



# BETHANY CHURCH

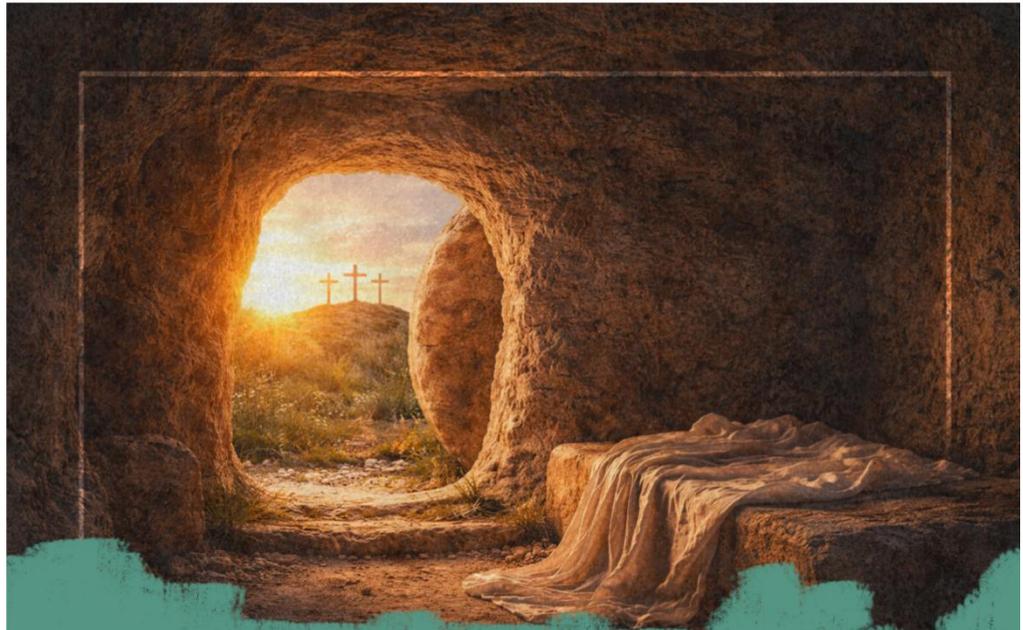
BELONG | BELIEVE | BECOME

The 29<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Acts...*The Ancient Story Continues*

April 2026

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# EASTER SUNDAY

*Celebrating the Resurrection*

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

8:30 - 11 AM - Continental Breakfast  
in the Social Hall

9 AM - Children's Sunday School

9 AM - Worship in Contemporary

9:15 AM - Adult Sunday School

10 AM - Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 AM - Worship in Traditional

10:30 AM - Children's Church

Services will be livestreamed. Visit [www.bethanyredlion.com](http://www.bethanyredlion.com) and click on "Watch Livestream."

Be sure to invite friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to attend worship on Easter Sunday!

This month's newsletter  
is sponsored  
in memory of loved ones  
by Brenda Evans.

## April Meetings

Stewardship & Finance (2025 Financial Audit), Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, Upper Room

Board of Trustees, Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, Upper Room/via Zoom

Administrative Council, Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, Upper Room/via Zoom

SPPRC, Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, Upper Room



## **Easter Morning: Running Toward Hope**

Based on Mark 16:1–8

Brothers and Sisters: Early on that first Easter morning, the women came to the tomb carrying spices and heavy hearts. They expected silence, sorrow, and were weighed down by

who they had lost. Instead, they found the stone rolled away and a message that changed the world: “He is not here. He has risen.” In that moment, everything they thought they knew was turned upside down. Fear and amazement filled them as did all the possibilities. If Jesus is alive, then nothing is beyond His reach! If Jesus is alive, then He truly is Lord!

Mark’s Gospel ends with the women trembling, caught between fear and faith. And maybe that’s where many of us stand today. We know the promise, yet we wrestle with uncertainty. But the risen Christ meets us right there, where we are and is calling us to trust, to follow, and to step into a new kind of life together.

The resurrection is not just an event to celebrate; it is a movement to join. It is a life to live. It draws us into unity because we all stand on the same ground of grace. It calls us into discipleship because a risen Savior invites us to walk with Him daily. And it sends us out with hope because the story God is writing is still unfolding.

