



BETHANY CHURCH

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

July 2026

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This month's newsletter is sponsored to the Glory of God!



Our week of VBS Rainforest-themed activities also included an **OCC Change Challenge!** The children were divided into five groups: the Mini Monkeys (11 Preschoolers), the Mighty Macaws, the Brilliant Butterflies, the Super Sloths, and the Friendly Frogs! All groups (except the preschoolers) had a container with their name on it to try and fill with their change for the Shoebox Ministry. The team with the highest monetary amount got the opportunity, after supper on our Family Night, to cover Justin Zelger in Silly String. This year's winning group was the Mighty Macaws! Hats off to all our children and adults who participated in this fun challenge! **Together, \$563.65 was raised!** What a tremendous blessing! Thank You to each of you for your continued support of our OCC ministry!

Many **thanks** to Kim Farmer and Mary Hake for allowing our OCC program to have items in their recent Yard Sale! Their hard work in putting this together is greatly appreciated!

Summer Workdays have begun!

Please plan to join us on **Tuesday, July 21st at 9:30 AM** for our next scheduled Workday!



From The Pastor's Desk

Greetings Bethany Family!

As I write this to you, I am on paternity leave and have Logan on my lap. Along with Sarah, we have relocated to Red Lion and are looking forward to getting the lay of the land! Sarah and I are grateful for your support of this leave and the importance of getting our family off on the right foot! This season of change not just in my personal life, but in public ministry setting, has reminded me of King Solomon's words in Ecclesiastes Chapter 3, *'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:...'* Solomon goes on to talk about various times for things and times for others. Perhaps you remember them better sung by the Byrds...anyway...

Sarah, Logan, and I are excited to be in relationship with and do ministry with you! You've read about us in the bio sent along (it's in the March 2026 issue of the newsletter if you need a refresher) so I won't spend space on all of that, but we are very much looking forward to meeting each of you in person! We are making this a priority. One of my favorite activities is porch sitting (I am from the south after all), and so Sarah & I would like to invite you to a time of sitting on the porch and getting to know each other. These opportunities will take place at the parsonage starting in August and will go throughout early fall. There will be no agenda other than visiting and getting to know one another. Be on the lookout for dates and the opportunity to sign up on the church app.

I resonate with verse four that says, *'a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance.'* I am sure that your time of celebrating Pastor Don and Sarah's ministry with you was a time of weeping over change, laughing over things that happened, and remembering all the blessings of being in ministry together. I know that the setting I am coming from was like that. I am also grateful for Don and Sarah, and I look forward to continuing to work with Pastor Don as our District Superintendent.

Sarah, Logan, and I are excited to do ministry with you in Red Lion and beyond! Until we get to meet in person, may God bless you & keep you!



Pastor Justin



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL RECAP!

This year's Vacation Bible School took children on a journey through the rainforest, exploring the nature of God and who God is. We are thankful for everyone who helped make this exciting week a meaningful experience for our church families!





YOUTH TUBING TRIP

**YELLOW BREECHES CREEK LED BY MICAH ROWE
AND JUSTIN ZELGER. MORE INFORMATION TO
FOLLOW BUT SAVE THE DATE!**

July 19, 2026



Youth - Sunday Mornings

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

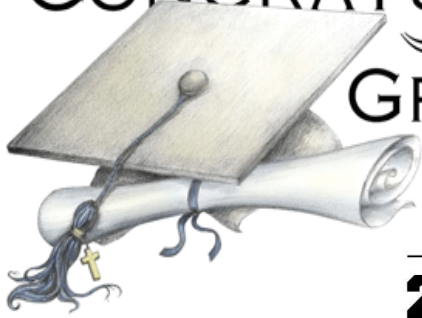
Please encourage your youth to stop in the Youth Room on Sunday mornings to chat about the sermon they just heard or are about to hear and make connections to their daily lives.

Confirmation Class

We joyfully celebrate our Confirmation Class joining the church on Pentecost Sunday, May 24th! Jett Rinaca and Beckett Keiser were welcomed into the Bethany family during Contemporary worship, while William and Sophia Marion joined during Traditional worship. Please take a moment to congratulate these wonderful individuals and warmly welcome them into our church family!

