



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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Sundays in...



Worship with Us this Month:

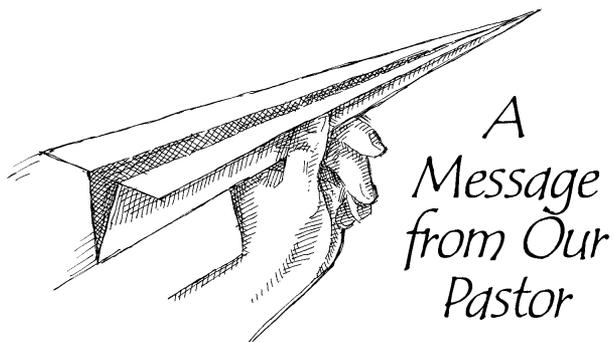
May 6th – Worship at 10:45 a.m. with The Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates, Penn Northeast Conference Minister

May 13th – Worship at 10:45 a.m. - Mothers’ Day

May 20th – Worship at 10:45 a.m. - Pentecost Sunday, Holy Communion

May 27th – Worship at 10 a.m. - Summer Worship Schedule Begins!

June 3rd - Worship 10 a.m. - Bethany Hosting all Bethlehem U.C.C. Churches for a combined worship service. Brunch following worship. (Sign up to bring food for hospitality and help us extend a WARM welcome to our brothers and sisters in Christ!)



Go Ahead and Get Carried Away!

As we turn the calendar from April to May, we notice a definite change in nature here in Northeast Pennsylvania. The sun is warmer and brighter and early spring nip in the air is gone. The grass is greening and growing. Gardens are being planted and swimming pools opened for the season. The dark, cold days of winter are now behind us and creation seems to have taken on a whole new life. This is a season that beckons us to *get outside!*

On Pentecost Sunday, May 20th, the church celebrates the transforming nature of God's Spirit at work...always and everywhere. It is by this Spirit that creation comes alive. It is by this Spirit that God is making all things new, including us! On Pentecost Sunday, we remember how the church came alive as God's Spirit breathed energy and purpose and meaning into the lives of those earliest believers. It was God's powerful Spirit that moved them from behind closed doors at the beginning of the Easter season, and moved them out to the ends of the earth! It is this same Spirit that beckons us, as the church, to get outside...to move from behind the closed doors of our sanctuary and to bring the Good News out into the world!

In this newsletter, you will find many ways to gather with others for worship, fellowship, Christian service. Be

encouraged to come on in and be part of the life of your church. And then, strengthened in love, held in community, filled with the Spirit... Go! *Get outside!* Go into the neighborhood, into your workplace, into your summer recreational activities and bring that strength and love and belonging and fullness to others.

Concerning the Resurrection of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit, author Clarence Jordan writes this: "On the morning of the Resurrection, God put life in the present tense, not in the future. God gave us not a promise but a presence. Not a hope for the future but a power for the present. The proof that God raised Jesus from the dead is not the empty tomb, but the full hearts of transformed believers...not a vacant grave, but a spirit-filled fellowship. Not a rolled away stone, but a carried away church!"

Let's get 'carried away' in sharing Christ with others through acts of kindness, love and invitation. Join us this month to hear Good News and to be Good News! I hope to see you all very soon!

Grace and peace,

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

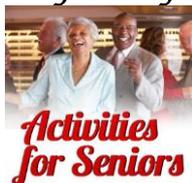
Air Conditioning Maintenance \$375

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.

STRENGTHEN OUR CHURCH OFFERING will be May 20th which is also Pentecost Sunday. Envelopes and informational brochure will be inserted in the bulletin prior to this collection.

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!!!

May 10, 2018: Funny Farm Apiaries will be bringing an observation beehive & some of their

honey products for purchase

All are Welcome! See flyer on BB in Narthex

FREE SHREDDING EVENT – Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 10 A to 1 P at Northampton Community College, 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem PA 18010. This event is free of charge and open to the public. Sponsored by AARP.

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

FREE ZOUP - Zoup! At Airport Center, 1828 Airport Rd., Allentown PA has sent us coupons (buy 1 bowl, get 1 free) to try their soup. They have 12 always rotating soups, made to order salads and sandwiches. These coupons are only good at this location. They are on the BB in the Narthex on a first come basis.

Thanks, Mom!

At his graduation, a young man tasked with giving a speech began reading from some notes. "I want to talk about my mother and the wonderful influence she had on my life," he said. "She's a shining example of parenthood, and I love her more than words can ever do justice."

The graduate then paused, appeared to struggle a moment and looked up at the audience with a mischievous smile. "It's really hard to read my mom's handwriting," he said.

