



# 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, April 7**

9:30 A “Still Waters” Bible

Study

10:45 A. Worship

Growth Committee after worship



## **Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday – Holy Week Starts**

9:30 A Still Waters Bible Study

10 A Orchestra Rehearsal

10:45 A Worship with Chancel Choir, Orchestra, Handbell  
Choir & Orff instrumentation

## **Thursday, April 18 – Maundy Thursday**

7 P Worship – Dramatic Reading and service of Holy  
Communion

## **Friday April 19- Good Friday**

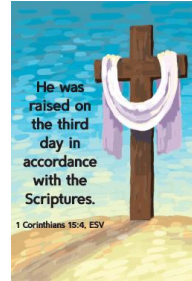
7 P Tenebrae Service of Worship

## Sunday, April 21 – Easter Sunday

10:45 A      Worship with Holy  
                  Communion  
                  Chancel Choir, Handbells and  
                  Orchestra

## Sunday, April 28 – Nut Orders Due

10:45 A      Worship



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!

Pastor Linda's monthly message is not in this issue due to a family emergency

### **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](mailto:pastorlinda.bethanyucc@gmail.com)



Have you noticed that Easter comes later this year than usual? That means the entire month of April will be filled with the glorious sounds of instruments and voices telling the story of Christ's Passion and Victory. All musical groups are rehearsing the beautiful music of the Lenten season leading up to Easter Sunday. The Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir Orchestra, and Orff Instrumentalists will

present thematic anthems, both contemporary and classic in style, to enhance the written and spoken word. It is always our hope that the Music Ministry enhances your personal worship experience.

Our schedule for the month of April is as follows:

Wed. April 3, 10, 17, 24 Handbells 6:30 P, Chancel Choir 7:45 P

Sun. April 7 Chancel choir anthem

Sun. April 14 10 A Orchestra rehearsal

Worship with Chancel Choir, Orchestra, Handbell Choir & Orff Instrumentation

Thurs. April 18 Worship with Chancel Choir  
Fri. April 19 Worship with Chancel Choir  
Sun. April 21 Worship with Chancel Choir, Handbells and Orchestra  
Sun. April 28 Chancel Choir anthem

Those involved in Bethany's Music program give generously of their time and talent. I am truly grateful for their dedication and commitment to this special 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. Looking good guys & gal – 2<sup>nd</sup> half leaders.

## **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 the prices for fresh flowers will be - 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 MAY BEELINE IS April 24.**

### **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.



Thanks to all who volunteered at the Bethlehem Emergency Center the past 3 months. It is greatly appreciated.

**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.**

## OUR PRAYER LIST

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

Mae Acevedo  
Kenneth Bender  
Joyce Bergey  
Ruth Bowers  
Amy Campbell  
Lillian Connors  
Lauren Fehr  
Roland Greitzer  
Sarah Lieberman  
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.



Dear Brian and Bethany Church Family,  
Thank you on behalf of my father & my entire family for your gift in memory of our Mom to her memorial fund with Emmaus Moravian Church. The kindness and care we have received from Bethany folks has been a tremendous comfort to all of – Thank you and God Bless – Pastor Linda

### **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!



## 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. 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

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 for April is 4/7/19.



**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.**

**Mother's Day Sale – May 11** – Mother's Day will be here before we know it. Growth Committee will be running a fundraiser selling home

made candy, nuts and flowers. More details will be available on Palm Sunday – so watch your bulletin.

**May 18** – Homemade chicken pot pie dinner. I am looking for someone to take charge of this event (i.e. prep days, clean up) I will help you out. The day of the event, we have a dough mixer, roller and cutter. Look for sign-up sheets and more details to follow. - Susan

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

### **OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS:**

Volunteers Needed at Phoebe: They are seeking individuals to be trained to lead innovative spiritual services for small groups of residents who reside on the memory support neighborhoods of the Phoebe Ministries communities. The Spirit Alive Spring training will take place May 3 & May 4. See flyer on bulletin board FMI.

West Side Moravian Church Annual Egg Hunt for all ages will be held Saturday, April 20 at 10 A at the historic area along the Monocacy creek – opposite the parking lot. Remember to bring a basket.

West Side Moravian Women are holding their annual bazaar. It will be held **Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. They are need of attic treasures in sale-able condition** (household items, books, toys, jewelry, etc.) and used clothing. We cannot accept TV's, computers or their components or box spring/mattresses. Please call the church office at 610-865-0256 to schedule drop off.

Pies, Pies and more pies. . . .St. Thomas UCC on Macada Rd.- call 610-868-9167 9 A – 1 P M-Thursday to order.

**Shoo Fly pies** - \$8 each – order by April 3, Pick up April 9 from 9 A – 1 P

**Easter fruit crumb pies** – Apple, Blueberry, Cherry, Strawberry - \$9 each Order by April 10, Pick up April 17, 9 A – 1 P.

### **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 – April 11 @ 7 P  
Church Growth – April 14 after worship  
Stewardship and Finance  
Worship April 10 @ 5:30  
Staff – TBD @ 5:30

## **Upcoming Bible Study**

**“Still Waters” – Lent Bible Study  
6 Sundays March 10th- April 14<sup>th</sup>  
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.

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Earl Stralo
- 5 Kenneth Bender, Jr.
- 6 Ina Denninger  
George Morgan
- 8 Rebecca Kesselring  
Lillian Connors
- 11 Jonathan Reiniger
- 12 Melissa Tarasuk
- 14 Debra Brown
- 17 Jan Smith
- 22 John Albaugh
- 23 Maria Williams
- 28 Harold Maurer
- 30 Matthew Miller



**ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 4 Ken & Darlene Yocum
- 23 Diane & Jack Brunner
- 26 Wendy & John Glassic

If I missed anyone, please call the church office.

## 2019 Consistory

Brian Ziegler – President  
 Dan Sabetti – Vice President  
 Gail Hoch – Secretary  
 Tom Hoffert - Treasurer

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Dan Sabetti	484-281-3630	danielpsabetti@yahoo.com
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### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:

Budgeted Member Envelope	\$2,143.00
3/3/19 Attendance 52 Member weekly envelope	912.00
3/6/19 Attendance 31 Member weekly envelope	60.00
3/10/19 Attendance 46 Member weekly envelope	1,123.00
3/17/19 Attendance 56 Member weekly envelope	1,230.00
Joyful Noise for Alzheimer's ... ..	804.70
3/24/19 Attendance 52 Member weekly envelope	850.00
Joyful Noise for Alzheimer's 50.00 Total collected	\$1,229.70
3/31/ Attendance 50 Member weekly envelope	740.00

### APRIL 7

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS: Linda Hollabaugh

GREETERS: Jack & Diane Brunner

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Debbie Brown

ALTAR GUILD: Cindy Beck

### APRIL 14 – PALM SUNDAY

FLOWERS: Patti Hoyt (S)

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Barbara Backensto, Lisa Williams

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Adrienne Kostko

**APRIL 18 – MAUNDY THURSDAY – HOLY COMMUNION**

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS

GREETERS Brian Ziegler, Len Kesselring

USHERS: Consistory Members

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Barbara Reiniger

**APRIL 19 – GOOD FRIDAY- TENNEBRAE**

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Judy & George Morgan

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Rebecca Kesselring

**APRIL 21 – EASTER SUNDAY – HOLY COMMUNION**

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Ina Denninger, Cindy Beck

USHERS: Consistory Members

ACOLYTE Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Len Kesselring

**APRIL 28**

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Gail Hoch, Roger Wagner

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Walter Williams



*HE IS RISEN!*

*HE IS RISEN INDEED!*

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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

