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

June 2026

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Join us on

Sunday, June 14th

We warmly invite you to join us for a **Combined Worship Service at 10 AM in the Sanctuary** as we come together as one church family.

After worship, please stay for a **luncheon in the Social Hall**, where we will gather in gratitude and fellowship to **honor Pastor Don and Sarah**. This will be a special time to share our appreciation for the many ways they have touched our lives, encouraged our faith, and enriched our community during their time here at Bethany Church.

We hope you'll come celebrate with us and help make this a meaningful and memorable day.

(There will be no Sunday School on June 14th; Pastor Don's last Sunday will be June 21st.)



This month's newsletter is sponsored in loving memory of Jim Evans, Raymond & Mabel Tarbert, and Nancy Tarbert by Brenda Evans.

June Meetings

Board of Trustees, Thursday, June 11th, 7 PM, Upper Room
Red Lion Street Fair Committee, Wednesday, June 17th, 2 PM, Bethany House



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS



**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

WE INVITE ALL FAMILY MEMBERS TO JOIN US
ON FRIDAY, JUNE 12TH FOR OUR FAMILY NIGHT
BEGINNING AT 5:30 PM IN THE SANCTUARY FOR A
TIME OF FELLOWSHIP, FOLLOWED BY A COOKOUT!



RAINFOREST FALLS 2026

VBS Registration Form

Bethany United Methodist Church

June 8th – 11th ~ 5:30 – 8 PM

Friday, June 12th ~ Family Night!!



This year's Bible School theme focuses on exploring the nature of God! We will be offering a program for preschoolers (ages 3 – 5), as well as grade school children (completed Kindergarten – completed 6th grade). We will have four nights of traditional Bible School, followed by a family night on Friday, June 12th, where we will invite all family members to join us for a cookout and for a chance for the children to share some of what they learned during the week. A light meal will be provided as part of the schedule each evening. Please complete the registration form in its entirety. Questions can be directed to our Children's Ministry Director at [717-244-7624](tel:717-244-7624).

1. Child(ren) Name(s) ~ First/Last	Date of Birth	Age	Grade Completed
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

2. Parent/Guardian Name (first & last) _____

3. Home Address _____

4. Phone Number _____

5. Parent/Guardian Email Address _____

6. Emergency Contact Person _____

7. Emergency Contact Phone Number _____

8. Emergency Contact Relationship to Child _____

9. Child's Medical Condition/Medications ~ Please describe what any medication they may take is used for.

10. Child's Allergies (food, medications, other?) Does the child have an Epi Pen for any of these allergies?

11. T-shirt size (Each registered student will receive a Rainforest Falls VBS t-shirt) ✓ size needed or write number needed for different sizes if registering more than one child.

Youth XS Youth S Youth M Youth L
Youth XL Adult S Adult M Adult L
Adult XL

12. Number of people who will be attending our Family Night on Friday, June 12th? (This is NOT a drop-off event! Children must have an adult present with them on this night).

Number Attending? _____

13. Do you agree to allow photos of your child to be used in a church presentation/church website/church promotional materials? (Mark only one oval)

Yes No

I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of the above referenced child(ren), hereby give permission for my student(s) to participate in Bethany Church RAINFOREST FALLS VBS. I understand there are risks of injury, and the staff are not liable for any accidents. I permit staff to administer initial treatment and arrange emergency transport if needed.

Yes No

Signature

Youth Bonfire



JOIN US FOR WARMTH, TREATS
& GOOD COMPANY!

Location: 13481 Vancar Ln
Stewartstown, PA 17363

Friday • June 19 • 7:30-9:30pm

RSVP by 6/14 to Justin at

717-244-7624

Youth - Sunday Mornings

10 – 10:20 AM in the Youth Room (3rd 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.

Will not meet on June 14th.