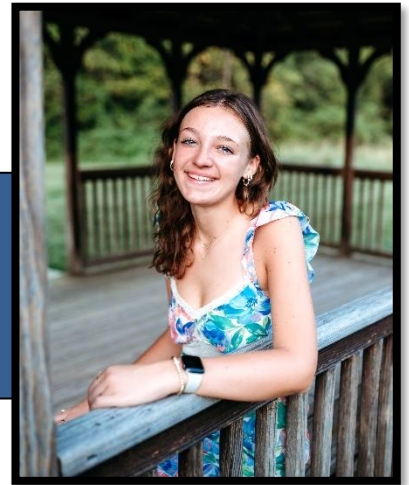


CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



CLASS OF
2026

Bailee A. Estermyer, daughter of Tom & Jen Estermyer, graduated from Red Lion Area Senior High School and plans to attend Millersville University and study Pre-Pharmacy.



Rory Elizabeth Babcock is a graduate of Dallastown Area High School. She is attending Hood College in Frederick, Maryland. Currently, she is undecided in her major, but her future is bright as she is open minded to the opportunities that are ahead. Rory is the daughter of Devin & Gwendolyn Babcock.



Rylee A. Estermyer graduated from IUP with a BS in English Education and will start a full-time teaching position this fall. Rylee is the daughter of Tom & Jen Estermyer.



We hope these words, adapted from Phillips Brooks, will serve graduates well as they embark on their journeys:

“Do not pray for an easy life; pray to be a stronger person. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers but for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you will be the miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself and the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God.”

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, 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

WELCOME New Members

Pentecost Sunday (May 24th) was a day of deep joy and celebration for the Bethany Church family—a day when we witnessed not only the movement of the Holy Spirit in scripture, but also in our own midst. This year, in addition to celebrating our Confirmation Class, Bethany joyfully welcomed several new members into our church family. Their presence is a testament to God’s ongoing work—

drawing people together, nurturing faith, and creating a community grounded in love and service. Each new member comes with their own story, their own journey of faith, and their own unique gifts. On Pentecost, those stories were brought together and woven into the life of Bethany. As they stood before the congregation, affirming their faith and their desire to be part of this community, we were reminded that the church is not merely a building—it is a living body, continually renewed by the Spirit and strengthened by each new person who joins. For our Confirmation Class, Pentecost marked an important milestone in their faith journeys as they publicly affirmed the promises made at their baptism. Their commitment, combined with the welcome of our new members, made the day especially meaningful. It was a beautiful picture of the church across generations—young and old alike—growing together in faith. We give thanks for those who have felt called to Bethany and chosen to make it their spiritual home. We also give thanks for the Spirit, who continues to guide, inspire, and unite us. As a congregation, we are enriched by each new relationship and each new opportunity to walk together in faith. As we move forward, may we continue to welcome, support, and encourage one another. Let us embrace the gifts each person brings and remain open to where the Spirit is leading us next. Welcome to all our new members—we are so glad you are here.

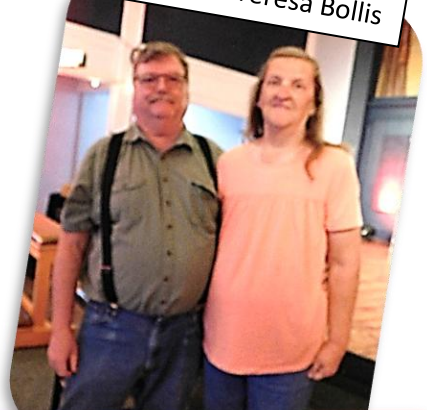
Aaron & Shirley Sprengel



Adam & Connie Stadler



David & Teresa Bollis



Please also be sure to welcome Colin McClernon as a new member of our church family. Colin joined Bethany on May 31st during Traditional Worship. We give thanks for his presence among us and warmly welcome him into our community. May God bless his journey of faith as we grow together in Christ!



We Say Farewell to Pastor Don...

