



Bethany Beeline

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MAY 2019

Sunday, May 5

9:30 a.m. Still Waters Bible Study

10:45 a.m. Worship

Growth Committee after worship



Sunday, May 12 – Mother’s Day

10:45 a.m. – Worship, Celebration of the Christian Home with Chancel & Handbell Choirs

Sunday, MAY 19

10:15 a.m. Combined UCC Worship Service at St. Thomas

***note this is the day of the implosion of Martin Towers, traffic patterns in Bethlehem will be affected.**

Sunday, MAY 26 Summer Worship Schedule Begins/
Memorial Day Weekend

9:30 a.m. Worship



Bethany U.C.C. to become a Host Site for the Summer Food Program



Education.

By now you may have heard about the Summer Food Program which provides lunches for school students throughout the summer months. While the lunches are free for any student 18 years or younger, this is a program that is especially important for local families who rely on free or reduced lunches at school throughout the year. It is a way that churches on the West Side of Bethlehem will be serving our neighbors in the coming months, and it is funded by the P.A. Dept. of

Teams of volunteers are now forming to serve in this ministry. Our Growth Committee is still working out the details together with members from the other West Side churches, but volunteers will serve for about 1 ½ hours per day, Mon-Friday. Bethany volunteers will be on a rotating schedule with volunteers from Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and West Side Moravian Church. The meals will be prepared by Bethlehem Area School District Food Services and delivered to our site daily. Our volunteers will simply be responsible for providing a warm welcome, serving the lunches, and cleaning up afterwards.

While the aim of this program is to be sure that kids have a healthy, balanced meal each day, and we are happy to serve in this needed way, our hope is to begin to get to know neighborhood kids and their families and to build relationships through serving in this way. Christ calls the church to love our neighbor, and it is hard to love our neighbor if we don't even know who they are. Please join us in this important ministry. You can be in support by volunteering to serve lunches and/or by your commitment to pray for the ways God will work through this ministry to strengthen the community.

A volunteer signup sheet is posted in the narthex or you can call the office for more information.

I look forward to discovering with you how God witnesses Good News through the Summer Food Program!

Blessings, Pastor Linda



It is often difficult for a music director, who accompanies and directs at the same time, to truly evaluate what the congregational listener “absorbs” from the music presented during worship. But, thanks to Bill Rumble’s diligence in placing our services online, I get the opportunity to be a congregational “listener”. During this season of Lent, the Chancel Choir has brought many

tears to my eyes, especially during Holy Week. It is not only the accuracy of a piece that causes it to be “well done”, but for me it is the “heart” within the piece. The Chancel Choir sang with its heart...you can tell by the warmth and care and importance placed on each note and syllable uttered. That is the inner faith being carried to the artistic level. That is what music does for those who express their love of God and Christ Jesus through song. I will say it again...Bethany Church is blessed.

That also goes for our Handbell Ringers and Instrumentalists. Rehearsals take time out of already busy schedules, but being able to use our time and talent in God’s house and create beauty and majesty is a gift. As our Conference Minister, Bonnie Bates said on Easter Sunday....sometimes we should clap. I believe that while we clap, God and His Son smile.

The music of the church never ends, so May will include weekly Chancel Choir anthems, a Handbell Choir anthem on May 12th and the Orchestra – date to be announced. Rehearsals are every Wednesday evening May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. Handbells at 6:30 PM and Chancel Choir at 7:45 PM. For anyone interested in joining the Chancel Choir, now is a great time to “hop in”!! Now is also the time to sign up and pay for the Choir Dinner Theater evening at deSales University. The buffet dinner is at 6 PM, the show, “Crazy for You” (1930’s glamour & tunes), is at 8 PM. Checks need to be made payable to Susan Wright with dinner theater marked in the memo. Total cost is \$50.00 per person. Happy Spring!

*Joyfully,
Susan Denninger Wright*



Anyone interested in joining the fun and fellowship of the Bethlehem Inter-Church Dart Baseball League for 2019, should call Bob Ackerman at 610-797-7842. All games start at 7:30 unless otherwise noted.

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Pastor's 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

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



A Note of Thanks to Our Bethany Family of Faith:



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We cannot begin to tell you how grateful we have been for your prayers, your emails, your cards, and all expressions of care throughout the month of April.

When my Father died unexpectedly, just 2 months after my Mom's passing, our family was heartbroken. As believers, we do not grieve as those who have no hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) and yet we are not immune to the sorrow and sting when our loved ones pass. Your Christian love and faith filled prayers sustained me and my family through this difficult time, and I am grateful.

Jesus told his disciples, to love one another, because that is what sets us apart as followers of Christ. Thank you, fellow disciples, for your witness to Christ's love.

Blessings,

Pastor Linda, Matt, Lindsay and Daniel, and the family of William and Sandra Reith

Thank you so much for the excellent kitchen service that was given for Charley's memorial service reception. Your kindness was so appreciated at this difficult time. Please accept this donation to the church as a thank you for your service. Joyce Bergey & family

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.

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
Bernie & Robert Dunigan
Lauren Fehr
Roland Grietzer
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.

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



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
Apr. 28th and 29th
June 2nd and 3rd

Peanut Making
May 6th
June 8th and 10th

Peanuts \$3, Cashews & Almonds \$5

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.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND RESURRECTION HOPE

Our Christian sympathy and resurrection hope are extended to the families of Charles Bergey and Marie Gehringer.

