

Bethany Church Missions & Ministries News



April 2026

**GRAB
'N
GO**

Since there will not be a Grab 'n Go Sub/Sandwich sale in April, please consider buying an extra grocery store gift card and make your own sandwiches. Grab 'n Go will be back in time for picnics in May.



To my Bethany Church Family, Thank you so much for the cards and prayers after my knee replacement. Each day is a little better than the last. I'd also like to thank the prayer chain for the prayers for my daughter, Lori, and great grandson, Austin. Lori had a stent put into her heart, and Austin had surgery. Both are doing well. I'd also like to thank Brian Overmiller for helping me get a walker and cane from our Medical Equipment Warehouse. Thank you all! -Jane Wiertel

Thank you to our Bethany family for your prayers and concerns during my surgery and recovery. The cards I received were so uplifting and showed me so much love and care. -Nadine Cunningham

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

**\$7/pack of two
Only 5 packs left!**



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



SHINE YOUR LIGHT

Hey Bethany, show us where you are "shining your light." You've shared great photos of your vacations and summer fun, now we'd like to see where and how you are impacting our community. Please send in pictures (to Jen in the church office) and share a bit about the organizations where you shine!! Can't wait to see where the light of Christ is shining!!

cash for causes

Giant

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.

Knitting & Crochet Ministry

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



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.



A BIG thank you to each of you who are participating in our M&M Candy Tube Fundraiser! Funding for this ministry is needed and very much appreciated! Your support is essential. Bless your hearts!

At a recent OCC team meeting, several suggestions were made and are being considered. You will hear more about several ideas for this ministry as the year progresses.

One of the items that you can save for us is your shoeboxes. We need some that are close to a 12" x 6" size...like a lady's 6 - 8 size shoe. We don't need a man's boot box, for instance. Too big! The red and green printed shoeboxes from Samaritan's Purse are \$33 for a carton of 50. Presently, we have 100 of the projected need of 300.

- **Washcloths are needed:** We no longer send soap (we are not allowed to). Please watch for summer sales or bulk item quantities...we have approximately 70 now.
- **Crayons:** Wait for Back-to-School promotional prices.
- **Yo-Yos, small foam footballs, and the like:** You don't have to buy 50+, but it is sometimes nice to have extra items like that to include—especially for our boys!

Small Flowerpots: Carol Ann has several plants that can be separated and sold for OCC profits. If you have extra pots not being used at present, please let her know.

Summer Yard Sale: OCC is being allowed to join in on a family yard sale with Kim Farmer and her mother, Mary, in June. Several items will be there for sale with the profits going into the OCC account. If you wish to donate an item for this sale, please speak with Carol Ann or Kim first. We will certainly consider your offer!

**** Coming Soon: Sunday, May 3rd ~ Our Spring Bake Sale...just in time for MOTHER'S DAY and your enjoyment! ****

Thank you, once again, for your help and support of our OCC ministry! God Bless!

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.



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? Contact Julie Beard (717-244-7624).



*The Bells of
Bethany are
looking for some
ringers...
no experience
necessary!*



**Questions?
See Julie Beard**

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.

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.

December Fudge Sale ~ A Sweet Success

Bethany's annual December Fudge Sale was once again a wonderful reminder of what our church family can accomplish together. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make Bethany's Fudge Sale a success! From stirring and pouring to weighing and packaging, every pair of hands played a part in creating something truly special. Our team made an impressive 113 pounds of fudge, offering a delicious variety that was enjoyed by members, family, and friends alike. Thanks to everyone's hard work and generosity, the sale brought in a profit of \$824 for the Missions Committee. These funds will help support important outreach efforts this year. We are grateful for every volunteer, every buyer, and every supporter who helped make this fundraiser both meaningful and memorable. Your participation continues to strengthen our mission and bless our community.





We're collecting....

Aluminum Tabs
(for Ronald McDonald House)
Contact:
Jane Wiertel

Cell Phones
(for ACCESS-York)
Contact:
Jessica Castle



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.



Peanut Butter

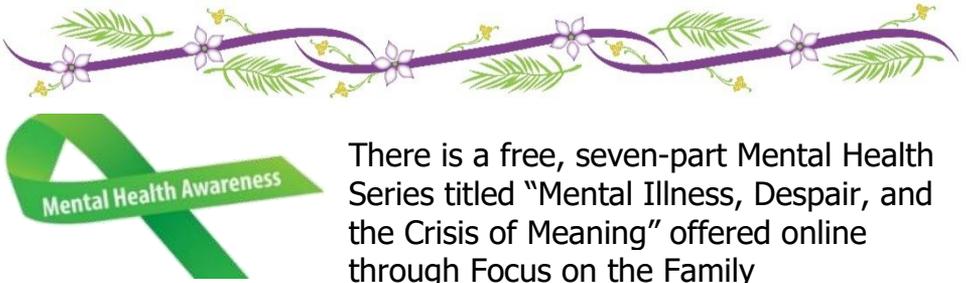
Very few of us will have the opportunity to make a significant change on a global or even larger level. Yet, we can all make an impact in the world in which we live. And the impact that may be needed can be as simple as one jar at a time. Bethany will again have a fun Peanut Butter collection during 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 tables provided outside the Social Hall.

Deadline: Easter Sunday.



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.



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:

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| 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 |



SAVE THE DATE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

June 8th – 12th

Registration Opens April 5th

BETHANY'S VISITATION PROGRAM IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!

LET OUR SHUT-INS KNOW THEY
ARE NOT FORGOTTEN.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?
CONTACT PASTOR LARRY
(717) 244-7624.



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BELONG | BELIEVE | BECOME

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