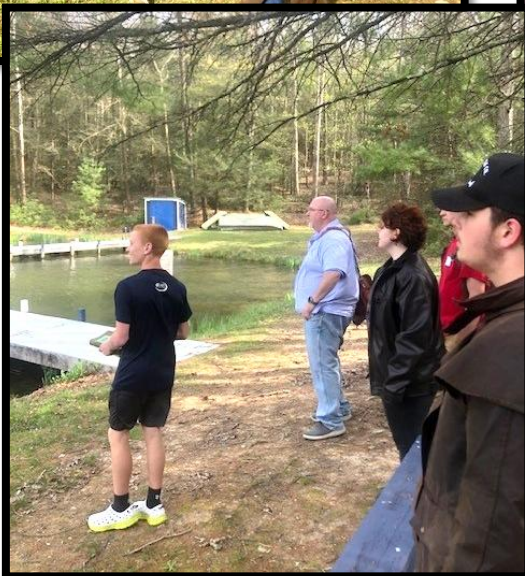
Youth Confirmation Rally

On Saturday, April 18th, our confirmation class of Beckett Keiser, Sophia and William Marion, Jett Rinaca, Pastor Don, and Justin Zelger attended the Susquehanna Conference Confirmation Rally with Bishop Héctor Burgos-Núñez, taking place at Wesley Forest Camp and Retreat Center. This conference-wide gathering was designed to bring confirmands together for a meaningful day of learning, connection, and faith formation.

The day began with worship with Bishop Héctor, where students had the opportunity to hear from him directly, ask questions, and engage in conversation about faith and leadership in the church. Throughout the day, confirmands participated in engaging learning sessions

focused on Church History and our United Methodist Membership Vows, helping them deepen their understanding of the church and the commitments they were preparing to make.

In addition to these learning experiences, the day included group games and activities and some very inspirational and moving faith stories shared by youth and church leaders. We concluded the day with closing worship, reflecting on the theme of the rally: "Rise Up! Love Boldly, Transform the World." We also took some time to tour the grounds of Wesley Forest and see all that it has to offer!





I am so very grateful. It has been a sacred joy to walk with the Bethany Church family over these past three years. Watching it transform from the Bethany Church family to MY Bethany Church family. I have been blessed in witnessing God's faithful hand at work among us. Together, we have sought to live out Micah 6:8 "to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God." This journey has allowed these truths to shape not only what we do, but who we are becoming as disciples of Jesus. I am deeply grateful for the ways you have

embraced both the call to grow as disciples as we have been diligent in studying and applying the scriptures together. John 13:35 reminds us, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, by the way you love one another." Your love and your commitment to develop a Jesus-centered community have been a testimony to the world and a blessing to my own soul. We have walked together through some significant changes, difficult times, yet God has poured out blessings in ways that I never imagined; and I thank God for each of you! I am encouraged and will watch with an expectant heart to see how God will continue to deepen your discipleship with Pastor Justin! Bethany, know that I love you, know that I will be praying for you! Know that my journey in faith has been deeply enriched because of the time God gave us to one another!

Blessings,

Pastor Don

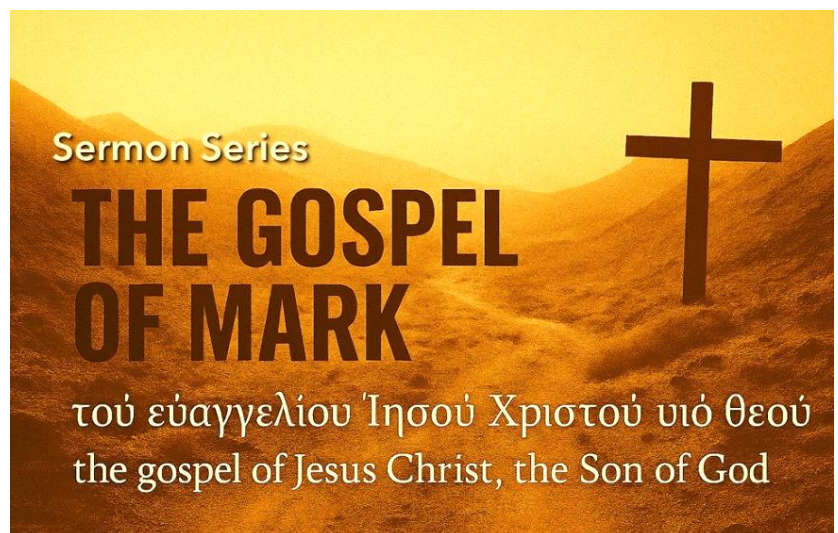


YouVersion



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.



Sermon Series

The Gospel of Mark (thru June 21st)

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.

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.

Articles for the July

Newsletter are due in the Church Office by June 15th.



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.

Bible Quiz

King David wanted to build a glorious temple for worshiping God and for housing the ark of the covenant. God, however, did not permit him to build it. Instead, God chose Solomon, David's son, to head up the building program. Why wasn't David allowed the honor of building the temple?



