



# 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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FEBRUARY 2019

**Sunday, February 3 – Nut orders due**

10:45 A.                      Worship

**Sunday, February 10**

9:30 A                      Orchestra rehearsal

10:45 A                      Worship  
Orchestra & Handbells play at  
worship

Growth Committee meets after worship.

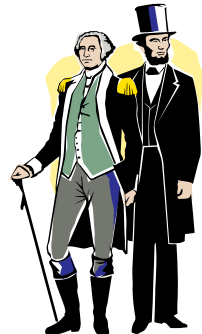
**Sunday, February 17 – Joint worship at Trinity UCC**

10:00 A                      Worship

**Sunday, February 24 Annual Meeting**

10:45 A                      Worship

Annual meeting following worship



February



**FROM OUR  
PASTOR**

**Big Faith!**

A few weeks ago someone asked me to describe the congregation and ministry here at Bethany in one sentence. The phrase that came to mind is that “Bethany is a small church with BIG faith!” And while it is true that many of you long for the days when Bethany was a much larger congregation, there is something to be said for being small, but mighty. Jesus once placed a small child in the middle of a conversation to illustrate his idea of greatness. He spoke about small seeds becoming things

of significance. He took small fish and fed multitudes. And through a small group of followers, faith took root and grew into transforming love that is still changing lives today. Jesus illustrated the power of faith even if it is packaged in something seemingly small.

On Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> after worship, we will gather for Bethany’s Annual Meeting. Please make this a priority on your calendar. Come to celebrate what God has done in this past year through the ministry of Bethany, elect people who have been nominated to serve as leaders in your church, and review the church’s spending plan for ministry in the new year.

Throughout this past year, members of Bethany have demonstrated BIG faith in small ways that have made a difference in the lives of many. We look forward to sharing that news with you and celebrating what our great God is doing through this small church with BIG Faith!

Blessings,

Pastor Linda

**Please note:**

SPRING semester at Moravian Seminary has begun for Pastor Linda! Pastor’s new office hours are Monday mornings, and Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. If someone you know would benefit from a pastoral visit, please call the office to

schedule. Or email Pastor Linda at  
pastorlinda.bethanyucc@gmail.com



## *Musical Notes . . .*

As we move through the winter season some of the best thought out plans go awry. So with that always in mind, there needs to be a plan A and a plan B for most Sunday mornings. Thank goodness for such flexible and capable Bethany musicians that rise to the occasion each week.

The rehearsal plan for the month of February includes the following:

Wednesday, February 6, 13, & 20

Handbells 6:30 P

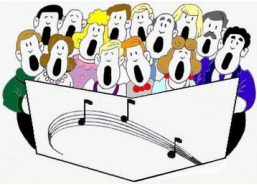
Chancel Choir 7:45 P

Anthems by Chancel Choir each Sunday except for February 17<sup>th</sup>, when we worship at Trinity UCC at 10 A.

Sunday, February 10 – 9:30 A Orchestra rehearsal

Orchestra plays at worship. Handbells play at worship.

No rehearsals Wednesday, February 27.



When rehearsals need to be cancelled due to inclement weather, members will be notified by a phone call. When worship services are cancelled you will not get an individual call. Please check your TV station (info relayed in cancellation notice in this Beeline) or your personal email.

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  
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 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). We have enough volunteers for January 8. Please see sign-up sheet on BB in Narthex for March 8.

**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 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  
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  
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 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.

**PLEASE NOTE** sandwich sale was cancelled due to minimal interest.

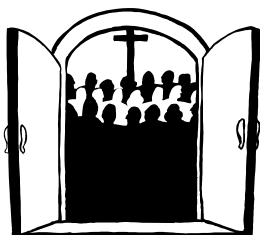
**April 12** – Lenten fish dinner consisting of made to order fresh haddock (fried or baked), baked potato, pickled cabbage, bread & butter, dessert & beverages. A list of things to be done the day before and day of the dinner are posted in the Narthex. A sign-up sheet to help work is also there. Contact Susan Wuchter or call the office to order tickets.

**May 18** – Homemade chicken pot pie dinner. Sign-up sheets and more details to follow.



# CHURCH NEWS REMINDERS

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SET FOR FEBRUARY 24



### Congregational MEETING

The annual congregational meeting has been set for Sunday, February 24 immediately following worship. Information pertaining to the meeting will be sent to our members at least two weeks prior to that date. We sincerely urge all of you that can attend to plan on doing so.

**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.

As in the past, contact the office with your information for the bulletin no later than the Tuesday before your sponsored date. Thank you.

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

**DEADLINE FOR MARCH BEELINE IS FEBRUARY 25.**

### **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) with that information. Thank you.

### **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.



**HEALING &  
PRAYER SERVICE**

March 3 worship will be a Healing Service  
Please plan to attend.

### **NEXT MEETING DATES:**

Consistory – February 7 @ 7 P  
Church Growth – February 10 after worship  
Stewardship and Finance  
Worship March 13 @ 5:30  
Staff – February 13 @ 5:30

**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.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Lauren Correll
- 4 Brenda Stetler
- 11 Lisa Williams
- 17 Ashley Tarasuk



**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3 Lisa & Minh Nguyen
- 14 Sharon & Philip Haines



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

**Reminder:** 2018 Statements are available in the Narthex. Please pick up yours or contact the church if you would like it mailed to you.



## 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

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:

Budgeted Member Envelope	\$2,143.00
1/6/19 Attendance 55 Member weekly envelope	1,086.00
1/13/19 Attendance 49 Member weekly envelope	693.00
1/20/19 Church cancelled due to weather	
1/27/19 Attendance 52 Member weekly envelope	\$1,811.00

**The 2019-20 worship service schedule is available. Paper copies are on the radiator at the rear of the Sanctuary. Please pick up a copy.**

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

For God so lo**V**ed the world  
 th**A**t he gave his  
 on**L**y  
 begott**E**n  
 So**N**,  
 tha**T** whoever  
 bel**I**eves  
 i**N** him should not perish  
 but hav**E** everlasting life.

(John 3:16, NKJV)

### **FEBRUARY 3**

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Jack & Diane Brunner

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Debbie Brown

ALTAR GUILD: Marion Hendricks

### **FEBRUARY 10**

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS: Judy Morgan

GREETERS: Roger Wagner, Barbara Backensto

USHERS: Roger Wagner, Corey Tancin, Lisa Williams, Barbara Backensto

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Adrienne Kotsko

### **FEBRUARY 17**

JOINT WORSHIP AT TRINITY UCC – 10 AM

### **FEBRUARY 24**

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Brian Ziegler, Corey Tancin

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Dick Roberts

*“People judge by  
outward appearance,  
but the LORD  
looks at the  
heart.”*

*1 Samuel 16:7, NLT*

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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

