



# Bethany Beeline

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*Committed to Christ, United by Love. We are about God, Christ, the Word, and the Future. No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here. We are Bethany United Church of Christ.*

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## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 - NUT ORDERS DUE**

10:00 AM Worship – with Pastor Wisser

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 – RALLY DAY –**

### **“BETHANY ROCKS”**

9:00 AM Breakfast in FH

10:45 AM Worship in FH – Blessing of backpacks etc.

Joyful Noise for Blessing Bags

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 –**

10:45 AM Church picnic at Beth Twsp. Park

Meet and Greet our new Pastor Linda Wisser.

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 – REGULAR WORSHIP RETURNS**

9:00 AM      Sunday School  
9:30 AM      Adult SS  
10:45 AM     B.A.G. (Bring A Guest) Sunday  
                Worship with Pastor Wisser  
                Installation of teachers  
                Special collection for Flood Victims



Hello Members and Friends of Bethany,

September signals a time of new beginnings for many of us. It marks the start of the new school year and a change in schedules for some families. It marks the change of seasons as creation shifts from August heat and sunflowers to cooler autumn temperatures and Mums. Football season is just around the corner, and soon shorts and flip flops give way to sweaters and boots. Sometimes Autumn comes like as a long awaited friend, but for others the change in season is not so welcome. The same is true for other kinds of change; some can seem like a breath of fresh air, but others are met with apprehension or angst.

At Bethany we hope that some of the things now happening in our ministry are received as a breath of fresh air as the Spirit of God breathes new life into this congregation. I am excited to join you during this transitional time in ministry here. For those who I haven't met yet, my name is Linda Wisser and I am serving as your pastor for the coming year. My husband, Matt and I live in Coopersburg and we are both natives of the Lehigh Valley. We have two adult children, Lindsay and Daniel, and we have two

very large dogs, French Mastiffs named Eddie and Betty who came to us as rescues two years ago. I am a second career student at Moravian Theological Seminary, and an approved candidate for ordination in the Moravian Church Northern Province. My life and ministry has been largely centered around education, outreach and mission in the Moravian Church for the past fifteen years. A big change for me this fall is beginning a ministry with you at Bethany United Church of Christ. After conversations and prayers and visits to worship here over several months, I see this change as a long awaited friend and a life-giving breath of the Spirit.

I invite you to a "Meet and Greet" time on Sunday, September 17th as part of the Church Picnic at Bethlehem Township Park. Please plan to come for worship and please introduce yourself to me. I look forward to meeting you and to learning about Bethany UCC from you as we plan our next steps in ministry.

We also look forward to a new year of Faith Formation beginning September 10th with breakfast for everyone at 9 a.m. Our Sunday School theme will be "Bethany Rocks...building solid faith together". After breakfast, we will decorate river stone rocks which will be used as part of our liturgy that day. This is an *all ages* event and we do hope you will join us.

We worship and serve the God of all time, the one who created and is creating in our midst. Come and be part of the mission and ministry of Bethany that is beginning to take shape anew. We hope to see you soon!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Linda

*Isaiah 43:19-21 The Message (MSG): This is what GOD says, the God who builds a road right through the ocean, who carves a path through pounding waves...Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new. It's bursting out! Don't you see it? There it is!*

## Pastor's Office Hours and Contact Information

Pastor Linda will be in the office on Monday's and Wednesdays. Scheduled visits will be on those days after 2 p.m. Emergency pastoral care will be offered as needed. Please call the office to schedule a visit. Feel free to see me on Sunday mornings or email me directly as well.

Email: [pastorlinda.bethanyucc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorlinda.bethanyucc@gmail.com)

*Please let her know how she can serve you.*

Bethany Worship Service Digital **AUDIO RECORDINGS** are available. If interested contact Bill Rumble at [wrumble@ptd.net](mailto:wrumble@ptd.net).



**BULLETIN & FLOWER CHART** - The Bulletin and Flower charts for 2017 are posted on the bulletin board by the main entrance (double glass doors). Just sign your name on any available date.

