



BETHANY CHURCH

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

October 2026

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This month's newsletter is sponsored in loving memory of my husband, Jim, by Brenda Evans.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month



October is Pastor Appreciation Month, a special time each year when we recognize and honor our pastors and their families for their faithful service, sacrificial dedication, and the many ways they bless our church family.

To Pastor Justin and Pastor Larry

We are truly grateful for each of you. Thank you for being our teachers, counselors, encouragers, and shepherds. Your commitment to serving God's Kingdom and caring for His people does not go unnoticed. Thank you for your prayers, your guidance, and the compassion you show as you minister to us in both joyful and challenging seasons. We are blessed by your leadership, your faithfulness, and your love for our church family.

To Our Congregation

This month, we encourage everyone to take a moment to express appreciation for our pastors. A simple act of kindness or encouragement can make a lasting impact on those who faithfully serve. Here are a few ways you can show your gratitude:

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October Meetings

Stewardship & Finance Committee, Monday, October 5th, 7 PM, Upper Room
Board of Trustees, Thursday, October 8th, 7 PM, Upper Room/via Zoom
Administrative Council, Monday, October 19th, 6 PM, Upper Room/via Zoom
Connecting People with People, Monday, October 26th, 7 PM, Bethany House

- Pray regularly for Pastor Justin and Pastor Larry.
- Share words of encouragement and support.
- Send a thoughtful note or card.
- Thank them personally for their ministry.
- Consider giving a small gift as a token of appreciation.

Let's join together in celebrating and uplifting the pastors who serve our church so faithfully.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 (NIV)

¹² Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. ¹³ Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

All SAINTS' DAY will be celebrated on SUNDAY, November 1ST DURING the 9 AM CONTEMPORARY AND 10:30 AM TRADITIONAL worship services. If you have lost a loved one in the last year (FROM November 2, 2025 – October 2026), whether they are a member or friend of Bethany or not, we want to remember them AND READ their name DURING worship this day. Please submit their name to the church office, DATE OF PASSING, AND A photo by SUNDAY, October 25TH. DURING the service, their name will be read, AND a bell will toll. You are INVITED to STAND when your loved one's or friend's name is read. If you have ANY questions, please see PASTOR JUSTIN.



CHURCH

Conference

Saturday, November 7th

2 PM

in the Sanctuary

**All are welcome to attend,
but only church members in attendance
will have voting privileges.**



From The Pastor's Desk

Greetings Bethany Family!

October is a month when change is all around us. The days grow shorter, the air gets cooler, and the leaves begin to remind us that change is simply part of life. It also seems like an appropriate time to remember that change is part of our life with Christ, too.

One of the great gifts of our faith is knowing that God is never finished with us. From the moment we first become aware of God's presence, through every season of faith that follows, God's grace continues to work in us—calling us, forgiving us, shaping us, and helping us become more like Jesus. John Wesley understood the Christian life not simply as a moment when we decide to believe, but as a lifelong journey of growing in grace and growing in love of God and neighbor.

I see signs of that journey all around Bethany. I see it when we gather for worship and around tables on Wednesday evenings. I see it in Sunday School and as children and youth learn what it means to follow Jesus. I see it when meals are prepared for someone going through a difficult season, or boxes filled for children to have something to open on Christmas. I see it when we support organizations serving our neighbors in Red Lion and whenever someone quietly notices a need and steps forward to help.

But none of us have fully arrived. The Christian life is a life of **becoming**. We are becoming people who love God more deeply and our neighbors more freely. And most of the time, that transformation doesn't happen through one dramatic spiritual moment. It happens as God's grace works through the ordinary rhythms of our lives. We worship, turning our attention toward God. We open Scripture and allow God's Word to shape us. We serve, following the example of Jesus in humility and compassion. And we share, allowing the love we have received from Christ to overflow into the lives of others.

None of these things earns God's love. **Grace always comes first.** These practices are simply ways we respond to the God who already loves us and open ourselves to the continuing work of the Holy Spirit.

As I think about Bethany and the future God has for us, my prayer isn't simply that we would become a bigger church or a busier church. My prayer is that we would become a church increasingly filled with people whose lives look like Jesus. And perhaps that begins much smaller than we sometimes imagine.

So maybe the question isn't, *"How do I become the Christian I'm supposed to be?"* Maybe the better question is, *"What is the next faithful step Jesus is inviting me to take?"* Not ten things. Not a complete spiritual makeover. *One faithful step.* Because following Jesus is a journey. We are all still learning. Still growing. Still being shaped by grace. We are still becoming.

On this journey with you,



Pastor Justin



Sermon Series in October....