On Sunday, June 14th, the Bethany Church family gathered for a special combined worship service filled with gratitude, fellowship, and celebration. During the service, Pastor Don was honored with gifts of appreciation in recognition of his faithful ministry and service to our congregation. Among the gifts presented was a beautiful, framed drawing of Bethany Church created by Deb Jackson, offered with love, appreciation, and best wishes for the future. Following the service, members and guests gathered in the Social Hall for a delicious luncheon and a time of warm fellowship. The kitchen staff and congregants prepared and served a wonderful meal that was enjoyed by all, providing the perfect setting for continued conversation, laughter, and expressions of gratitude. It was a memorable day as we celebrated Pastor Don's ministry among us and thanked God for the many ways he has blessed our church family. As Pastor Don, Sarah, and Micah begin this new chapter, we ask for God's guidance, protection, and abundant blessings as they transition to Pastor Don's next ministry position. Please continue to keep Pastor Don and his family in your prayers as they follow God's call and embark on this exciting new journey.



Beautifully crafted by Deb Jackson, this accurate depiction of our church has been gifted to our departing pastors since 2012.

More pictures will be in the August Newsletter...

July Special Music

Come experience meaningful and uplifting **special music each Sunday in July** during our Traditional Worship services. **All are welcome — please join us!**



July 12th
Mr. William Ritz



July 26th
Mr. Brian Kunselman



Open House Invitation — July 12th

Katharine Wagner-Elfner (*Wagner-Elfner Burg Funeral Home & Cremation Services*) extends a special invitation to Bethany members and friends for an **exclusive Open House** to tour their new facility at 3070 Cape Horn Road, Red Lion.

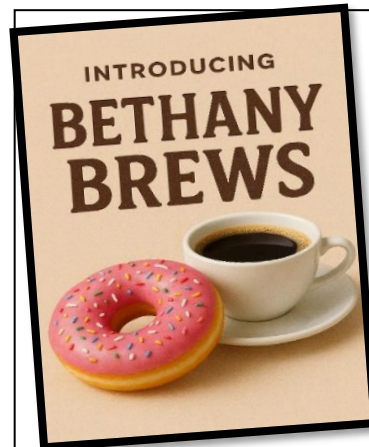
Date/Time: Sunday, July 12th; Noon – 1 PM



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 with any questions or for additional details.



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!

Church Fellowship Night at the Ballpark

On May 16th, our church family enjoyed a wonderful evening together at a York Revolution baseball game. It was a great time of fellowship as we cheered on the home team, shared conversations, and connected outside of our usual setting. The Revs gave us plenty to celebrate, finishing the night with a win! After the game, we were treated to a fantastic fireworks show that made the evening even more memorable. Thank you to everyone who joined us (and to Justin and Rachel Zelger for planning the evening)—we look forward to more fun gatherings like this!



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JULY

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| 1. Jesus prophesies against the cities | Matthew 11:20-24 |
| 2. God is full of compassion | Psalms 145:8-14 |
| 3. Jesus, the way, the truth, the life | John 14:1-7 |
| 4. Jesus rejoices in the Holy Spirit | Luke 10:21-24 |
| 5. The yoke of discipleship | Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 |
| 6. I rest like a weaned child on God | Psalms 131 |
| 7. Hananiah breaks Jeremiah's yoke | Jeremiah 28:10-17 |
| 8. Jeremiah's loincloth | Jeremiah 13:1-11 |
| 9. Your paths overflow with plenty | Psalms 65:[1-8] 9-13 |
| 10. Sanctified by the Holy Spirit | Romans 15:14-21 |
| 11. Sold, redeemed without money | Isaiah 52:1-6 |
| 12. The parable of the sower and the seed | Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 |
| 13. The righteous as a tree | Psalms 92 |
| 14. The old life and the new | Ephesians 4:17 - 5:2 |
| 15. The fruit of righteousness | Proverbs 11:23-30 |
| 16. Teach me your ways | Psalms 86:11-17 |
| 17. The certainty of God's promises | Hebrews 6:13-20 |
| 18. Idols do not know or comprehend | Isaiah 44:18-20 |
| 19. The parable of the weeds | Matthew 13:24-30,
36-43 |
| 20. God's judgment | Psalms 75 |
| 21. The wicked convert to God | Zephaniah 3:1-13 |
| 22. Mary Magdalene meets Jesus in the garden | John 20:1-2, 11-18 |
| 23. Light and understanding | Psalms 119:129-136 |
| 24. Solomon's temple cannot contain God | Acts 7:44-53 |
| 25. Whoever wishes to be great must serve | Mark 10:35-45 |
| 26. Parables of the reign of heaven | Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 |
| 27. Give me understanding | Psalms 119:121-128 |
| 28. God gave Solomon wisdom | 1 Kings 4:29-34 |
| 29. The call of wisdom | Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-33 |
| 30. You open wide your hand | Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21 |
| 31. Drink no more from the bowl of wrath | Isaiah 51:17-23 |

