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

September 2026

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This month's newsletter is sponsored by Cathy Leiphart in honor of loved ones.

Mark your CALENDARS!

WEDNESDAY CONNECTIONS

RESUMES ON SEPTEMBER 9TH!

5:30 PM Fellowship DINNER

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

Belong. Believe. Become. Together in Christ!

5:30 PM Fellowship Meal

Adults \$5 • Children (2-12) \$2.50 • Under 2 Free

Stay after dinner and grow in God's Word by joining one of our Bible studies at **6:30 PM**:

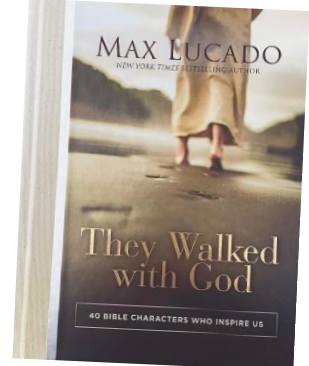
Kid's Connections ~ Meets in the Children's Chapel

Youth Connections ~ Meets in the Youth Room (3rd floor)

Men's Bible Study ~ *They Walked with God*

Meets in the Contemporary Worship Area's East Corner
Led by Jeremy Clegg

The characters we meet in the Bible play a huge role in our lives. Whether we personally relate to Joseph's dedication to serving the Lord even when he was confused or we understand when Mary Magdalene mourns in front of the vacant tomb, the timeless stories we find in the Bible influence and inspire us to learn to be more like Christ. But how can we apply these lessons to our everyday lives? In *They Walked with God*, pastor and New York

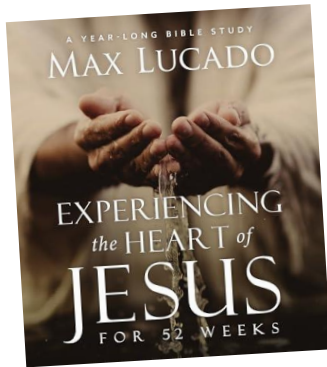


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September Meetings

Lay Leadership, Thursday, September 3rd, 7 PM, Upper Room
Connecting People with People, Monday, September 21st, 7 PM, Social Hall
SPPRC, Monday, September 28th at 7 PM, Upper Room

Times bestselling author Max Lucado takes a closer look at 40 of the most inspirational and influential characters in the Bible and shares a powerful message: *if God can find a place for each character in the Bible, we can rest assured that he's carved out a spot for us too.* *They Walked with God* weaves together stories from Scripture with stories that offer a modern perspective, bringing each of these men and women to life for you. Whether you are a seasoned follower of Christ or a new believer, *They Walked with God* will inspire your walk of faith as it adds dimension and depth to 40 incredible people who had the chance to walk alongside God, reminding you that you are invited to walk alongside him too.



Women's Bible Study ~ *Experiencing the Heart of Jesus* for 52 Weeks

Welcome back, ladies! May the weeks ahead be filled with opportunities to grow deeper in our relationship with Jesus. We will be continuing our study by Max Lucado with **Unit 7** - Experiencing The Power of Jesus. MEMORY VERSE - 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9 ~ "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my Power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

9/16 - WEEK 34 ~ JESUS' POWER OVER DEATH;

9/23 - WEEK 35 ~ THE STONE MOVER'S GALLERY

Unit 8 Experiencing The Forgiveness of Jesus

9/30 - WEEK 36 ~ CONSIDER THE COST

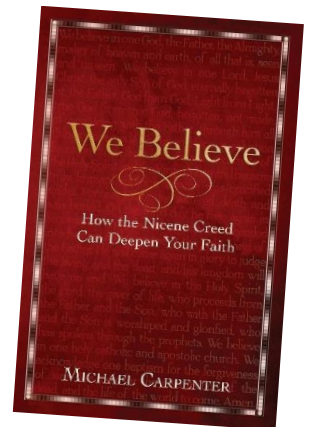
All Sisters in Christ are welcome! We encourage you to invite others to join us!

Note: Books will be available for purchase at a cost of \$12.50.

