or in memory of a loved one.



Join us on
Easter
SUNDAY
April 5th

8:30 – 11 AM
Continental
Breakfast
Social Hall

9 AM Worship
Contemporary

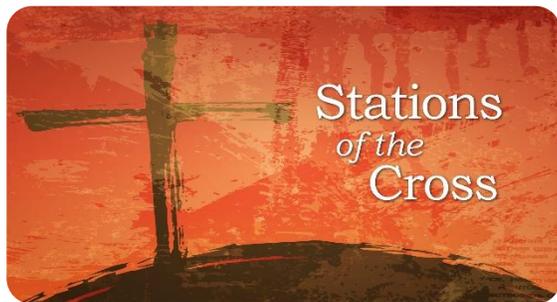
Sunday School
Children (9 AM)
Adults (9:15 AM)

10:30 AM Worship
Traditional

Services will be livestreamed
Visit www.bethanyredlion.com
and click on “Watch Livestream”

Be sure to invite a friend, neighbor, or co-worker to attend worship on Easter Sunday!

JOURNEY THROUGH THE



MONDAY - THURSDAY
MARCH 30TH - APRIL 2ND
9 AM - 4 PM

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 3RD
9 AM - NOON

in the Sanctuary ~ Self-Guided with pamphlet ~
No appointment necessary

The Stations of the Cross refers to a series of paintings or depictions of the events of the Passion of Christ and the prayers associated with these. There are truths to be gleaned from this practice for any believer, reminding us of Jesus' death and sacrifice to save us from sin and redeem us. Please feel free to visit and spend as much time as you like in prayer and reflection.

A sign for 'Church Book Store' with a blue background and white text. It includes information about hours and pricing.

Church Book Store

in the Contemporary Worship Area
All are welcome!

open before Sunday School & the 9 AM Contemporary service; after the 9 AM service; and before & after the 10:30 AM Traditional Service. Books are priced at cost; please pay in the church office.



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:

The People of God & The God of the People (16852)
March 1st – 5th

Love is the Point (39559)
March 8th – 12th

The Sabbath Way (58626)
March 15th – 19th

Who is Jesus? (11494)
March 22nd – 26th

Holy Week (3886)
March 29th – April 4th

A graphic for a 'Bible Quiz' featuring a shepherd with a staff and sheep. The text asks about a special liquid used to treat a wound.

Bible Quiz

In Bible times, shepherds spent most of their days with their sheep—guiding them to food and water and guarding them from danger. When a sheep was injured, the shepherd treated the wound with a special liquid. What was it?

A. Water
B. Honey
C. A Salt Solution
D. Olive oil

Answer: D (See Psalm 23:5, ESV)

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.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

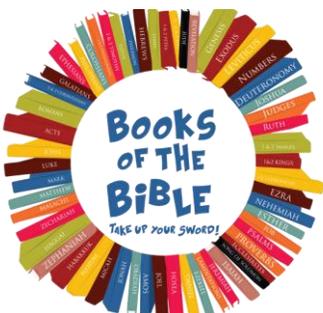
BETHANY BOWLING NIGHT

Our church bowling night was a wonderful evening of strikes, spares, and smiles! Members of all ages enjoyed cheering on one another, as well as spending time together off the lanes. It was a fun way to connect together as a church family. Thank you to everyone who joined us—we can't wait for the next one!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTIONS

Fellowship Meal
at 5:30 PM

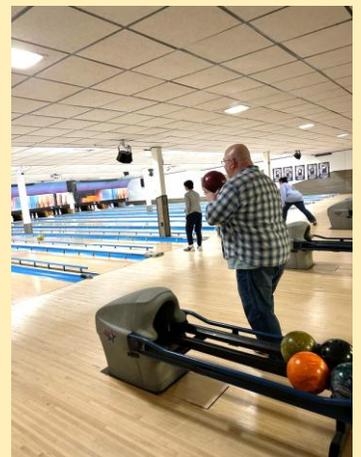
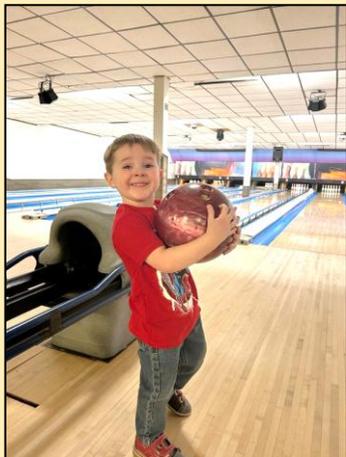


Children's Bible Study
at 6:30 PM in the
Children's Chapel

UPCOMING EVENTS!



