



Bethany Beeline

Published nine times a year by
BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

600 West Market Street
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018
(610) 868-4441

Email: bethanyunitedchurch@rcn.com

www.uccbethany.org

“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.

VOLUME 61-25

OCTOBER 2018



WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

Sundays In October with Bethany

Sunday, October 7th –

10:45 a.m. Worship Moravian Lovefeast, West Side Moravian Church

This year for Worldwide Communion Sunday we will break bread in a different way with our ecumenical brothers and sisters at West Side Moravian Church (corner of 3rd and Prospect Avenues). Bring food to share after the service.

Sunday, October 14th –

9:30 a.m. Morning Study: What's It Mean to Be Part of the U.C.C.

10:45 a.m. Worship at Bethany:

Sunday, October 21st – Runners' World Race Day

10:15 a.m. Combined U.C.C. Worship at St. Thomas U.C.C., Macada Road, Bethlehem

Sunday October 28th Reformation Sunday–

9:30 a.m. Orchestra

10:45 a.m. Worship at Bethany



October News

Living God!

In our Sunday morning study, “What’s It Mean to Be Part of the U.C.C.?” we have been exploring three important values of the United Church of Christ:

1. Continuing Testament – “Our faith is 2000 years old, our thinking is not”
2. Extravagant Welcome – “No matter who you are or where you are at on life’s journey, you are welcome here”
3. Changing Lives – “Never place a period where God has placed a comma”

Perhaps you are familiar with some of the tag lines printed above. Our group has been exploring these values as a way to invite growth in our own faith lives, and to invite growth in the church. If you haven’t had a chance to be part of our class, we invite you to reflect on one or more of these values on your own:

Continuing Testament – God is still speaking! Though the scriptures and the ancient stories of our faith do not change, our understandings and interpretations often do. Think of a verse of story from the Bible that has taken on new meaning for you. *How is God speaking anew to you?*

Extravagant Welcome – God continuously invites and calls us into relationship with God, with one another, and with creation

itself. Was there ever a time when you experienced the “Welcome” and invitation of God? *How might we extend God’s ‘welcome’ to others?*

Changing Lives – Faith is not meant to keep us the same. That might be a frightening thought, but as we have often heard in the gospels this summer, God is never content to leave us in the condition in which God finds us! We believe that the mission of the Church is to change lives. *In what ways is your life changing because of your relationship with God?* What new relationships might God be calling Bethany into, so that life giving transformation can happen?

I’m curious and want to know how God is speaking into your lives? I invite your responses to these questions... you can email me anytime at pastorlinda.bethanyucc@gmail.com. We also encourage you to please join us on Sunday mornings this month. Come grow in your own heart and become part of what God is speaking and doing through the ministry at Bethany!

Autumn Blessings,

Pastor Linda



October is turning out to be an interesting month for Bethany members. . . quite out of the ordinary, but exciting never the less. As you all know by now, we will be attending a Lovefeast on Sunday, October 7th. The Moravians have a rich musical heritage and it will be of great interest to experience the spiritual connections made through music, tradition, and God’s words of love. The anthems of the Chancel and Handbell Choirs

will be rescheduled for a later date. Rebecca Kesselring will be our organist for the service on October 14th while Sue attends a family wedding. Then, on October 21st (what we have come to call "Race Day") we will worship with our Bethlehem United Church of Christ brothers and sisters at St. Thomas UCC, Macada Road. A combined choir will participate. October 28th finds us back in our sanctuary for a celebration of the Protestant Reformation. Red is the color for the day. Bethany's orchestra will rehearse 9:30 AM in Snyder Chapel that morning and will play at the opening of our Sunday worship. The orchestra music is ready and available for now and including Christmas Eve. The rehearsal schedule is Wednesday Oct. 3, 17, 24, 31. Bells 6:30, Chancel 7:45. There are no rehearsals on Wed. Oct. 10th. Now is the time to dig out those instruments that may have been buried for years and begin practicing again. What a great exercise for the brain and a great way to volunteer your talent to Bethany's Music Ministry! Cindy Hottenstein has been attending Chancel Choir rehearsals and we are anxious to have her participation in the Music Ministry of Bethany Church as well.

