

Bethany Church **Missions &** **Ministries News**



August 2026



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, 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 and 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 also offered on Saturday, June 25th from 11 AM - Noon in the kitchen. Questions? Contact Cinny Attig (717) 244-7624. Benefits the missions of Bethany Church!



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.



Visit **Bethany's** stand at the

RED LION STREET FAIR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH
10 AM - 2 PM
 STREET FAIR RUNS FROM 9 AM - 4 PM

FOOD & DRINKS

- BBQ CHICKEN
- PULLED PORK
- SECHRIST HOT DOGS
- DRINKS

DUNK TANK

CAR SHOW

FACE PAINTING

...AND MORE!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If anyone is looking to help we could use another person or two in the parking lot.

SEE RON NICKEY if you can help.

TABLES AND CHAIRS AVAILABLE TO SIT AND EAT.

The cost of groceries is rising, but it does have one positive effect. As you spend more at the store, you are contributing more to the missions we support in Red Lion. If you spend \$50 a week for groceries (using the gift cards), after 50 weeks, you will have contributed \$125 to missions. The store you use reimburses 5% to the church for every dollar you spend. Maybe we should say if you spend \$75 a week for 50 weeks, you will contribute \$187.50 to missions. If life hands you lemons, make lemonade. Just remember to use gift cards purchased at Bethany Church (for Giant, Weis, or Jerry's Great Valu) to buy the lemons. 😊



Gift Cards
 are not
 just for
GIFTS

Help out the
MISSIONS COMMITTEE
 by using gift cards
 for your regular
 Grocery shopping
 ** See Jen in the
 church office **

cash for
 causes

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!!

Knitting & Crochet Ministry



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

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.



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.

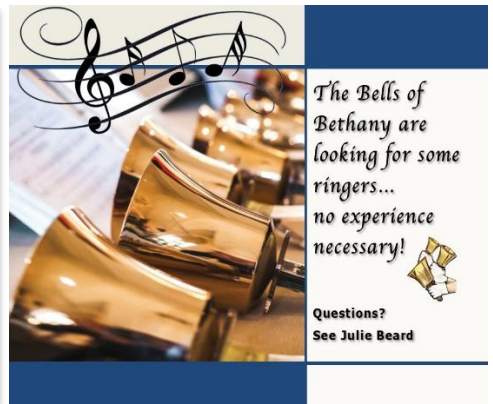
Please know our meals do not require "top chef" quality but rather your favorite recipe for someone to enjoy from your kitchen.

Questions? Please contact Jill Thompson at 717/244-7624.

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.



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 Justin 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 Justin as soon as possible or add a note to your connections card in the bulletin.



Our Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Shoebox Ministry has been generously gifted **five \$20 gift certificates** from **Hefty Lefty's Hoagies &**

Grinders! Hefty Lefty's specializes in authentic Philadelphia-style hoagies, grinders, and cheesesteaks, made with fresh ingredients and generous portions. **Locations:** **Franklin Street Social** (214 N. Franklin St., Red Lion) and **York Central Market** (34 W. Philadelphia Street, York).
Website: www.heftyleftys.com

How to Enter

To have a chance to win one of these gift certificates, simply make a monetary donation to our OCC Shoebox Ministry between **August 1st and August 16th**. You can place your donation in the church offering plate (marked "**OCC fundraiser**"), drop off in the church office, or make your donation online (use the "OCC Hefty Lefty's Fundraiser" fund).

Drawing

Five names will be selected at random. Winners will be notified and can pick up their gift certificates at the church office. What a wonderful

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

BOWLING PASS FUNDRAISER

Bowling Pass Includes:
1½ hours of bowling, shoe rental,
one large pizza, soda for the family
Valid for one visit between May 1st – August 31st
for up to five family members
\$65 per pass
Purchase your pass in the church office
Call Lion Bowling Center to make your reservation:
717-244-6215 (pizza not available on Mondays)

LION BOWL

opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal while helping provide a special gift for a child through Operation Christmas Child!

Red Lion Street Fair

Our OCC Shoebox Ministry will have a booth at the **Red Lion Street Fair** to share information about our participation in this ministry with the community. Please stop by and say hello!

Behind the Scenes

In addition to our OCC Workdays at Bethany, several others have been working at their homes and at SpiriTrust to complete projects for us. This includes sewing skirts, sharpening pencils, putting game pieces together, making baby doll blankets, making ponytail holders (scrunchies), and more. Thank you ALL for your time and for sharing your talents!

Upcoming Workday

Our next OCC workday will be **Tuesday, August 11th**, at **9:30 AM** in the Social Hall. We hope you can join us!

Back-to-School Supplies

We could use the following donations: **Crayons** (Crazy Art, Crayola), **Glue Sticks** (not liquid), and **Markers**. We have plenty of pencils, erasers, and 6" rulers. **THANK YOU!**



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



Bethany UMC, Thank you for your outstanding support of CWS! We are so grateful to have you as a partner in mission and ministry. Your \$483 gift for Blanket Sunday will help to provide warmth, hope, and the tools needed for a brighter tomorrow to people in need. –Church World Services

Dear Bethany United Methodist Church, Thank you for your generous donation of \$300 to Community Reach. Your support helps us continue our important work and is greatly appreciated. With gratitude, the Community Reach Family, Volunteers, and Board Members

CONNECTING
People WITH *People*

IN THE CHURCH.
IN THE COMMUNITY.
*Together in Faith.
Better Together.*

WELCOME | BELONG | BELIEVE | BECOME

For more information, please **contact Aaron Sprenkel 717-244-7624**

*Join us for our next meeting on
Monday, August 24th @ 7 PM in the church Social Hall*

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.



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.

CARING
MINISTRIES



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

Then I heard the
Voice of the Lord
saying,

"Whom shall I send?

And who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Isaiah 6:8, NIV

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

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



**Sunday,
August 23rd
9 AM**

**Contemporary
Worship
Service**



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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