ADDITIONAL BOWLING NIGHT PICTURES!



SAVE THE DATE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

June 8th-12th

Additional information
coming soon!

We invite all children and families to join us for a joyful Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday at 10 AM, held on the lawn just outside the church office entrance. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to celebrate the joy of Easter together in a fun, welcoming environment.



To help make the event special for everyone, we are asking for donations of individually wrapped candy. Your contributions ensure that every child can enjoy easter eggs full of surprises. Candy donations may be dropped off in the Children's Department or the church office by Sunday, March 22nd.

Thank you for helping us create a memorable celebration for our church family. We look forward to seeing you there!



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.

Interested in
joining the
2026



Sign up in the church office by March 11th or speak with Pastor Don or Justin Zelger. Classes will meet on Saturday, March 21st & May 16th from 10 AM – Noon. On April 18th, we'll attend an all-day retreat with our Bishop. Open to Youth in 7th – 12th grades.

**Wednesdays
@ 6:30 PM
in the Youth Room**

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)

Pastor Introduction



Greetings Bethany Family! My name is Justin Frear, and along with my wife, Sarah, and our puppies, Tut and Mae, we are excited to be a part of the life of your church! A little about me...I was born in Bristol, Tennessee and gradually moved north as my dad's career in the natural gas industry progressed into Western Pennsylvania. I am a 2004 graduate of Blackhawk High School, a 2008 graduate of Penn State University (History &

Psychology), a 2010 graduate of Grand Valley State University (Master's in Public Administration), and graduated from Duke Divinity School in 2022 (Master of Divinity with certificates in Preaching & Methodist Studies). I am a second career pastor having worked at Penn State University in Intramural and Club Sports. I also have worked on various game day staff teams at Penn State including Football, Men's and Women's Basketball, Ice Hockey, and Volleyball. I also referee two sports at the high school and college levels (Basketball & Soccer). In my free time, I enjoy exercising (both weightlifting and running). I've run ten marathons—five half marathons, a 10K, and several 5Ks.

Sarah and I were married in 2022 (after I graduated from seminary, but before starting my first appointment). Sarah is from Ohio and works in IT. She graduated from Ohio University with a degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering. She adopted Tut (black dog) as a COVID puppy, and she gifted me Mae (white dog) as a wedding present. We are currently expecting our first child to be born at the end of April (we aren't finding out the gender until birth, so we look forward to sharing that news when we get it).

Sarah and I met at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in State College while we both played in the church's praise band. As a lay member of the church, I was a volunteer youth leader, At-Large Member of Church Council, co-chair of a capital campaign project, and co-chair of the Stewardship Committee. My only appointment so far is to Covenant United Methodist Church in Lock Haven. I am currently working through the ordination process where I hope to be an ordained Elder.

My passion is preaching and teaching the Word of God. I don't have all the answers, but I look forward to helping figure them out. I believe the local church is the most important 'subcategory' of the Body of Christ and that we were never meant to go on this journey alone. We humans are inherently relational and that is my strategy as it relates to disciple making. My favorite passage of scripture is Isaiah 6:8, *"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"* I am encouraged how all this fits into your discipleship making strategy of *Belong, Believe, and Become*.

My family and I are so excited to go on this journey with you!

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!



Campbell.

"My whole family's giving up something for Lent. Mom's giving up cookies, Dad's giving up cake, and I'm giving up squash."

