



Bethany Beeline

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Sundays in September

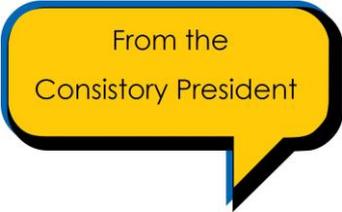
September 1 – Worship at 10 AM –

September 8 – Worship at 10 AM –

September 15 – Worship at **10:45 AM**– Church Picnic at Bethlehem Township – bring covered dish and your own beverages

September 22 – Worship 10:45 AM

September 29 – Worship 10:45 AM



From the
Consistory President

"A Consistory Minute...

And a Heart-Felt Thanks"

As summer yields to the crisper, cooler days of autumn, we are reminded of the fact that Pastor Linda is now in her last year of seminary. In the not too distant future, the Moravian Church will be beckoning her for service in their community. While none of us will rejoice in losing her, we will all wish only the best for her as she continues in her life-long mission of doing the Lord's work.

For the past several months, the Consistory has been actively engaged in a pastoral search. Regrettably, only a handful of potential candidates have submitted their profiles to us. Within that small group, only one individual stood out as a possible good fit for Bethany, both theologically and financially. However, all hope is not lost! In late August, we were made aware of a Pastor from this area who may be that right person to best fulfill our needs. The Consistory will be meeting with this individual shortly. As always, it's in God's hands. We will hope that this person is His answer to our prayers. Please know that, before anyone is selected to be our next Pastor, that person will be introduced to our congregation, and will lead us in worship. All of you will have the opportunity to express your feelings prior to anyone being hired. We should all be prayerfully optimistic about our pastoral future.

On a personal note, as many of you know, I will be getting married on the 12th of October. God has blessed me with a wonderful woman who loves the Lord, and who has accepted me for the flawed person that I am, warts and all. While this is a time of great joy and anticipation for both Melodee and I, it is also a bittersweet moment. For nearly ten years, Bethany has afforded me something that I previously never had...a church family. From the moment that my late wife and I first attended a Bethany service, this church has graciously welcomed me into every facet

of its being. In my darkest days, through my wife's illness and subsequent passing, this family embraced and supported me, and provided the heart-felt encouragement I needed to move on. Since then, your friendship and love have never waned. It has always been a joy to be in your company, facing our challenges together, and rejoicing in the bond we all share.

I particularly want to thank all of you for your patience, tolerance, and support during my tenure as your president. It was an honor to work with all of you, and to be supported by your increasingly optimistic spirit for Bethany's future. Please believe that there is little that this church cannot do when it is committed to doing it, and driven by faith.

Melodee and I will be residing in Newtown Square, Delaware County. We have already determined that we will be returning to worship with our Bethany family as frequently as possible. And, we will always be keeping track of what's happening at the church that has meant so much to me. I already know this for sure: You can take me out of Bethany, but you can NEVER take Bethany out of me! God bless each and every one of you!

Sincerely,

Brian Ziegler

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 from
the choir director



Five Sundays in September keep us “on our toes”, making sure that we are prepared for each worship service, including Church Picnic Sunday. The Good News is that we ARE ready thanks to our summer rehearsals. Many thanks to all who came out to rehearse our handbell and choral anthems when it was possible and schedules permitted. We kept the momentum going as well as enjoyed each other’s company.

The Chancel Choir will sing each Sunday in September, and the Handbell Choir will play on the 22nd. Orchestra rehearsal will be announced to participating members when Sue gets everyone’s “performance” schedules. We’ve already begun to look at Christmas selections...never too early to start.

September’s rehearsal schedule is:

Sept. 4, 18, 25 On

Sept. 11 Off

Handbell Choir 6:30 PM, Chancel Choir 7:45 PM. A special thank you to Rebecca Kesselring for playing the service when Sue is off, and to Cindy Cressman for the beautiful job she did relabeling our handbell cabinet. That is so appreciated by all the ringers!!

Joyfully,
Susan Denninger Wright



Our sympathies to Bob Ruhe and his family on the death of his mother, Margaret Ruhe. Margaret, a longtime member of Bethany, passed away August 29. A service will be held at Bethany Sept 9, 10:30 AM

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.

September schedule is as follows:

Sept 9 – Bethany @ Holy Cross

Sept. 16 – St. Peters @ Bethany

Sept. 23 – East Hills @ Bethany



CHURCH MEMBER NEWS

Bethany Worship Service Digital **AUDIO RECORDINGS** are available. If interested contact Bill Rumble at wrumble@ptd.net.