Joyfully,
Susan Denninger Wright

P.S. Erin Nguyen and Ashley Tarasuk are active participants in the Liberty Band Twirlers and Pipers. Try to get to a football game and enjoy their hard work and talents!

OUR CHURCH IN MISSION –

Community Outreach & Christian Service

MISSION – Day of helping

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

STAND UP BETHLEHEM

Serving Those in Need in Our Community

October 13, 10 A – 1 P

Christ Church UCC

75 E. Market St, Bethlehem PA 18018

SIGN UP SHEET ON BB IN NARTHEX

ANNUAL TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26 6- 8 PM

Bethany will once again have “Trick or Treat” for the local goblins and ghoulies. Volunteers are needed to decorate, help in the kitchen, and hand out candy. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. We also need donations of candy.



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

FELLOWSHIP & FRIENDS



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.

Adult and Young Adult Study: -
What's it Mean to Be U.C.C.?
Sunday October 14th

9:30-10:30 Fellowship Hall
“Our faith is 2000 years old, our thinking is not”. Join us for a lively

hour on Sunday mornings as we explore together what it means to be part of the United Church of Christ. We will look at 3 core values of the church: Continuing Testament, Extravagant Welcome, and Changing



Are you curious about
Bethany? if so join us

Lives as well as introduce some aspects of the history of the church and ministry today, both locally and globally. The class is for members and non-members alike. Anyone who wishes to join the church after completing the class will be received into membership this Fall.

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 MEMBER NEWS

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
Lisa Kosetti
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 memorials received in memory of Lester Albaugh from Robert & Elaine Kleintop.

Monetary memorials received in memory of Rev. Dr. Donald Esslinger for the Secure the Future Fund was received from Jack & Diane Brunner.:

GET YOUR PEANUTS, CASHEWS, AND ALMONDS HERE!

Below are the nut preparation dates and order dates for 2018- 19.

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. 30th and Oct. 1st
- Oct. 28th and 29th
- Nov. 25th and 26th
- Jan. 6th and 7th
- Feb. 3rd and 4th
- Mar. 3rd and 4th
- Mar. 31st and Apr. 1st
- Apr. 28th and 29th
- June 2nd and 3rd

Peanut Making

- Oct. 6th and 8th
- Nov. 3rd and 5th
- Dec. 1st and 3rd
- Jan. 12th and 14th
- Feb. 9th and 11th
- Mar. 9th and 11th
- Apr. 6th and 8th
- May 4th and 6th
- June 8th and 10th

Peanuts \$3, Cashews & Almonds \$5



FUNDRAISERS - Gift Cards from Martellucci's



\$25 gift cards for Martellucci's Pizza are available for purchase the 1ST Sunday of every month from Marion Hendricks.

The Sunday in October would be **10/14**, as Bethany will be joining the West Side Moravian church on 10/7 for a Lovefeast.

CHURCH NEWS REMINDERS

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

Be a small part of something big!



Bethlehem Rose Garden Farmers Market runs Saturdays 9 AM to 1 PM from June 2 to October 13.

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



THE END OF THIS MONTH, REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE GOING TO BED ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4

Daylight savings time ends November 4.

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

DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER BEELINE IS OCTOBER 26.

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.

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 there is any change in the information we have about you (name, address, phone, email so church records may 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.



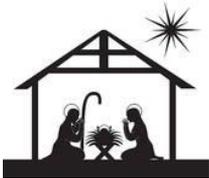
**October 6 4 – 7 PM –APPLEFEST 2018 at Trinity UCC, 81
E. North St – basket raffle, bake sale, café kitchen**

**October 13 - Autumn Glory Bazaar Craft & Vendor Show
- Jordan UCC, corner of Walbert Ave. & Rte. 309, Allentown -
9AM to 3PM - two floors and over 70 tables of crafts, vendors and
lots of food**

