



Bethany Beeline

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“Moving Forward United in Faith.”

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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APRIL 2018



Sundays in...

HE IS RISEN - HE IS RISEN INDEED!

APRIL 1 – NUT ORDERS DUE

10:45 A Worship with Pastor Linda

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.

APRIL 8- Holy Hilarity Sunday

10:45 A Light-hearted worship with Debbie Brown

April 15

10:45 A Worship with Pastor Linda

MARCH 22

10:45 A Worship with Pastor Linda

MARCH 29

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WE ALL COULD USE A LITTLE GOOD NEWS!

This Easter I am hunting for more than Easter Eggs, I am searching for good news. I am searching, seeking it out, because good news seems to be in short supply. And so often, what appears to be good news for one person, is not good for another. For instance, the Superbowl win was good news for Eagles fans, but not so much for others. Spring rains are good for farmers and the crops, but others hope to see more sunshine. News of a job offer for one person means that another is turned away. Much of our good news is subjective, and in fact creates a dichotomy of winners and losers.

I am searching for good news. The kind that is good news for everyone.

Throughout the season of Easter we discover that Christ's victory over the grave is a win for everyone. It is Good News no matter who you are or what you have done in the past. Jesus did not come to create lines of division but to bridge the gap between God and humanity, and to make a way for a just world for all. His deep prayer for his followers was that "they may be one". He didn't pray that some would be saved and others condemned. His highest priority was to do the will of the Father and while we may not know precisely what is God's will, we do know that it always, always, always results in love!

People need Good News, the kind that is good for everyone...the kind that heals, restores, renews, embraces, and loves generously!

Join us this Easter season as witnesses...ones who seek to live and share Good News with one another, with our neighbors, and the world.

Pastor Linda

Pastor's Office Hours and Contact Information

Pastor Linda is 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) Thank you Louise Snyder

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.

Be a small part of something big!



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!!!

Apr. 5 – Dan Dillard with presentation on burn prevention

May 3 - TBA

All are Welcome! See flyer on BB in Narthex

WEST SIDE MORAVIAN WOMEN'S ANNUAL SPRING BAZAAR Saturday, May 5 9A – 2 P Attic treasures - Bedding Plants, Baked Goods – Clothing -Lunch Served
3rd & Prospect Avenues, Bethlehem Call 610-865-0256 FMI



Are you getting Spring Fever?
Think about getting out to help a neighbor in need. Consider volunteering for SpiriTrust Lutheran Home Care & Hospice. Make Friendly visits,

help in the office making copies and doing data entry. Bake Bread for our

families. For more information please call Cathy Sweeney, Volunteer Coordinator at 570-459-6778.

MISSION – Day of helping

“I needed clothes, and you gave me something to wear...”

STAND UP BETHLEHEM

Serving Those in Need in Our Community

Saturday, April 14, 2018 10 A – 1 P

Christ Church UCC

75 E. Market St, Bethlehem PA 18018

SIGN UP SHEET ON BB IN NARTHEX

WHERE: Bethany UCC
WHAT: CHICKEN POT
PIE DINNER
with home
made noodles,
salad, bread &
butter,
beverage, and
dessert.

WHEN: Saturday, April
14 from 4 to
6:30 P

COST: \$10 Per person
CALL Susan at 610-868-4441 or

Email: bethanyunitedchurch@rcn.com

OR see Debbie Brown after worship on April 1 or 8.

Come out for an enjoyable meal and fellowship!



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.



“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.

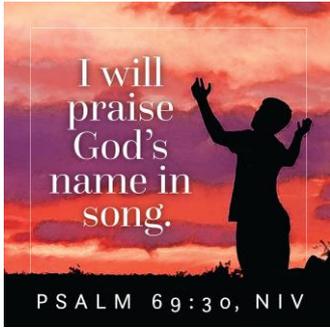
Consequently, the Consistory, in conjunction with the property committee, is starting a new fund called “Let There Be Light”. The purpose of the fund is to raise the money needed to provide a permanent solution to our exterior lighting dilemma. Our immediate goal is \$500.00, but any additional monies 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!

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

DEADLINE FOR MAY BEELINE IS APRIL 24.

Directory corrections:

PAGE	CHANGE	NAME
3	Delete	Lester Albaugh
3	Delete	Dennis Andreas



From our Choir Director

It is quite amazing to me how resilient our Bethany musicians are. With the constant "snow cancellation vs. choir rehearsals" routine during March, we somehow have managed to weather the storm (no pun intended) and provide beautiful, meaningful, and joyful anthems tailored to each of our worship services during Holy Week and Easter. Many, many thanks to our Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir (and substitute ringers) for being so flexible and committed to doing their best under any circumstances, and to our very talented Bethany instrumentalists. Working together, the Music Ministry at Bethany UCC enhances our worship experience and reinforces the spoken/written word. It is our hope that the music presented each week is a blessing to you!

