



Bethany Beeline

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NOVEMBER 2019

Sundays in November

**REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK
ONE HOUR BEFORE GOING TO BED ON
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3**

Daylight savings time ends November 3.



November 3 – Worship 10:45 AM “All Saints Sunday”

November 10 – Worship 10:45 AM “Stewardship Sunday”

November 17 – Worship 10:45 AM

November 24 – HARVEST HOME Worship 10:45 AM “Christ the King Sunday w/ Communion

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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

Monday, November 11 – Consistory @ 7 P



This past weekend Bethany hosted our annual trick or Treat Open House night. We were excited to welcome a “record breaking” crowd, with over 400 people coming through the doors that night. As I shared this excitement with members after

the event, several folks asked some great questions, “Where are all those people now? Why don’t they come to church?”

This reminded me of a story in the Gospel of Luke about ten lepers who come to Jesus, looking for something. Jesus gives. They receive. And then they go away. Only one of the ten in Luke’s story returned to Jesus, praising God and thanking Him (Luke 17:15-16). And then, Jesus asks a question similar to what some Bethany folks said about our Trick or Treat guests. Jesus said of the others, “where are they?” And in both instances, we are left with the question. We don’t know where the 9 others from Jesus’ story went and if their lives were somehow changed after being with him. We don’t know where the 400 went after our Open House event and if they left impacted in any good way.

Jesus was clear on his mission and he stuck to it, regardless of how people responded. He loved, he served, he blessed, he gave of himself because that’s what he was sent for. We, as disciples of Jesus, are sent for the very same tasks...to love, to serve, to bless, to give of ourselves in ways that point people to our loving and gracious God. We can not control how people respond, but we can remain committed to the very things that Jesus was about; loving, serving, blessing, giving and then trusting that God will take what we have offered and work it together for good purpose.

During this upcoming season of gratitude and thankfulness, I take this opportunity to say thank you for all the ways you are faithfully loving, serving, blessing and giving of your selves in ways that bring glory to God. Know that your acts of loving kindness make a difference!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Linda

November – nights are longer the air is crispier, frost covers the ground, the harvest is gathered, and Thanksgiving Day is anticipated. At Bethany church, different Sundays of the month will lift up an important aspect of the life of this congregation. On November 3rd we will give thanks for the lives of those saints who have been a blessing to us all. On November 10th we will give thanks to our United States Veterans for their service and sacrifices. Also on November 10th we will give thanks for the Stewardship Sundays that have taken place each year, guaranteeing that this congregation remains alive and well on the corner of 5th Ave. and W. Market Streets. Finally, on November 24th, we will celebrate Harvest Home and a morning of praise and thanks for our many countless blessings. The music presented each week at worship will reflect the theme of the da. The Chancel Choir will sing each Sunday and the Orchestra, Handbell ad Chancel Choirs will participate on Nov. 24th.



On November 6, 13, and 20 the Handbell Choir will rehearse at 6:30 PM and the Chancel Choir will rehearse at 7:45 PM. There will be no rehearsal for either group on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, Nov. 27th. Bethany's orchestra will rehearse at 9:30 AM on Sunday Nov. 24th. Additional Rehearsals for various anthem accompaniments will take place at times to be announced.

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



DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER BEELINE IS NOVEMBER 25.

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.

November schedule is as follows:

11/4 & 5 6:45 PM – Double Elimination Tournament
at Christ UCC

11/11 College Hill @ Bethany

11/18 W/S Edgeboro @ Bethany

11/25 Bethany @ Schoenersville



CHURCH MEMBER NEWS

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

The following memorials were received in memory of Margaret Ruhe: Elizabeth & Edward Tkacik, and Ted & Marion Hendricks.



A monetary gift was received from Jan Smith in honor of Patti Hoyt's 40th birthday.

"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



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.

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



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	



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Robert Frankenfield
- 14 Lyndell Robinson
- 18 Cassandra Haines-Riiska
- Courtney Dupre
- 21 Beverly Rumble
- 24 Patricia Hale
- Terry Stauffer
- 26 Diane Brunner
- Barbara Wagner





**NOVEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES**

The following couples have anniversaries in November:

- 11 Joan & Kenneth Mathias, Jr.
- 14 Susan & Thomas Wright, III
- 15 Wendy & Richard Laubenstein

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



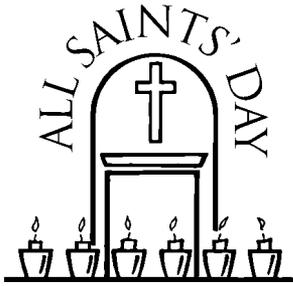
arrangement. I need to let the florist know what type of flower arrangement we want, so please mark the chart. If you prefer the seasonal Silk flowers and would like your donation to go directly to Bethany, please write the word "silk" behind your name or put an (S). PLEASE NOTE The minimum cost of silk 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.

"When you are down to nothing, God is up to something"

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.



REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS

David E. Bonawitz
Gary Bonawitz
Charlene H. McInerney
Charles K. Bergey
Marie V. Gehringer
Joyce M. Macbeth
Margaret E. Ruhe

A Veterans Day prayer

God of all nations, you are our Strength and Shield. We give you thanks today for the devotion and courage of all those who have offered military service for this country ...