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!



New Church Directories will be available starting July 1st and will be 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 August Newsletter are due in the Church Office by July 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 Jen in the Church Office.

Midweek Refresh

Pause in the middle of your week and remember: "Let us not grow weary in doing good." (Galatians 6:9)
God is at work, even in the small moments.

America stands on two great pillars — faith and morality. Without these, our foundation crumbles.
—George Washington

You may say, "I can't go on." God says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

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!

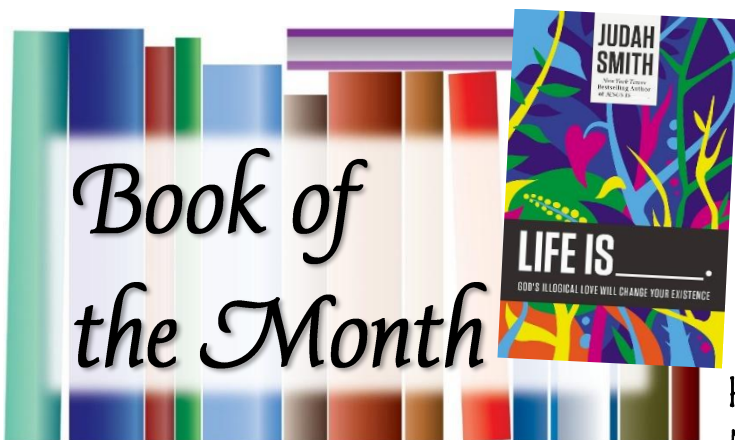


This month, the following devotionals can be accessed through YouVersion (<https://bible.com/reading-plans/insert> the number listed at the devotional) or click on the link in the Special Bethany Blast on Sundays:

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

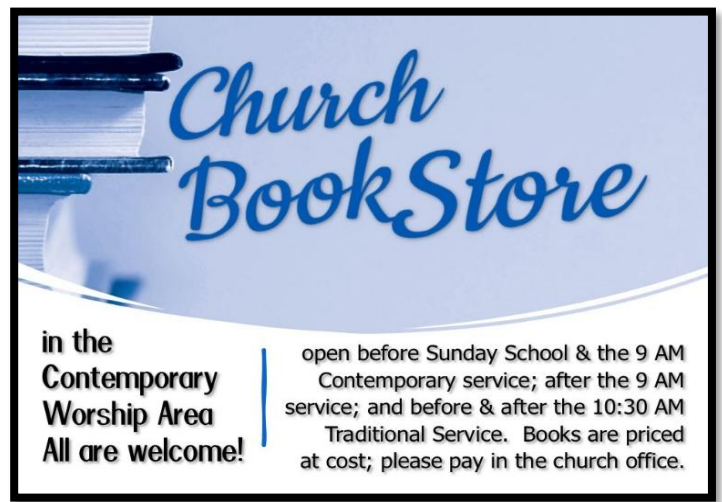
Make Disciples Who Make Disciples
(67954)
July 5th – 20th

Jesus and the Jesus Movement
(22461)
July 12th – August 4th



_____, Judah completes the new sentence again and again, revealing how Life is to be loved and to love, Life is to trust God in every moment, Life is to be at peace with God and yourself, and Life is to enjoy God. Judah writes as a friend, welcoming new believers, lifelong followers of Jesus, and even the merely curious. He shows us the love of God and defies human logic and the life that God intends for us to have in the here and now. With excitement and humor, Judah looks at the stories in the Bible from his unique angle and shows how life is all about loving God and loving others. Copies are available in the church Bookstore. You can pay for your books in the church office.

