



Bethany Beeline

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MARCH 2019



Sunday, March 3 – Nut orders due

10:45 A. “Healing Service” @ Worship
Growth Committee after worship

Wednesday, March 6 -Ash Wednesday – Lent begins

6:15 – 6:30 P Handbell rehearsal
7 P Worship – Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir rehearsal after worship

Sunday, March 10 “Spring forward” – Daylight Savings Time Begins

9:30 A Orchestra Rehearsal
10:45 A Worship

Sunday, March 17

10:45 A Worship

Sunday, March 24

10:45 A Worship

Sunday, March 31- Nut Orders Due

10:45 A Worship





**FROM OUR
PASTOR**

March Newsletter –

More Fully Alive

As we turn the page of the calendar to March, we look forward to the coming of Springtime with longer days, warmer sunshine (hopefully), and all of creation becoming more fully alive after a long winter's rest. In the Christian Church, we enter the season of Lent in March. It is a season with the intention for *us* to become more fully alive...alive in God!

Daily life is challenging at times. As part of a community of faith, we are continuously reminded that God's intention for us and for all is LIFE... full, meaningful, abundant life. Please set time aside to join us for this holy season as we journey together with the intention to journey together with God:

Wednesday, March 6th at 7 p.m. – Ash Wednesday worship

We begin our Lent journey at Bethany with a service that invites us to accept God's invitation to come closer, and to turn our thoughts and actions toward the purposes of God.

Sundays, March 10th – April 14th at 9:30 a.m. – “Still Waters” Bible Study.

Using scripture, prayer, and a Moravian resource as our guide we will recall and write our “lebenslauf”... “life’s story” with intention to remember and give thanks for God’s steadfast love.

Sunday, April 14th at 10:45 a.m. - Palm Sunday Worship Service and the start of Holy Week

Thursday, April 18th at 7p.m. – Maundy Thursday Dramatic Reading and Service of Holy Communion

Friday, April 19th at 7p.m. – Good Friday Tennebrae Service

Sunday, April 21st at 10:45 a.m. – Easter, Service of Holy Communion

Please take opportunity to be a part of these worship and learning opportunities as well as others noted in this newsletter. Spring is coming, Lent is coming...may we all become more fully alive in God!

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 . . .

“Part two” . . . Continuing the narrative from the February music Beeline article . . .it is reasonable to assume that we are employing plans C and D since the “bad weather fairy” decided that picking Wednesdays during the month to have ice storms was a good idea. The interesting thing about all this is that plans C & D were already in place, and that Bethany musicians are so able to carry them out that you probably didn’t and won’t even notice. Thank you to all the musical groups that rise to the occasion every time they are called upon “to make things work”.

So . . . we will try again . . . the “hopeful “ rehearsal schedule for the month of March is as follows:

Wed. March 6 6:15 – 6:45 P– Handbell rehearsal
7:00 P Worship w/Chancel Choir anthem

Chancel Choir rehearsal after worship

Wed., March 13 6:30 Handbell Choir
7:45 Chancel Choir

Wed. March 20 No Rehearsals

Wed. March 27 6:30 Handbell Choir
7:45 Chancel Choir.

Note* Sunday March 10 – Orchestra 9:30 AM

The chancel Choir will sing each Sunday during March. The handbell Choir and Orchestra will play on Sunday, March 10th. There will be special Celtic Music presented on Sunday, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day! Join us each Sunday as we offer up the beautiful music of the Lenten season.

*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.



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.



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.

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

DEADLINE FOR APRIL BEELINE IS March 25.

**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
Saturday, April 13, 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 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). Please see sign-up sheet on BB in Narthex for March 8.

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.

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
Mae & Hector Hernandez
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.



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
Mar. 3rd and 4th
Mar. 31st and Apr. 1st
Apr. 28th and 29th
June 2nd and 3rd

Peanut Making
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 Debbie Brown. The Sunday for March is 3/3/19.



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.

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. 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

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.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Consistory – March 14 @ 7 P
Church Growth – TBD
Stewardship and Finance
Worship March 13 @ 5:30
Staff – TBD @ 5:30

“It’s better to bite your tongue than to eat your words.”
–Frank Sonnenberg

“Never look down on anybody unless you’re helping him up.”
–Jesse Jackson

Upcoming Bible Study

“Still Waters” – Lent Bible Study
6 Sundays March 10th- April 14th
9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

The season of Lent is an invitation to turn our hearts to God and to grow in relationship to God. Reflecting on Psalm 23, and using a resource called, “Still Waters” we will be guided through the process of writing our spiritual formation journey, and remembering God’s faithfulness.

In the Moravian Church, this is a practice called “Lebenslauf”, a German word comprised of ‘leben’ for life, and ‘lauf’ for

path. This way of reflecting on scripture and our own life journey invites us to reflect on our life with God; where God seems near to us and also times when God seems distant. The outcome is finding hope and assurance through the Psalm and remembering our own stories of faith.

Each participant will receive a “Still Waters” booklet and is asked to bring a notebook or journal to write in. Suggested donation of \$5 per person to cover the cost of the booklet. For more information or to sign up in advance, please see Pastor Linda.

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.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Cameron Haines
- 4 Dan Sabetti
Jackie Tarasuk
- 17 Steve Tarasuk
- 22 Roland Grietzer
Marie Gehringer
- 23 Victoria Thrash
- 30 Bill Rumble
Richard Laughlin



If I missed anyone, please call the church office.

A Note of Heartfelt Thanks to our Family of Faith at Bethany:

*Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
Thank you for the outpouring of love and compassion that you have gifted to me and my family during these past few weeks. Your expressions of care and concern have been a true source of comfort throughout the illnesses of my mother*

*and my father. With the passing of my mom, your faith filled words and promises of prayer have been a constant reminder of the Resurrection Hope we have in Christ. Please know that you all have blessed me and my family tremendously at this very difficult time in our lives. With deepest gratitude,
Pastor Linda*

2019 Consistory

(Please note – new consistory members and officers will be named after March 14 meeting)

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

ELDERS		
Dan Sabetti	484-281-3630	danielpsabetti@yahoo.com
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Debbie Keretz	484-767-6382C	dkeretz@FinancialGuide.com

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:

Budgeted Member Envelope	\$2,143.00
2/3/19 Attendance 52 Member weekly envelope	1,169.00
2/10/19 Attendance 55 Member weekly envelope	1,250.00
2/17/19 Church @ Trinity UCC weekly member envelope	331.00
2/24/19 Attendance 46 Member weekly envelope	\$1,903.00

MARCH 3 – HEALING SERVICE

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Judy & George Morgan

USHERS: John Knoll, Kathy Knoll, Gail Hoch, Tom Hoffert

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Bev Rumble

ALTAR GUILD: Margy Sabetti

MARCH 6 – ASH WEDNESDAY

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS: J

GREETERS: Len Kesselring, Lisa Williams

USHERS: Fred Ackerman Bob Ackerman, Tom Hoffert, Len Kesselring

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Sue Wright

MARCH 10

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS

GREETERS Dan & Margy Sabetti

USHERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti, Corey Tancin, Bob Ruhe

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Gail Hoch

MARCH 17

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Barbara Backensto, Lisa Williams

USHERS: Roland & Phyllis Greitzer, Marion Hendricks,

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Diane Diefenderfer

MARCH 24

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Sandy Ackerman, Linda Wieand

USHERS: Fred Ackerman, Bob Ackerman, Tom Hoffert, Len Kesselring

ACOLYTE Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Mike Reiniger

MARCH 31

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Barbara Backensto, Brian Ziegler

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Rebecca Kesselring

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

