



# 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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## Sundays in...

**June 9th**– PENTECOST

Worship at 10 a.m. with Holy Communion

**June 16<sup>th</sup>** – Worship at 10 a.m.  
Celebrating Dads and Grads.

**June 23<sup>th</sup>** – Worship at 10 a.m.

**June 30<sup>th</sup>** – Worship 10 a.m.



**July 7<sup>st</sup>** Worship 10 a.m.

**July 14<sup>th</sup>** – Worship 10 a.m.

**July 21** – Worship 10 a.m. with Holy Communion

**July 28** – Worship 10 a.m.

**August 4** - Worship 10 a.m.

**August 11** – Worship 10 a.m.

**August 18** – Worship 10 a.m.

**August 25** – Worship 10 a.m.

## Ordinary People/Extraordinary God

FROM  
THE  
PASTOR



As we turn the calendar from May to June the church calendar brings us to Pentecost, when the church celebrates the transforming nature of God's Spirit at work...always and everywhere. It is by this Spirit that creation comes alive. It is by this Spirit that God is renewing the face of all of creation. On Pentecost Sunday, we remember how the church came alive as God's Spirit breathed energy and purpose and meaning into the lives of those earliest believers. It was God's powerful Spirit that moved them from behind closed doors at the beginning of the Easter season, and moved them out to the ends of the earth! It is this same Spirit that is moving us.

Pentecost Sunday is observed this year on June 9<sup>th</sup> with a service of Holy Communion, and it is more than a one day observance with significant historical meaning. In fact, it is actually a whole season in the church year, the longest season in the church year, sometimes called "ordinary time". Ordinary time doesn't sound too exciting for some, but it is often in the most ordinary circumstances and ordinary days when we experience our extraordinary God in powerful ways!

In this newsletter, you will find many ways to gather with others for worship, fellowship, and Christian service. We are excited to see how our extraordinary God works through ordinary people serving ordinary lunches as part of our Summer Student Lunch Program. We are excited to experience our extraordinary God working through ordinary people as we gather each week to worship. We are excited to see how our extraordinary God works through our ordinary days this summer and binds us together as people of faith.

I hope to see you all very soon!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Linda

A note from  
the choir director



The Summer months are now upon us. Hopefully they'll be a bit drier than the previous ones. Since rain is supposed to make things beautiful, we should be in for a real treat this summer. While you are enjoying all the blessings of the season, please be sure to join us at 10 AM each Sunday morning to give thanks through prayer, music and listening to God's word. The chancel choir will be singing each week, and the Handbell Choir will play on

Sundays, June 16<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup>.

The choir dinner theater evening on Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at deSales University will have over 45 persons enjoying food and fellowship. It is always a delightful evening for all those in attendance. The show this summer is "Crazy for You", full of wonderful Gershwin tunes.

Since the choirs take a little break over the Summer, rehearsing every other week this year's Summer schedule is as follows:

June 5, 19	Rehearsals 6:30 Handbells, 7:45 Chancel Choir
June 12 & 26	Off
July 10, 14	On
July 3, 17, 31	Off
August 7, 21	Off
August 14, 28	On

Looking ahead

Sept. 4, 18, 25	On
Sept. 11	Off

Joyfully,  
Susan Denninger Wright

## **Our Church in Mission – Summer Student Lunch Program**

The Bethlehem Area School District Student Lunch Program will be hosted at Bethany UCC this summer from June 11<sup>th</sup> – August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Free lunches (funded by the Dept of Education and USDA) will be served from 12-1 pm., Monday through Friday for all children and youth age 18 and under.

This program is sponsored by Bethlehem Area School District and offered by Bethany U.C.C., Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and West Side Moravian Church. We look forward to serving with our neighbors on the West Side!

If you know students in our neighborhood who would benefit from a free lunch, please help us spread the word. FMI call the office.

### **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



### **FELLOWSHIP & FRIENDS**

Anyone interested in joining the fun and fellowship of the Bethlehem Inter-Church Dart Baseball League for 2019-20, 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 MEMBER NEWS

## New Member Welcome!

We welcome Joyce Heydt into membership with Bethany U.C.C. Joyce has been a long-time friend to us and has been part of our worshipping community of faith for a while. We are delighted for her decision for membership and officially received her on June 2<sup>nd</sup>!