Precious Petals Florists sent a letter indicating an increase in price is due to the rising cost of flowers and supplies. Delivery will continue to be no charge.

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGES IN BOLD** The minimum cost for bulletins is \$10.00. **Effective August 1**, the cost for fresh flowers is **\$40.00 for two vases**. Another fresh flower option is one low **rectangular vase to be placed on the altar at a cost of \$28.50**. If you prefer this option, please sign up on the flower chart and indicate your preference by placing an R in a circle after your name for the Rectangular arrangement. I need to let the florist know what type of flower arrangement we want, so please mark the chart. If you prefer the seasonal Silk flowers and would like your donation to go directly to Bethany, please write the word

“silk” behind your name or put an (S). PLEASE NOTE The minimum cost of silk flowers is \$10.00. As in the past, contact the office with your information for the bulletin no later than the Tuesday before your sponsored date. Thank you.

### **Bethany Needs Your Help**

We need everyone to pitch in and help take care of our church home. We all have a little time in our busy lives to do one of the jobs listed below occasionally. If you or your group holds an event or meeting at the church, please make sure all trash is put in the furnace room and the rest rooms are stocked with toilet paper and paper towels. Be sure that floors and tables are clean.

On Sunday before you leave your pew look around and make sure all trash goes with you and all items are returned to their proper place.

If you see something that needs to be done, do it. Or bring it to the attention of someone who can address the concern.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** Your Consistory, Staff, and Ministry/ Committee leadership want you to be aware of this information. We hope that it will encourage you to act.

Everyone has special talents and abilities. Sometimes we think we have little or nothing to offer. Time is often limited, but we can make time for things we care about. You are vital to Bethany United Church of Christ. Speak to any consistory member, ministry/committee leader, or staff member to offer your help. Here are just a few ideas.

- Ring the church bell prior to each service as well as any additional times requested.
- Turn off the pulpit light after the worship service.
- Clean the glass door in front of the church for all services and events.
- Keep restrooms clean always. See that soap, towels and toilet paper are replenished as needed and cups at water fountain are

supplied.

- See that all rooms are tidy and set up for Sunday School.
- Collect all waste materials and put in cans in the boiler room no later than Sunday night.
- Make sure that recycling is placed outside for collection.
- Rope off pews whenever necessary per instructions.
- Place bulletins in the back of the church and the choir room early on Sunday morning.
- Be a participant on one or more of our ministries/committees
- Serve as a greeter, lay reader, usher and offering counter – just let Susan know if you want your name added to the Worship Service Schedule before the end of the year when she revises the list.
- Serve as a greeter or lay reader
- Cleaning: vacuum, dust, collect trash/recycling, clean glass on entrance doors, bathrooms, mop floors, etc.
- Count Joyful Noise offering
- Straighten pews
- “Be a nut” – help with preparation of nuts on Saturdays and/or Mondays
- Share musical talent in preludes and offertories
- Replace offering envelopes in pews
- Proofread Bulletins and/or Beelines prior to publication

Please look into your heart and help your church in its time of need. If you have any questions on where to find supplies or further instructions, please ask either a consistory member or a member of the property committee.

Thank you,

Your church

**SPONSOR-A BILL** Many of us are probably not aware of Bethany's ongoing expenses. The Sponsor-a-Bill initiative has been quite successful in meeting Bethany's expenses. By sponsoring a bill, you can greatly contribute to Bethany's needs. Sponsor-a-Bill encourages members to support the payment or partial payment of a specific monthly, quarterly, or annual bill.

Here is a sampling of bills that we incur regularly.