We continue our rehearsals during the month of April...Handbells at 6:30 PM and Chancel Choir at 7:45 PM on Wednesdays April 4, 11, 18, and 25. Chancel Choir will sing each Sunday and the Handbells will play at worship on April 29th. The orchestra will rehearse at 9:30 AM and play during worship on April 22nd.

Looking ahead - the next joint service for the 5 Bethlehem UCC congregations will be held here at Bethany on Sunday June 3rd. Our Orchestra and Handbells will play and there will be a combined choir anthem. Please plan to attend that morning by marking your calendars now!

On a personal note, a heartfelt thank you to all who so generously responded to our Joyful Noise offering for Alzheimer's Disease Research in March. Your donations totaled \$883.26 and that gift will be doubled by an anonymous donor. We exceeded

last year's gift...truly remarkable!

Joyfully,

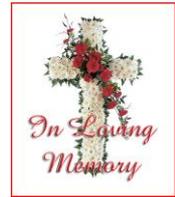
Susan Denninger Wright



Sympathy and prayers to the Nguyen family and John Albaugh upon the passing of Lester Albaugh on March 19, beloved father and grandfather.

The family of Dennis Andreas who was a frequent visitor at Bethany, who entered into eternal rest on February 19.

Monetary memorials received in memory of Lester Albaugh from Ken & Cindy Beck, Charles & Philomenia Azzalina and Barbara & Mike Reiniger.



*Thank
you*

The Growth Committee would like to thank all who supported our Rice bowl mission project. It will mean a big difference to someone less fortunate.

Thank you to all who attended and/or participated in the Holy Week activities. Special thanks to our readers, instrumentalists and Choirs for their combined efforts in making our Lenten journey special.

CINCO DE MAYO "SOCK HOP"

Bethany will be hosting a good old-fashioned record hop on



Saturday evening, May 5 from 7 P – 10 P. This will be open to the public. The cost of admission will be one pair of socks, to be donated to the homeless and needy in our area. Tacos, nachos and beverages will be available for purchase.

There will also be contests and games that Dick Roberts is putting together. Plan to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Ole'

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

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.

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.

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
Apr. 1 & 2	Apr. 7 & 9
May 6 & 7	May 12 & 14
June 3 & 4	June 9 & 11

Peanuts \$3, Cashews & Almonds \$5

2018 Consistory

Brian Ziegler – President
 Dan Sabetti – Vice President
 Debbie Keretz – Secretary
 Tom Hoffert - Treasurer

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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:

	Budgeted Member Envelope	\$2,143.00
3/4 Attendance	54 Weekly member envelope	\$1,631.00
3/11 Attendance	58 Weekly member envelope	\$2,285.00
Joyful Noise for Alzheimer's Research \$883.26		
3/18 Combined church @ Christ UCC		
3/25 Attendance	71 Weekly member envelope	\$1,750.90
	3/18 Mail Member weekly envelope	\$340.00
	3/18 Member weekly envelope	\$361.00
	3/25 Member weekly envelope	\$1,049.90

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Earl Stralo
- 5 Kenneth Bender, Jr.
- 6 Ina Denninger
George Morgan
- 8 Rebecca Kesselring
Lillian Connors
- 11 Jonathan Reiniger
- 12 Melissa Tarasuk
- 14 Debra Brown
- 17 Jan Smith
- 22 John Albaugh
- 23 Maria Williams
- 28 Harold Maurer



April
BIRTHDAYS



April
ANNIVERSARIES

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- 4 Ken & Darlene Yocum
- 23 Diane & Jack Brunner
- 26 Wendy & John Glassic

If I missed anyone, please call the church office.

April 1 - EASTER SUNDAY

BULLETINS: Margy Sabetti

GREETERS: Barbara Backensto & Lisa Williams

USHERS: Gail Hoch, Dan Sabetti, Becky Sullivan, Brian Ziegler

ACOLYTE: Volunteer

LAY READER: Adrienne Kotsko

ALTAR GUILD: Cindy Beck

COMMUNION CLEAN UP & PREP: Debbie Brown & Debbie Keretz

April 8 – HOLY HILARITY SUNDAY

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Brian Ziegler, Len Kesselring

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

ACOLYTE: Volunteer

LAY READER: Barbara Reiniger

April 15

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Judy & George Morgan

USHERS: Dick Roberts, Tom Hoffert, Josh Baum, Corey Tancin

ACOLYTE: Volunteer

LAY READER: Philip Haines

April 22

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Ina Denninger, Cindy Beck

USHERS: Roland & Phyllis Greitzer, Marion Hendricks, Wendy Glassic

ACOLYTE: Volunteer

LAY READER: Abbie Sullivan

APRIL 29

FLOWERS: Cindy Cressman

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Barbara Backensto, Roger Wagner

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

ACOLYTE: Volunteer

LAY READER: Walter Williams

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

