

Bethany Church Missions & Ministries News



May 2026



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, May 17th. 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, May 24th. Pick up also offered on Saturday, May 23rd from 11 AM - Noon in the kitchen. Questions? Contact Cinny Attig (717) 244-7624. Benefits the missions of Bethany Church!

Knitting & Crochet Ministry



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

CARING MINISTRIES



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

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.



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.

Giant, Weis, & Jerry's Gift Cards Available!

Proceeds benefit the missions of Bethany Church.

Several denominations available. Purchase your certificates in the church office.

Shop for your groceries
or use as a gift while
supporting your 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.



Operation Christmas Child News



JUST IN TIME FOR YOUR FATHER'S DAY GIFT!!

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry Fundraiser ~
Family Bowling Passes - Lion Bowling Center (Red Lion) ~ Enjoy a
fun family outing while supporting Operation Christmas Child!

Bowling Pass Includes:

- 1½ hours of bowling
- Shoe rental
- One large pizza
- Soda for the family

Details:

- Valid for **one visit** between **May 1st - August 31st**
- Pass covers a **family of up to five members**
- ****Pizza not available on Mondays****
- **Cost: \$65 per pass**

How to Purchase & Use:

- Purchase your pass in the **church office**
- Call **Lion Bowling Center** to make your reservation:
717-244-6215



**Our first OCC WORKDAY is scheduled for Tuesday,
May 19th at 9:30 AM in the Social Hall. Looking
forward to seeing you there!**

**Please support OCC's Bake Sale on Sunday,
May 3rd (includes those delicious cookie
plates we've had in the past). New this
year....a craft for Mother's Day and maybe
more....**



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



Discover how God used an Operation Christmas Child shoebox in my life...



It's All About Jesus!

Date: Monday, May 4, 2026

Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Place: Genesis Church

Details/Contact:

1405 Seven Valleys Road
York, PA 17408
Email occyork@gmail.com for more information



Elena

Elena was 8 years old when she and her sister were moved from an abusive, poverty-stricken home into an orphanage in the Former Soviet Union. At a time when she was feeling unloved, she was handed an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift. It was the first gift she had ever received.

Along with her shoebox gift, Elena was given The Greatest Gift booklet, which seemed like an unbelievable fairy tale. It said the Creator of the universe loved her. She began to pray, hoping for a family for her and her sister—a prayer that was answered in 2004 by a loving family in the United States. To hear about God's love in her life, please join us for a special time of Elena sharing her testimony.

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



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.

Blanket the
world in

love

*Blanket Sunday
Sunday, May 10th*



Offering envelopes are available in your quarterly offering envelopes, in various locations around the church, or monetary donations may be made in the office, through the Giving Kiosk, or on-line giving.



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.



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



**Questions?
See Julie Beard**



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 or email Pastor Don (717-244-7624). An IT crew assists in running Sunday morning media presentations for the Traditional worship service.



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.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

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



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