- David was getting too old to supervise such an undertaking.
- David had been a warrior and had shed blood.
- David had stopped taking God seriously.
- David's attention was required elsewhere.

Answer: B (1 Chronicles 28:3)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JUNE

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|---|------------------------------|
| 1. Mary greets Elizabeth | Luke 1:39-57 |
| 2. Praise the glory of God | Psalms 29 |
| 3. Father, Son, Spirit | John 14:25-26 |
| 4. The salvation of God | Psalms 50:7-15 |
| 5. Paul in Malta heals Publius | Acts 28:1-10 |
| 6. Jesus heals those who are blind or mute | Matthew 9:27-34 |
| 7. Christ heals a woman and raises a girl | Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 |
| 8. God's will, not sacrifice | Psalms 40:1-8 |
| 9. God rejects Israel's sacrifice | Hosea 8:11-14, 10:1-2 |
| 10. God will be merciful to Israel | Hosea 14:1-9 |
| 11. Barnabas and Saul are set apart | Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3 |
| 12. We are God's people | Psalms 100 |
| 13. Moses' witness spurned by religious leaders | Mark 7:1-13 |
| 14. The sending of the Twelve | Matthew 9:35 - 10:8 [9-23] |
| 15. God saves the chosen people | Psalms 105:1-11, 37-45 |
| 16. The life of those chosen by God | 2 Thessalonians 2:13 - 3:5 |
| 17. Choosing the way of wisdom | Proverbs 4:10-27 |
| 18. Draw near to me | Psalms 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18 |
| 19. The apostles are persecuted | Acts 5:17-26 |
| 20. Jeremiah persecuted by Pashhur | Jeremiah 20:1-6 |
| 21. The cost of discipleship | Matthew 10:24-39 |
| 22. Prayer for deliverance | Psalms 6 |
| 23. The faithful receive the crown of life | Revelation 2:8-11 |
| 24. The birth and naming of John | Luke 1:57-67 [68-80] |
| 25. I sing of your love | Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18 |
| 26. Beware of false teachers | Galatians 5:7-12 |
| 27. Hananiah prophesies falsely | Jeremiah 28:1-4 |
| 28. Welcome Christ in those Christ sends | Matthew 10:40-42 |
| 29. Jesus says to Peter: Tend my sheep | John 21:15-19 |
| 30. Loving God's law | Psalms 119:161-168 |

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!

Holy Hike Adventure: Exploring God's Creation

Date:

Saturday, June 27th @ 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



We are currently accepting donations of household goods for the Parsonage for the Frear Family. See the poster in the hallway outside the church office (contains sticky notes for our needs). Please take a note and return the items to the laundry basket. Thank you!

Sponges	Clorox Wipes	Toilet Cleaner
Glass Cleaner	Comet	Magic Eraser
Oven Cleaner	Shower Cleaner	Hand Soap
Floor Cleaner	Dishwasher Liquid	
Dawn Dish Soap		
Paper Towels (4 rolls)		
Toilet Paper (2 four-packs)		

HVAC CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Progress - 101%
Goal - 100%
Goal - \$120,000
Collected - \$120,697



My

Bethany

Church family, I want to take a moment and give God the glory for what He has done among us. From mid-November 2025 to early May 2026, the Lord has enabled us to raise a little over \$200,000! We know this is not by might nor by power, but by God's Spirit.

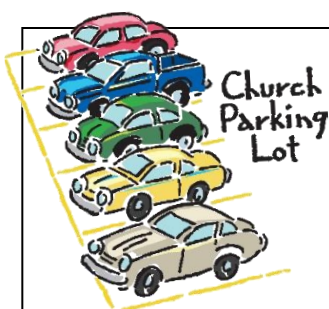
Scripture reminds us that "every good and perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17), and what we're celebrating today is really His faithfulness working through a willing and obedient people. You have demonstrated true discipleship, not just in word, but in deed! Together, we are living out what Paul taught, that each one should give as the Lord has placed on their heart, cheerfully and faithfully (2 Corinthians 9:7). This is the kind of generosity that reflects a growing, maturing body of believers.

What blesses me even more is that this wasn't about money—it was about mission. You've shown what it means to be one in heart and purpose, just like the early church, where there was such unity and surrender that needs were met and God was glorified (Acts 4:32–34). This is what disciples do. We follow Christ fully, we trust Him completely, and we steward what He's placed in our hands for His kingdom. So today, we don't pat ourselves on the back, rather we lift our hands in gratitude and say, "Lord, You did this." And as we continue forward, let's keep sowing, keep serving, and keep making disciples, knowing that as the Word says, those who sow generously will also reap generously (2 Corinthians 9:6). To God be all the glory for what He has done in and among us.