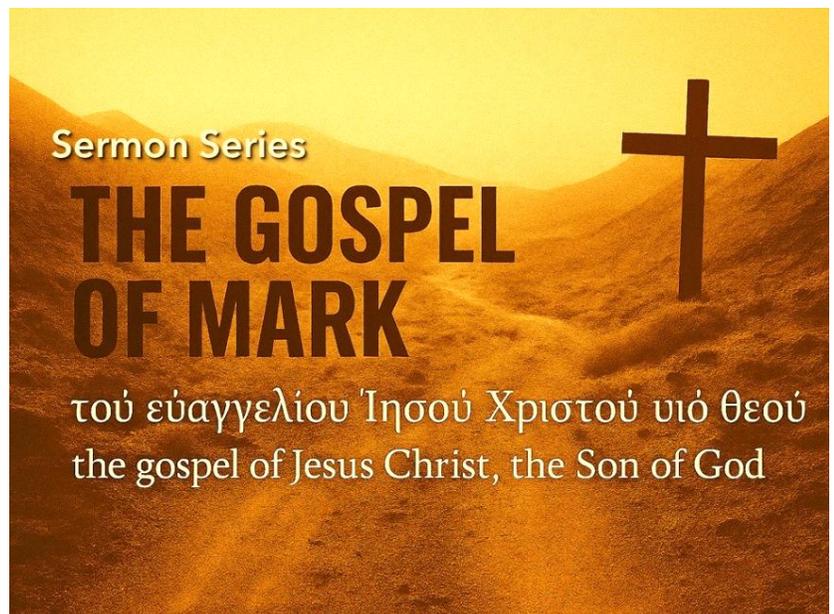
Christ the Lord is risen, Today! Because He lives, we rise too.

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

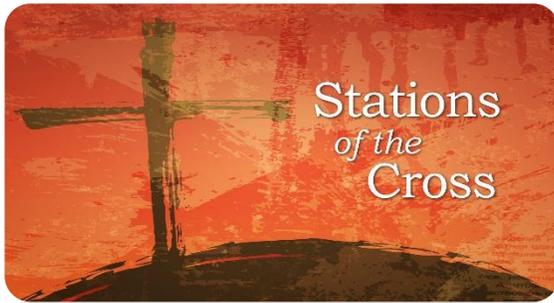
*Pastor Don*

### **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.



## JOURNEY THROUGH THE



**MONDAY - THURSDAY**  
**MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup> - APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
**9 AM - 4 PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
**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 graphic for an Easter Sunday breakfast featuring a close-up of chocolate and fruit muffins. The text is in white and yellow on a dark background.

**Easter Sunday**  
**Continental**  
**Breakfast**  
**April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**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.

A graphic for Good Friday featuring a close-up of a crown of thorns. The text is in yellow and white on a dark background.

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
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**April 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**7 PM**  
**in the Sanctuary**



## YouVersion



Download the YouVersion Bible app (or go to our website under "Believe," "Discipleship Tools," and click on the "Holy Bible" picture) 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.

A graphic for the Church Book Store with a blue background and white text.

**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.

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

A graphic for Praying Hands Day featuring a pair of hands in prayer. The text is in black and white on a yellow background.

**PRAYING**  
**HANDS**  
**DAY**  
3rd Sunday of Each Month



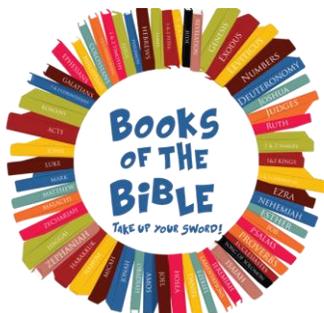
# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

## INTRODUCING: 3B KIDS!

We are thrilled to introduce 3B Kids, our refreshed Children's Department designed with our church's mission at heart. At 3B Kids, everything we do reflects our church's mission: **Belong~Believe~Become**. We want every child to know they belong here, to grow in what they believe about Jesus, and to become who God created them to be. We are excited for this new season and can't wait to see what God will do through 3B Kids!



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTIONS



Fellowship Meal at  
5:30 PM

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

### BEE-COME A VOLUNTEER!

We are currently seeking volunteers to serve in the Nursery and 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade classrooms on Sunday mornings at 9 AM. If you are interested in serving or would like more information, please contact Rachel Zelger in the children's department!

