



# 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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**Sunday, January 6th – Epiphany**

10:45 a.m.          Worship

**Sunday, January 13th – Baptism of Christ**

10:45 a.m.          Worship

**Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

10:45 a.m.          Worship

**Sunday, January 27 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

10:45 a.m.          Worship



## Finding our Way

Several years ago, when our kids were little we would take short road trips to points of interest. Matt always drove the car and my job was to read the map. Yes, we used a MAP back then! That is, until the GPS came along. The GPS in its early debut allowed us to type in our destination and provided step by step instructions for the trip. It allowed us to avoid construction delays and even gave us an estimated time of arrival. We could even use our device to find a place to rest or eat when we got hungry. The system featured a female voice (Matt named her "Linda"), which told us when to turn right, turn left, or re-directed us when we made a wrong turn.

Even though this technology has been around a few decades and has been greatly improved since the days when our kids were little, I have never been 100% confident in these navigation systems. We have been misled on more than one occasion. Sometimes it's because of our error; we type in the wrong destination. Sometimes, we can't find any explanation for ending up in a place we didn't intend to go. And sometimes, we just lose the satellite signal that allows the technology to work.

This reminds me of how our spiritual lives are sometimes. We get lost. We listen to advice that may not be right for us. We make choices that take us in the wrong direction. We find ourselves at a place we don't want to be and feel disconnected from our Heavenly Guide. Thankfully, we always have access and ability to re-connect with God. Even when we get off track, our loving God is continuously available, calling to us to return again.

If you have been away for awhile; if you have wandered off the path or become stalled in your faith journey, or if you have simply been on road trips or doing things with family that have taken you to other places, please know that you are missed, and we sincerely invite you to come home to your church family. If you have been steadfast in your faith journey, may you continue to be encouraged so that you may encourage others.

This new year, make plans to travel with us on the journey of faith! We worship every Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and we plan time to learn, serve and have fellowship with one another on a regular

basis so that we can grow as followers of Jesus and do our part to love God, neighbor, and self.

We hope to see you soon!

Blessings,

Pastor Linda



## *Musical Notes . . .*

Dates to remember in January:

Wed. January 2 – Choirs TBA

Wed. January 9 – After Christmas Choir Party at Palace Restaurant 5:30  
Cocktails 6:00 Buffet Please bring a \$2 gift exchange.

Wed. January 16 & 23 6:30 Handbells 7:45 Chancel Choir

Wed. January 30<sup>th</sup> – No Choirs

Many, many thanks to all of our dedicated musicians for their hard work and willing participation in Bethany's Music Ministry.

Joyfully,

Susan Denninger Wright

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:** 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.

## **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

**UPCOMING MISSION MOMENTS:  
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

February 9, 10 A – 1 P

Christ Church UCC

75 E. Market St, Bethlehem PA 18018

**SIGN UP SHEET ON BB IN NARTHEX**

Used clothing donations will be accepted at the church from now up to and including the day of the event.

**BETHLEHEM EMERGENCY SHELTER** - we would be joined by Trinity UCC and College Hill Moravian churches in preparing a meal for a maximum of 70 guests on January 11, February 8, and March 8. Opportunities would involve assisting with registration, planning, preparation and serving of a meal, clean-up, and socializing with guests (play games, match movies, sit & talk). Sign-up sheet on BB in Narthex.



Bethany is pleased to welcome the following individuals to our church family.

Cindy Hottenstein joins us thru baptism. She lives in Bethlehem and works at Lehigh University. She likes to crochet and cross stitch in her free time.

She is a member of our choir and helps with peanuts.

Matt and Susanne Miller, former members, who returned to Bethlehem after being in California due to work. They have a son, Jacob. Matt interests include reading, gardening and hiking. Suzanne likes interior decorating and gardening. We welcome them back to Bethany.

Terrance “Terry” Stauffer lives in Bethlehem. He enjoys photography, bicycle riding, history and reading. Terry has been helping Dick Roberts with church projects and also helps with peanuts.

# CHURCH MEMBER NEWS

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

Mae Acevedo  
Kenneth Bender  
Charles & Joyce Bergey  
Ruth Bowers  
Amy Campbell  
Lillian Connors  
Lauren Fehr  
Roland Greitzer  
Sharon Haines  
Lisa Kosetti  
Joyce Macbeth  
Becky Marsh  
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.

A monetary memorial for Elizabeth and James Johnson was received from the Tkacik Family.



## **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  
Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>  
Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> and Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>  
Apr. 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>  
June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Peanut Making  
Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>  
Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>  
Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>  
Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>  
May 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>  
June 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

Peanuts \$3, Cashews & Almonds \$5



## FUNDRAISERS -

### Gift Cards from Martellucci's

\$25 gift cards for Martellucci's Pizza are available for purchase the 1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday of every month from Debbie Brown. The Sunday in January would be **1/6/19**. February is **2/3/19**.

### February 3 – Soup and sandwich sale for “Souper Sunday”

Soups offered will be Italian Wedding soup (chicken broth, mini meatballs and orzo pasta), Sausage pasta (hearty soup of broth/tomato, mild Italian sausage, green pepper, onions, and farfalle or bow tie pasta) and vegetarian vegetable soup. Soup is \$7.50 a quart, \$4.00 a pint.

There will also be ham and cheese (Swiss or American) on a roll for \$4.