We are excited to welcome our new pastor, **Justin Frear**, and his wife, Sarah, to the Bethany family beginning **July 1st**! Pastor Justin will be on **paternity leave through mid-August** as he spends this special and important time with his son, Logan. We celebrate this joyful season with him and his family and look forward to having him with us soon. His **first Sunday in the pulpit will be Sunday, August 16th**, and we can't wait for you to hear his heart and message. Please take a moment to look over the preaching schedule →, and join us in praying for Pastor Justin and his family during this meaningful time.



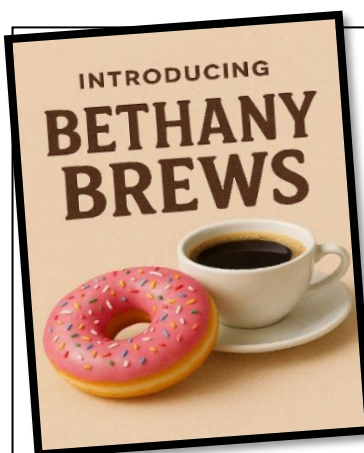
Date	Pastor
Sunday, June 28 th	Rev. Dr. Ed Zeiders
Sunday, July 5 th	Rev. Barry Robinson
Sunday, July 12 th	Rev. Dr. Ed Zeiders
Sunday, July 19 th	Rev. Ron Doverspike
Sunday, July 26 th	Rev. Dr. Thomas Salsgiver
Sunday, August 2 nd	Dr. Milton Loyer
Sunday, August 9 th	Rev. Dr. Ed Zeiders



Grateful for Parking Improvements

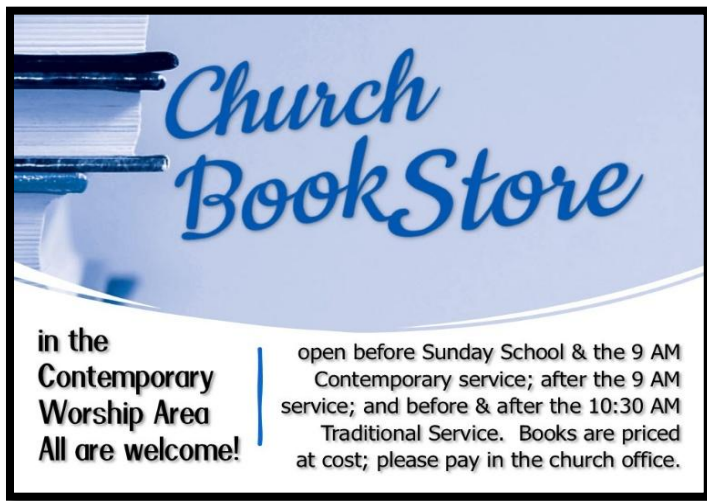
Our parking lot is almost finished. Our thanks to Ron Nickey for all the

oversight, hard work, research, and other work he did to make all this happen. As we finish up the final details and make all the electronics work, I want to thank you for your spiritual gift of patience and grace. These real improvements will serve our church family for years to come. With the new lights and security measures, cameras, clearly defined lines, fencing, and gates, the lot will be safer, better organized, and will be easier to navigate. 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. Also feel free to use the side lot between the church and Bethany House! When you are at the church, please make the time to thank Ron for all of his hard work. Also, please make the time to thank God for His provision and for putting exactly the right people in the right place to accomplish this work!



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!



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:

On June 21st, 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.



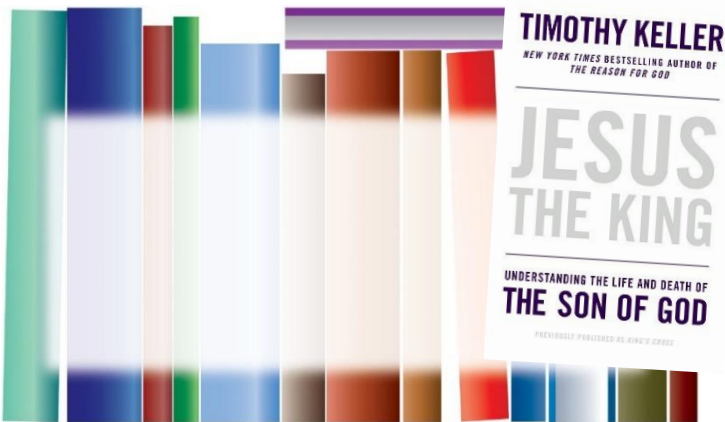
Letters to the Church (12511)
May 31st – June 5th