A memorial was received from Barbara & Mike Reiniger in memory of Nancy Heacock.



“**ABUNDANT LIFE Faith, Family and Food**” is the title of a book our Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Dr. Donald C. Esslinger, wrote and published. A copy of this book was given to Bethany’s library by the Esslinger family and can be seen on the table in the Narthex.

Anyone wishing to read the book will need to sign it out from the secretary’s office. Thank you.

Pastor's Office Hours and Contact Information

NOTE: The Fall semester at seminary begins August 26th.

Starting then, Pastor Linda's office hours will be on Mondays 9-2, Wednesdays 12:30-5:30, Friday afternoons (at home) for sermon and worship prep, and Sunday mornings as well as evening hours and emergency on calls as needed.

I am excited to share that this is my last year of seminary, and ask for your continued prayers through all the demands of preparing for ordination.

Pastor Linda



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
Pam Gehringer
Roland Grietzer
Sarah Lieberman
Sharon Haines

Mae & Hector Hernandez
Lisa Kosetti
Becky Marsh
Ken Mathias
Esther Nelson
Margaret Ruhe
Karin Sparling
Earl Stralo
Jean Thrash
Marie Wolfe
Dennis 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.

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.

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	



CHURCH PICNIC



Bethany's Annual Church Picnic will be Sunday, September 15th 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 has been posted for covered dishes. All are welcome!



September

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Anne & Walter Williams
- 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



September

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Cindy Hottenstein
- 6 Rebecca Sullivan
- 16 Cindy Beck
- 20 Corey Tancin
- 21 Sandy Townsend
- 24 Meghann Wright
Ruth Bowers
- 25 Laura Sutter
- 28 Jenna Nguyen

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.



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.

Ring the church bell, clean the glass door, collect all waste materials, keep restrooms clean are just a few ideas of how you can help.

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.

FELLOWSHIP HALL may be used for parties etc. by members for only \$50.

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

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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:

6/16 Attendance	56	Weekly member envelope	\$1,631.00
6/23 Attendance	49	Weekly member envelope	\$ 931.00
6/30 Attendance	54	Weekly member envelope	\$1,017.00
7/07 Attendance	47	Weekly member envelope	\$1,146.00
7/14 Attendance	55	Weekly member envelope	\$1,506.00
7/21 Attendance	52	Weekly member envelope	\$ 810.25
7/28 Attendance	43	Weekly member envelope	\$1,132.00
8/4 Attendance	49	Weekly member envelope	\$1,581.00
8/11 Attendance	46	Weekly member envelope	\$1,170.00
8/18 Attendance	48	Weekly member envelope	\$1,087.00
8/25 Attendance	52	Weekly member envelope	\$ 928.00



WORLD WIDE COMMUNION



WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH



Due to the Runners World Race Day on Sunday, October 20 there will be a Combined Worship Service at Church of the Manger starting at 9:30 AM

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

Friday, October 25th, Open House at Bethany. Donations of candy will be needed as well as volunteers to hand out candy, welcome the goblins and serve in the kitchen. Watch for a sign up sheet in the narthex.



BETHLEHEM EMERGENCY SHELTER will begin operating in November. This year Bethany will be partnering with Trinity UCC and College Hill Moravian Church to serve once a month during the sheltering season. More information to follow, but please be in prayer for this ministry and how you might be involved.

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.



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

2019 Consistory





SEPTEMBER 1 – WORSHIP 10 AM

BULLETINS:

GREETERS:

USHERS: Cindy Beck, Bob Ruhe, Tom Hoffert

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Cindy Hohenstein

ALTAR GUILD: Joan Hottle

SEPTEMBER 8 – WORSHIP 10 AM

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Len Kesselring & Tom Hoffert

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Barbara Reiniger

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE RETURNS

SEPTEMBER 15 – CHURCH PICNIC, 10:45 AM IN THE PARK

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Judy & George Morgan

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Debbie Brown

SEPTEMBER 22 – WORSHIP 10:45 AM

FLOWERS: Patty Hoyt

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Jack & Diane Brunner

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Beverly Rumble

SEPTEMBER 29

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Barbara Backensto & Lisa Williams

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Walter Williams



FUNDRAISERS

HELP BETHANY RAISE SOME DOUGH!



Martellucci's Pizza gift cards will be sold on the first Sunday of the month, September 1. The cards cost \$25 and Bethany will get \$5 for each card sold.



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

