

Bethany Church Missions & Ministries News



June 2026



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Bethany Church Red Lion
**VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL 2026!**

June 8th-11th
5:30-8:00PM

Family Night on Friday, June 12th

**RAINFOREST
FALLS**

Exploring The Nature of God

Scan this link to pre-register
your child(ren) today! →

**GET READY TO EXPLORE THE NATURE OF GOD
DURING OUR FREE, WEEKLONG VBS!**

WHEN: MONDAY, JUNE 8TH - THURSDAY JUNE 11TH
5:30 - 8 PM

WHO: OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS OFFERED
TO CHILDREN AGES 3 THROUGH 6TH GRADE

WHAT: FOUR NIGHTS OF TRADITIONAL VBS ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING SONGS, DANCE, CRAFTS, GAMES, AND BIBLE STORIES!
A LIGHT MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED EACH EVENING
FOR ALL CHILDREN AND VOLUNTEERS



**GRAB
'N
GO**

Check out our options!

9" (\$4.50) & 12" (\$5.50) Subs
*Italian, American, Turkey, & Roast Beef
Pretzel Sandwiches - \$4.50
Ham & Cheese, Sweet Bologna, Roast Beef, Turkey, &
Chicken Salad
Kaiser Roll Sandwiches - \$3.75
Turkey, Roast Beef, Chicken Salad, Ham Salad,
Egg Salad, & Sweet Bologna (NEW!)*

**Subs & Sandwiches
Sponsored by the
Missions Committee**

Make Sundays less hectic as you head out of church for the day. If you like to "eat out" after church, then grab a sandwich for supper. The fixings are wrapped

separately; no soggy sandwiches! Place your order by the third Sunday of the month, Sunday, June 21st. 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, June 28th. Pick up also offered on Saturday, June 27th from 11 AM - Noon in the kitchen. Questions? Contact Cinny Attig (717) 244-7624. Benefits the missions of Bethany Church!

**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.

**Our Contemporary Worship
Service is looking for
volunteers to join the
Media Team!**



EMAIL:
MEDIATEAM@BETHANYREDLION.COM

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.



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

Knitting & Crochet Ministry



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



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.

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!!

Approximately two years ago, Pastor Larry and Sue Parlett asked if I would be interested in volunteering for Joy El Bible Adventure. They had me come and observe, and I knew it was a perfect fit. Our group meets at New Harmony Church, and we receive students from grades 3 through 6 from Clearview Elementary. The volunteers meet 30 minutes prior to the start of Bible Adventure to read God's Word, interact with it, and pray. We also share in a time of Wrap Up. Staff and volunteers connect with and remain with students. We also memorize and apply Bible verses along with the students. We begin each session with singing and listen to the week's Bible lesson. Bible Adventure has helped me to grow in my own spiritual walk and helps me to be accountable for living as Jesus wants me to live.

—Kathy Henshaw





Dear Bethany Family, I want to express my gratitude for all the love, kindness, and concern you have shown John and me. Many of you are going through your own struggles and yet took the time to show your love and concern for me. I am so humbled by it all.

This has not been an easy journey; and as I face more chemotherapy, I know your prayers will strengthen me. I miss you all and the fellowship we share when we are together. I look forward to when I can get back to church. Thank you for your love. May God Bless you all. Much love, John & Nadine Cunningham

Thank you for the many cards and all the prayers that went with them. My church family is very special! Thank you and God Bless! Love, Sue Baltozer

To the Congregation of Bethany UMC, I don't have the words to express my gratitude for your generous gift. I am overwhelmed. My road to "recovery" will be difficult, and I understand that it is a trial of life and have no anger in my heart. I pray you will understand if I take a portion of your gift and "pay it forward" to someone else who also needs help. God bless you over and over! -Linda Roff

To my church family, Thank you so much for all the birthday cards and gifts that you gave me in April. I was so surprised when I walked in the church office and saw a "Happy Birthday" balloon! Your love and care brightened my day! Thank you all so much! -Jen Daugherty

Thanks to all who reached out to me in some way during my recovery. We appreciate church online, but miss being there. -Rae Jean Poff

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

Operation Christmas Child News



Yvonne Clutter and Carol Ann Frock had the opportunity to hear **Elena** speak about her life's journey and how a shoebox gift played an important role for her. She was an 8-year-old child, from the

former Soviet Union, who was placed in an orphanage with her younger sister, due to an abusive home life. At 8 years old, she and her sister would sneak out at night to raid neighbors' gardens for something to eat, rhubarb becoming a well-liked food item. Her parents provided NO meals.