Charles entered the more near presence of our Lord on March 25th. A celebration of life service was held at the church on Saturday, March 30th. We continue to pray to Joyce and family during this difficult time.

Marie entered the more near presence of our Lord on April 8th. A celebration of her life was held on April 12th at Connell Funeral Home. Our thoughts and prayers are with her son Robert and his entire family during this time of loss.



Memorials were received in memory of Charles Bergey from: Allen & Clara Wolfe, Elaine Fabian-Shelly & Kevan Shelly, Grace Parry, First Presbyterian Church of Hanover, Nedra Shelly, Margaret Ruhe, Ruth Weidner, Mike & Barbara Reiniger, Margaret Ruhe, Ken & Cindy Beck, Ted & Marion Hendricks, Tom Hoffert, Sharon & Philip Haines (General Fund) Bob & Sandra Ackerman,

Catherine Underkoffler, Tim & Patty Hoyt, Michael Juras, Sr. & Dellaruth Juras

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.

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 is **5/5/19**.

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

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Consistory – May 16

Church Growth – May 5 after worship

Stewardship

Worship

Staff – TBD @ 5:30

ATTENTION ALL 2019 GRADUATES:

Please inform the church office or Pastor Linda of anyone who will be graduating from high school or college this year. Please include more information such as parent's names, what college they are attending after HS, what their degree or major will be and any honors that they have accomplished.





5/2 Ken Yocum
5/14 Christopher Rumble
5/20 Robert Bauder, William Kreitz
5/23 James Thrash
5/24 Theodore Hendricks Sr.
Josh Baum
5/27 Brianna Roberts
5/29 Gary Diefenderfer
5/31 Joan Hottle



ANNIVERSARIES:

5/18 Cindy & Ron Cressman
5/21 Theodore & Marion Hendricks Sr.
Melissa & Steve Tarasuk

If I missed anyone, please call the church office.

DEADLINE FOR JUNE BEELINE IS MAY 24.

2019 Consistory

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

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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:

Budgeted Member Envelope	\$2,143.00
4/7/19 Attendance 49 Member weekly envelope	1,005.00
4/14/19 Attendance 69 Member weekly envelope	1,253.00
4/21/19 Attendance 102 Member weekly envelope	2,526.00
4/28/19 Attendance 48 Member weekly envelope	1,086.00
Fish Fry	572.79
4/18/19 Attendance 38 Maundy Thursday	
4/19/19 Attendance 38 Good Friday	

MAY 5

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS:

USHERS: Marion Hendricks, Wendy Glassic, Cindy Beck, Bob Ruhe

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Jan Smith

ALTAR GUILD: Cindy Cressman & Pat Hale

MAY 12

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Barbara Backensto & Gail Hoch

USHERS: Margy & Dan Sabetti, Phyllis & Roland
Grietzer

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Sue Wright



MAY 19

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Sandy Ackerman & Linda Wieand

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Len Kesselring

MAY 26

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Jack & Diane Brunner

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Bill Rumble

CELEBRATING SPRING TOGETHER!



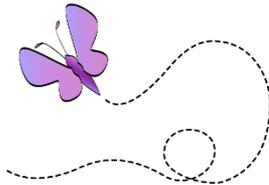
SHARED WORSHIP SERVICE

10:15am

SUNDAY, MAY 19

AT

*ST. THOMAS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
902 EAST MACADA ROAD, BETHLEHEM*



PARTICIPATING CONGREGATIONS:

*Bethany UCC, Christ UCC, Church of the Manger
UCC,*

St. Thomas UCC, Trinity UCC

FELLOWSHIP and FOOD TO FOLLOW



IRON PIGS

The annual family night out at the Iron Pigs baseball game is Saturday, June 15, 2019. First pitch is at 6:35 PM. We will be sitting in section #102 field level. Tickets are \$11. Car parking is \$5. Tickets must be reserved and paid for by Sunday, May 19th. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Any questions,

call Gail Hoch at 610-759-7135

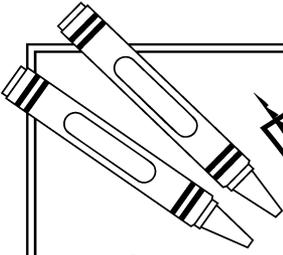
BOOM-BA

I received a boom-ba from a neighbor of mine. It needs a little work. If anyone wants it, please let me know. I would prefer to give it to someone rather than throw it away. Call Cindy Beck at 610-762-3558

Joys of motherhood

- A hug for no reason.
- Belly laughs.
- The light-bulb moment when your child understands something you've been trying to teach them.
- Smiles and giggles.
- Mud pies.
- Arms raised in the air after a big accomplishment.
- Hearing Scripture and prayer from your child's lips.
- Quiet moments on the couch.
- Reading aloud together.
- A family meal filled with conversation and laughter.
- Watching your child be kind to another.
- Recognizing a moment you'd like to freeze in time.
- A child's look of surprise and joy.
- A quiet conversation that heals a wounded heart.
- The words "I love you" – and a sticky kiss.

–Unknown



PUZZLE

A blessed woman

The last chapter of Proverbs describes a woman who loves God and strives to be a good wife and mother.

Directions: Use the picture clues to complete Proverbs 31:15, 28.

She gets _____ while it is still _____ ;



she provides _____ for her _____



Her _____ rise _____ and



_____ her blessed.



PROVERBS 31:15, 28 (NIV)

Answers: up, night, food, family, children, up, call

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