We ask today that you would lift up by your Spirit those who are now at war; encourage and heal those in hospitals or mending their wounds at home; guard those in any need or trouble; hold safely in your hands all military families and bring the returning troops to joyful reunion and tranquil life at home. Give to us, your people, grateful hearts and a united will to honor these men and women and hold them always in our love and our prayers until your world is perfected in peace and all wars cease. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

—Rev. Dr. Jennifer Phillips



PAYING TRIBUTE TO OUR VETERANS

Living Veterans

Ackerman, Bob
Ackerman, Fred
Bob Bauder
Bealer, Roland
Hendricks, Ted
Kesselring, Jr. Leonard
Laughlin, Richard
Mathias, Ken
Maurer, Harold
Morgan, George
Roberts, Dick
Sabetti, Dan
Stralo, Earl
Tarasuk, Steve
Thrash, Jim
Wagner, Roger
Williams, Walter

Deceased

Achey, Gordon
Albaugh, Lester
Anderko, Anthony
Andrews, John
Backensto, Russ
Bealer, Sr., Bertram
Bender, Kenneth
Benner, Les
Bergey, Charles
Chuyko, Harry
Conrad, George
Cressman, Roscoe
Denninger, Harry
Dotterer, Ernest
Esslinger, Rev.
Donald
Frey, Calvin
Gehringer, Tom
Gow, Wells
Groman, Dale
Grube, Wilbur
Hassick, Steve
Hoffert, Richard
Hoffert, Robert
John, Weston
Koplin, Glenn
Kraemer, Frank
Kram, Garvin
Kurtz, Bill
Lowright, Walter
Paulus, Ken
Petrishin, Peter
Ridyard, Tom
Ruhe, Edwin
Ruhe, Frederick
Ruhe, Harry
Ruhe, John
Ruthhart, Walter
Ryder, Charles
Sahaydak, Tom
Scheirer, Jake
Snyder, Dr. Charles
Stanley, Edward
Thatcher, Frank
Thatcher, Willetta
Wolfe, Joe



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.

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

Thanks to all who helped make this a success.

2019 Consistory

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

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

10/6 Attendance	48	Weekly member envelope	\$1,292.00
10/13 Attendance	40	Weekly member envelope	\$659.00
10/20	Combined worship at Church of the Manger		
10/27 Attendance	49	Weekly member envelope	\$1,674.00

Stand Up Bethlehem will be Saturday, December 14 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.

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. Sign up sheet is on the BB in Narthex.

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.

FREE FLU SHOTS LVHN sponsoring free flu shot clinics

Sat. Nov. 9 @ Dorney Park 9 A – 3 P

Sun. Nov. 10 @ Iron Pigs Stadium 9 A – 3 P Canned goods to benefit local food bank is optional.



NOVEMBER

November 3 –All Saints Sunday

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Sandy Ackerman, Linda Wieand

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Bill Rumble

ALTAR GUILD: Gail Correll

NOVEMBER 10 – Stewardship Sunday – Recognition of Veterans

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Jack & Diane Brunner

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Debbie Keretz

NOVEMBER 17

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Cindy Beck, Bob Ruhe

USHERS: Dick Roberts, Josh Baum, Corey Tancin, Len Kesselring

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Bob Ruhe

Christ the King Sunday

NOVEMBER 24 – HARVEST HOME

FLOWERS: Ina Denninger

BULLETINS: Ina Denninger

GREETERS: Barbara Backensto

USHERS: Consistory members

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Bev. Rumble

COMMUNION PREP: Consistory members



Bethlehem Emergency Shelter

The Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering season begins this month. With the winter season approaching and the temperatures falling, our street neighbors become at risk. The BES provides a hot meal for supper, a safe place for people to sleep, and something to eat each morning throughout the sheltering season.

Bethany UCC is teaming up with College Hill Moravian Church and Trinity UCC to serve our neighbor in need this winter. On Friday night, January 10th, Bethany will prepare and serve a meal as well as offer night supervision and support. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex with more information about ways that you can serve. Please sign up to help, or call the office if you need more information about how and why to get involved.

Bethany Children's Home – Our Mission and Ministry in Advent 2019

This Advent season, Bethany UCC Growth Committee is working to offer help for “Helping Hands”, a program of the Bethany Children's Home.

Helping Hands is a humanitarian program that reunites unaccompanied children and youth from Central America with family that already resides in the USA. Bethany Children's Home provides them with a safe place to live and grow until they are reunited with their families. “Helping Hands” is currently in need of the items listed below, as many of the youth will arrive with just the clothes on their backs. Their ages are from infants – 17years.

Bethany UCC will be collecting these items throughout the season of Advent, beginning December 1st through December 22nd. Donations can be dropped off on Sundays between 10 a.m. and noon or during the week if you call ahead (610) 868-4441.

Item Needed:

Boys Sizes – Sizes Small and Medium Socks Boxer Shorts Jeans (all sizes) Sweatpants T-Shirts – Solid Colors Sneakers (all sizes) Church attire and shoes (all sizes) Coats Sweaters Pajamas Shorts

Girls and Misses – Sizes X-Small, Small and Medium Socks
Sports Bras Panties Jeans (all sizes) Shorts T-Shirts – Solid
Colors Shoes – all sizes Sneakers – all sizes Pajamas Sweat
Pants Church attire and shoes (all sizes) Sweaters Coats

Bibles – Spanish Version Kids Craft Projects and Kits Markers,
Crayons, Colored Pencils Coloring Books Soccer Balls Spanish
Books Infant and toddler toys Games for all ages Pillows and
Pillow Cases Twin Blankets Fleece Throws Blankets Bath Towels
Kid Friendly Soap, Shampoo and Conditioner Toothbrushes and
Toothpaste Diapers of all sizes & wipes Hairbrushes & Combs

WE KINDLY ASK THAT ALL ITEMS ARE NEW or GENTLY
USED. THANK YOU!

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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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.



Your order & money will be due December 1. If paying
by check, make the check payable to Chocolates on
Broadway.

Delivery will be Sunday, December 15.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