**Monthly**

Postage (book of 20) \$9.80

**PAID**

Communion wafers \$16

Copy paper \$23

Nut-making supplies \$65 (for September)

Janitorial supplies \$117

Phone/internet \$144

Copier maintenance & usage \$160

Copier lease \$162

Electricity \$279

Natural gas \$845

**Quarterly**

Water & sewer \$300

**Annually**

Light bulbs \$15

**PAID**  
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Office calendar \$23

Boiler cleaning & maintenance \$132



Kitchen health license \$31

Internet web hosting fee \$84

Pavilion rental fee \$95 )



Chair lift inspection \$101 )

Music copyright license \$116)

Fire system security monitoring \$140

Fire extinguisher inspection \$175



Kitchen exhaust system inspection \$200

Air Conditioning Maintenance \$375



Garbage

When "Sponsoring a Bill" please indicate what bill you are contributing to in the memo on your check or, if using cash, on a separate envelope. Please be aware that your sponsorship is in addition to regular weekly offerings.

**REMINDER:** FH may be used for parties etc. by members for only \$50.

The season for the 2017-18 year is about to begin. Anyone interested in joining the fun and fellowship of the Bethlehem Inter-Church Dart Baseball League for 2017-18, should call Bob Ackerman at 610-797-7842. **First game is home with Christ UCC on September 11.** All games start at 7:30 unless otherwise noted.



Monetary donation received in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Barbara and Mike Reiniger from Jan and Susan Phillips.



Monetary donation in memory of our Mothers, Elinor Sabetti and Julie Laser by Margy & Dan Sabetti.

Monetary donation in memory of our Fathers, Dan Sabetti and Stanley Laser by Dan and Margy Sabetti.

Monetary donation in memory of Edwin Ruhe's July birthday by wife, Margaret.



**Sept. Shoo-fly pie sale St. Thomas UCC Macada Rd. order** by Sept. 6  
610-868-9167 PICK UP Sept 12 9A- 1 P. \$8.00 each

**Sept. 15 – 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Nicholas Cathedral GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL –**  
1607 W. Union Blvd

**September 22** pastie order date from St. Thomas UCC – Macada Rd.  
Pick Up September 28 from 9A – 1 P Cost \$6 call 610-868-9167 -  
proceeds benefit CROP Walk for Hunger

**October 20-21-22** Runner's World Race – No SS that day

**October 27** – Trick or Treat night in Bethlehem

**October 29** – Bethlehem Halloween Parade

## **CORRECTION FOR OUR JUNE GRADUATES:**

Lauren Correll has 3 sisters and 1 brother. They are Alyssa, Val, Jenna and Nick.

Nikki Lutsko also graduated.

## **Recent baptism:**

Glendale Carney, Jr., son of Misty Heffentrager and Glendale Carney was baptized August 13.



blssing  
bags



## Church-wide Mission Project

Last year as part of our 125th Anniversary we gave out Blessing Bags in December to the men and women who utilized the overnight shelters in the area churches. We were able to give out 84 bags last year. Those of us who delivered

them found the experience to be very rewarding and humbling, as well as very much appreciated by those who received them. We would like to do this again this year with a goal of 100 bags.

We would like to start gathering the non-perishable items and then in November collect the perishable items. The most wanted item in the bags were socks. Everyone wanted a bag that had socks in it. So socks are definitely needed.

I was able to get about 50 toothbrushes and toothpaste from my personal dentist last year but am asking others in the congregation to please reach out to their own dentists this year so it will not be such a large amount for one dentist to donate.

When you travel, please think about donating the small bottles of shampoo, conditioner and lotion that are complimentary in many hotels, to this worthwhile project.

Items needed for each blessing bag:

- |   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Gallon size storage bags                            | Gum                 |
| Gloves  | Mints               |
| Thermal socks                                       | Deodorant           |
| Reg. Socks  | Winter hats         |
| Toothbrush.   | Small pack of wipes |
| Toothpaste  | Beef jerky          |
| Dental Floss  | Pocket size tissues |
| Band-Aids   | Combs               |
| Pocket size Bibles                                  | Pens                |
| Small note pads                                     |                     |
| Small size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, shower gel |                     |

Thanks,  
Sharon Haines



*Gracious God, help me face life's struggles with the love of Christ, who strengthens me. Amen*