"My mother's menu consisted of two choices: Take it or leave it." - Buddy Hackett

"I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them." - Phyllis Diller

"The most remarkable thing about my mother is that for thirty years she served the family nothing but leftovers. The original meal has never been found." - Calvin Trillin

ATTENTION ALL 2018 GRADUATES:



Please inform the church office or Pastor Linda of anyone who will be graduating from high school or college this year. Please include more information such as parent's names, what college they are attending after HS, what their degree or major will be and any honors that they have accomplished.



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. Dart banquet is Monday, May 21 6 – 8:30 P at the Meadows. All games start at 7:30 unless otherwise noted. Weekly results posted on BB in Narthex.



“LET THERE BE LIGHT” FUND

Not only did we meet our \$500 goal, we actually surpassed it thanks to all who contributed to this endeavor.



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

DEADLINE FOR JUNE BEELINE IS MAY 23.



From our Choir Director

There is a great pride in the way that the Music Ministry enhanced our Lenten, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Services. Every musical group sang or played beautifully and many wonderful comments were shared. Once again, our musicians are all Bethany members and they have a willingness to give their time and talent to Bethany Church and our worship. Special thanks to Chris Rumble, who came in from Geneva Switzerland and played trumpet at our Palm Sunday and Easter services. Also, a big shout out of thanks goes to Walter Williams for playing the worship service on Sunday, April 15th while Sue was out. Yet another talented Bethany musician willing to serve with time and talent.

Things don't slow down musically at Bethany and there us a lot planned for the month of May. On May 6th, the Chancel Choir will sing a new anthem purchased for the choir by Len & Rebecca

Kesselring entitled "Feed My Sheep". The text is a beautiful combination of the great commandment Jesus gives on loving one another prior to his Ascension (Ascension Day 5/10/18). The Handbell Choir will play and the Chancel Choir will sing on Mother's Day, Sunday May 13th. The lively anthem is perfect for being a disciple of Jesus going into the world. Next, we celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, May 20th. The orchestra will rehearse at 9:30 a.m. and play during worship. May 27th, Memorial Day Sunday, the Chancel Choir's anthem is John Stainer's "God So Loved the World". Then, the following Sunday June 3rd, Bethany will be hosting 4 other Bethlehem UCC churches for a joint worship. Our orchestra and handbells will play and our Chancel Choir will be joined by other singers from the various participating churches. The selected music is most enjoyable so please plan to attend that morning at 10 a.m.

As of this writing, all of the tickets are sold for the deSales Dinner theater evening on Wednesday, June 13th. (Show – Ragtime) There is a possibility to obtain a few more tickets by calling the box office directly. If you desire to join the dinner group, Sue can accommodate that request.

Next month begins our every other week Wednesday night rehearsals. If interested in singing over the summer months, just show up at rehearsals ...all are welcome. Chancel Choir begins at 7:45 pm.

The rehearsal schedule for May 2018 is:

Wed. May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 6:30 Handbells, 7:45 Chancel Choir.

Sun. May 20 9:30 a.m. orchestra rehearsal.

Joyfully,
Susan Denninger Wright

*Thank
you*

*Dear Friends at Bethany:
Through your beautiful cards and
ongoing prayers for my recovery,
you have sincerely exemplified the
true spirit of Christianity to which*

*the members of Bethany UCC have continuously
exhibited during my past 30-some years as a fellow
parishioner.*

May God richly bless each of you.

In Christian love,

Rebecca A. Kesselring

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Dear Pastor Linda & all of Bethany UCC,

I am so very thankful to be a part of such a
wonderful caring congregation.

Thanks to Pastor Linda for all of the heartfelt visits
and phone calls. It truly helped me to heal so quickly.

Thank you also to everyone who prayed for me, sent
cards, gift cards, prepared meals, a prayer shawl, and all of
the phone calls.

I am on to the next part of my journey now as I
undergo 6 months of chemotherapy. Thank you all for
keeping me in your prayers!

Sincerely,

Sharon Haines

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It is most necessary to give special thanks to Bethany's Knitters
for that expertly knitted shawl, in green and gold, that was recently
presented to me via Pastor Linda. Around my shoulders it went,
and its Christian warmth was immediately apparent. And it
continues to do so when called upon. Thank you, Knitters!

Heartfelt gratitude is expressed to my fellow congregants of
Bethany Church, for the meaningful and beautiful expressions of
prayer, greeting cards, and good wishes during recent medical
events that were experienced by me. (In addition, influenza was

not a good hospital-mate!) Sincere offers of transport and other assists were very much appreciated.

Most certainly, Pastor Linda was a true Pastoral Comfort in her meaningful hospital and home visitations.