BECOMING

SMALL HABITS. DEEP CHANGE

WHAT IF A CHANGED LIFE BEGINS WITH A FEW SIMPLE, FAITHFUL HABITS?



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

NOW INTRODUCING: CHILDREN'S CHATS!



We are excited to announce that Pastor Justin has begun to incorporate a Children's Chat as part of the Contemporary Worship Service! We hope you can join us!



PROMOTION SUNDAY RECAP!



In August, we held our Blessing of the Backpacks service, as well as Promotion Sunday! We had a joyful morning of fellowship as we celebrated all of the children's accomplishments, and recognized those who were promoted to Youth or new Sunday School Classes!

FALL FAMILY FUN DAY



Saturday, October 17th

10 AM – 2 PM

Showvaker's Quality Evergreens, 2020 Garrett Road, Manchester, Maryland
\$10.50/Adults; \$4 Ages 3 – 12; Free for Ages 2 and Under

Lunch and snacks will be provided at our reserved tent space. Please bring your own drinks (or purchase from one of the many available vendors at the farm).

Registration and payment are due by Sunday, October 11th. Use the sign-up form below, scan the QR code, register through the link in the Weekly Blast, or register online through the Giving Kiosk or Giving App (under "events").



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Name _____

Phone # _____ Email Address _____

Other People Attending:

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

(\$10.50/Adults; \$4 Ages 3 – 12; Free for Ages 2 and under)



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

Wednesdays

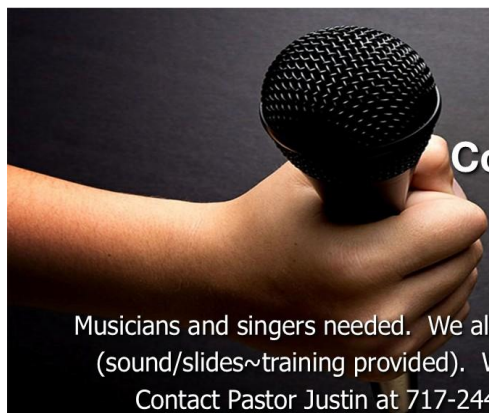
6:30 PM in the Youth Room (3rd Floor)

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



On October 18th, 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.

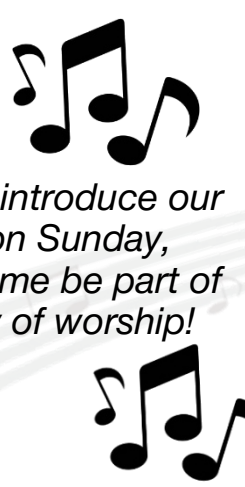
MUSIC MINISTRIES NEWS



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.



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



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.

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)





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:

Worship: From Silence to Song (43813)
October 4th – 10th

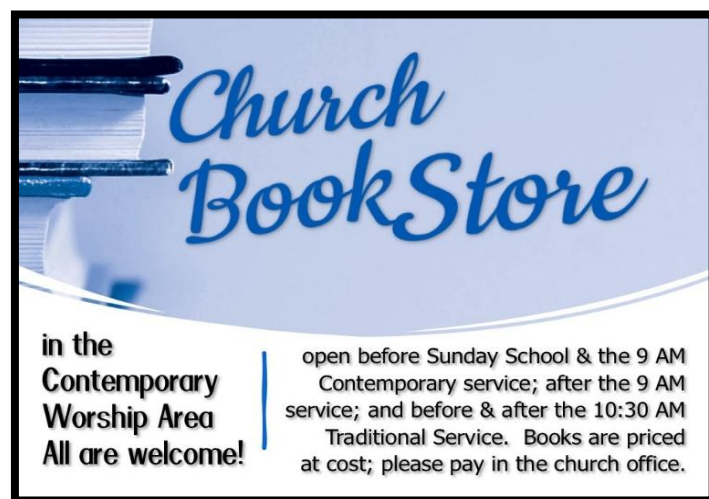
Psalms 1: The Blessed Life (52612)
October 11th – 15th