Lester Albaugh  
Kenneth Bender  
Ruth Bowers  
Amy Campbell  
Lillian Connors  
Nancy John  
Betty Johnson  
Rod Laughlin  
Joyce Macbeth  
Ken Mathias  
Jeffrey Mohring  
Esther Nelson  
Linda St. Hilaire  
Karin Sparling  
Brenda Stetler  
Jean Thrash  
Marie Wolfe  
Jerome Yost



**PRAYER LIST:** We ask that you check this list and let us know if there are any persons that no longer need to be on this list. Also, if you know of someone that needs our prayers, you can submit their name to Debbie Brown at 484-358-3735 or the church office. Remember, because of the privacy to individuals; please be sure you have their permission before submitting their names for the prayer list.



**DON'T FORGET YOUR SCRIP CARDS!**

Use the cards when you shop or give them as gifts! It's soooo easy.



After a summer of weekly Chancel Choir anthems, monthly handbell anthems, piano/organ duets and instrumentalists on our July 2nd Patriotic Service, we will now add our children back into the "mix" on Sunday September 24th. The orchestra will rehearse at 9 AM that morning and play during worship. The children will have their singing rehearsal during the Sunday School Session. The Chancel and Handbell choirs will provide anthems that Sunday as well. This will be our first Sunday back in the sanctuary at the 10:45 AM worship time since the summer worship schedule began.

Special happenings this month are Rally Day on September 10th with breakfast, a Sunday School Program and worship all downstairs in our Fellowship Hall. The following week, September 17th is our annual church picnic. A hymn sing interspersed with liturgy and a message from Pastor Linda will precede our delicious covered dish lunch. The service begins at 10:45 A.M. This is an exciting month of activities to get us "up and running" for a busy fall and Advent/Christmas season.

If you enjoy singing and fellowship, please consider coming out to our Chancel Choir rehearsals. We would love to have additional singers join us. And... the orchestra always has a chair for anyone willing to play their instrument...a flexible once a month commitment for those interested. Don't give those unplayed attic instruments away...give them a trial run and come play with us!

Additional rehearsal dates not already mentioned in this article include Wednesday September 20th and 27th - 6:30 P.M. Handbell Choir and 7:45 P.M. Chancel Choir. There are no evening rehearsals on Wed. September 6th and 13th.

Joyfully,

Susan Denninger Wright



**RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2017**

**BETHANY ROCKS -  
BUILDING A SOLID FAITH TOGETHER**

Starting with Breakfast at 9:00 AM in Fellowship Hall  
for a free will offering.

Come out and meet our new Pastor Linda and get to know her.

We are going to decorate ROCKS. You ask why rocks? Jesus is  
the rock of our belief. The painting of ROCKS is for the entire  
family.

We will hear music all about Bible stories including ROCKS  
Music will be provided by Richard Roberts

We will have our Worship Service in Fellowship Hall  
where Pastor Linda will bless the children's back packs and  
lunch boxes along with anything you might use for school or work.

During our church service Pastor Linda will ask you to bring your  
ROCKS to the altar and she will talk to you about your ROCK.

Registration forms will be filled out along with permission slips for  
the coming year.

Hope to see you all at RALLY DAY.

Remember **BETHANY ROCKS**

Hugs to all

Darlene Yocum

Director of Faith Formation



**BETHANY ROCKS!**

*the church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord*

## **VBS RECAP**

Many thanks to everyone who helped make our VBS Super Hero program a super success.

The children got to meet the mounted police and their horses. We had our pictures taken with the horses and we could pet them.

The local firemen from the firehouse on Broad St. joined us. Each child had the opportunity to sit in the fire truck and they also had a demonstration on the workings of the siren and the flashing lights.

A policeman came to meet us. Officer Audeliuo came to talk about being a policeman and the requirements of becoming an officer of the law.

Friday night our Super Hero was Margy Sabetti. She talked to the children about what it is like to be a school teacher. She also played recess games with the kids.