SAVE THE DATE

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

June 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

Registration Opens April 5<sup>th</sup>



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Youth Ministry Movie Night featuring the family musical "David." It was great to gather, relax, and

experience such an uplifting story together. We're grateful to all who came and helped make the evening special.



**YOUTH**  
MINISTRY

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

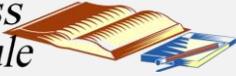
Join us for the Fellowship Meal in the Social Hall at  
5:30 PM.

**Sunday Mornings**

10 – 10:20 AM in the Youth Room (3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## Confirmation Class Schedule



For those who registered for the class:

**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – All Day Retreat with our Bishop**

We will leave from Bethany Church at 7:15 AM. Breakfast, lunch, and supper are included at no cost. We will return to the church at approximately 7 PM. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes, bring a hoodie or light jacket.

**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – 10 AM – Noon in the Youth Room**

After the classwork has been completed, you will have all the information you need to make an informed decision about whether or not you wish to join the church as a member. If you choose to do so, then Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>—Pentecost—will be the day you join the church at one of our regularly scheduled worship services of your choosing.

## Holy Hike Adventure: Exploring God's Creation

**Date:**

**Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> @ 10 AM**

**Location:**

**Lake Redman -**

**William H. Kain County Park  
(274 Hess Farm Road, York)**

All are welcome! For more information, contact Justin Zelger at 717-244-7624.



## Bethany Night at Wellspan Park

Join us on **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** for a fun and relaxed evening at the ballpark as we cheer on the York Revolution together. Tickets are \$17 (includes a \$7 food voucher), making this a great night out for families and friends alike. **Children**

**ages three and under are free**, but please let us know if you're bringing little ones so we can include them in our headcount. **Payment is due at the time of registration.** Come enjoy fellowship, baseball, and a beautiful night at the stadium—we'd love to have you with us. Please use the registration form below, register online through the link in the weekly Bethany Blast or through the Giving Kiosk or Giving App under "events." Deadline for registration is Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Questions? See Justin or Rachel Zelger, Pastor Don, or Jen in the church office.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# of tickets needed for ages 4 and up: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$17/each.

# of children ages 3 and under attending: \_\_\_\_\_ (FREE)

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



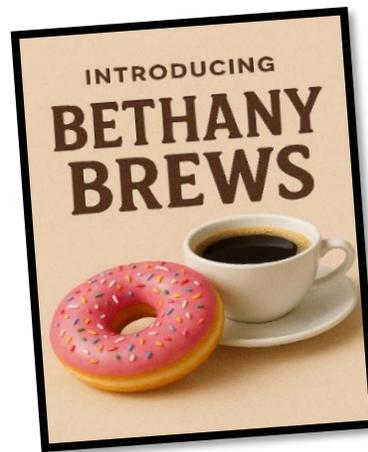
This month, the following devotionals can be accessed through YouVersion (<https://bible.com/reading-plans/insert> the number listed at the devotional) or click on the link in the Special Bethany Blast on Sundays:

**It Really is Good News** (49079)  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

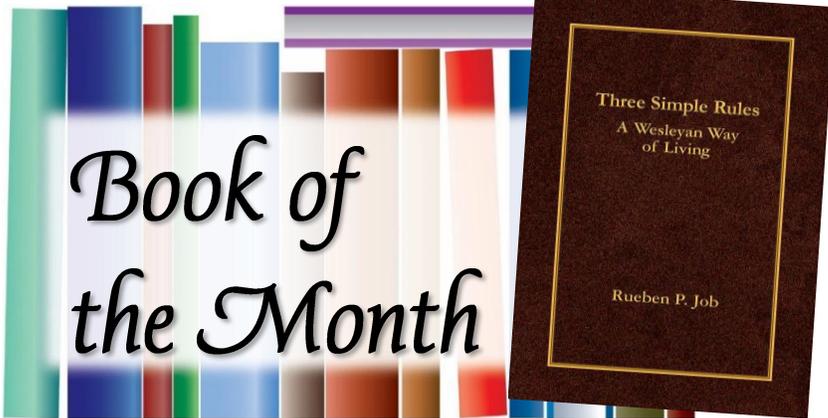
**Good News** (11003)  
April 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

**Doing or Being** (29026)  
April 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Truth in the Dirt** (42267)  
April 26<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>



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. Be sure to check out the new sign and backdrop for the Coffee area!



