

Bethany Church Missions & Ministries News



October 2026

Be on alert for our
ANGEL TREES!

We are excited to announce that Bethany Church will once again be hosting an Angel Tree this year!

Stay tuned for more details on how you can get involved!



Prayer Requests

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.



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

EMAIL:
MEDIATEAM@BETHANYREDLION.COM

*Knitting &
Crochet Ministry*



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



TRANSPORTATION
Ministry

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.



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, October 18th. 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, October 25th. Pick up also offered on Saturday, October 24th from 11 AM - Noon in the kitchen. Questions? Contact Cinny Attig (717) 244-7624. Benefits the missions of Bethany Church!

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.



CARING MINISTRIES

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

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



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.

BETHANY'S FAMOUS APPLE DUMPLINGS WILL SOON BE HERE!

**Orders Due
October 18th!
(\$7.50/pack of 2)**

Help needed to make the dumplings on Thursday & Friday, October 22nd & 23rd (9 AM – 1 PM both days). Look for Order and Volunteer signup forms around the church or sign up on-line through the Giving Kiosk or Giving App (under "events") or through the link in the weekly Blast. Questions? Contact Karen Miller or Jane Wiertel (717-244-7624).

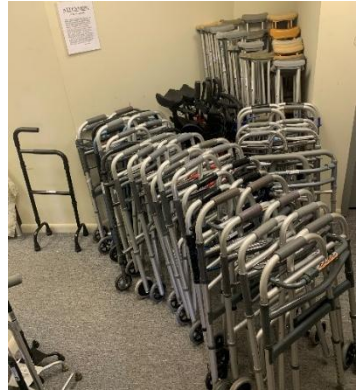
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Are you or a loved one experiencing a short-term illness, injury, or convalescence and are in need of a piece of medical equipment? The Medical Equipment Warehouse continues to be of service to Red Lion and surrounding areas. The Lord has helped us 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.

Bethany's Medical Lending Warehouse was blessed with a donation of a wheelchair, potty chair, two rollators, three canes, four shower chairs, and seven walkers from an apartment complex on Philadelphia Street in York. They had received our name from an agency in Camp Hill as to where these items could be donated.



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!!





Thanks to my Bethany family for the prayers and wishes of support during my surgery and recovery time. Thanks to Jill for her visits, with arms full of prepared meals every time, and thanks to all who had a hand in making my recovery manageable. It has been wonderful to be back among all of you. -Julie Beard

Thank you to my Bethany family for your prayers, cards, and kindness while I was not feeling well. Your thoughtfulness meant so much to me. I'm grateful to be feeling well again and back to normal! -Sara Hannigan



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. 😊





October means that it's time for our Fall Cookie Plates and Bake Sale ~ Sunday, October 11th! So much to Eat and Enjoy! Please visit our

tables (outside the church office) and make your selections! Your monetary donations will be used to purchase t-shirts and for the shipping costs for our boxes.

Coming to St. Paul's Church of Red Lion, across from Bethany's parking lot: Sunday, October 25th, featuring Harrison, who received a shoebox as a child. He will be speaking at 6 PM. Please plan to go and bring a friend to hear his story! You'll be glad you did!



Bethany's OCC ministry has been blessed by your heart and hands. Your gift donations and craft supplies have always been appreciated. However, there are several items that we currently do not have a need for at this time as we need to empty some

storage space with the items we have on hand. This year, we are not asking for your Christmas cards, Dreamcatchers, small pill bottles, new cards, spools/bobbins of thread, spools of 1/8" and 1/4" ribbon, or small tablets.

Please: NO Catholic necklaces, rosaries, or charms. We appreciate your willingness to donate but also remember and be aware that not all items can be placed in the shoeboxes.



CAN USE: Pill bottles that have a larger opening: approximately 4" by 2".

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- Tuesday, October 13th: Workday in the Social Hall, 9:30 AM.
- Sunday, October 18th: FOLD SHOEBOXES at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall ~ ALL are welcome to help with this!! This task moves along quickly and is essential before our packing events!
- Saturday, October 31st ~ 9:30 AM ~ Set up gift items in the Social Hall for Shoebox Packing Event on Sunday, November 1st at 6:30 PM.
- Saturday, November 7th ~ 9:30 AM ~ Set up gift items in the Social Hall for Sunday, November 8th Shoebox Packing Event at 6:30 PM. Your time and energy is vital to this ministry and most appreciated!



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.



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

The logo for LifePath Christian Ministries, featuring the word "LIFE" in green and "PATH" in blue, with a series of grey dots above the letters. Below the main text, the words "Christian Ministries" are written in a smaller, grey, sans-serif font.

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.



Join the Choir!

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

Questions?
Contact Julie Beard (717-244-7624)

Calling All Musicians! If you play an instrument or sing and would like to share your gifts during the Prelude of our Traditional Worship Service, please see Julie Beard. Prelude music provides a prayerful opportunity to quiet our hearts, focus on God's presence, and prepare for worship.

*Bells of Bethany will rehearse all Thursdays in October
at 9:30 AM in the Music Room.*

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.

We're excited to introduce our Praise Team on Sunday, October 4th. Come be part of this special day of worship!



The Praise Team is returning to Contemporary Worship!

Rehearsals on Wednesdays
at 7:30 PM in the
Contemporary Worship Area

Musicians and singers needed. We also could use help on the tech side (sound/slides~training provided). We'd love to have you join us! ☺

Contact Pastor Justin at 717-244-7624 for more information.



— Be sure to stop at —
Bethany's Stand Outside of Bethany House

BEFORE AND DURING THE

RED LION *Halloween Parade*

COMPLIMENTARY HOT CHOCOLATE
AND BOTTLED WATER AVAILABLE



TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 27



PARADE KICKS OFF
AT 7:00 PM



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Please be sure to
stop by our stand
outside of
Bethany House
before and during

the Halloween Parade on Tuesday, October 27th. The parade kicks off at 7 PM. We'll be handing out water and Hot Chocolate. Donations of individual bottles of water are needed for distribution at the parade. Monetary donations are welcome as well to help cover our expenses.

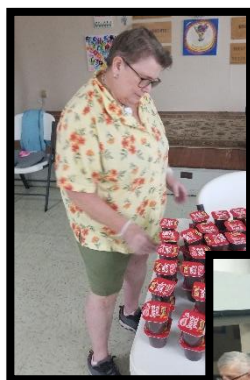
Thanks to the generous donations of our Bethany family and friends, we were honored to provide meals for our local first responders on September 16th at Alliance Fire & Rescue Services, Inc. and on September 17th at the Red Lion Ambulance Association. In addition to their meals, we delivered water and Gatorade (donated by our wonderful Bethany family), which were greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity and support in helping us bless those who faithfully serve our community!



Feed the Hungry...

On May 24th and August 30th, the Bethany community came together and prepared meals to serve those in need in York City. A delicious hot meal included sweet Italian sausage, baked potato, and green beans accompanied by a sack lunch with PB&J, pudding cup, and a bottle of water. We served 160 meals in May and 175 meals in August in cooperation with the Helping Hands Ministry of York. Many hands made for light work. Thanks to all who came to prepare, deliver, and clean up!





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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