Pastor's Bible Study ~ *We Believe*

Meets in Bethany House

We believe in one God. Discover how the ancient Nicene Creed can transform your spiritual journey in Michael Carpenter's empowering book, *We Believe: How the Nicene Creed Can Deepen Your Faith*. Personal anecdotes and practical insights guide you to a profound connection with God. Dive into six chapters, covering the Nicene Creed sequentially, that unpack the essence of it, enriching reader's faith and deepening their understanding of Christian beliefs. See Jen in the church office if you would like to order a book. Cost ~ \$18. **Will not meet on September 16th.**



Bethany's GriefShare Team is offering two choices for gatherings this fall. Both on Tuesdays. The first is from 10 – 11:30 AM or you could come to the Tuesday evening gathering from 6:30 – 8 PM. Gatherings will continue through December 1st. We will meet in the church Social Hall Annex. 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.



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.

Join us any week!

ADULT Sunday School CLASSES

FOUR FOLD FRIENDS ~ CHRISTIAN ADULTS ~ MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

9:15 AM in the Sanctuary

Scripture tells us that the righteous will live by faith. We often struggle to know exactly what that means though. Even with a strong faith, we also often find ourselves struggling to remain faithful. What is the difference between faith and faithfulness? How can these two traits shape our Christian walk? Join us this fall as we study the Book of Hebrews for answers to these questions before turning our focus on Old Testament prophets who likewise wrestled with faith and faithfulness.

?? Bible Quiz ??

After his resurrection, Jesus asked one of his disciples the same question three times: "Do you love me?" The disciple felt hurt, wondering why Jesus kept asking. Who was this disciple?

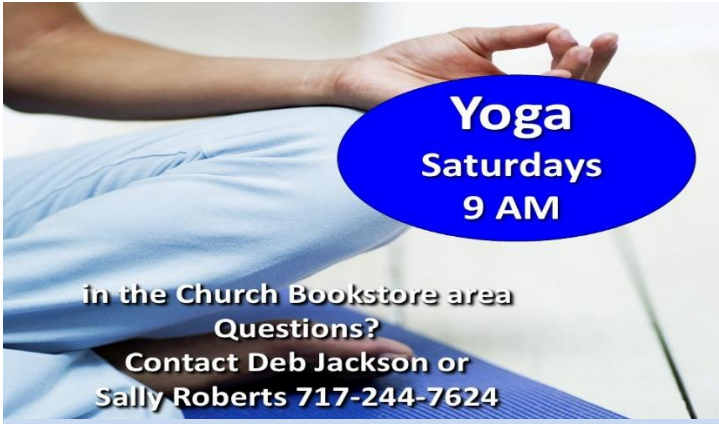


A. James
B. John
C. Philip
D. (Simon) Peter

Answer: D (John 21:17)



Studies show many Americans don't get enough sleep, and the effects can take a toll on both body and mind. Whether it's a packed schedule or restless nights, a lack of rest makes it harder to think clearly, stay focused, and care for our overall well-being. Over time, that constant fatigue begins to wear us down. Our spiritual lives follow a similar rhythm. When we rush from one task to the next without pausing to spend time with God, we can feel just as drained. We need consistent, quiet moments with Him to stay grounded, encouraged and strong in our faith. Even Jesus made space for this kind of rest. Luke 5:16 tells us that He often withdrew to quiet places to pray. If He needed that time with the Father, how much more do we? When we step away from the noise and listen for God's voice, we find the renewal our souls have been longing for.



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!**

From The Pastor's Desk

Greetings Bethany Family!

How is your life different now than when you became a Christian? Did you become different after you were baptized or when you joined the church? The reality is that if we take those vows seriously then we should be different than we were before we went through these things. That doesn't mean that we don't sin, but we should not be the same as we were before.

What happens when we relinquish control to God? How would our lives be different if we truly let God run our lives? It's hard. We all have things we love, passions that we pursue, sports teams that for the duration of a season are going to dictate our moods based on how they play.

Yet, in a lot of ways, whether we realize it or not, we are, in fact, different than before we were baptized or committed ourselves to God. Sarah, Logan, and I have very much enjoyed the porch sessions so far and meeting you. It's been amazing to hear your stories and through those stories I can hear how you are different since you've given your life over to God.

If you haven't given your life over to God, why not? I recognize it is not that easy to let someone 'we can't see' take over our lives, but what tangible thing is keeping you from giving your life to God? Pray about it; and if you are comfortable, talk to someone who has given their life over to God and let them share with you the ways in which they are different because of letting God be in charge.

The most powerful CEO to ever exist wants to oversee your life. What is keeping you from letting Him do His job?