**October 13 & 14 9A – 3 P Leesport Fall Craft Show – 350
vendors –**

**October 27 – 9 A – 3 P? – 14th Annual
Craft Fair at St. Thomas UCC on Macada
Rd.**

**November 10 – Vendor/Craft sale –
Bethany UCC. 9 A –
Kitchen open.**



December 1 – 8:30 AM 53RD ANNUAL

**COMMUNITY ADVENT BREAKFAST @ Moravian Village
main dining room (526 Wood St.) \$15 Adults, \$9 youth under 16
- see notice on BB in Narthex for ticket locations thru 11/26**

**December 8 & 9 - The Live Nativity will be held in Bethlehem's
Rose Garden.**

Bethany's Choir will once again participate in this event. Anyone
interested in joining should contact Sue Wright.

October is PASTOR APPRECIATION month. . .

Minister to your ministers

Accept them as people.

Build them up. Say “thank you.”

Communicate with them.

Defend them when someone tries to run them down.

Entertain them. They like to have fun, too!

Family. Allow them to have a family life.

Genuine. Be honest with them. Be yourself around them.

Honor them. Don’t put them on a pedestal, but respect them.

Income. Pay them enough so money isn’t a concern.

Judge not! Avoid being critical.

Kind. Treat pastors as you want to be treated.

Love. See 1 Corinthians 13.

Maintain. Their families have the same needs as other families.

Nurture. Help them grow in grace.

Offer to help. The list of things you can do is endless.

Pray for them. Lift up their names to God daily.

Quelch not. Encourage instead!

Rejoice in and with them.

Surprise them – in little and big ways.

Trust them. Believe in them.

Understand them. Put yourself in their place.

Vacation. They need time away.

Welcome them into your home. Don’t wait for an invitation.

eXpend yourself, not them.

Yoke. Help them bear their burdens with grace and dignity.

Zap all gossip!

*Pastor Linda, we **REALLY** appreciate you!*

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Thomas Wright
Erin Nguyen
- 7 Dolly Ackerman
- 8 Dorothy Kraemer
- 17 Darlene Ervin
- 18 Abigail Sullivan
Phyllis Grietzer
- 19 Nathaniel Sullivan
Patti Hoyt
- 21 Sharon Haines
- 25 Kenneth S. Mathias
- 30 Barbara Reiniger



- Darlene & Fred Ackerman – Oct. 16
- Sandra & Robert Ackerman – Oct. 22
- Beverly & Bill Rumble Jr. – Oct. 23



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

2018 Consistory

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

ELDERS		
Dan Sabetti	484-281-3630	danielpsabetti@yahoo.com
Walter Williams	610-868-2993	wawilliams65@ptd.net
Brian Ziegler	610-861-7501	bziegler12649@gmail.com
DEACONS		
Gail Hoch	C-610-759-7135	mom2jnl@ptd.net
Joan Hottle	610-417-3224C	joaniern77@gmail.com
Debbie Keretz	484-767-6382C	dkeretz@FinancialGuide.com
Becky Sullivan	610-866-0367	rebeccaannkish@yahoo.com

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:

	Budgeted Member Envelope	\$2,143.00
9/2 Attendance	47 Weekly member envelope	\$1,047.00
Joyful Noise for Valley Youth House \$50.60		
9/9,Attendance	50 Weekly member envelope	\$1,391.00
9/16 Attendance	39	
9/23 Attendance	52 Comb. Weekly member envelope	\$2,236.00
9/30 Attendance		
Joyful Noise for St. Peter's UCC Tremont PA		

OCTOBER 7 – LOVE FEAST @ West Side Moravian 10:45 AM

OCTOBER 14

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Barbara Backensto, Gail Hoch

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

ACOLYTE: Volunteer

LAY READER: Margy Sabetti

ALTAR GUILD: Barbara Backensto

OCTOBER 21 – COMBINED WORSHIP AT ST. THOMAS

OCTOBER 28

FLOWERS: Rebecca Kesselring

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Ina Denninger, Linda Wieand

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

ACOLYTE: Volunteer

LAY READER: Joyce Hammer

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

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

