



Bethany Beeline

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“Moving Forward United in Faith.”

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MARCH 2018

Sundays in...



MARCH 4 – NUT ORDERS DUE

10:45 A Worship with Pastor Linda
Church Growth after worship

MARCH 11

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Joyful Noise for Alzheimer’s Association

MARCH 18

10:30 A Combined worship service at Christ UCC, 75 E. Market St. with Pastor Linda delivering the message



Holy Week

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Holy Communion

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Tenebrae: A Service of Darkness

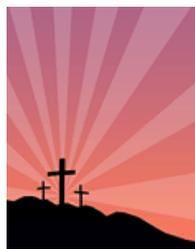
(the story continues as we remember the final hours and death of Jesus and reflect on the darkness present in our lives today)

7 P Worship with Pastor Linda

APRIL 1 – EASTER SUNDAY

The Lord is Risen! A joyous celebration of music and Holy Communion as we claim the promise of new life that is ours in Christ.

10:45 A Holy Communion - Worship with Pastor Linda



HE IS RISEN - HE IS RISEN INDEED!

“PRACTICING LOVE”

Earlier this month there was a video clip being circulated on line, and it was a clip of boy from India who talked about what we practice. His statements were simple yet profound. Some of his thoughts are paraphrased here: "What is it you practice, because what you practice you will get very good at? Do you practice joy, peace, happiness? Do you

practice complaining? Because if you do, you will get so good at that you will find fault with everything. You will become an expert at complaining. What is it you practice? Anger? If you practice anger you will get good at being angry. So much that even trivial things will make you angry. You will be on an airplane and look across the aisle and become angry as you imagine the other seat is better than the one you have. What is it you practice? Do you practice worry? Because if you do, you will become so good at it, that you will worry about everything, including the buffalo you do not have! What is it you practice?"

Our practice of the church season of Lent is often thought about in terms of giving something up. And if that practice brings us closer union with the Savior, than it is of great value. But perhaps during these forty days leading up to Easter, it is more helpful that we become mindful of what we ARE doing, rather than what we are not. What is it we are practicing because what we practice, we become very good at. Jesus said, "LOVE". Love, God with your all, and love your neighbor as yourself. What is it we practice? May we become experts at love!

Pastor Linda

Pastor's Office Hours and Contact Information

Starting January 29, Pastor Linda will be in the office on Monday mornings and Wednesday & Thursday afternoons. Scheduled visits will be on those days according to her schedule. 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

Bethany Worship Service Digital **AUDIO RECORDINGS** are available. If interested contact Bill Rumble at wrumble@ptd.net.

BULLETIN & FLOWER CHART - The Bulletin and Flower charts for 2018 are posted on the bulletin board by the main entrance (double glass doors). Just sign your name on any available date.



The minimum cost for bulletins is \$10.00. 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.
 - 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.
 - 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
Communion wafers \$16
Copy paper \$23
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
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.



Dear Bethany Friends,

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, cards, and visits. The beautiful prayer shawl is a source of comfort to me. I am blessed by your kindness.

Your friend,

Jean Thrash

Thanks to all who helped with **STAND UP BETHLEHEM -** Serving Those in Need in Our Community on Saturday, February 10, 2018. It was very much appreciated and inspiring.

Thanks to all those who gave blood at Miller Keystone Blood Bank on February 17.

MISSION

This Lent the Church Growth Committee is inviting you to join us in being heroes. We will be filling up rice bowls with money that will be used to cover the food cost of grass roots orphanages around the world. You can participate two ways. 1. Put your loose change in the rice bowl bank as you enter the sanctuary each week. or 2. Take a rice bowl bank home with you and fill it as you wish or join with us as each week there are different challenges. Bethany's fundraising goal is \$200. For more information or to watch videos of those we are helping please visit: <https://www.ricebowls.org/>

1st Week Challenge: Coffee starts our days as it is often difficult to get started in the morning. If you buy yourself a cup of coffee, tea, water, or beverage, put the same amount in the bank.

Each week after:

2nd Week Challenge: Be the change this week. If you go grocery shopping round up the amount you spent and put the change in the bank. (i.e. if you spent \$54.16 at the store, put \$0.84 in the bank). (3/4 – 3/11)

3rd Week Challenge: Can can time! Join in the dance and every time you open a can of food, put a coin in the bank. With the focus on food, we are getting hungry. What is your favorite food? Put the cost of that food into the bank. (3/11 – 3/18)

4th Week Challenge: This week we chill out! Every time you open your refrigerator, put a coin in the bank. (3/18 – 3/25)

5th Week Challenge: This week we celebrate Holy Week and prepare for our Easter feasts. Choose one Easter item be it the ham, potatoes, the veggies, or even the candy and put the cost of at least one of those items in the bank! And don't forget to bring your bank into church to fill our Easter Baskets! (3/25 – 4/1)

Be a small part of something big!

One Great Hour of Sharing is a Christian effort to empower, provide water, supply food, and give relief from disasters. Special envelopes for OGHS will be in the Sunday bulletins to be turned in by March 25th. Please consider contributing to this special need.