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. April's Book-of-the-Month is *Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living* by Reuben Job.

In this book, Reuben Job, who is a United Methodist Bishop, pastor, and acclaimed author, and served as World Editor of The Upper Room publishing program, offers an interpretation of John Wesley's General Rules for today's readers. This simple but challenging look at three commands, "do no harm, do good, stay in love with God," calls us to mutual respect, unity, and a deeper relationship with God. If you have any suggestions to add to our list, please let Justin Zelger know.

# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

## APRIL

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|---|------------------------|
| 1. The servant is vindicated by God             | Isaiah 50:4-9a         |
| 2. The service of Christ: footwashing and meal  | John 13:1-17, 31b-35   |
| 3. The passion and death of Jesus               | John 18:1 - 19:42      |
| 4. Dying and rising with Christ                 | Romans 6:3-11          |
| 5. Proclaim the resurrection                    | Matthew 28:1-10        |
| 6. On this day God has acted                    | Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24  |
| 7. The new life in Christ                       | Colossians 3:12-17     |
| 8. Israel crosses into the promised land        | Joshua 3:1-17          |
| 9. Fullness of joy                              | Psalms 16              |
| 10. Witnesses to the risen Christ               | 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  |
| 11. Love is strong as death                     | Song of Songs 8:6-7    |
| 12. Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ    | John 20:19-31          |
| 13. God saves through water                     | Psalms 114             |
| 14. Paul teaches the resurrection               | 1 Corinthians 15:19-28 |
| 15. Jesus speaks of the sign of Jonah           | Matthew 12:38-42       |
| 16. I will call upon God                        | Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19  |
| 17. God sets up victory like bulwarks           | Isaiah 26:1-4          |
| 18. Welcome those in need to your table         | Luke 14:12-14          |
| 19. Eating with the risen Christ                | Luke 24:13-35          |
| 20. Praise God day and night                    | Psalms 134             |
| 21. Wisdom serves a meal                        | Proverbs 8:32 - 9:6    |
| 22. Moses and the elders eat with God           | Exodus 24:1-11         |
| 23. God our shepherd                            | Psalms 23              |
| 24. Living honorably in the world               | 1 Peter 2:13-17        |
| 25. The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ | Mark 1:1-15            |
| 26. Christ the shepherd                         | John 10:1-10           |
| 27. We are the sheep of God's pasture           | Psalms 100             |
| 28. God's blessing through Christ the shepherd  | Hebrews 13:20-21       |
| 29. God will gather the flock                   | Jeremiah 23:1-8        |
| 30. I commend my spirit                         | Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16   |

# 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 May Newsletter are due in the Church Office by April 15<sup>th</sup>.



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.

## ATTENDANCE

Date	Sunday School	Sunday Worship
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	23	76
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	35	114
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	29	98
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	38	105
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	44	113

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





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



### A Spring Season of Improvements

As we begin construction on our parking lot on April 15<sup>th</sup>, I want to thank you in advance for your spiritual gifts, patience, and grace. These next two weeks may bring a few inconveniences, but they will also bring real improvements that will serve our church family for years to come. When the work is complete, the lot will be safer, better organized, include new lighting, and will be easier to navigate. It will also become a gate-controlled space that helps us care for our property and keep it available for ministry. The lot will be scheduled to be open

for all church activities. If you need access at other times, simply contact the church office for a code. Thank you for your grace and understanding as we move through this season of renewal together.

### An Invitation to Belong

One of the greatest gifts God gives us is the gift of community. It is place where we grow, serve, and walk together in faith. A place where we feel we belong! At Bethany Church, we believe that following Jesus is something we do side-by-side. We encourage one another, we learn from one another, and we discover together what it means to live as His disciples in the world.

If you have been worshipping with us or sensing that Bethany is becoming home, I want to invite you to consider taking the next step. Church membership is not about having your name on a list. It is about saying that you are committed, that you are part of this family, and that you want to grow in Christ with these people.

Our next membership class will be held on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 2 PM in Bethany House (lunch will be provided). This is a relaxed and welcoming time to learn more about who we are, what we believe, and how we live out our mission together. Registration through the church office is required (or register through the link in the weekly Blast or through the Giving Kiosk or Giving App under "events"). Those who complete the class may join on any Sunday. We hope many will choose to unite with us on Pentecost Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, which is a beautiful day to celebrate new beginnings.