DAILY BIBLE READINGS MARCH

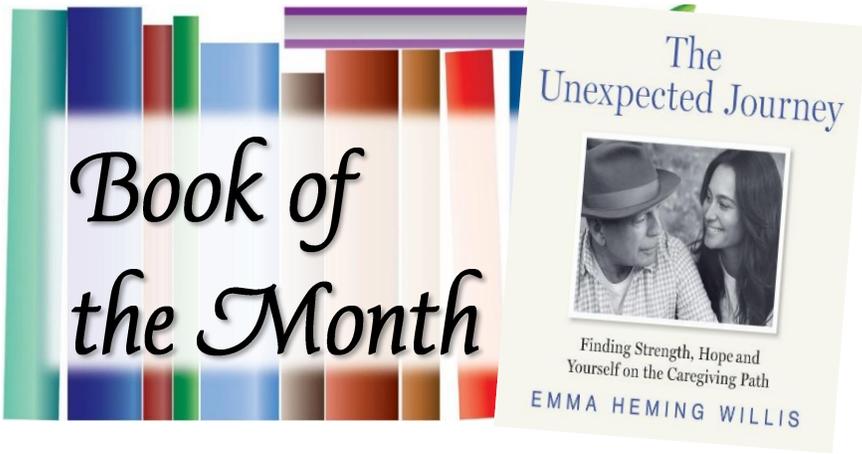
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| 1. The mission of Christ saving the world | John 3:1-17 |
| 2. God promises life | Psalms 128 |
| 3. God promises a new creation | Isaiah 65:17-25 |
| 4. Jesus does not condemn the sinner | John 7:53 - 8:11 |
| 5. The rock of our salvation | Psalms 95 |
| 6. Christ, the reconciliation of Jew and gentile | Ephesians 2:11-22 |
| 7. Manna and the sabbath | Exodus 16:27-35 |
| 8. The woman at the well | John 4:5-42 |
| 9. We drink from the rock | Psalms 81 |
| 10. Drinking from Christ, the spiritual rock | 1 Corinthians 10:1-4 |
| 11. Drink of Jesus, the Messiah | John 7:14-31, 37-39 |
| 12. My head anointed with oil | Psalms 23 |
| 13. Now in the Lord you are light | Ephesians 5:1-9 |
| 14. Samuel grieves over Saul | 1 Samuel 15:32-34 |
| 15. The man born blind | John 9:1-41 |
| 16. God opens the eyes of the blind | Psalms 146 |
| 17. God will heal the blind | Isaiah 42:14-21 |
| 18. Jesus heals the blind | Matthew 9:27-34 |
| 19. The Lord appears to Joseph in a dream | Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a |
| 20. The word of God: thanksgiving and singing | Revelation 11:15-19 |
| 21. Blessings upon Israel | Ezekiel 36:8-15 |
| 22. The raising of Lazarus | John 11:1-45 |
| 23. Save me from death | Psalms 143 |
| 24. Elisha raises a child from death | 2 Kings 4:18-37 |
| 25. The angel greets Mary | Luke 1:26-38 |
| 26. I commend my spirit | Psalms 31:9-16 |
| 27. Seeing Christ in this life | Philippians 1:21-30 |
| 28. Going up to Jerusalem | Mark 10:32-34 |
| 29. The passion and death of Jesus | Matthew 26:14 - 27:66 |
| 30. Refuge under the shadow of your wings | Psalms 36:5-11 |
| 31. The cross of Christ reveals God's power and wisdom | 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 |

Articles for the April Newsletter are due in the Church Office by March 15th.



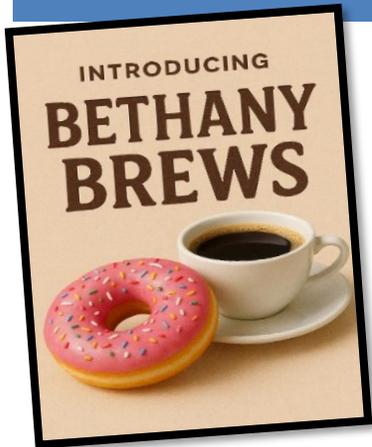
What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Faith is to believe what we do not see; and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.
—St. Augustine



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. March's Book-of-the-Month is *The Unexpected Journey* by

Emma Heming Willis. In this book, Emma Heming Willis shares her experience of being handed a diagnosis of FTD (early onset) dementia on her husband, Bruce, and being sent away with no information on how to navigate this life-changing and ultimately deadly disease. In the ten chapters of the book, she covers topics such as Building Community and Connection, Making Time for Yourself, and Focus on Your Brain Health. Anyone who has been a caregiver knows how demanding, exhausting, and emotionally draining it can be and how ill-equipped most of us are for this task. Reading a book by someone still navigating the dementia caregiver journey assures the reader that this isn't book learning. Rather it's from lived experience. If you have any suggestions to add to our list, please let Justin Zelger know.



