



BETHANY CHURCH

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

August 2026

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This month's newsletter is sponsored by Pastor Justin, Sarah, & Logan Frear with excitement for ALL the new beginnings and relationships!



Porch Sitting with Pastor Justin and Sarah

Join Pastor Justin and Sarah for a relaxed time of conversation and connection at the Parsonage. "Porch Sitting" is a wonderful opportunity to get to know one another, share stories, and build community in a casual setting. Choose a date that works best for you in August or September (gathering time is 6 – 7:30 PM) and come enjoy meaningful fellowship together. Bring a lawn chair. Light refreshments will be served. We'd love to spend time with you!

To participate, please register using the **link in the *Bethany Blast*** or sign up through the Giving Kiosk or Giving App under **"Events."** You can also sign up with Jen in the church office. Each date is limited to 10 registrations.

August Meetings

Stewardship & Finance, Monday, August 3rd, 7 PM, Upper Room (in-person only)
Board of Trustees, Thursday, August 13th, 7 PM, Upper Room/via Zoom
Connecting People with People, Monday, August 24th, 7 PM, Social Hall
The Administrative Council Meeting scheduled for Aug. 10th has been cancelled
Lay Leadership has been rescheduled from Thurs., Aug. 20th to Thurs., Sept. 3rd

WELCOME

New Member



We are pleased to announce that **Joy Patterson** became a member of the Bethany family during the Contemporary Worship Service on June 21st. Joy has been attending Bethany regularly for some time and is likely already known to many of our church members. Please take a moment to congratulate her and extend a warm Bethany welcome!

We are excited to welcome our new pastor, **Justin Frear**, and his wife, Sarah, to the Bethany family! Pastor Justin continues his **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, August 2 nd	Dr. Milton Loyer
Sunday, August 9 th	Rev. Dr. Ed Zeiders

Sunday, August 2nd ~ The United Methodist Church includes three distinct predecessor denominations: the Methodist Church, the Evangelical Church, and the United Brethren Church. Bethany was originally a United Brethren Church. The founder and first bishop of the United Brethren Church was Philip William Otterbein, who was born in 1726. This year to celebrate the 300th birthday of Rev. Otterbein, we have invited him to share a message with us on August 2nd. The aged bishop will appear believing it to be August 2, 1813, and he will tell us about his own spiritual journey, the founding of the United Brethren Church, and his vision of the future. Please plan to join us!

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

Visit
Bethany's
stand at the
**RED LION
STREET FAIR**

DUNK TANK

CAR SHOW

FACE PAINTING

...AND MORE!

★ FOOD & DRINKS ★

BBQ CHICKEN

PULLED PORK

SECHRIST HOT DOGS

DRINKS

TABLES AND CHAIRS AVAILABLE TO SIT AND EAT.

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.

From The Pastor's Desk

One of the things you'll come to know about me quickly is that I love the local church. The local church is where God's kingdom manifests itself here on earth. It's where we come to not just learn about God, but how to praise Him and worship Him. I have been very blessed by the time on paternity leave, and Sarah, Logan, and I have been worshiping with you online at both service times each week. But I miss being at church in person.

I felt the same, and I'm sure many of you did as well, during COVID when we were not able to gather in person. There is just something about the gathering of believers together (regardless of where you are in your journey) that gives me great joy. It also gives us a glimpse of what the kingdom of God will look like when Jesus returns.

I am excited, as we turn the calendar to August, to begin being part of worship with you. Yes, I benefit from worship just as much as you do and for the three Sundays that I'm with you in August, we are going to talk about being the church. We are going to use Acts 2, which is really the birth story of the church to see what we can learn on how to BE the church. Please don't misunderstand me...this church does a lot of things well, especially being the church. One of the great things about scripture is that it is applicable to you wherever you are in life. So if you haven't visited Acts 2 in a while, it will be interesting to see what is taken from this chapter based on the season of life you are in versus where you were when you last read this chapter!

May we look forward to what the end of Acts 2 says, "Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved," not just in the distant future, but tomorrow and the next day as well.