On this journey with you,



Pastor Justin



If you were to name who your boss is, who would you name? For those who are working, they probably named someone; those who are retired still may have come

up with someone; but what about in your life? Is it you, is it some *thing* you are holding onto, is it God? When we think about our lives, they should be run by God. In this series, we are going to look at what that means. We are also going to look at how the company that is our life should be run and how we can be a help to those whose lives are not yet run by God.

Sunday, September 6th ~ Who is the Real CEO? ~ Scripture: Luke 9:18-27

Sunday, September 13th ~ Our Company's #1 Value ~ Scripture: Matthew 22:34-40

Sunday, September 20th ~ Working Within the System ~ Scripture: Matthew 11:29-30

Sunday, September 27th ~ Powerful Stories ~ Scripture: Luke 19:1-10



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS



WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTIONS RESUMES SEPTEMBER 9TH!

Join us for a Fellowship Meal at 5:30 PM and/or for Bible study at 6:30 PM in the Children's Chapel!

We will begin with a series titled "Back to School," where the children will be reminded that as they head back to school, God is always with them no matter what challenges they may face.



SAVE THE DATE

Fall Family Fun Day!

Saturday, October 17th
Showvaker's Cornfusion
Manchester, Maryland



Stay tuned for
additional
information!



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



On September 20th, 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.

September Special Music

Join us for three Sundays in September 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.**



September 13th
Cobblestone Family
Singers



Back Row Singers

(l to r) 1st Row - Shay Daryman, Brian Kunselman, Joni Horne;
2nd Row - Bill Ritz, Jessie Lightner, Mark Downs;
3rd Row - Cory Kimble, Phyllis Caughiran, Ed Warner



September 20th
Amy Hersey



Everyone is welcome!

The Sanctuary Choir is hopeful you will join us for some wonderful singing opportunities during the 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service.

We rehearse on Sunday mornings at 10 AM in the Music Room. Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, September 20th; singing in the Choir Loft for Traditional Worship on Sunday, September 27th.

Come see what it is all about!

Questions? See Julie Beard (717-244-7624).



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

Interested? Have questions?
Please contact Pastor Justin (717-244-7624, ext. 101).

DAILY BIBLE READINGS SEPTEMBER

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| 1. God blesses the humble | Revelation 3:7-13 |
| 2. The vindication of the righteous | Jeremiah 17:5-18 |
| 3. The path of your commandments | Psalms 119:33-40 |
| 4. God reaches out to erring Israel | Romans 10:15b-21 |
| 5. The prophet's vacation | Ezekiel 33:1-6 |
| 6. Reconciliation in the community of faith | Matthew 18:15-20 |
| 7. The law humbles me | Psalms 119:65-72 |
| 8. Obeying authority | Romans 13:1-7 |
| 9. Jesus teaches about praying in faith | Matthew 21:18-22 |
| 10. God's compassion and mercy | Psalms 103:1-7] 8-13 |
| 11. Joseph acts harshly against his brothers | Genesis 41:53 - 42:17 |
| 12. Forgiving one another | Matthew 6:7-15 |
| 13. A parable of forgiveness | Matthew 18:21-35 |
| 14. The Son of Man will be lifted up | John 3:13-17 |
| 15. How good it is to live in unity | Psalms 133 |
| 16. Joseph dies | Genesis 50:22-26 |
| 17. God is slow to anger | Psalms 145:1-8 |
| 18. Correction that builds up | 2 Corinthians 13:5-10 |
| 19. Judgment on Nineveh | Zephaniah 2:13-15 |
| 20. The parable of the vineyard workers | Matthew 20:1-16 |
| 21. Jesus calls to Matthew: Follow me | Matthew 9:9-13 |
| 22. God's mercy | Psalms 106:1-12 |
| 23. True greatness | Matthew 18:1-5 |
| 24. God's compassion and love | Psalms 25:1-9 |
| 25. Through Jesus forgiveness is proclaimed | Acts 13:32-41 |
| 26. A child does not suffer for a parent's sin | Ezekiel 18:19-24 |
| 27. A parable of doing God's will | Matthew 21:23-32 |
| 28. Prayer to do God's will | Psalms 28 |
| 29. Michael defeats Satan in a cosmic battle | Revelation 12:7-12 |
| 30. Samson prays to do God's will | Judges 16:23-31 |

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 (effective 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 October 2026 Newsletter are due in the Church Office by September 15th.