## **OUR 2019 GRADUATES**

### **Sarah LIEBERMAN**

Sarah is graduated from Northampton Area High School and graduated with honors. She was also in Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical school in the Commercial Art program. She was in National Technical Honor Society too. Sarah is going to Shippensburg University to major in Art/Design. She also received a \$2,000 scholarship from the bridges foundation to further her education in college.

### **KAITLIN NGUYEN**

Kaitlin Nguyen graduated Summa Cum Laude from Lafayette College with a BS in Biochemistry and a Minor in Art. She was the recipient of the Marquis Scholarship, a merit-based award offered to students who display notable academics, service and leadership. Kaitlin was one of ten finalist for the Class of 2019 George Wharton Pepper Prize, Lafayette's highest senior honor,

awarded annually to the member of the graduating class “who most nearly represents the Lafayette ideal.” She is a member of Phi Lambda Upsilon, the National Honorary Chemical Society, and received the J. Hunt Wilson 1905 Prize in Analytical Chemistry, the Sanford G. Bluestein '42 Award for a future physician, and the Arthur J. '55 and Barbara S. Rothkopf Scholarship, which allowed her to study art in London and the surrounding areas.

During her time at Lafayette, Kaitlin partook in analytical chemistry research, publishing five papers in scientific journals. Other research projects included isolating and sequencing the genome of a unique bacteriophage and studying the yield of pre-participation cardiac screening at St. Luke's Hospital. She was the President and Principal flautist of the Concert Band, a member of Contemporary Music Ensemble, the Public Relations Chair and tap choreographer of the Dance Company, a community volunteer through the Landis Center, a Teaching Assistant for General Chemistry laboratories, an usher at the Williams Center for the Arts, and a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta women's fraternity,

Kaitlin would like to thank her family, friends, and church family for their constant support. She will attend Temple University Lewis Katz School of Medicine this August.

### **MEGHANN WRIGHT**

Meghann K. Wright graduated from Lehigh University on Monday, May 20th, 2019 with a Masters of Science in Instructional Technology, Education, and Human Services. This is Meghann's second Master's Degree since graduating with her undergrad from Lebanon Valley College in 2008. Meghann continues to teach Vocal/General Music and Instrumental Music in the Bethlehem Area School District and looks forward to implementing her newfound knowledge to enhance music education in this world of technology. She aspires to eventually take more continuing education courses as she has a passion for learning. She would like to thank her family, friends, and church family for constantly supporting her!

*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  
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.

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

“You can do what I cannot do. I can do what you cannot do.  
Together, we can do great things.”  
–Mother Teresa



## Christian Sympathy and Resurrection Hope:

Our Christian Sympathy and Resurrection Hope is extended upon the death of Joyce MacBeth who died on May 15, 2019. Joyce was 93 and a long-time member of Bethany. She worshipped faithfully, served on the sanctuary choir and her witness of faith and sense of humor blessed and guided many in our congregation. Please be in prayer for her son David and daughter Eileen and their extended families as they grieve and celebrate Joyce's life.

A memorial was received from Barbara & Mike Reiniger in memory of Joyce MacBeth.



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your many kindnesses throughout the past few months. Your visits, cards, phone calls and well wishes were so appreciated by Charley, who valued your friendship so much.

Sincerely,

Joyce Bergey and family

## GOD IS EVERYWHERE

*We are living in a world that is absolutely transparent, and God is shining through it all the time. This is not just a fable or a nice story. It is true. If we abandon ourselves to God and forget ourselves, we see it sometimes, and we see it maybe frequently. God shows himself everywhere, in everything – in people and in things and in nature and in events. It becomes very obvious that God is everywhere and in everything and we cannot be without him. It's impossible. The only thing is that we don't see it.*

*T. Merton*



## GET YOUR PEANUTS, CASHEWS, AND ALMONDS HERE!

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.

Order date	Peanut Preparation Days
Sept. 2	Sept. 7 & 9
Sept 30	Oct. 5 & 7
Nov. 4	Nov. 9 & 11
Dec. 2	Dec. 7 & 9
Jan 6, 2020	Jan. 11 & 13
Feb. 3	Feb 8 & 10
Mar. 2	March 7 & 8
Mar. 30	Apr. 4 & 6
Apr. 27	May 2 & 4
June 1	June 6 & 8
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](mailto:bethanyunitedchurch@rcn.com)) with that information. Thank you.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

### **JUNE**

- 5 Philip Haines
- 9 Leslie Thrash
- 11 Fred Ackerman  
Bob Ackerman
- 16 John Glassic
- 18 Ken Beck
- 24 Tim Rumble
- 28 Sue Stralo
- 29 Tom Hoffert  
Barbara Backensto