Sharing Jesus (70975)
June 7th – 9th

Fear is a Liar (11570)
June 14th – 20th

Trust – Taking God at His Word
(31185) ~ June 21st – 25th

The Gospel of Mark (16616)
June 28th – July 2nd



This is my last opportunity to recommend a book to my Bethany Family. This month, considering that we are not going to be able to finish our study of the Gospel of Mark verse-by-verse, I offer to you this book: "Jesus The King" by Timothy Keller (available in the church bookstore). In this book, Dr. Keller goes through verse-by-verse all the important themes that will help us grow in our discipleship. Keller presents the Gospel of Mark as a

compelling account of Jesus' authority, mission, and identity as the true King. He emphasizes that Jesus' kingship is revealed not through power and dominance, but through suffering, service, and ultimately the cross. This book calls readers to respond by surrendering their lives in faithful discipleship, trusting in Christ's redemptive work. Ultimately, showing that following Jesus as King transforms our hearts, reorders our priorities, and invites us into His kingdom purposes. I am sure you will find some things in this book that you have heard in my preaching! May it be a blessing to you!

-Pastor Don

If you have any suggestions to add to our list, please let Justin Zelger know (717-244-7624).

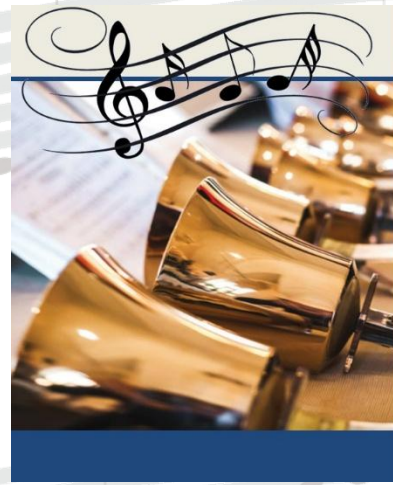


Everyone is welcome!

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 on June 7th & 21st; at 9:15 AM on June 14th) in the Music Room.

Come see what it is all about!
Questions? See Julie Beard
(717-244-7624).



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



Questions?
See Julie Beard

Special Music ~ June 28th

We are delighted to share that Mrs. Colleen Mundis will be providing special music on Sunday, June 28th during the 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service. She will bless us with a beautiful vocal solo, and we invite you to come and be encouraged through her gift of music. We hope you'll join us for this meaningful time of worship!



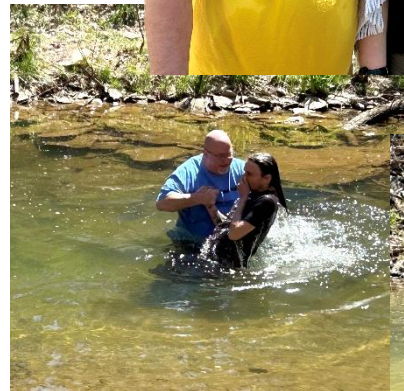
Baptisms – What a Celebration!

Contemporary space and the Sanctuary, and then we headed outside to Phil and Sally Roberts's property into a wonderful sanctuary. The rocks, the trees, the water, the birds, the breeze, all point to their Creator. In this idyllic setting, we had the privilege to baptize Mike Ross and Jett Rinaca. Mike was brought to us by God. He was seeking a church, after just moving to Red Lion, and wanted a church he could walk to. He came through our doors and felt welcomed! Jett was befriended by the son of a former pastor (Pastor Mark) and started coming

to our Wednesday night meals and youth program. From there, he began coming to worship, bringing his brother, Caleb, and then joined our confirmation class. Both men asked about being baptized, both desired a river baptism, and so God made all that happen! Most of all, we celebrate that two more people stood up and made a public profession of their belief in Jesus! Jesus is our Lord and Savior and to Jett

and Mike, we say: "We are thrilled that you are part of our Bethany Family, the great Family of God!"

