



Bethany Beeline

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Sundays in October WORSHIP RETURNS TO 10:45 AM

October 6 – World Wide Communion 10:45 AM

October 13 – Patti Hoyt will be Worship Leader
Worship 10:45 AM

October 20 – Combined worship at Church of the Manger 10 AM

October 27 – Worship 10:45 AM

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Monday, October 14 – Consistory @ 7 P

Monday, October 21 – Growth @ 7:30 P

Wednesday, October 23 - Worship @ 5:30 P

Saturday, November 2 – Stewardship (time TBD) planning for
Stewardship Sunday November 10

As I was working in my flowerbeds last week, I noticed how the best-looking flowers in the beds right now are my marigolds. This is their season! And it reminded me of the reflection written by Jennifer Gonzalez called, "Find Your Marigold". It was written as an encouragement for new teachers, but I believe it has value for all of us who walk the life of faith.

FROM
THE
PASTOR



The author reflects on what she calls, 'the Marigold Effect'. Many experienced gardeners follow the concept called companion planting: placing certain vegetables and plants near each other to improve growth for one or both plants. For example, rose growers plant garlic near their roses because it repels bugs and prevents fungal diseases. Among companion plants, marigolds are the best. they protect a wide variety of plants from pests and harmful weeds. If you plant a marigold beside any garden vegetable, that vegetable will grow big and strong and healthy, protected by its marigold."

"Marigolds" exist in the church as well. They are the people who encourage and support and nurture one another on our way toward spiritual maturity. Many of you have experienced very difficult situations lately; health concerns, care for loved ones, family stressors, complexities of aging, or employment issues. Some of us are navigating grief and others simply concerned with the changes that are happening in the church, the community, and the world. May I encourage us all, then, to find our marigold... our companions in faith who will help us grow and thrive. And may I encourage us all, then to also BE marigolds for others... helping one another to grow and thrive in our lives of faith.

"Find your marigolds" the author encourages her readers, "stick close to them and grow". The author of Hebrews put it a little differently when times were tumultuous: "So let's do it, full of belief, confident that we are presentable inside and out. Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps his word. Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging and helping out" (Hebrews 10:22-25, MSG).

Throughout this edition of the Beeline, you will find many ways and reasons to gather together as the church... many opportunities to find your 'marigolds' and to be one as well. Please come and be a part of the mission and ministry of the church! We hope to see you all very soon!

Blessings,

Pastor Linda



It dawned on me the other day, as I was reading my daily devotional, that three quarters of the book has already been read. That leaves one quarter of the year 2019 remaining. Those remaining days are sure to fly by since they encompass the very busy months of October, November and December. There is World Wide Communion, All Saint's Sunday, Stewardship Sunday, Harvest Home, and the seasons of Advent and Christmas,

including our participation in Bethlehem's Live Nativity Pageant on Dec. 14th and 15th. A great amount of music needs to be learned by our choirs and instrumentalists for the special services before us. You will be hearing some new anthems and arrangements that we hope will enhance your worship experience. Something new is always happening within Bethany's Music Ministry!

The rehearsal schedule for October is as follows:

Sunday October 6th Instrument Anthem Rehearsal

October 13 9:30 AM Orchestra Rehearsal

Handbell Anthem during worship

The Chancel Choir Sings Oct. 6, 13, 27

Wednesday Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Handbells 6:45 PM Chancel Choir
7:45 PM

Joyfully

Susan Denninger Wright

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 Pets in Need and Pebbles & Paws, a non-profit organization that assist people in need of help feeding their pets. Thanks again to everyone. – Gail Correll



I want to thank everyone for their prayers, uplifting cards, and to those people who visited while I was hospitalized. It was VERY much appreciated. Special thanks to Pastor Linda for all she did for me and my family. It is good to be back at Bethany.

Blessings, Susan Wuchter

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.