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! The coffee will be "make your own" using Keurig coffee makers. Tea is also available for non-coffee drinkers. All we ask is for a \$1 donation. If you have any questions about the coffee area or any suggestions, please contact Rachel Zelger, Julie Beard, or Ron Nickey.



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.



On March 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.





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.



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

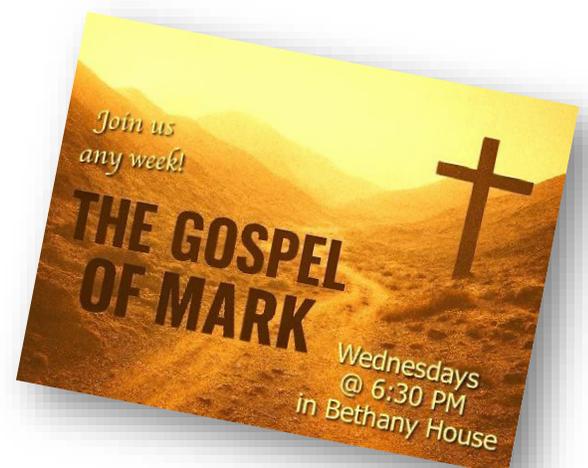
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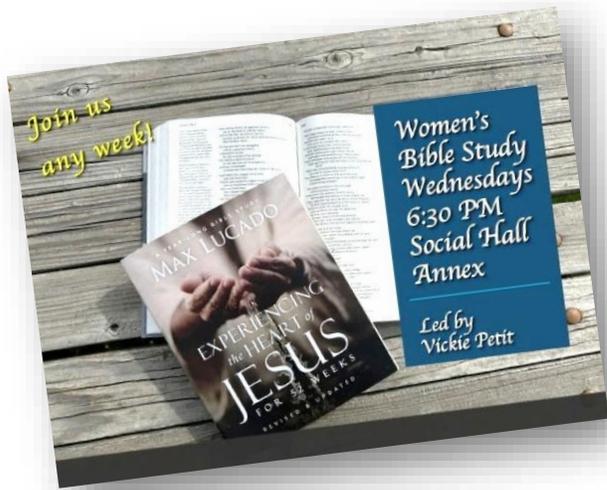
Please register for the meal by the Sunday before on the Connections card in your bulletin, at the Giving Kiosk or in the Giving App (under "events"), or call Jen in the church office.

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 not meet on March 11th, 25th, and April 1st.**





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

We will continue Unit 5 – Experiencing the Joy of Jesus: The Kingdom of the Absurd (3/4); The Applause of Heaven (3/11). On March 18th, we begin Unit 6 – Experiencing the Love of Jesus: Where Love and Justice Meet (3/18); Honest Hearts 3/25. Memory verse ~ *"May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God."* Ephesians 3:19. **Will not meet on April 1st.**

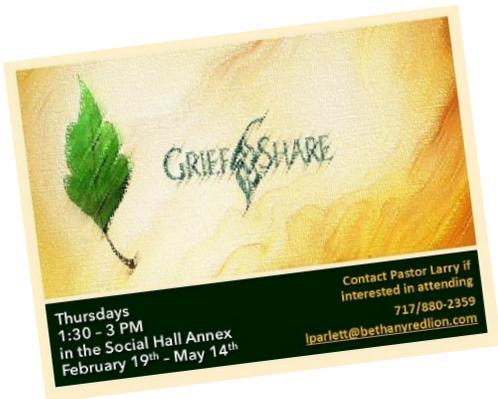
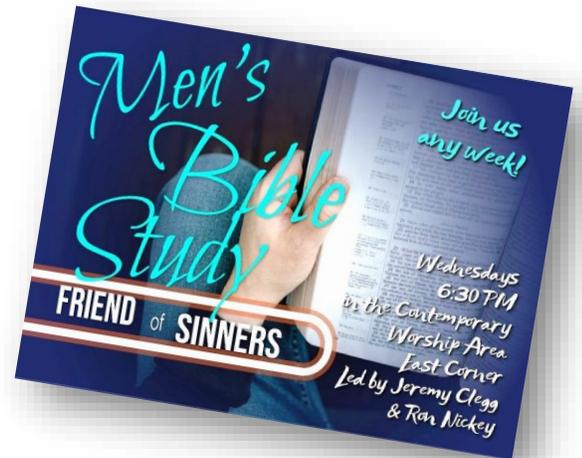
made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God." Ephesians 3:19. **Will not meet on April 1st.**

Men's Bible Study
Friend of Sinners

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM
 in the Contemporary Worship Area East Corner

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 April 1st.