We all had a great time and fun was had by all.

We also collected items for the blessing bags. Thanks everyone.

## RUMMAGE SALE

Thank you everyone who helped make the Rummage sale a big success (\$1,225.00) . . .from setting up tables, putting out stuff to sell, baked goods for the bake sale table, helpers, the pricers, the kitchen help, the soup makers, the people who took the money in, the people who packed everything up and people who delivered the leftover stuff to Goodwill. Thank you so much.

Fund Raiser Committee

## BETHANY'S NEWEST MEMBERS:

Please welcome the following individuals who became members of Bethany in June:



**Lauren and Casey Fehr** – They have been involved with the VBS and Sunday School here at Bethany UCC. They have always felt welcome and Bethany UCC feels like our home and special place to worship. They have one son, CJ, who attends Sunday school

and have recently adopted a 13 year old boy named Emile. We are overwhelmingly blessed, and thank GOD for their 2 amazing sons.

**Jim Stetler** – He is the husband of Brenda Stetler. He is originally from Phillipsburg, NJ. He enjoys traveling in the RV with his wife. He also enjoys working on his 68 Charger.

**Cory Tancin** – He has been attending services here at Bethany for quite a while now. He enjoys bowling, going to the beach, dancing, and is life-long animal lover.

## ANIMAL FOOD BANK

Remember our furry friends. Just drop your donation in one of the bins in the Narthex. I will deliver the items to the Animal Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley, a non-profit organization that assists people in need of help feeding their pets. Thanks again to everyone. - Brian Ziegler



## **PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (610-868-4441) . . .**

... when a member of your family is admitted to the hospital so that visits can be made and the proper people notified. Our hospital code is 402.

... in the event of death of a family member or loved one. When tragedy happens, it will bring comfort to know your church family cares about you.

... when your group plans to have a meeting, so that it can be cleared and placed on the church calendar.

... when either your home or cell phone number is changed, so the church records can be updated.

... when you are planning to move – out of town or locally.

... when a new baby arrives in your family or in the family of another church or Sunday school member.

... when a member of your family leaves home for college, the military, or to establish a new residence.

... when you want to add a name to or delete a name from the prayer list. Remember, because of the privacy to individuals; please be sure you have their permission before submitting their names for the prayer list.

... when you feel the church can assist you in any way.

Bethany also received thank you letters and confirmation of our donations from:

The Seeing Eye Dog  
Animal Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley  
Second Harvest Food Bank  
Friends of the Bethlehem Mounted Police



## Date to Remember

September 17, 10:45 a.m. will be the annual church picnic at Bethlehem Township Park. Sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex.

**REMINDER: ALL** announcements made before worship must pertain to the life and ministry of Bethany. Community and family announcements can be placed in the bulletin and/or Beeline. Please contact Susan Wuchter no later than the Monday before you want it to appear in the bulletin.

### Directory corrections:

PAGE	CHANGE	NAME
6	ADD	Casey & Lauren Fehr 2349 4 <sup>th</sup> St. Easton PA 18042 484-560-6990 – C <a href="mailto:laurenfehr27@gmail.com">laurenfehr27@gmail.com</a>
14	Delete	Moyer, Julie-Ann
17	Change	Remove * from Jim Stetler – he is now a member
18	ADD	Tancin, Cory 2239 Forrest Hill Drive Bethlehem PA 18015 484-635-6887 <a href="mailto:coreytancin@gmail.com">coreytancin@gmail.com</a>
19	ADD	Wisser, Pastor Linda 7873 Grant Rd. Coopersburg PA 18036 H – 610-967-2118 C – 484-764-8629 <a href="mailto:pastorlinda.bethanyucc@gmail.com">pastorlinda.bethanyucc@gmail.com</a>

**PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (610-868-4441) . . . if there is any change in the information we have about you (name, address, phone, email or if you are in the hospital. Our hospital code is 402.**



## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017**

Worship (Hymn Sing) and Church Picnic  
at Bethlehem Township Park  
10:45 AM

**There will be a worship service followed by a picnic lunch. All are welcome!**



**There is a sign-up poster in the Narthex. Indicate what type of covered dish you will bring. Hot dogs will be provided.**



**Bring your own beverages.  
Sign up today!**

**Bring family and friends!**

**Bring your lawn chairs, outdoor games and board games.  
There will be a donation basket to help defray costs.**

**Directions:** Go east on Easton Ave/Wm. Penn highway. Pass the Bethlehem Township office building on left. Turn right at next traffic light (Farmersville Rd.). Proceed ¼ mile and turn left into park. Continue on road till it dead ends into parking lot.

*COME OUT AND ENJOY THE DAY!*





## GET YOUR PEANUTS, CASHEWS, AND ALMONDS HERE!

Below are the nut preparation dates and order dates for 2017.

Mark your calendars! You don't want to miss an order date. We sell Almonds, Cashews, and Peanuts. Call Debbie Brown at 484-358-3735 or Linda Wieand at 610-868-3719. Everyone is invited to help on nut

preparation days. Saturdays from 9 AM-Noon (Attention Youth – this can be Community Service time) and Mondays from 8 AM until finished. It's a time of fun and fellowship. Lunch is served on peanut prep Mondays.



### Order dates

Sept. 3 & 4  
Oct. 1 & 2  
Nov. 5 & 6  
Dec. 3 & 4  
Jan. 7 & 8  
Feb. 4 & 5  
**Mar. 5 & 6**  
Apr. 1 & 2  
May 6 & 7  
June 3 & 4

### Peanut Preparation Day

Sept. 9 & 11  
Oct. 7 & 9  
Nov. 11 & 13  
Dec. 9 & 11  
Jan 13 & 15  
Feb. 10 & 12  
**Mar. 11 & 13**  
Apr. 7 & 9  
May 12 & 14  
June 9 & 11

Peanuts \$3, Cashews & Almonds \$5

### ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS & FRIENDS OF BETHANY

We would like to send a Beeline to college students and friends of Bethany, but to do that we need an email address or mailing address. Please call the church office (610-868-4441) or email the church (bethanyunitedchurch@rcn.com) with that information. Thank you.

**Deadline for October beeline is September 22**

# From the Consistory:

## 2017 Consistory

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Vice President – Leslie Thrash

Secretary – Debbie Keretz

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### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:

6/4 Attendance 80 Weekly member envelope \$2,161.00  
 6/11 Attendance 56 Weekly member envelope \$703.00  
 6/18 Attendance 68 Weekly member envelope \$935.00  
 6/25 Attendance 53 Weekly member envelope \$863.00  
 7/2 Attendance 65 Weekly member envelope \$2,217.00  
 \*Bethany's Benevolence Fund Joyful Noise \$67.01  
 7/9 Attendance 53 Weekly member envelope \$1,162.00  
 7/16 Attendance 54 Weekly member envelope \$1,659.00  
 7/23 Attendance 54 Weekly member envelope \$1,006.00  
 7/30 Attendance 71 Weekly member envelope \$1,343.00  
 Bethlehem Mounted Police Joyful Noise \$99.63  
 8/6 Attendance 54 Weekly member envelope \$2,272.00  
 8/13 Attendance 81 Weekly member envelope \$1,152.00  
 8/20 Attendance 64 Weekly member envelope \$1,327.00  
 Animals in Distress Joyful Noise - \$71.17  
 8/27 Attendance 58 Weekly member envelope \$737.00  
 Additional rummage sale \$70.00

\*Bethany's Benevolence Fund benefit members who are in need of financial support.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Rebecca Sullivan
- 16 Cindy Beck
- 21 Sandy Townsend
- 24 Meghann Wright  
Ruth Bowers
- 25 Laura Sutter
- 28 Jenna Nguyen

DID I MISS ANYONE? If so,  
call the church office

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# Happy Birthday!