### **AUGUST**

- 1 Marie Wolfe
- 4 Andrea Learn
- 6 Katherine Knoll
- 7 Judy Morgan  
Joyce Hammer
- 11 Jean Thrash
- 15 Gerald Smith
- 23 Arlene Smith
- 29 Wendy Laubenstein
- 29 Margy Sabetti
- 30 Wendy Glassic

### **JULY**

- 3 Joyce Bergey
- 7 Debbie Keretz
- 14 Doris Esslinger
- 15 Jack Brunner
- 16 Diane Diefenderfer
- 17 Jane Harlacher
- 21 Susan Wuchter
- 22 Len Kesselring
- 28 Mike Reiniger
- 28 Susan Wright
- 29 Thomas Harlacher
- 30 Christopher Haines



### **Church Picnic**

### **Church picnic**

Bethany's Annual Church Picnic will be Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 AM at the Bethlehem Township Park. There will be a worship service followed by a picnic lunch. Hot dogs, rolls & paper products provided. A sign-up sheet will be posted early in September for covered dishes. All are welcome!

## ANNIVERSARIES:

### JUNE

- 6 Phyllis & Roland Greitzer
- 9 Barbara & Mike Reiniger
- 11 Arlene & Gerald Smith
- 22 Margy & Dan Sabetti
- 24 Rebecca & Len Kesselring, Jr.
- 26 Darlene & Kevin Ervin



### JULY

- 15 Judy & George Morgan

### AUGUST

- 6 Cindy & Ken Beck
- 8 Diane & Gary Diefenderfer

If I missed anyone, please call the office 610-868-4441 - Susan

**BULLETIN & FLOWER CHART** - The Bulletin and Flower charts for 2019 are posted on the bulletin board by the main entrance (double glass doors). Just sign your name on any available date.



The minimum cost for bulletins is \$10.00. The cost for fresh flowers is \$40.00 for two vases. Another fresh flower option is one low rectangular vase to be placed on the altar at a cost of \$28.50. If you prefer this option, please sign up on the flower chart and indicate your preference by placing an R in a circle after your name for the Rectangular arrangement. I need to let the florist know what type of flower arrangement we want, so please mark the chart. If you prefer the seasonal Silk flowers and would like your donation to go directly to Bethany, please write the word "silk" behind your name or put an (S). PLEASE NOTE The minimum cost of silk flowers is \$10.00. As in the past, contact the office with your information for the bulletin no later than the Tuesday before your sponsored date. Thank you.

## CHURCH NEWS REMINDERS

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

Pastor Linda is in the office on Monday mornings and Wednesday & Thursday afternoons. 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)

### **Bethany Needs Your Help**

We need everyone to pitch in and help take care of our church home. We all have a little time in our busy lives to do one of the jobs listed below occasionally. If you or your group holds an event or meeting at the church, please make sure all trash is put in the furnace room and the rest rooms are stocked with toilet paper and paper towels. Be sure that floors and tables are clean.

On Sunday before you leave your pew look around and make sure all trash goes with you and all items are returned to their proper place.

If you see something that needs to be done, do it. Or bring it to the attention of someone who can address the concern.

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Your Consistory, Staff, and Ministry/ Committee leadership want you to be aware of this information. We hope that it will encourage you to act.

Everyone has special talents and abilities. Sometimes we think we have little or nothing to offer. Time is often limited, but we can make time for things we care about. You are vital to Bethany United Church of Christ. Speak to any consistory member, ministry/committee leader, or staff member to offer your help.

Here are just a few ideas.

- Ring the church bell prior to each service as well as any additional times requested.

- Turn off the pulpit light after the worship service.
- Clean the glass door in front of the church for all services and events.
- Keep restrooms clean always. See that soap, towels and toilet paper are replenished as needed and cups at water fountain are supplied.
- Collect all waste materials and put in cans in the boiler room no later than Sunday night.
- Make sure that recycling is placed outside for collection.
- Rope off pews whenever necessary per instructions.
- Place bulletins in the back of the church and the choir room early on Sunday morning.
- Be a participant on one or more of our ministries/committees
- Serve as a greeter, lay reader, usher and offering counter – just let Susan know if you want your name added to the Worship Service Schedule before the end of the year when she revises the list.
  - Cleaning: vacuum, dust, collect trash/recycling, clean glass on entrance doors, bathrooms, mop floors, etc.
  - Count Joyful Noise offering
  - Straighten pews
  - “Be a nut” – help with preparation of nuts on Saturdays and/or Mondays
  - Share musical talent in preludes and offertories
  - Replace offering envelopes in pews
  - Proofread Bulletins and/or Beelines prior to publication

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



**DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER BEELINE  
IS AUGUST 23.**

## FUNDRAISERS

### HELP BETHANY RAISE SOME DOUGH!



**1419 Easton Avenue  
Bethlehem, PA  
610-865-2013**

Martellucci's Pizza gift cards will be sold on the first Sunday of July and August. The cards cost \$25 and Bethany will get \$5 for each card sold.