GriefShare
 Through 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. Participants can attend any time during the sessions, 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.



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Thursdays | 6:30 PM

Dinner at 6 PM

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).

Knitting & Crochet Ministry

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

Gift Cards

are not
just for

GIFTS



Help out the
MISSIONS COMMITTEE
by using gift cards
for your regular
Grocery shopping

** See Jen in the
church office **



Subs & Sandwiches Sponsored by the Missions Committee

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, March 22nd. Pick up is also offered on Saturday, March 21st from 11 AM - Noon in the kitchen. Questions? Contact Cinny Attig (717) 244-0170. Benefits the missions of Bethany Church!

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!)

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



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.



Meal Ministry

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.



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



CARING MINISTRIES



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

Get your Apple Dumplings
before they are gone!



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

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



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

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!!



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

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.



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 Prescilla, 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

If God Had Voicemail

Have you ever wondered what would happen if God used voicemail to handle all our prayers? Let's imagine it for a moment. I had just finished gossiping and wanted to confess, so I got ready to pray—or rather, to “call.” Immediately, a voice answered:

“You’ve reached the throne room of Heaven, the Prayer Department. All of our representatives are currently assisting other callers. Your call is important to us, and we want to help you. Please stay on the line, and your request will be answered in the order it was received.” Soft music plays. Then another message comes on:

“Listen carefully to the following options and press the appropriate number.

Press 1 for prayer for a loved one.
Press 2 for prayer for your church.
Press 3 to give thanks.
Press 4 to confess sins.
Press 5 for salvation.
Press 6 for physical needs.
To repeat this menu, press 9.”

Since I had a sin to confess, I pressed 4. Another voice responded cheerfully: “We’re so glad to help you with your confession of sins. Please select from the following options:

If you cursed, press 1.
If you yelled at your spouse or another family member, press 2.
If you gossiped, press 3...”

The list went on and on. About then I decided to hang up and keep on gossiping. But then I remembered what the Bible says about God and how he attends to our needs. He doesn't route our prayers through a heavenly call center or put us on hold. We don't get busy signals, menus, or automated voices. Instead, our Father listens instantly, personally, and lovingly. Instead of a voice mail system, he says, “Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.” (Isaiah 65:24, KJV)

A message from our Administrative Council....

Supporting Your Church Through Credit Card Giving

Many churches today offer the convenience of online giving, and credit cards are often the easiest way for people to contribute. They allow for quick, consistent donations, even when someone can't be physically present. This convenience helps ministries plan more confidently and maintain steady support throughout the year.

Why ACH Giving Matters

While credit card giving is helpful, ACH (bank account) donations cost the church significantly less in processing fees. Credit card transactions typically include percentage-based fees, while ACH transfers usually carry a much smaller flat fee. That difference means more of each gift goes directly to ministry work—outreach, missions, community support, and church operations.

A Simple Way to Make a Bigger Impact

If you're already giving by credit card, switching to ACH is a small change that can make a meaningful difference. It's just as secure, often just as easy to set up, and it helps your church steward resources more effectively.

For more information, please see Pastor Don, Justin Zelger, or Jen in the church office.

Daylight Saving Time Begins March 8th!

Don't forget to “Spring Forward!”

As we adjust our clocks, let's also reset our

hearts—ready to embrace the new mercies God gives each morning. *“The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.”*

—Proverbs 4:18 (NIV)



SAVE THE DATE!

GAME DAY/TIME:
SATURDAY,
MAY 16TH
6:30 PM

COST \$17 (INCLUDES A \$7 FOOD VOUCHER)
REGISTRATION OPENS SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

YORK REVOLUTION

ATTENDANCE

Date	Sunday School	Sunday Worship
February 1 st	41	108
February 8 th	34	82
February 15 th	38	106

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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by Ministry Brands Amplify

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Ministry Brands

Lifestyle

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