Expectations of future medical improvement hopefully will be having me back soon at Bethany.

Charley

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Monetary memorials received in memory of Lester Albaugh from M/M William Fries, M/M Ted Hendricks Sr., Mrs. Barbara Backensto, M/M Richard E. Kocher and Diane, Keith & Kyle Godshall.

The Growth Committee would like to thank all who supported our Rice bowl mission project. Total collected was \$270.00 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.

Thanks to all who helped with the chicken pot pie supper (i.e. prep work, rolling & cutting the dough, the dessert makers, the wait staff, the clean up crew and Dolly and Betty for washing all the dishes). It was very much appreciated. Special thanks to those who bought tickets and supported this endeavor. - Susan





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’

COMING SOON– MARTELLUCCI’S Fundraiser

How would you like to help Bethany earn some money? All you have to do is go to Martellucci Restaurant at Easton Avenue on June 5th or 6th and enjoy a delicious meal. Bethany will receive a percentage of the proceeds for both days. There is no coupon required and we receive the proceeds from every order not just from us. Tell all your friends and neighbors, we want to keep them very busy those two days. We are also exploring a second fundraising idea with them so keep watching for future updates.

The program, “Beyond the Broken Heart: A Journey Through Grief”, is a grief support and ministry program for anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one.



This program will be held at 10am Tuesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at St. Thomas, [902 E. Macada Rd.](#)

[Bethlehem](#). For information, please contact the church office at 610-868-9167.

Community Outreach at Bethany: Summer Kids Ministry – Reading Club!

The Growth Committee is organizing a FUN community outreach this summer and we are looking for a few adventurous folks to join us! As a way to serve families and children in our neighborhood, Bethany U.C.C. is planning to host a Kids' Reading Club for children in K-5th grade. It will be held on 4 Thursday mornings in July here at the church and we will be able to accept 3 kids for each volunteer we have.

Volunteers will read to non-readers and will be read to by older kids. The Bethany "Bee" will also help kids hear about values each day:

"Be a Good Friend"

"Be Ready to Learn"

"Be Helpful!"

"Be the Best You that You Can Be!"

If you want to help us help kids gain and retain stronger reading skills AND help us to get to know neighborhood families, then join us! Please contact Pastor Linda if you can help.

(Note: Criminal history and child abuse clearances will be required, but can be obtained through the church office at no cost for volunteers.)

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

Kenneth Bender
Charles & Joyce Bergey
Ruth Bowers
Amy Campbell
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.

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.

God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers.
~Jewish Proverb

A man loves his sweetheart the most, his wife the best, but his mother the longest. ~Irish Proverb

A mom's hug lasts long after she lets go. ~Author Unknown

Mom, when thoughts of you are in our hearts, we are never far from home. ~Author Unknown

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
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

ELDERS		
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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:

	Budgeted Member Envelope	\$2,143.00
4/1 Easter Attendance	114 Weekly member envelope	\$2,422.00
4/8 Attendance	45 Weekly member envelope	\$729.00
	Rice Bowls	\$261.10
4/15 Attendance	53 Weekly member envelope	\$1,345.00
	Additional Rice Bowls	\$8.90 Total
		\$270.00
4/22 Attendance	53 Weekly member envelope	\$814.00

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/2 Ken Yocum
5/13 D. Wayne Shelly
5/14 Christopher Rumble
5/20 Robert Bauder, William Kreitz
5/23 James Thrash
5/24 Theodore Hendricks Sr.
Josh Baum
5/27 Brianna Roberts
5/29 Gary Diefenderfer
5/31 Joan Hottle



MAY ANNIVERSARIES:

5/18 Cindy & Ron Cressman
5/21 Theodore & Marion Hendricks Sr.
Melissa & Steve Tarasuk

If I missed anyone, please call the church office.

MAY 6

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti

USHERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti, Cindy Beck, Bob Ruhe

ACOLYTE: Volunteer

LAY READER: Margy Sabetti

ALTAR GUILD: Cindy Cressman, Pat Hale

MAY 13 – MOTHER’S DAY

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Barbara Backensto, Gail Hoch

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

ACOLYTE: Volunteer

LAY READER: Sue Wright

MAY 20- PENTECOST – WEAR RED

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Barbara Backensto, Lisa Williams

USHERS: Consistory embers

ACOLYTE: Volunteer

LAY READER: Brian Ziegler

COMMUNION PREP:

MAY 27 - 10 AM Summer Hours begin

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Jack & Diane Brunner

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

ACOLYTE: Volunteer

LAY READER: Walter Williams



IN HONOR OF
Mother

**Bethany UCC
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