God gifted us a beautiful day on Sunday, April 12th.
Worship was wonderful in the



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

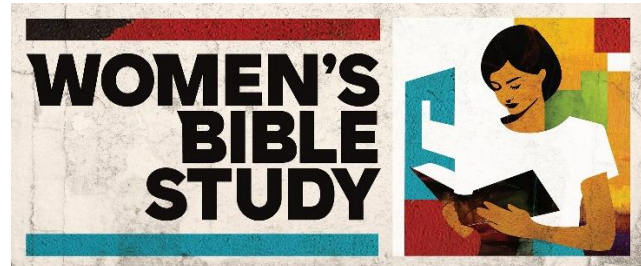
Thursdays ~ 6:30 PM

Dinner at 6 PM



**Yoga
Saturdays
9 AM**

**In the Church Bookstore area
Questions?
Contact Deb Jackson or
Sally Roberts 717-244-7624**



All **Wednesday Bible activities** are now on **summer break**. The **Women's Bible Study** will continue to stay connected by meeting **once a month throughout the summer** for fellowship meals. More details will be shared soon. We look forward to gathering again in the fall, and in the meantime, we hope you enjoy a restful and refreshing summer!

Does stretching your muscles while slowing down your breath sound like a great way to relax after a tough week?

Join us for Yoga on Saturday mornings!

The **Bible**

isn't a puzzle to solve — it's a story to receive, centered on **JESUS**.



Bible Study with Pastor Don

Pastor Don's three-year Bible Study on Luke, 1 Corinthians, and Mark ended on Wednesday, May 20th. Besides those pictured, there were sixteen others who faithfully attended the study. The blue shirts people are wearing in the photo remind us as a church to **REPRESENT JESUS WELL!**



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 or 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 is 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!



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

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.

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



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.

Missions

Gift Cards

are not just for GIFTS



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





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

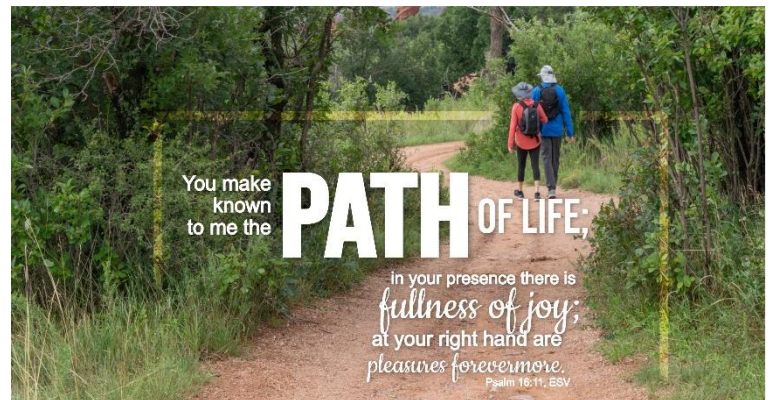
To my church family, Thank you so much for all the birthday cards and gifts that you gave me in April. I was so surprised when I walked in the church office and saw a "Happy Birthday" balloon! Your love and care brightened my day! Thank you all so much! -Jen Daugherty

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

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**

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.



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!

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.



WORDS THAT HONOR DAD!

Create this artwork to show your love and appreciation for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.



What you need:

- A white painting canvas, foam-core board or poster board
- Letter stickers or letter stamps

What you do:

1. Using the letters, spell out words that describe your dad's character (loving, honest, godly, etc.) and/or his roles (protector, provider, mentor, etc.).
2. Arrange the words in a crossword-style design, placing them both horizontally and vertically.
3. Once you're happy with the layout, stick the words onto the canvas or board.
4. Decorate the canvas as you like, then present it as a meaningful reminder of your love and appreciation for who he is.

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.

Infinite Treasure

The present moment is always full of infinite treasure. It contains far more than you can possibly grasp. Faith is the measure of its riches: what you find in the present moment is according to the measure of your faith. Love also is the measure: the more the heart loves, the more it rejoices in what God provides.

The will of God presents itself at each moment like an immense ocean that the desire of your heart cannot empty; yet you will drink from that ocean according to your faith and love.

—Jean-Pierre de Caussade



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.



Donuts for Dad

Celebrate Father's Day with us!

Join us for a sweet time of fellowship as we honor all dads and father figures with delicious donuts and coffee.



Date: Sunday, June 21st



Time: Before & After Worship



Location: Coffee Bar Area

Bring your dad, grandpa, or a special father figure and enjoy a delicious treat together before/after worship.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

ATTENDANCE

Date	Sunday School	Sunday Worship
May 3 rd	39	98
May 10 th	41	116
May 17 th	41	120
May 24 th	30	122