

Bethany Church Missions & Ministries News



September 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, September 20th.

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, September 27th. Pick up also offered on Saturday, September 26th from 11 AM - Noon in the kitchen. Questions? Contact Cinny Attig (717) 244-7624. Benefits the missions of Bethany Church!

Knitting & Crochet Ministry



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

will not meet Monday, September 7th

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.

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, September 21st @ 7 PM in the church Social Hall

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



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.



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.

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. 😊



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.



Hello Bethany!

We have heard back from people in two different countries this summer from those who received a shoebox

gift from us. Isn't it just awesome how God allowed our shoeboxes to arrive safely to a destination unknown to us?

Here is the first message I received:

Im the student of grade 9 , my father told me about you people and i was amazed by your worship and I'm also a believer in Christ and I'd like to thank you very very much because few years ago you guys sent Samaritan gift boxes to me very thank you . Im from India . [sic] (His name is Anmol.)

ADDITIONALLY, I received the following message and pictures! It made my heart smile when I know this family is presently living in a war-torn country. This is a box we packed last fall.

Hello! Today we received a box for our child from our chaplain. We are Tanya and Ivan Savitsky. We are from Letychiv, Khmelnytskyi region, Ukraine. Thank you very much for the gifts in the box, our son Matvey(2.11 y.o)really liked them. Also, thank you for the greetings in the postcard, even though it's summer now ;) May you be blessed for your work. [sic]



Thank you all who bought and donated crayons, markers, and glue sticks. Our past two workdays have yielded 21 and 18 volunteers, with ages three to "older." These "older" adults have truly enjoyed working alongside the younger volunteers.

Thank you to those folks who made a monetary donation to our Hefty-Lefty Subs and Sandwich fundraiser in early August. Five names were randomly selected (by Pastor Larry 😊) to receive a gift certificate. Congrats to the following: Aaron Sprenkel, Brenda Evans, Jennifer Satterfield, Susan Marion, and Donna Stough. **Thank you** to all who participated in this small fundraiser. Enjoy your meal!!



Good news! Our Bowling Pass Fundraiser (\$65 per pass includes 1½

hours of bowling at Lion Bowling Center, shoe rental, one large pizza, and soda for the family has been extended through September 30th. Purchase your pass in the church office and call Lion Bowling Center to make your reservation (717-244-6215).

Lastly, our next scheduled workday will be Tuesday, September 8th, in the Social Hall at 9:30 AM (with an additional workday, if needed, on

Tuesday, September 22nd). Hope you will plan to join us! We have a good time as we fellowship together!

Blessings! ~Carol Ann Frock

Red Lion Street Fair

Thank you to everyone who helped with Bethany's stand at the Street Fair this year. There was a lot of planning that went into and it, and it showed. Despite getting a thunderstorm two hours in, we were able to get everything down and out of the wind before anything could be damaged. Last year, we had nearly the same amount of food sales in four hours as we did this year in two hours. I think people really appreciate having some reasonably priced food to enjoy during the Street Fair. We represented Bethany Red Lion well with this event and pray that we continue to be of service to the community and of service to God.









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!!

Pastor Larry Parlett has helped out at the Susquehanna Conference's Special Friends Week at Camp Wesley Forest for 15 years. This year, he was there in June along with two of his grandchildren who joined him as counselors. The Special Friends camp session is open to ages 15 and up. Campers look forward to coming back each year. There were campers that were in wheelchairs, and/or physically handicapped, as well as some that were mentally challenged. Counselors were all ages from teenagers to 80 something. All worked together like one big family, creating enjoyable experiences and lasting memories along the way. Pastor Larry's wife, Sue, and all three of their daughters have been counselors also over the years.



Dear Bethany Family, I finished my last radiation therapy on Thursday, August 13th. I have made it this far because of your prayers, love, and concern for John and me. I thank God every day for all of

you and pray His blessings to you. Thank you for your many cards, calls, flowers, meals, and cookies. Your kindness will not be forgotten. I want to pass it on to others because I know how it comforted me to know so many cared. Love, John and Nadine Cunningham

Dear Bethany Friends, We have made the decision for Dean and me to move to Ohio, to be closer to our family there. Dean is already a resident of Optimized Sr. Living (just four miles from where I will be living in Fairfield). I will be moving to our son's (Scott and wife, Rhonda) home on August 17th. This will be a "new life" for Dean and me after being together for 69 years of marriage. We will be forever grateful for your help and messages of love during Dean's illness. We will always remember our friends and good times at Bethany. Love you all! -Elaine Snyder

Thank you to all the folks who are visiting the limited activity members and for providing transportation as needed. We can always use more help. -Pastor Larry Parlett (P.S. If you are interested in visiting or providing transportation, please contact Pastor Larry 😊)



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.

CARING MINISTRIES

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

Our Contemporary Worship Service is looking for volunteers to join the Media Team!

EMAIL: MEDIATEAM@BETHANYREDJON.COM

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.

LIFEPATH
Christian Ministries

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.

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, ext. 101). An IT crew assists in running Sunday morning media presentations for the Traditional worship service.

Help Us Support Our First Responders



The Connecting People with People Committee is collecting individual bottles of water and Gatorade for our local first responders. Please drop off your donation at the table outside the Social Hall by **Sunday, September 13th.**

We greatly appreciate your kindness and generosity.
Thank you for making a difference!

Join the Choir!

We sing at the **10:30 AM**
Traditional Service and rehearse
Sunday mornings at **10 AM**
in the Music Room.

(Resuming rehearsals on
September 20th and singing in
the Choir Loft on **September 27th**.)

Questions? See Julie Beard



We're bringing back the Praise Team in Contemporary Worship!

Interested? Have questions?

Please contact Pastor Justin (717-244-7624, ext. 101).



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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