**April 12** – Lenten fish dinner consisting of made to order fresh haddock (fried or baked), baked potato, pickled cabbage, bread & butter, dessert & beverages

**May 18** – Homemade chicken pot pie dinner.

Sign-up sheets and more details to follow.



Thanks to all who supported the Christmas Candy sale from Chocolates on Broadway in Bangor. We received a check for \$350.88.

Thanks to all who donated food and personal items during November and December for New Bethany Ministries. It is very much appreciated.

A thank you letter was received from Phoebe Ministries for our support.

Special thank you to all those involved in making the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service "One Miraculous Night".

Committee chair persons please submit your annual report for the Congregational meeting ASAP to Susan Wucher.

**BUDGETS FOR 2019** SHOULD BE GIVEN TO DEBBIE KERETZ.

## **CHURCH CANCELLATIONS**

If worship is cancelled due to weather conditions, announcements will be on TV Channel 69 – WFMZ. Also, if we have your email address, an email will be sent out.



## *CHURCH NEWS REMINDERS*

### **Pastor's Office Hours and Contact Information**

Pastor Linda is in the office on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings. 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](mailto:pastorlinda.bethanyucc@gmail.com)

**2019 Flower and Bulletin Charts** are posted on the BB on the left side of the main entrance.

Please note that starting 2019, two vases will cost \$45. A rectangular arrangement will cost \$30.

Silk (S) flowers will be \$10. Bulletins will cost \$10. Be sure to indicate what type of flowers you want – real or silk.

**Any questions, contact the church office.**

## **DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY BEELINE IS JANUARY 25.**

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 Social Media Buzz**

This fall, Growth Committee has relaunched the church's Facebook page as a place to grow our online community and share news of the church. If you are on Facebook, please "Like" and "Follow" our page at [www.facebook.com/BethanyUCCBethlehem](http://www.facebook.com/BethanyUCCBethlehem). If you have an Instagram account, you can follow us @BethanyUCCBethlehem.

We also invite you to tag the church in your posts and use the hashtag #BethanyUCCBethlehem to share posts and photos on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter!

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

### **Bethany Needs Your Help**

We need everyone to pitch in and help take care of our church home. If you see something that needs to be done, do it. Or bring it to the attention of someone who can address the concern.

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

## **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](mailto:bethanyunitedchurch@rcn.com)) with that information. Thank you.

### **NEXT MEETING DATES:**

Consistory – January 10 @ 7 P

Church Growth – January 6 after worship

Stewardship and Finance

Worship Jan. 23 @ 5:30

Staff – Feb. 20 @ 5:30 (if not the 13<sup>th</sup> – watch weather)

## SAVE THE DATE:

**Saturday, February 16, 5 – 9 P “Love your Neighbor”** pot luck dinner and dancing with friends from West Side Moravian Church and Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Bring your favorite food item to share with friends and stay for dancing. This is a good night for fun and fellowship. Plan to join us.

**Please note:** As part of our ongoing commitment to be a safe place for all who gather at Bethany, the doors to the church will be locked on Sunday mornings once the worship service begins. There will be an usher at the door to allow latecomers entry into the building. If you arrive to a locked door, please be patient until someone lets you in. It is difficult to be the Church who follows Jesus example of openness and freely welcoming all people, and at the same time, to be the Church in today’s world, who remains committed to safety. Thank you for your understanding.

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Barbara Roberts  
Richard Laubenstein
- 6 Robert Ruhe
- 7 Gail Hoch
- 13 Margaret Ruhe  
John Knoll
- 15 Deborah Lee
- 23 Katherine Wright
- 24 Dale Zellner
- 27 Marcie Wolfe  
Louise Snyder
- 29 Darlene Yocum
- 31 Joanne Walczar



### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 28 – Sue & Earl Stralo
- 29 – Patricia & Alan Hale



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

<b>ELDERS</b>		
Dan Sabetti	484-281-3630	danielpsabetti@yahoo.com
Walter Williams	610-868-2993	wawilliams65@ptd.net
Brian Ziegler	610-861-7501	bziegler12649@gmail.com
<b>DEACONS</b>		
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
12/2/18 Attendance 59 Member weekly envelope	2,201.00
Joyful Noise for New Bethany Ministries \$189.17	
12/9/18 Attendance 66 Member weekly envelope	1,306.00
12/16/18 Attendance 56 Member weekly envelope	992.00
12/23/18 Attendance 61 Member weekly envelope	1,348.00
12/24/18 Attendance 99 Member weekly envelope	430.00
Loose Plate	220.65
Sponsor a Bill H.E.L.P.	500.00
Christmas Eve Offering Envelopes	997.00
12/30/18 Attendance 43 Member weekly envelope	1,285.00

**Susan is making up the 2019-20 worship service schedule and it will be available before Feb. 3**

**A new directory will be printed soon – any changes to your phone, home address or email address please let the office know ASAP.**

## **JANUARY 6 - EPIPHANY**

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Diane Diefenderfer

ALTAR GUILD: Wendy Glassic

## **JANUARY 13**

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Len Kesselring, Brian Ziegler

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Beverly Rumble

## **JANUARY 20**

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Barbara Backensto, Lisa Williams

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Adrienne Kotsko

## **JANUARY 27**

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Sandy Ackerman, Linda Wieand

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Philip Haines

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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