Blessings,



Pastor Justin

Perhaps when you were younger, you were taught the song with the hand motions, "Here is the church, here is the

Steeple, open the doors, and see all the people." In this series, ***We are the Church***, we are going to take a serious look at who we are. We are the church! The church is not just a building, the church IS the people, and so we are going to look at what it means to be the church for those who attend every week; and for those who are "church shopping," what you should be looking for in a church.



Sunday, August 16th – The Right Mindset – Acts 2:37-47
Sunday, August 23rd – The People We See in Church – Mark 2:2-5
Sunday, August 30th – Together – Acts 2:23-47



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 23rd

All children are invited to bring their backpacks to the Contemporary service, and Pastor Justin will offer a special blessing over them!



Promotion Sunday

Sunday, August 23rd

Immediately following the Contemporary service, we will hold an informal promotional ceremony in the Children's Department. This is a special time where we will look back on, and celebrate, all that the children have done this past year, as well as announce the children who will be moving on to Youth or up to their new class. Light refreshments will be provided!

**YOU
DID IT!**





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.

Youth Connections

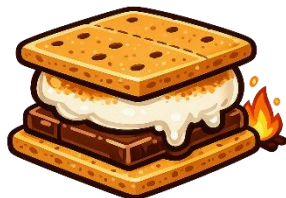
Resumes on September 9th

6:30 PM in the Youth Room (3rd Floor)

Join us for a fellowship meal in the Social Hall at 5:30 PM

Youth Bonfire

The Youth spent a great evening of fellowship together at the Youth Bonfire on June 19th. They sang songs, with guitar and fiddle accompaniment; played yard games; ate hot dogs and s'mores; pondered how we can reflect the light of God to others and let our light shine as the flames and had many great conversations and laughs together.



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 are available (July 2026) and 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 September Newsletter are due in the Church Office by August 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.

ATTENDANCE

Date	Sunday School	Sunday Worship
June 28 th	36	92
July 5 th	36	88
July 12 th	41	97
July 19 th	40	111
July 26 th	37	90

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

SUNFLOWER — The sunflower, a symbol of faithfulness and devotion, represents a life turned toward God. Just as the flower follows the sun, believers are called to seek the light of Christ and remain focused on Him. Its bright bloom reflects the joy and glory of God's presence, while its steady growth points to a life rooted in faith. The many seeds of the sunflower can also symbolize spiritual fruitfulness. In Christian symbolism, the sunflower reminds us to remain steadfast, to seek God daily and to reflect His light in all we do.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS AUGUST

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|--|---------------------------|
| 1. God's blessing on Israel | Isaiah 44:1-5 |
| 2. Jesus feeds 5000 | Matthew 14:13-21 |
| 3. God fed the people with manna | Psalms 78:1-8, 17-29 |
| 4. The believers breaking bread | Acts 2:37-47 |
| 5. God feeds the people manna | Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35 |
| 6. I will listen to God | Psalms 85:8-13 |
| 7. A new disciple preaches | Acts 18:24-28 |
| 8. From drought to heavy rain | 1 Kings 18:41-46 |
| 9. Jesus walking on the sea | Matthew 14:22-33 |
| 10. God saves from the waters | Psalms 18:1-19 |
| 11. God's wrath, God's mercy | Romans 9:14-29 |
| 12. Jesus stills the storm | Matthew 8:23-27 |
| 13. Let all the peoples praise God | Psalms 67 |
| 14. A plea for God's attention | Isaiah 63:15-19 |
| 15. Mary's thanksgiving | Luke 1:46-55 |
| 16. The Canaanite woman's daughter is healed | Matthew 15:10-20
21-28 |
| 17. Foreigners praise God in Zion | Psalms 87 |
| 18. God saves Jews and gentiles | Romans 11:13-29 |
| 19. Jesus heals many people | Matthew 8:1-13 |
| 20. Your love endures forever | Psalms 138 |
| 21. Israel like the cedars of Lebanon | Ezekiel 31:15-18 |
| 22. A desolate land becomes like Eden | Ezekiel 36:33-38 |
| 23. The profession of Peter's faith | Matthew 16:13-20 |
| 24. Jesus says: Follow me | John 1:43-51 |
| 25. God the rock | Psalms 18:1-3, 20-32 |
| 26. God lays a cornerstone in Zion | Isaiah 28:14-22 |
| 27. Your love is before my eyes | Psalms 26:1-8 |
| 28. Refusal to love the truth | 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12 |
| 29. Jeremiah's complaint to God | Jeremiah 15:10-14 |
| 30. The rebuke to Peter | Matthew 16:21-28 |
| 31. The righteous shall see God | Psalms 17 |

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!