We hope you will prayerfully consider this important step, and we would be honored to walk this journey with you.



Discover Bethany

*A place to grow, serve & belong.*



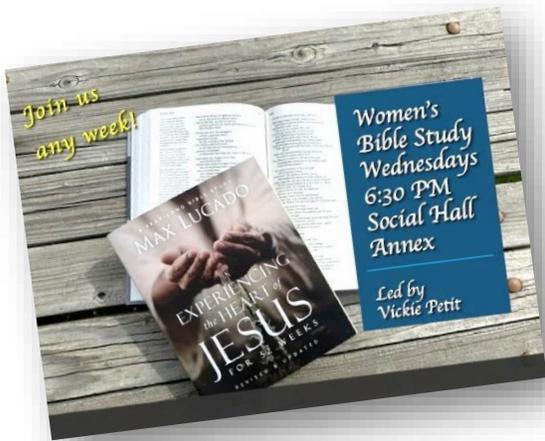
Bethany Church has purchased a subscription for RightNow Media for the purpose of training leadership and volunteers and providing on-going Bible

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. There will be no Wednesday activities on April 1<sup>st</sup>.



### Women’s Bible Study Experiencing the Heart of Jesus for 52 Weeks

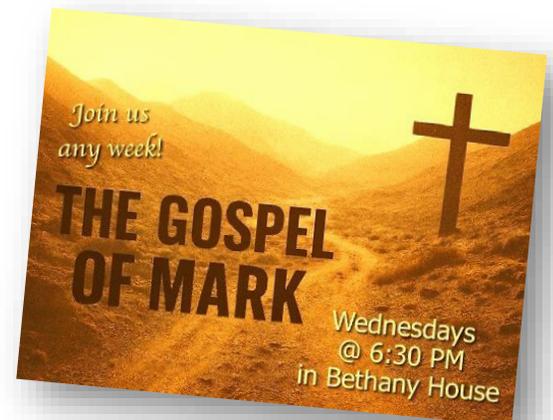
Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM  
in the Social Hall Annex

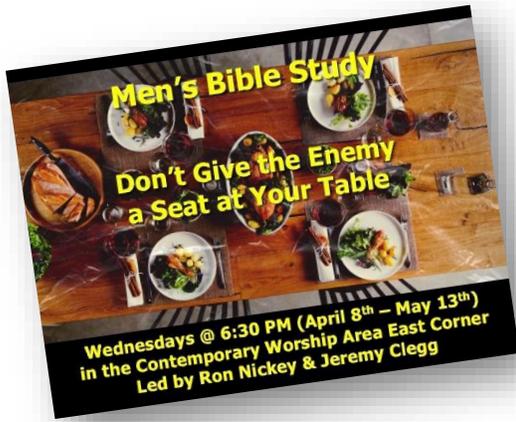
We will continue our study with Unit 6 – Experiencing the Love of Jesus: Honest Hearts (4/8), The Heaviness of Hatred (4/15), A Love Worth Giving (4/22); and What We Really Want to Know (4/29). Memory verse ~ “*May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with the fullness of life and power that comes from God.*”  
Ephesians 3:19 **Will not meet on April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### 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 April 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup>.**





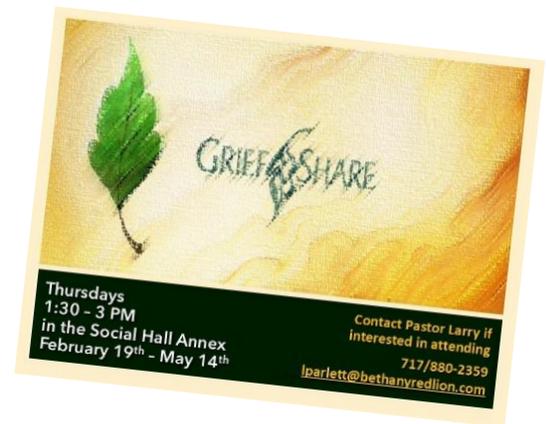
**Men's Bible Study**  
**Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table**  
 Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM  
 in the Contemporary Worship Area East Corner

Find freedom when you let Jesus lead the battle for your heart! Examining Psalm 23, author Lou Giglio helps you reject poor decisions and self-defeating mindsets—and embrace encouragement and hope.  
**Will not meet on April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**GriefShare**

Through May 14<sup>th</sup>  
 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, email or call Pastor Larry at [lparlett@bethanyredlion.com](mailto:lparlett@bethanyredlion.com) or 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

# Annual Conference News

Tellers are needed at this year's Annual Conference on June 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> at the Community Arts Center in Williamsport.