Senior Friends Programs
for 2018

1st Thursday of the Month September thru May at 11:30 A.M.
West Side Moravian Church 610-865-0256
BRING A SANDWICH Beverage and Dessert is provided

Please meet at church at 11:30 for lunch before outings

All Are Welcomed!!!

Mar 1 – Richard Miller with St. Paddy’s day program

Apr. 5 – Dan Dillard with presentation on burn prevention

May 3 - TBA

All are Welcome! See flyer on BB in Narthex

St. Thomas UCC MARCH CABBAGE & NOODLES SALE Thursday, March 15, 2018 ~ 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. To Order: call the church office at 610-868-9167 Cost: \$6.00 per quart. Please place your order by Tuesday, March 6! Thursday, March 15: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. –Pick-up

EASTER FRUIT CRUMB PIE SALE pick up Tuesday, March 27 ~ 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Crumb Pie Choices: Apple, Blueberry, Cherry, & Strawberry Crumb To Order: Place your order on the message board next to the church office, or call the church office at 610-868-9167 Cost: \$9.00 each. Please place your order by Wednesday March 21!

UPCOMING LENTEN SERVICES:

Palm Sunday – March 25th at 10:45 a.m. - Blessed is the One Who Comes in the Name of the Lord!

Maunder Thursday – March 29th at 7 p.m. - “Who’s at the Table?” a dramatic remembering of the Last Supper and service of Holy Communion

Good Friday – March 30th at 7 p.m. – Tenebrae: A Service of Darkness (the story continues as we remember the final hours and death of Jesus and reflect on the darkness present in our lives today)

Easter Morning – April 1st at 10:45 a.m. – The Lord is Risen! A joyous celebration of music and Holy Communion as we claim the promise of new life that is ours in Christ.



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN TO

Spring Forward

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead next Sat. night – or you will be late for worship March 11.

“LET THERE BE LIGHT” FUND



As many of you may have noticed, the exterior lighting fixtures on the front of our church had been out of service for a period of time. Recently, our electrician, Werkheiser Electric loaned us fixtures to fill the void left by the absence of the older units. The Werkheiser folks have since offered to give us the loaned fixtures at no cost, but informed us that re-wiring and re-furbishing of these fixtures would be required. Our cost to

have that work done was estimated to be approximately \$500.00.

The shortcoming of this option is that, while functional, the loaned fixtures really don't provide sufficient downlight to the sidewalk and steps below. A second option would be to search for new fixtures that would provide adequate downlight. But, as you might expect, while less re-wiring would be required, the cost of new fixtures would not be inexpensive.

Consequently, the Consistory, in conjunction with the property committee, is starting a new fund called “Let There Be Light”. The purpose of the fund is to raise the money needed to provide a permanent solution to our exterior lighting dilemma. Our immediate goal is \$500.00, but any additional monies would be more than welcome. We intend this fund to be a “one-time only” initiative. We know that there will continue to be on-going needs at our beloved church. We're hoping that, with your help, we can put this need to rest for a long time to come. Please mark any donations you may choose to make to the “Let There Be Light” Fund and our church family thanks you in advance for your generosity!

EASTER FLOWERS

The Worship Committee recently met to plan the Lenten and Easter season. We will have available **pink, purple and white tulips and yellow daffodils at a cost of \$8. Mini daffodils in a smaller pot will cost \$6.** We will again order from Hickory Grove Nursery. These plants will be used to decorate for Easter and you can place them in honor or memory of loved ones.



Easter Flowers

You can also make a **donation** for artificial lilies that will be used for the Easter service. These can be then used from year to year. Please contact one of us if you have any questions.

Margy Sabetti

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM ON PAGE 20 & RETURN IT WITH YOUR CHECK TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BEFORE TUESDAY, MARCH 20.



The season for the 2017-18 year is almost half over. Anyone interested in joining the fun and fellowship of the Bethlehem Inter-Church Dart Baseball League for 2018-19, should call Bob Ackerman at 610-797-7842. All games start at 7:30 unless otherwise noted. Weekly results posted on BB in Narthex.

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

DEADLINE FOR APRIL BEELINE IS MARCH 23.

Directory corrections:

PAGE	CHANGE	NAME
3	Email correction	Fred & Dolly Ackerman usslookoutagr2@gmail.com

In addition, this month's Joyful Noise (3/11/18) offering is for Alzheimer's Disease Research. Since 2011 we have faithfully raised funds for Alzheimer's' and related brain diseases. Last year we raised \$875.00 for this worthy cause, and that contribution was doubled by an anonymous donor. Please help us again this year by writing any checks to Bethany United Church of Christ and putting ALZHEIMERS in the memo area. Bethany Church will send one large check to the organization. This contribution will also be doubled, and checks or cash donations will be accepted through Wed. 3/21/18. Because of worshipping at Christ UCC on 3/18, please drop off your gift in the church office when open, or give to Sue Wright or the church treasurers if you forget on 3/10. Thank you for helping to find a cure for this devastating disease.