## **SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 9 Stacy & Bill Rodriquez
- 14 Brenda & James Stetler
- 19 Katherine & John Knoll
- 25 Patti & Tim Hoyt
- 29 Jane & Thomas Harlacher
- 30 Barbara & Richard Roberts



I do not know anyone who has gotten to the top without hard work. That is the recipe. It will not always get you to the top, but it will get you pretty near. – Margaret Thatcher

## THOSE WHO WILL SERVE

### September 3

FLOWERS: Bob Bauder

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Dolly Ackerman and Linda Wieand

USHERS: Fred Ackerman, Bob Ackerman, Linda St. Hilaire, Mackenzie Scott

ACOLYTE: Emily Rodriguez

LAY READER: Barbara Reiniger

ALTAR GUILD: Linda St. Hilaire

### September 10 – RALLY DAY

PLEASE NOTE **CHANGES (IN BOLD)** TO THE SCHEDULE, AS THE CHURCH PICNIC WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR 9/10 – HOWEVER THE GROVE WAS NOT AVAILABLE THAT DATE

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: **Volunteers needed**

USHERS: **Tom Hoffert, Josh Baum, Charley Bergey, Wayne Shelly**

ACOLYTE: **Abbie Sullivan**

LAY READER: Rebecca Kesselring

### September 17 – CHURCH PICNIC

USHERS: Volunteers

LAY READER: Dick Roberts

### September 24

FLOWERS: (S) Patti Hoyt

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Len Kesselring, Donald Esslinger

USHERS: Sue & Earl Stralo, Brian Ziegler, Len Kesselring

ACOLYTE: Ashley Tarasuk

LAY READER: Dan Sabetti



## WE WILL COLLECT FOR THIS ON SEPTEMBER 24

### From UCC Disaster Ministries

As we seek to live out our vision of "A just world for all" and our expression of how we do this through the 3 Great Loves (Love of Neighbor, Love of Children and Love of Creation), responding to those in need during a time of crisis/disaster is imperative. Please continue to pray for those along the Gulf Coast and let us also not grow weary or forget the countless others who continue to recover from disasters in the US or those in distant lands who have been impacted by landslides, floods, drought, etc.

We live in tumultuous times of uncertainty where hopelessness abounds and so as the United Church of Christ we have the honor, privilege and calling to be a beacon of hope by expressing our love of neighbor, child and nature therefore, I would like to offer up a few options for all of us to humbly respond:

**Pray!** Continue to pray for survivors and responders.

**Give!** Financial contributions following disasters allow for flexibility in responding to the need at hand.

Contributions may be sent to the Conference Office; please mark them TX Disaster; we will forward the donations in their entirety to National.

US

Disasters: [https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/emergency\\_usa](https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/emergency_usa)

International Disasters: [https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/international\\_emergency\\_relief\\_fund](https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/international_emergency_relief_fund)

**Volunteer!** UCC Disaster Ministries holistic approach focuses on the long- term, families and communities that can't recover on their own. Sign up to volunteer at: [http://www.ucc.org/disaster\\_disaster-volunteers](http://www.ucc.org/disaster_disaster-volunteers)

**Prepare!** Be prepared for disasters so that you are not another statistic and are able to assist those in your community who have been impacted. [http://www.ucc.org/disaster\\_national-disaster-resources](http://www.ucc.org/disaster_national-disaster-resources)

**Donate!** Collect items to assemble CWS cleanup buckets (you may bring the buckets to the PNEC for transport to CWS). Engage local businesses, friends, family and coworkers. Don't forget that UCC Disaster Ministries has matching grants to assist you. [http://www.ucc.org/disaster\\_2017\\_matching\\_grants\\_for\\_cws\\_kits\\_home\\_page](http://www.ucc.org/disaster_2017_matching_grants_for_cws_kits_home_page)

**Stay informed!** Continue to receive updates and important information. <http://www.ucc.org/disaster>

-- In Christ, Zach Wolgemuth

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