Tellers serve at the pleasure of the Bishop and will help to distribute materials, collect offerings, help with vote counting, and perform various other tasks during Annual Conference (AC). This position requires you to be at all sessions of the AC and serve on the team completely without conflict. Your attendance will be required before registration begins on Thursday (approximately 8 AM) to receive information and instructions.

HERE IS THE BEST PART! You have a reserved aisle seat!!!! Plus, you may step outside for a breath of fresh air and take a bathroom break during the sessions without attracting stares or experiencing long lines! And we saved the best for last.... You get to wear the coveted and admired Golden-Rod Vest!!!!

If you are ready to be part of this team, follow this link and complete the registration:  
<https://form.jotform.com/260255386911055>

## AC Tellers - Susquehanna Conference

1. The Book of Discipline does not require tellers to be clergy or lay members of the Annual Conference. Tellers fall under the category of "conference officers and assistants\*" who are appointed to help the conference function smoothly. The Discipline specifies membership requirements for \*voting\* and \*voice\* but not for service roles like tellers, pages, ushers, or technical assistants.
2. Tellers are appointed for function, not representation. Their job is to:
  - distribute and collect ballots
  - assist with counting
  - support the presiding bishop and conference secretary

These are administrative tasks, not legislative ones.

3. Precedent across UMC conferences supports this. Most conferences regularly use:
  - youth
  - local church volunteers
  - staff
  - non-members as tellers, pages, and ushers.

## Susquehanna Conference Practice

In the Susquehanna Conference, tellers are typically recruited by the Conference Secretary and can be:

- clergy
- laity
- non-members
- youth volunteers

The key requirement is trustworthiness and availability, not membership.

Please see Pastor Don if you have any questions or wish to volunteer.



# 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.*



## 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!!



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.

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

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 5 packs left!

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

**LIFEPATH**  
Christian Ministries

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.

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.



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 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ 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!

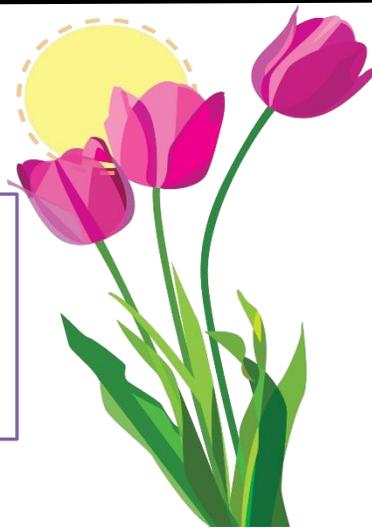
We're Collecting:

**Cell Phones**

(for ACCESS-York)  
Contact:  
Jessica Castle  
(717) 244-7624

**Aluminum Tabs**

(for Ronald  
McDonald House)  
Contact:  
Jane Wiertel  
(717) 244-7624



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

# 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.



# 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.**

## *There's Something Better Coming*

The Easter season is a precious time for Christians to celebrate the source of our hope: Christ is risen, and he invites us to rise with him into new life. Easter reminds us that God is still at work, even in the places where we've felt stuck or discouraged.

Easter is an invitation to try again—with his strength—to break habits we thought were unbreakable. There's something better coming.

Easter is a chance to breathe new life into a marriage we feared was beyond saving. There's something better coming.

Easter is an opportunity to slow down, reach out, and reconnect with those we've unintentionally neglected. There's something better coming.

Easter is an invitation to look at our lack of love and seek God for compassion. There's something better coming.

Easter is a chance for all non-hoppers to regain their vision of what can be! There's something better coming.

Easter is an opportunity to renew our faith. There's something better coming.

Easter is a chance to "renew our strength and mount up with wings as eagles; to run and not faint." There's something better coming.

## **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.