*Be a small part of something big!*

Bethlehem Rose Garden Farmers Market runs Saturdays 9 AM to 1 PM from June to October

Kutztown Folk Festival June 29-July 7, [www.kutztownfestival.com](http://www.kutztownfestival.com)

Blueberry Festival July 20-21 at Burnside Plantation

**REMINDER:** FH may be used for parties etc.  
by members for only \$50.

**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.

**PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (610-868-4441) . . .**

... when a member of your family is admitted to the hospital so that visits can be made and the proper people notified. Our hospital code is 402.

... in the event of death of a family member or loved one. When tragedy happens, it will bring comfort to know your church family cares about you.

... when your group plans to have a meeting, so that it can be cleared and placed on the church calendar.

... when there is any change in the information we have about you (name, address, phone, email so church records may be updated

... when you are planning to move – out of town or locally.

... when a new baby arrives in your family or in the family of another church or Sunday school member.

... when a member of your family leaves home for college, the military, or to establish a new residence.

... when you want to add a name to or delete a name from the prayer list. Remember, because of the privacy to individuals; please be sure you have their permission before submitting their names for the prayer list.

... when you feel the church can assist you in any way.

***The worship service volunteer schedule for 2019-20 is available on the radiator at the rear of the church – please pick one up.***



## 2019 Consistory

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

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### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:

5/5 Attendance	49	Weekly member envelope	\$1,320.00
5/12 Attendance	50	Weekly member envelope	\$1737.00
5/26 Attendance	48	Weekly member envelope	\$1,817.00
6/2 Attendance	53	Weekly member envelope	\$1,457.00
6/9 Attendance	45	Weekly member envelope	\$ 884.00



## **JUNE 2**

**BULLETINS:**

**GREETERS:** Roger Wagner & Barbara Backensto

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

**ACOLYTE:** Diane Diefenderfer

**LAY READER:** Phil Haines

**ALTAR GUILD:** Margy Sabetti

## **JUNE 9**

**FLOWERS:** Margy & Dan Sabetti

**BULLETINS:**

**GREETERS:** Brian Ziegler & Ina Denninger

**USHERS:** Consistory members

**ACOLYTE:** Diane Diefenderfer

**LAY READER:** Debbie Keretz

## **JUNE 16 – FATHER’S DAY**

**FLOWERS:**

**BULLETINS:**

**GREETERS:** Barbara Backensto & Lisa Williams

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

**ACOLYTE:** Diane Diefenderfer

**LAY READER:** Joyce Hammer

## **JUNE 23**

**FLOWERS:** Marcy Wolfe

**BULLETINS:**

**GREETERS:** Kathy Knoll & Gail Hoch

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

**ACOLYTE:** Diane Diefenderfer

**LAY READER:** Gail Hoch

## **JUNE 30**

**FLOWERS:**

**BULLETINS:**

**GREETERS:** Judy & George Morgan

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

**ACOLYTE:** Diane Diefenderfer

**LAY READER:** Len Kesselring



### JULY 7

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Sue Wright

ALTAR GUILD: Linda Wieand

### JULY 14

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Cindy Beck & Gail Hoch

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Debbie Brown

### JULY 21 - HOLY COMMUNION

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS: Rebecca Kesselring

GREETERS: Jack & Diane Brunner

USHERS: Consistory members

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Diane Diefenderfer

### JULY 28

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Sandy Ackerman & Linda Wieand

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Mike Reiniger

## AUGUST 4

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Debbie Brown & Ina Denninger

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Rebecca Kesselring

Altar Guild: Debbie Keretz

## AUGUST 11

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Sandy Ackerman & Linda Wieand

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Len Kesselring

## AUGUST 18

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Judy & George Morgan

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Dick Roberts

## AUGUST 25

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Gail Hoch & Kathy Knoll

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Adrienne Kotsko



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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