In Every Season, Turn to God

Are you enjoying a happy time? Praise God.

Is life becoming difficult? Seek God.

Are you experiencing a quiet moment? Worship God.

Are you suffering great pain? Trust God.

Are you unsure what to do? Ask God.

Are you overwhelmed with joy? Thank God.



August Special Music

Join us each Sunday in August for inspiring and uplifting **special music during our Traditional Worship services.** These meaningful musical offerings will enrich our worship experience and provide an opportunity to reflect, rejoice, and draw closer to God. **All are welcome, and we invite you to worship with us.**



August 2nd
Mr. Kelly Henshaw &
Mr. Parker Keiser



August 9th
Summer Sunday Singers

1st row (l to r) ~ Amy Hersey, Ryleigh Andel, Sue Ritz,
Gail Beckum, Nancy Keeports, Joni Horne

2nd row ~ Colleen Mundis, Phyllis Caughran,

Kim Farmer, Mary Hake

not pictured: Pastor Stephany Sechrist, Jill Thompson,
Carol Ann Frock



August 16th
Andrea Stephenson



August 23rd

Bells of Bethany

1st row (l to r) ~

Nancy Keeports, Sue Ritz,

Jill Thompson

2nd row ~ Joni Horne,

Jane Matthews, Jessica Lightner,

Bill Ritz, Kim Farmer,

Sophia Marion, Sue Marion

not pictured ~ Jen Daugherty,

Brian Kunselman, Carol Ann

Frock, Linda Henshaw



August 30th
Sunday School Orchestra



Special Music ~ Sunday School ~ August 9th

"Nu Vintage Grass," a group of local musicians with a diverse age range, will be sharing their music with us during Sunday School on August 9th. Their passion for music is evident in their performances, and we invite you to join us for a delightful morning of music. All are welcome!



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:

Jesus and the Jesus Movement

(22461)
through August 11th

What is the Church? (23592)

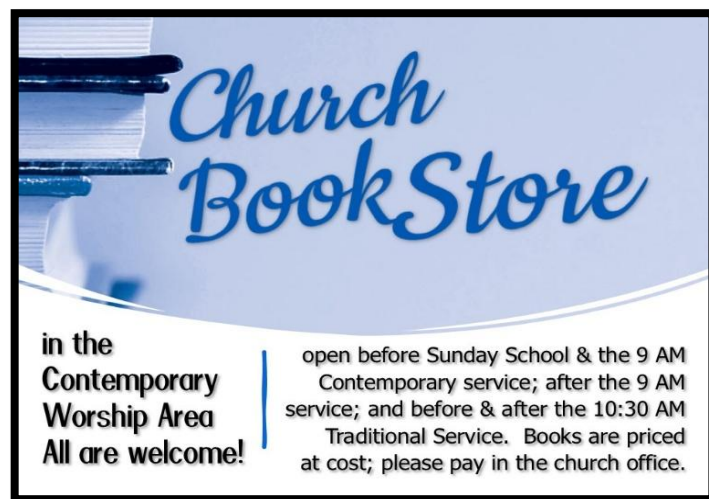
August 16th – 21st

Looking After One Another (31961)

August 23rd – 27th

Becoming More Like Christ Through Your Church (49531)