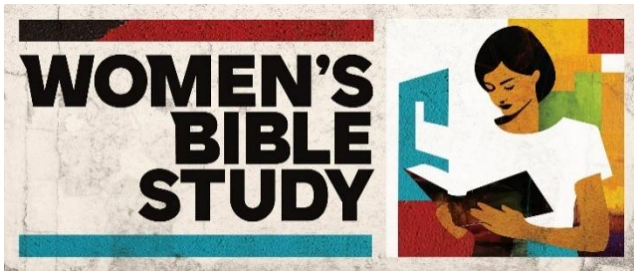
If you have any suggestions to add to our list, please let Justin Zelger know.



On July 19th, 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.



Life Is _____. How would you finish that sentence? Judah Smith believes that Jesus shows us how to live life to the fullest. In this follow-up to his New York Times and USA Today bestseller, *Jesus Is*



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. See Vickie

Petit for information about the July gathering. We look forward to gathering again in the fall, and in the meantime, we hope you enjoy a restful and refreshing summer!



Thursdays ~ 6:30 PM
Dinner at 6 PM

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.

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!!

A photograph of a person's hands in a yoga mudra (prayer position) above their head, with their legs in a lotus-like position. The person is wearing light blue clothing. The background is a soft, out-of-focus indoor setting.

Yoga
Saturdays
9 AM

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

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!

GRAB AND 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,

July 19th. 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, July 26th. Pick up is also offered on Saturday, July 25th from 11 AM - Noon in the kitchen. Questions? Contact Canny Attig (717) 244-7624. Benefits the missions of Bethany Church!

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

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.



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, Ext. 102.



Thank you to everyone who sent cards, notes, etc., wishing us congratulations and well wishes on baby Logan's birth! We certainly feel loved and know that Logan will be in good hands with his church family going forward! -Pastor Justin, Sarah, & Logan

Thank you for the cards and good wishes and on-going prayers for Zachary Sechrist—especially for his birthday on April 10th. His Bethany family means a great deal to him. - Pastor Stephany Sechrist (for Zachary)

Knitting & Crochet Ministry



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

Dearest Bethany Family, Your expressions of love have touched our hearts! Sarah, Micah, and I are so grateful and moved beyond words to tears! From the gifts, to the cookies, to the amazing meal, to cards, to the Chex Mix, all of it says we love each other. Please know that our time of ministry here was one of rich blessings that are forever treasured! We are so grateful to God for allowing us to journey in faith together! May your continued journey with Pastor Justin, Sarah, and Logan be as rich and deep and high and wide as the love of God is for all of us in Jesus!

-Pastor Don

CARING MINISTRIES



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

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.

Susquehanna Annual Conference Highlights

The Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church's Susquehanna Conference was held June 4th – 6th in Williamsport, PA. Bethany was represented by Jane Matthews and Jen Daugherty, who served as our Lay Members at this



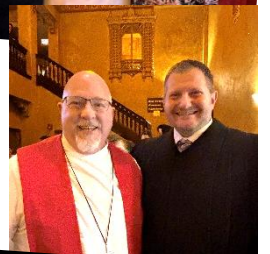
meaningful gathering. When asked to describe the experience in just a couple of words, they agreed: **AWESOME—**

and EXHAUSTING! In fact, by the end, it proved more Awesome than Exhausting. A total of **741 individuals attended**, with **52% laity and 41% clergy**, along with at least **ten youth** who participated by leading prayer and sharing scripture. Their involvement was an inspiring reminder of the future of the church. The conference theme, **"Rise Up,"** was woven throughout the event, supported by a powerful vision:

Love Boldly. Serve Joyfully. Lead Courageously. The days were full, with worship services, singing, statistical reports on church trends, subgroup presentations, and inspiring stories from congregations making a difference. Churches doubling their attending and reaching out to young people in creative ways (one at a bowling alley).