The Service Project (61017)
October 18th – 21st

Gospel Courage (59280)
October 25th – 27th

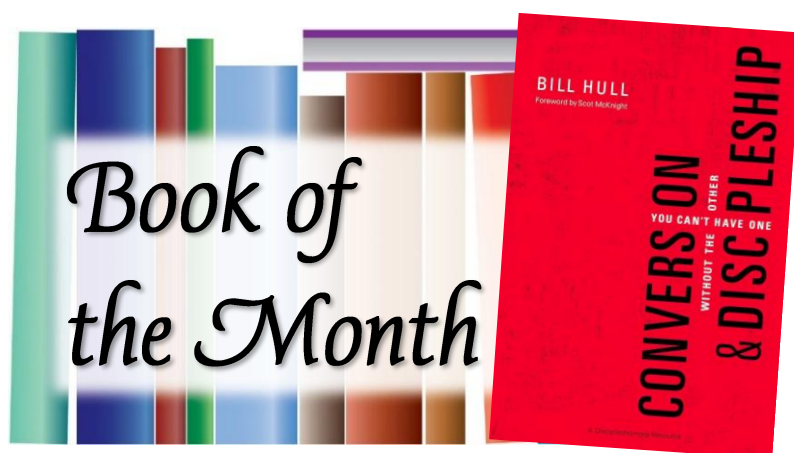


In addition to in-person worship, we are also providing two streams to watch online services, both live and archived. All online watching happens through our website. For further information, please contact Jen in the Church Office.



The Book-of-the-Month for October is *Conversion and Discipleship* by Bill Hull. Discipleship occurs when someone answers the call to learn from Jesus how to live his or her life—as though Jesus were living it. The end result is that the disciple becomes the kind of person who naturally does what Jesus did. In this book, pastor and author Bill Hull shows

why our existing models of evangelism and discipleship fail to actually produce followers of Jesus. He looks at the importance of recovering a robust view of the gospel and taking seriously the connection between conversion—answering the call to follow Jesus—and discipleship—living like the one we claim to follow. 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.



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 November 2026 Newsletter are due in the Church Office by October 15th.



ATTENDANCE

Date	Sunday School	Sunday Worship
August 30 th	42	105
September 6 th	31	81
September 13 th	40	94
September 20 th	41	121
September 27 th	35	112



Want to be involved?

Contact Pastor Larry Parlett (717) 244-7624

DAILY BIBLE READINGS OCTOBER

- Look down from heaven, O God Psalm 80:7-15
- Boast only in Jesus Christ Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a
- Gleaning a remnant from the vine Jeremiah 6:1-10
- The parable of the vineyard owner's son Matthew 21:33-46
- Prayer for blessing Psalm 144
- God reconciles us through Christ 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- Critics plan to silence Jesus John 11:45-57
- You spread a table before me Psalm 23
- Humble yourselves before God James 4:4-10
- God judges the earth from Mount Zion Isaiah 24:17-23
- The parable of the unwelcome guest Matthew 22:1-14
- Taste and see Psalm 34
- Sweet wine from the mountains Amos 9:5-15
- God will feed the believer John 6:25-35
- God's glory among the nations Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
- Exemplary leadership 1 Peter 5:1-5
- The king of Babylon will fall Isaiah 14:3-11
- A teaching about the emperor and God Matthew 22:15-22
- Luke witnesses to the ministry of Jesus Luke 1:1-4, 24:44-53
- God reigns over the nations Psalm 98
- Jesus pays the temple tax Matthew 17:22-27
- Their delight is in the law Psalm 1
- A life devoted to good works Titus 2:7-8, 11-15
- Moses judges the disobedient John 5:39-47
- Loving God and neighbor Matthew 22:34-46
- I will keep God's law Psalm 119:41-48
- Faith without works is dead James 2:14-26
- Those who love Jesus will keep his word John 14:21-27
- Send out your light and truth Psalm 43
- False prophets and their punishment 2 Peter 2:1-3
- The truth will set you free John 8:31-36

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!



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

new MEMBERS CLASS

12 - 3 PM

Register in the church office, w/Pastor Justin, or online under "events."



in Bethany House
Lunch Included



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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.

FALL BACK!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Turn your clocks **back** one hour.



INTRODUCING BETHANY BREWS



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!



WEDNESDAY CONNECTIONS

Fellowship DINNER
at **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

♥ - *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

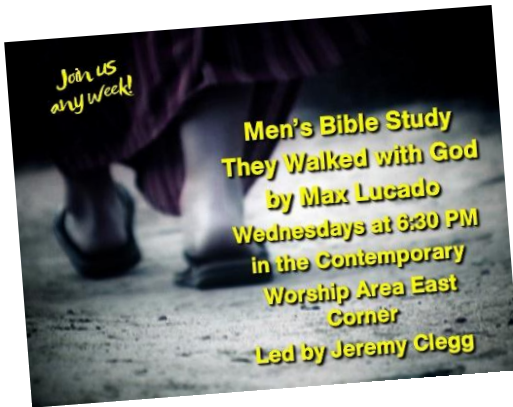
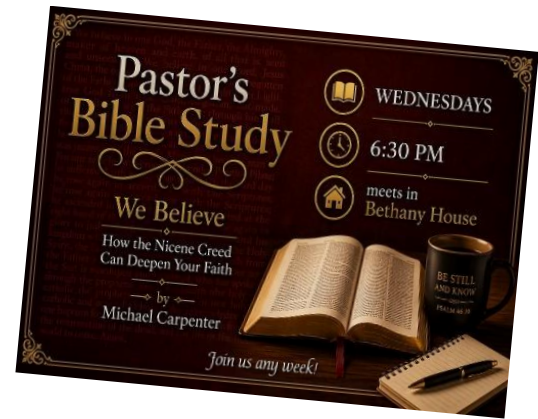
Youth Connections ~
Meets in the Youth Room (3rd floor)