ATTENDANCE

Date	Sunday School	Sunday Worship
August 2 nd	40	105
August 9 th	60	97
August 16 th	40	123
August 23 rd	42	128

A Prayer for Joy and Laughter

Give me a sense of humor, Lord,
Give me the wit to see a joke
To get some humor out of life,
And pass it on to other folk.
—Anonymous

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

BREAD — One of the oldest and most familiar foods, bread, carries deep meaning throughout Scripture. In the Old Testament, God provided manna, or "bread from heaven," to sustain His people in the wilderness. In the New Testament, Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35), pointing to himself as the true source of spiritual nourishment. Bread also holds a central place in the Lord's Supper, where it represents Christ's body, given for us. Simple and sustaining, bread has become a lasting symbol of God's provision, Christ's presence, and the shared fellowship of believers.



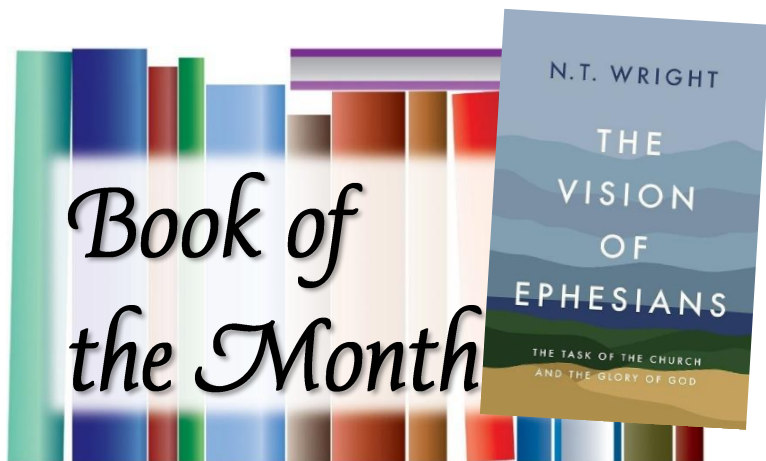
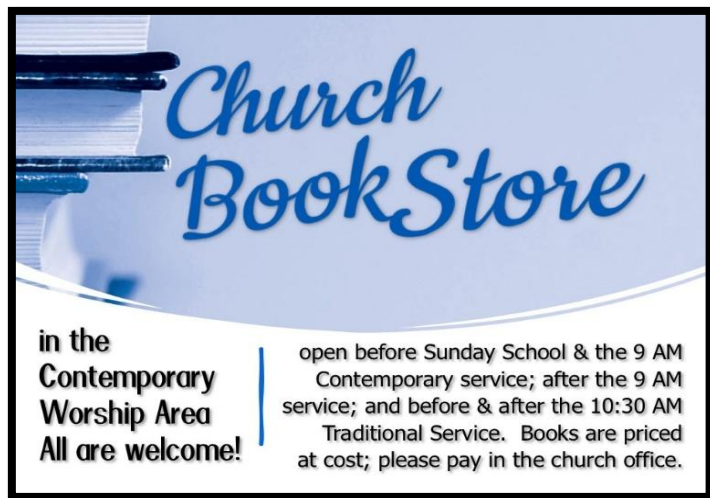
PRAYER REQUESTS

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 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.



accessible introduction that opens the text in a way that helps what may seem dense and allusive become clear, fresh, challenging, and encouraging. It's value to us as a church is perhaps best summed up by this quote from the introduction of the book: "The church, united and holy, is designed to demonstrate to the hostile watching world that the God revealed in Jesus is the true God, the creator, redeemer, lover and glory of the whole world." 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, the following devotionals can be accessed through YouVersion ([https://bible.com/reading-plans/insert the number listed at the devotional](https://bible.com/reading-plans/insert-the-number-listed-at-the-devotional)) or click on the link in the Special Bethany Blast on Sundays:

Becoming More Like Christ Through Your Church (49531)
through September 5th

Living Beyond Self (69846)
September 6th – 12th

Wholehearted (2685)
September 13th – 17th

7 Days of Finding Rest (12936)
September 20th – 26th

Lost –
The Story of Zacchaeus (43328)
September 27th – October 1st

In this month's Book-of-the-Month, *The Vision of Ephesians*, well-known New Testament scholar N. T. Wright offers an

Installation Service for Rev. Donald C. Rowe

The congregation is invited to a special **Installation Service** for **Rev. Donald C. Rowe, District Superintendent of the Susquehanna Conference River Valley District**, on **Sunday, September 13th at 4 PM** in Bethany's **Sanctuary**.