After moving to a second orphanage, she and her sister received an OCC shoebox gift. Elena had never received a present before. Hers was filled with pink items, her favorite color. Her favorite item was a pop-up lighted pen. She stated that the gift meant that Somebody somewhere cared enough about her, which in turn, took a child who felt she was a Nobody to believing she was now a Somebody too. Through a series of God-led events, she and her sister were adopted by an American family, and she lives in the USA today. Elena expressed the importance of continuing to pack shoeboxes, and to add a picture and a "stuffie," as many children must grow up too fast and haven't experienced the joys of childhood. **Prayers for these children are always "a Must!"**

Our **Northeast Regional Director** also spoke. To highlight a couple of her points: **(1)** she stated that there are 7,000 groups of isolated folks in our world, and the Shoebox Ministry has reached 1,000 of them; **(2)** 244 million children have received a

shoebox gift; **(3)** *The Greatest Journey*, instructional booklet with Bible stories for the children, is translated into 100 different languages (thus far); and **(4)** 1,200 new churches have been started each year because of the OCC ministry. Praise God!

Many Thanks to each of you who supported our May Bake Sale!
We are so blessed to have such wonderful bakers and fun food preparers in our Bethany Family! Thank You to all who participated! **For the first time, our OCC ministry is selling Family Bowling Passes for Lion Bowling Center!!** These passes will make a **great gift item for Father's Day!** Please consider getting one for yourself, your son and his family, as a graduation present for a family member and his/her friends, or for five of you who simply like to bowl together! The passes are \$65, which will cover the cost of your shoe rental, 1½ hours bowling, a large pizza, and soda. The passes are good now through August 31st. One-time use passes may be purchased in our church office.

Our June workday is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16th at 9:30 AM in our Social Hall. Looking forward to seeing you there!



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.

CARING MINISTRIES



Want to be involved?

Contact Pastor Larry Parlett (717) 244-7624



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



Questions?
See Julie Beard



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.



Peanut Butter Drive Update

During Lent, our Bethany congregation collected **241.25 pounds of peanut butter**—that's **138 jars (of various ounces)**—thanks to everyone who donated! All the peanut butter collected was given to the food bank at **Community Reach**. A big thank you to **Ron Nickey** for delivering all those jars! It's a great example of people coming together, sharing what they can, and caring for others.





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.



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.

Do You Like Technology?

We need you! If you like technology and would like a way to give back to your church, call Pastor Don (717-244-7624). An IT crew assists in running Sunday morning media presentations for the Traditional worship service.

We're Collecting VBS food Donations & Cleaning Items

As we prepare for a joyful and meaningful Vacation Bible School, we are so grateful for the love and support of our church family. Your willingness to give and serve helps create a special experience for every child who walks through our doors. To make things simple and organized, we've set up an easy way to contribute food items needed. You'll find a **VBS donation poster at the Coffee Bar Area**, where you can pick up a sticky note for items we still need. It's a great

way to see exactly how you can help! If you're bringing **food items for VBS**, please place them in the **kitchen**—on the counter, or in the refrigerator or freezer as needed.

For those who would like to donate **cleaning supplies** for the Parsonage for the Frear Family, there is a separate poster located outside the **Church Office**. Just grab a sticky note and return your donated items to the **laundry basket** below the poster.

Every donation, big or small, makes a difference. **Thank you for your generosity and for being such a caring part of our church community!**



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.



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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