Pastor's Bible Study ~ *We Believe*

Meets in Bethany House

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

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 ~ \$17.50.



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

Meets in the Contemporary Worship Area East Corner

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

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 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

Meets in the Social Hall Annex

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

It's already been a great joy to be together again as we continue to draw closer to our Lord each new day of our lives. God is good...all the time!



We will be continuing with our study of EXPERIENCING THE HEART OF JESUS by Max Lucado with Unit 8 EXPERIENCING THE FORGIVENESS OF JESUS ~ MEMORY VERSE - COLOSSIANS 1:13-14

****For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.****

10/7 - WEEK 38 - OUR CHOICE

10/14 - WEEK 39 - CLOTHED IN CHRIST

10/21 - WEEK 40 - LEFT AT THE CROSS

Unit 9 EXPERIENCING THE PRAYER OF JESUS ~ MEMORY VERSE - EPHESIANS 6:18

****And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.****

10/28 - WEEK 41 - A HEAVENLY AFFECTION

All sisters in Christ, join us as we continue to grow in faith, hope, and love!

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





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

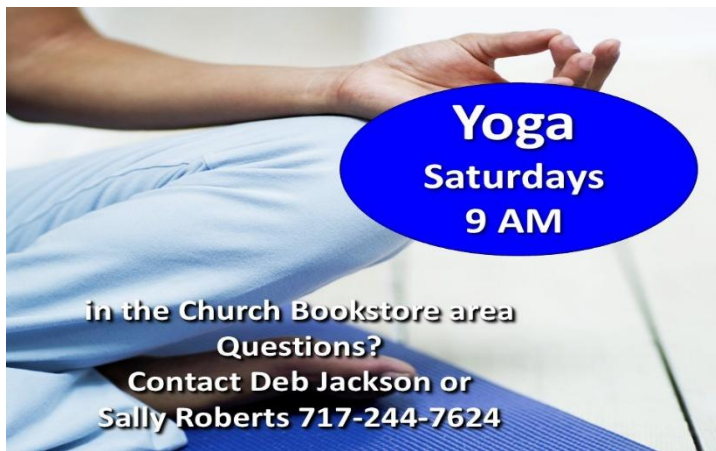
benefit for many as they go through the difficult journey of grief. There will be a special session, "Surviving the Holidays," on Tuesday, November 17th at both times. **The evening session for Tuesday, October 27th has been moved (this week only) to Monday, October 26th (same time).** For more information or to register for one of the gatherings, please contact Pastor Larry at 717-244-7624, Ext. 102.

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.



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.



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 fantastic way to relax after a tough week? Join us for Yoga on Saturday mornings!



Bible Quiz

Psalm 103 (ESV) begins:

“Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his _____.”

What should we “not forget”?

A. goodness C. gifts
B. kindness D. benefits

Answer: D. benefits (Psalm 103:2)

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



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). Benefits the missions of Bethany Church.

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!



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.



Subs & Sandwiches

Sponsored by the Missions Committee

Kitchen as you leave church on the fourth Sunday of the month, Sunday, October 25th. Pick up is 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!

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!)

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 or Giving App (under "events"). Pick up and pay in the

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!

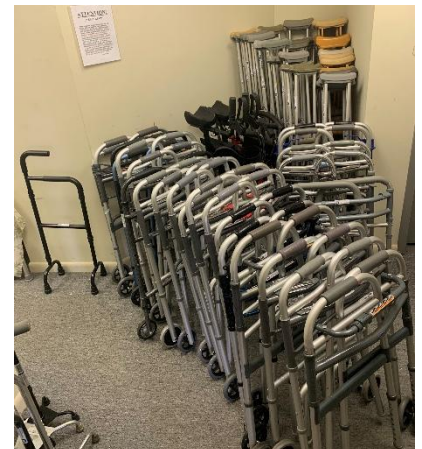


MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LENDING WAREHOUSE

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.

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.





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!



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

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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Connecting People with People Ministry News

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!



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.

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.

Knitting & Crochet Ministry



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.

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. 😊

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!





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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