An installation service is a meaningful time of worship and celebration as we recognize God's calling and leadership within the Church. We look forward to gathering with members, friends, and guests from across the District and Conference for this special occasion. Please plan to join us as we pray for Pastor Don, for God's continued guidance and blessing upon his ministry, and the work of the River Valley District.
All are welcome to attend.

BUS TRIP SPONSORED BY THE RIVER VALLEY LAY SERVANT COMMITTEE TO MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE AND NATIONAL MALL

Friday, October 2nd

Cost ~ \$90 Adults; \$25 children 12 and under

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Price includes bus fee, bus driver tip, and entrance fee for the Museum of The Bible, and a box lunch. **Registrations forms are available in the church office and are due by September 4th.** Trip leaves from Paxton UMC, Harrisburg at 6:45 AM and returns to Paxton UMC at 7 PM.

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!



Holy Hike Adventure: Exploring God's Creation

Date:

Saturday, September 26th @ 9 AM

Location:

Lake Redman -

**William H. Kain County Park
(274 Hess Farm Road, York)**

All are welcome! For more information,
contact Justin Zelger.





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'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

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



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.



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. 😊



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 or 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 is 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!

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!)



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 Sprengel, Brenda Evans, Jennifer Satterfield, Susan Marion, and Donna Stough. **Thank you** to all who participated in this small fundraiser. Enjoy your meal!!



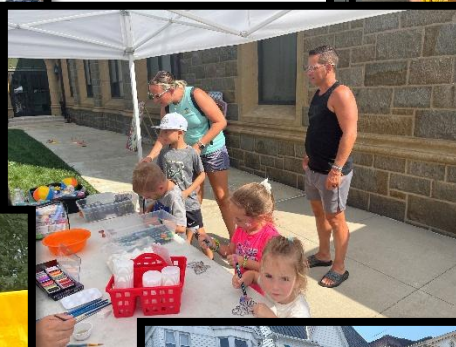
Good news! Our Bowling Pass Fundraiser (\$65 per pass includes 1½ hours of bowling at Lion Bowling Center, shoe rental, one large pizza, and soda for the family has been extended through September 30th. Purchase your pass in the church office and call Lion Bowling Center to make your reservation (717-244-6215).

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 Froch

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.





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.

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.

CARING MINISTRIES



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



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 😊)

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.

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.

Prayer of Remembrance for Patriots Day

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter through every storm, and our eternal home: We come before You remembering the lives lost on September 11, 2001. Though many years have passed, the sorrow of that day still lingers in the hearts of families, friends, and a grieving nation. Lord, comfort those who continue to carry loss. Grant peace to the brokenhearted, strength to the weary and light to those walking through seasons of grief. Let Your presence bring hope where memories still ache. Teach us to care for one another with compassion and courage. Help us to be a people who offer kindness to the hurting, encouragement to the discouraged, and justice to those who suffer. Stir our hearts to live with mercy, humility, and love for our neighbors. Forgive us when our words are greater than our actions. May we strive each day to reflect the values of faith, unity, and grace that honor You and strengthen our communities. Thank You, Lord, for Your constant care and unfailing mercy. Even in tragedy, You remain our refuge and our hope. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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!

A message from our Administrative Council....

Supporting Your Church Through Credit Card Giving

Many churches today offer the convenience of online giving, and credit cards are often the easiest way for people to contribute. They allow for quick, consistent donations, even when someone can't be physically present. This convenience helps ministries plan more confidently and maintain steady support throughout the year.

Why ACH Giving Matters

While credit card giving is helpful, ACH (bank account) donations cost the church significantly less in processing fees. Credit card transactions typically include percentage-based fees, while ACH transfers usually carry a much smaller flat fee. That difference means more of each gift goes directly to ministry work—outreach, missions, community support, and church operations.

♥ A Simple Way to Make a Bigger Impact

If you're already giving by credit card, switching to ACH is a small change that can make a meaningful difference. It's just as secure, often just as easy to set up, and it helps your church steward resources more effectively.

For more information, please see Pastor Justin, Justin Zelger, or 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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