Susan Denninger Wright

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

Lester Albaugh
Kenneth Bender
Charles & Joyce Bergey
Ruth Bowers
Lillian Connors
Lauren Fehr
Roland Greitzer
Sharon Haines
Joyce Macbeth
Ken Mathias
Esther Nelson
Karin Sparling
Jean Thrash
Marie Wolfe



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.



Monetary memorial for Frances "Nancy" John has been received from Mary Frances Fuehrer and Diane Petrizzi.

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



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.

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.

CHURCH CANCELLATIONS



If Sunday worship is cancelled due to weather conditions, announcements will be made over radio stations WAEB – 790 AM & B104 FM (their web sites also carry the information), WLEV – 100.7 FM, as well as TV Channel 69 – WFMZ. Also, if we have your email address, an email will be sent out.

If worship is cancelled due to inclement weather, all choirs and Orchestra will not rehearse.

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.

The worship service volunteer schedule for 2018-19 is available on the radiator at the rear of the church – please pick one up.

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.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:

	Budgeted Member Envelope	\$2,143.00
2/4 Attendance	48 Weekly member envelope	\$1,494.00
2/11 Attendance	50 Weekly member envelope	\$1,067.00
2/14 Attendance	36 Ash Wednesday	\$170.00
	Weekly member envelope	\$400.00
2/18 Church cancelled due to weather		
2/25 Attendance	62 Weekly member envelope	\$1,575.00

GET YOUR PEANUTS, CASHEWS, AND ALMONDS HERE! Below are the nut preparation dates and order dates for 2017-18.

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

Peanut Preparation Day

Mar. 4 & 5
 Apr. 1 & 2
 May 6 & 7
 June 3 & 4

Mar. 10 & 12
 Apr. 7 & 9
 May 12 & 14
 June 9 & 11

Peanuts \$3, Cashews & Almonds \$5

2018 Consistory

Officers will be elected at the next Consistory meeting

ELDERS		
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Dan Sabetti	484-281-3630	danielpsabetti@yahoo.com
Brian Ziegler	610-861-7501	bziegler12649@gmail.com
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Becky Sullivan	610-866-0367	rebeccaannkish@yahoo.com
Walter Williams	610-868-2993	wawilliams65@ptd.net

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 Cameron Haines
3 Kevin Roberts
4 Dan Sabetti
Jackie Tarasuk
17 Steve Tarasuk
22 Roland Grietzer
Marie Gehringer
23 Victoria Thrash
30 Bill Rumble, Jr
Richard Laughlin



If I missed anyone, please call the church office.

March 4

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Judy & George Morgan

USHERS: John Knoll, Barbara Backensto, Gail Hoch, Tom Hoffert

ACOLYTE: Volunteer

LAY READER: Joyce Hammer

ALTAR GUILD: Margy Sabetti

March 11

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti

USHERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti, Corey Tancin, Bob Ruhe

ACOLYTE: Volunteer

LAY READER: Gail Hoch

March 18

Combined Service at Christ Church 10:30 AM



March 25 – Palm Sunday

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Dolly Ackerman & Linda Wieand

USHERS: Fred Ackerman, Bob Ackerman, Tom Hoffert, Mackenzie Scott

ACOLYTE: Volunteer

LAY READER: Beverly Rumble

March 29 – Maundy Thursday

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Barbara Backensto & Brian Ziegler

USHERS: Consistory Members

ACOLYTE: Volunteer

LAY READER: Rebecca Kesselring

COMMUNION PREP: Consistory

MARCH 30- Good Friday

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Rebecca, Abbie, & Nathaniel Sullivan

USHERS: Jack Brunner, Tom Wright, Steve Tarasuk, Lisa Williams

ACOLYTE: Volunteer

LAY READER: Adrienne Kotsko

MAY THE WIND AT YOUR BACK
NOT BE THE RESULT
OF THE CORN BEEF AND CABBAGE
YOU HAD FOR LUNCH



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

We all are a work in progress... but God loves us anyway

RETURN WITH PAYMENT TO CHURCH OFFICE
EASTER FLOWERS

Anyone wishing to place a flower in our Sanctuary to help decorate and beautify our church for Easter, is asked to fill in the necessary information on the order slip and return it to the church office accompanied by your payment. Checks are payable to "Bethany UCC" marked "Easter flowers" in your memo area. **The deadline for all orders is Tuesday, March 20.**

_____ Pink tulips @ \$8.00 a pot

_____ Purple Tulips @ \$8.00 a pot

_____ White tulips @ \$8.00 a pot

_____ Yellow daffodils @ \$8.00 a pot

_____ Mini yellow daffodils @ \$6.00 a pot

\$_____ Monetary Donation

IN MEMORY OF or IN HONOR OF
(circle one)

Please place in bulletin as follows:

Given by:

Amount due _____

Paid _____

**Bethany UCC
600 W. Market Street
Bethlehem PA 18018-5242**

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