One of the standout leaders of the conference was **Bishop Héctor**, who moderated the proceedings with both strength and grace. He proved to be a dynamic speaker with a gentle and steady demeanor, especially when guiding discussions, resolutions, and challenges. There were also deeply moving moments as attendees learned about the accomplishments of **Africa University** and heard a powerful story of a youth bringing another young person to Christ. One of Bishop Héctor's statements especially resonated: **"Nostalgia paralyzes us."** This message struck a chord with many, reminding us to focus not on what was, but on what God is calling us to do today and in the future.

Despite a full agenda—including evening sessions we hadn't anticipated—there were opportunities for connection through **Lunch & Learn sessions** and a brief two-hour dinner break. Jane and Jen made the most of every moment, soaking in both information and inspiration. Members of the Conference took action on a series of resolutions during the business sessions, addressing matters ranging from strategic planning and financial stewardship to global missions, social witness, creation care, and mental health ministry. Nine resolutions were approved by the conference body, while one resolution was withdrawn. The first resolution approved affirmed the Susquehanna Strategic Missional Path Forward. Presented by the Missional Cabinet, the resolution asked members to embrace the strategic vision and covenant together to support and live into the shared direction outlined in the plan. The action marks a significant step in the Conference's ongoing effort to align ministries, resources, and leadership around a common vision for the future. The resolution withdrawn was for the dissolution of the Sierra Leone Initiative (which our church has been involved in) due to renewed conversations with our UMC counterparts in Sierra Leone. Taken together, the actions of the Annual Conference reflect a commitment to strategic visioning, global mission, community engagement, advocacy, stewardship, and congregational care. The resolutions provide direction for how the Susquehanna Conference will continue to live out its mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



A special highlight early in the conference came when Jane and Jen discovered they were seated directly behind **Bethany's new pastor, Pastor Justin Frear**. That connection became even more meaningful during one of the most memorable moments of the conference—the **clergy robing and processional**, where they witnessed Pastor Justin's ordination. It was truly the icing on the cake. Another meaningful connection were dinners shared with **Rev. Elizabeth Jackson**, Jen's daughter—whom some at Bethany may remember. It was a joy-filled time of conversation, questions, and shared experiences. Throughout the conference, Jane and Jen met many people, formed new friendships, and returned with fresh energy and perspective. While the schedule was demanding, the overall experience was uplifting, inspiring, and renewing.

Bethany can be proud to have been represented at this important gathering. May we take to heart the call to **Rise Up**—loving boldly, serving joyfully, and leading courageously in our own community.



Red Lion's Street Fair is fast approaching (August 8th). The Street Fair Committee is working on finalizing plans for the day. Many volunteers will be needed. Please touch base with Ron Nickey if you would like to be involved in this outreach to our community.

Turkey Pies Fundraiser

This year, a group of five energetic gals from our kitchen committee made turkey pies to sell to help benefit our missions of Bethany. We had a great time and were able to raise \$439.95. We made 43 eight-inch and nine-inch pies and 22 individual mini-pies. We sold out very quickly and plan to make them again next year. Thanks to everyone who bought them or donated money toward making them. Hope everyone enjoyed them!



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.



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.



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Our Awesome God

When our lives are focused on God, awe and wonder lead us to worship, filling our inner being with a fullness we may never have thought possible. Awe prepares the way for God’s transforming power within us. This transformation of our inner attitudes takes place as awe leads us into wonder, admiration, reverence, surrender, and obedience before God.

—James Houston, *The Transforming Power of Prayer*

ATTENDANCE

Date	Sunday School	Sunday Worship
May 31 st	42	120
June 7 th	46	121
June 14 th	-	136
June 21 st	32	119

Bible Quiz

About 450 years before Jesus, Nehemiah heard that Jerusalem still lay in ruins after the Babylonian invasion. The news broke his heart. After days of prayer and mourning, he stepped forward to lead the effort to rebuild the city wall. Despite opposition, the people pressed on.



A well-known verse describes their progress: “So we built the wall. And all the wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to _____.”

- A. be protected
- B. work
- C. serve
- D. live

Answer: B (Nehemiah 4:6, ESV)

*Bethany Church is Christ’s love in action,
a beacon to the community,
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extraordinary ways for Christ*