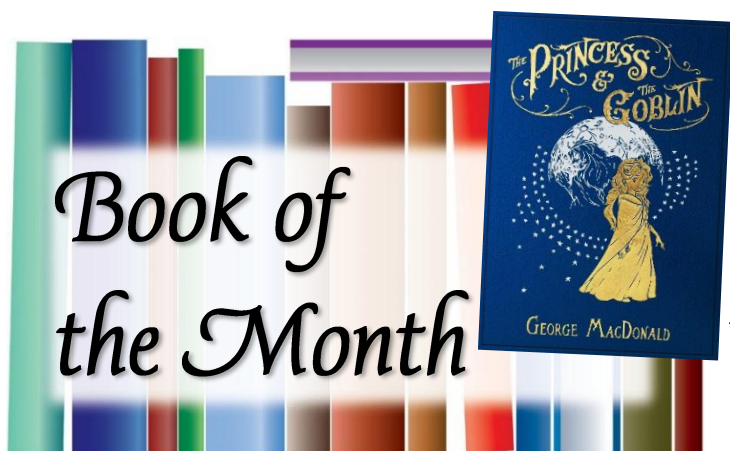
August 30th – September 5th



On August 16th, 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.



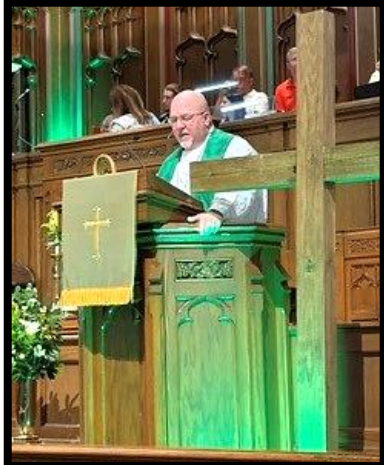
the power of trust in the face of looming danger. The book combines elements of fairy-tale adventure with moral themes, marking it as an influential classic in the fantasy genre. MacDonald was a poet, author, and minister and had a huge influence on many other notable writers including C. S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien. 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.

This month's Book-of-the-Month is *The Princess and the Goblin*, a children's fantasy novel by George MacDonald that follows Princess Irene and her brave friend, Curdie, as they confront a dangerous goblin threat. With help from a mysterious, magical grandmother, Irene learns courage, faith, and

We Say Farewell to Pastor Don ~ Part 2...

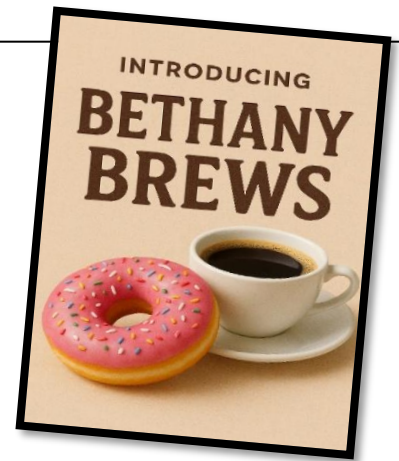
On Sunday, June 14th, the Bethany Church family gathered for a special combined worship service filled with gratitude, fellowship, and celebration. It was a memorable day as we celebrated Pastor Don's ministry among us and thanked God for the many ways he has blessed our church family. As Pastor Don, 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.





JESUS
LOVES YOU
and so do we!

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!

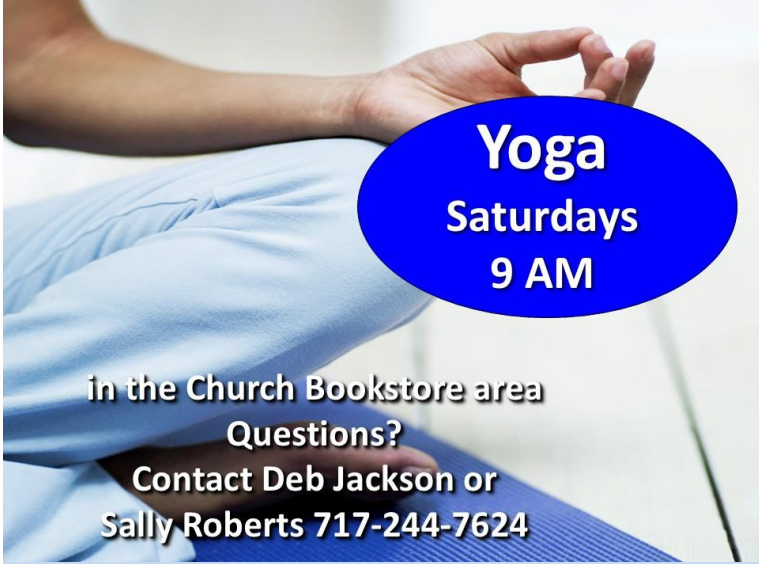






YouVersion

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.