October schedule is as follows:

10/7 – Bethany @ First UCC

10/14 Trinity @ Bethany UCC

10/21 Bethany @ Holy Trinity

10/28 Christ UCC @ Bethany

CHURCH MEMBER NEWS

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



The following memorials were receiving in memory of Margaret Ruhe: Brenda & Jim Stetler, Judy & George Morgan, Barbara & Mike Reiniger, Cindy & Ken Beck, Margy & Dan

Sabetti, Gail Goshert, Joanne Walczner, Sharon Cope, Allan Johnson, Jr., Jeanne & Jim Dearden, Roger Wagner, Gerry (Geradette) & Craig Hunt, Richard & Sandy Brunnell, Juliette Filler, Joseph & Margaret Holzer, Regina & Joseph Pinkowicz, Donna R. Medei, and Susan Wuchter.

“**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
Dorothy Kraemer
Sarah Lieberman

Sharon Haines
Mae & Hector Hernandez
Lisa Kosetti
Becky Marsh
Ken Mathias
Esther Nelson
Karin Sparling
Earl Stralo
Jean Thrash
Marie Wolfe
Dennis Wolfe
Susan Wuchter

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
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	



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Thomas Wright
- Erin Nguyen
- 7 Dolly Ackerman
- 8 Dorothy Kraemer
- 17 Darlene Ervin
- 18 Abigail Sullivan
- Phyllis Grietzer
- 19 Patti Hoyt
- 21 Sharon Haines
- 25 Kenneth S. Mathias
- 30 Barbara Reiniger



Darlene & Fred Ackerman – Oct. 16
Sandra & Robert Ackerman – Oct. 22
Beverly & Bill Rumble Jr. – Oct. 23



DID I MISS ANYONE? If so, call the church office

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 \$45.00 for two vases. Another fresh flower option is one low rectangular vase to be placed on the altar at a cost of \$30.00. 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.

2019 Consistory

- Matt Miller – President
- Dan Sabetti – Vice President
- Walter Williams – Secretary
- Tom Hoffert - Treasurer

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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:

9/1 Attendance	50	Weekly member envelope	\$1,305.00
9/8 Attendance	51	Weekly member envelope	\$1,246.00
9/15 Attendance	41	Weekly member envelope	\$561.00
9/22 Attendance	72	Weekly member envelope	\$1,589.00
9/29 Attendance	55	Weekly member envelope	\$1,310.00



Stand Up Bethlehem will be Saturday, October 12 from 11 A – 1 P. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. *Come if you are able and leave when you must.*

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 **10:00 AM**



TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

Friday, October 25, 6 – 8 P Bethany will once again

have “Trick or Treat” for the local goblins and ghoulies. Volunteers are needed to decorate Thursday night 10/24, greet, help in the kitchen, and hand out candy on Friday 10/25 night. There is

a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. We also need donations of



Trunk or Treat candy.

A pizza supper will be provided on Thursday night before the decorating starts.



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 NOVEMBER BEELINE IS OCTOBER 21.



October 6 – World Wide Communion

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Cindy Beck, Roger Wagner

USHERS: Consistory

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Debbie Keretz

ALTAR GUILD: Barbara Backensto

Communion Prep - Walter Williams

OCTOBER 13

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Kathy Knoll, Gail Correll

USHERS: John Knoll, Barbra Backensto, Gail Correll, Tom Hoffert

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Gail Correll

OCTOBER 20 JOINT WORSHIP AT CHURCH OF THE MANGER 10 AM

OCTOBER 27

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS: Rebecca Kesselring

GREETERS: Ina Denninger, Marion Hendricks

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER:



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.

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



CHOCOLATES ON BROADWAY

Got a sweet tooth? Love chocolate:

Bethany will be having another home-made candy sale from Chocolates on Broadway. A sign-up sheet will be located below the calendar on the closet door in the Narthex.

Money for your order will be due December 8.

If paying by check, make the check payable to Bethany UCC.

Delivery will be Sunday, December 22.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