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!

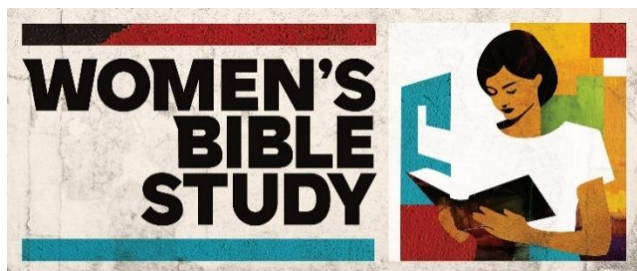


CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Thursdays ~ 6:30 PM
Dinner at 6 PM

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.



All **Wednesday Bible Study activities** are now on **summer break**. The **Women's Bible Study** continues to stay connected by meeting **once a month throughout the summer** for fellowship meals. On July 22nd, we met for dinner at Rocoto's in Red Lion. A wonderful place! Join us Wednesday, August 19th at Bones~N~Shells (2575 S. Queen Street, York) at 5:30 PM. We look forward to gathering again in the fall, and in the meantime, we hope you enjoy a restful and refreshing summer!





Mark your calendars

Wednesday Connections resumes September 9th

Fellowship Dinner • 5:30 PM
Bible studies for all ages follow at 6:30 PM

Kid's Connections • Youth Connections • Pastor's Bible Study • Women's Bible Study • Men's Bible Study






Bethany's GriefShare Team is offering two choices for gatherings this fall. One would be on Tuesday mornings from 10 – 11:30 AM. Or you could come to the Tuesday evening gathering from 6:30 – 8 PM. Gatherings will begin on Tuesday, August 25th and continue for 13 weeks. We will meet in the church Social Hall. Anyone who struggles with the loss of a loved one is welcome, whether your loss was recent or some time ago. The video presenters and other class persons who have gone through the grief journey offer good information, encouragement, and hope in a Christ-centered

environment. Each participant receives a workbook that goes with each of the thirteen topics and video information. Time is given for small group discussion. We have found GriefShare to be a great benefit for many as they go through the difficult journey of grief. For more information or to register for one of the gatherings, please contact Pastor Larry at 717-244-7624, ext. 102

GRAB IN 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, August 16th. 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, August 23rd. Pick up is also offered on Saturday, August 22nd from 11 AM - Noon in the kitchen. Questions? Contact Cinny Attig (717) 244-7624. Benefits the missions of Bethany Church!

Gift Cards
are not
just for
GIFTS



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. 😊



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.

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.

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

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

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!



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.



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 donation 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 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



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.

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



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

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 BOWLING

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!**

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.

Carolyn Wert visited Ron & Melvne Geesey at Christmas



Fred Metz had a visit from his great granddaughter, Stevie Bentley, who was dressed up for her 100th day of school. ❤️



Everyone wanted to get in on the action for Bethany's parking lot project.... including Kirby Hickey!

Bethany Tidbits ~

Our beloved Jean Herman had a "Herman" Christmas Party in January. Here she is pictured with 33 of her 55 grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren.



Five generations: Jean Herman, son Gerald, granddaughter, Jill, great granddaughter Emma, and great great grandchildren Vann and June.



And then they did it again. Jean turned 95 on May 25th. Jean loved Bethany's children and spent countless years in our two-year old Sunday School Room. Shown here, her family (all but 11) surrounded her with love on her special day!



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Bible Quiz
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Jesus said that his followers are the "light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). It wouldn't do much good to hide a light under a bushel, he said. It should be put on a lamp-stand to give light in the house. Then Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, that they may see ..."



Choose the ending of Jesus' sentence:
 A. their way and not stumble.
 B. how good and faithful you are as my servants.
 C. your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
 D. in their darkness.

Answer: C (Matthew 5:16, NIV)



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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A message from our Administrative Council....

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