



Bethany Beeline

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Sunday, March 1 – 1st Sunday in Lent

10:45 a.m. Worship

Sunday, March 8 – 2nd Sunday in Lent – Time Change

10:45 a.m. Worship/Annual Meeting

Sunday, March 15 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

10:45 a.m. Worship with Piano/Organ duet

Sunday, March 22 – 4th Sunday in Lent/OGHS Sunday

9:30 a.m. Instrumental Ensemble practice

10:45 a.m. Worship with Handbells and Instrumental Ensemble

Sunday, March 29 – 5th Sunday in Lent

10:45 A Worship



Dear Bethany Family,

Both Jean and I are enjoying this new season of being with you. Please, continue to share your names as we get to know one another better.



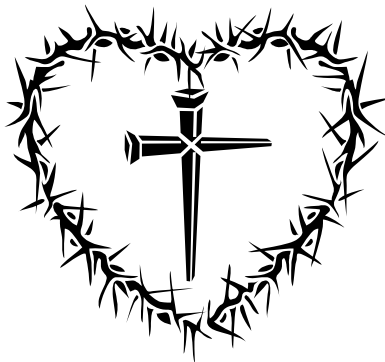
**FROM OUR
PASTOR**

If you have been away from Bethany for a time, we invite you back for worship and fellowship. There's a great fish fry coming up so put that on your calendar. Bethany Bee would love to see you here!

We are entering the Holy Season of Lent. It is my favorite season as it provides for me opportunities for new and deeper spiritual growth. We hear in Jesus' words (Mark 8:34) "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Self denial, in the sense of Jesus, means understanding all of those aspects in your identity as subject to the correction and transformation of God by the power of God's Spirit. The Apostle Paul proclaimed in Galatians 2:20 "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." Through the power of Christ we can become the persons we are meant to be, persons whose self image and self esteem are not the pawns of society's prejudices and power but new selves created by the power of Christ.

Come and join me and us as we grow together in this season of cross-bearing and amazing love!

Pastor Todd





Musical Notes . . .

During the Lenten season, the music and our beautiful sanctuary combine to draw us closer to our Lord and Savior as we worship together each Sunday morning. Voices lifted up, handbells with their warm tones, and instruments joined in ensemble playing all create a spiritual atmosphere and an opportunity to reflect on the importance of gathering together as a congregation of worshippers, sharing time and talents, prayers and concerns, and devotion and love for their Lord. Yes, the Lenten season is a time for soul searching and reflection and it is our hope that the Music Ministry at Bethany will be an inspiration to you on your 40 day journey with Him.

*Rehearsals for Handbells (6:30) and Chancel Choir (7:45) will take place on Wed. March 4, 11, and 18. There will be **NO** rehearsals on Wed. March 25th.*

The Handbell Choir will play on Sun. March 8th & 22nd. A piano/organ duet will be played on Sun. March 15th. The Instrumental Ensemble will rehearse 9:30 a.m. Sunday March 22nd and play during our worship service. Rebecca Kesselring will be our organist on Sun. March 29th. The Chancel Choir will sing weekly anthems. Please join us at worship each Sunday.

*Joyfully,
Susan Denninger Wright*

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.



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 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



UPCOMING MISSION MOMENTS: OUR CHURCH IN MISSION – *Community Outreach & Christian Service*

MISSION –Day of helping

“I needed clothes, and you gave me something to wear...”

STAND UP BETHLEHEM

Serving Those in Need in Our Community

April 18, 10 A – 1 P

Christ Church UCC

75 E. Market St, Bethlehem PA 18018

SIGN UP SHEET ON BB IN NARTHEX

Used clothing donations will be accepted at the church from now up to and including the day of the event.

BETHLEHEM EMERGENCY CENTER UPDATE

The Bethlehem Emergency Shelter held a board of directors meeting on February 20. Here are some of the highlights.

The shelter welcomed 160 guests, 114 men and 46 women, this season. The beds have been occupied over 3800 times. Volunteer hours are over 4500.

The future of the BES has a lot of new and exciting things on its wish list. They are looking for a permanent facility. This new site will include areas for help with addiction, mental health and transitioning guests into permanent housing. There will also be shelter for families. Currently there is no place in the Lehigh Valley that can serve families. The goal will be to open all year.

These goals will require many more volunteers and much more money. There are events being planned for spring to raise money. I will provide more information as it becomes available.

We have another opportunity to serve on Friday the 13 of March. If you are interested in helping please let me know. Sign-up sheet for volunteers & bakers is on BB in Narthex. Thanks, Wendy

FUNDRAISERS -

GET YOUR PEANUTS, CASHEWS, AND ALMONDS HERE!



Below are the nut preparation dates and order dates for 2020.

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 date	Peanut Preparation Days
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Mar. 2	March 7 & 8
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Mar. 30	Apr. 4 & 6
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Apr. 27	May 2 & 4
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June 1	June 6 & 8
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Peanuts \$3, Cashews & Almonds \$5

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.



Easter Candy from Chocolates on Broadway with assorted eggs and some of the old favorites. Orders and money **due by Sunday, March 8** with delivery date on March 22. Make checks payable to "Chocolates on Broadway". Order sheet will be on the door in the Narthex or someone will be sitting out there every Sunday with the sheet.



Lenten fish dinner on Friday March 20 from 4:30 P to 6 P. featuring fresh baked or fried haddock, baked potato, pickled cabbage, stewed green beans, coffee or tea, bread & dessert. Cost is \$12. Sign-up sheet will be on the BB in February for helpers to set up on Thursday and also for help the

night of the dinner. There will be a sheet for those who can provide a cake or pie.

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
Bob Bauder
Kenneth Bender
Joyce Bergey
Ruth Bowers
Amy Campbell
Lillian Connors
Bernie & Robert Dunigan
Lauren Fehr
Pam Gehringer
Joyce Hammer
Sharon Haines
Mae & Hector Hernandez
The family of Joyce Heydt
Dorothy Kraemer
Sarah Lieberman
Lisa Kosetti
Becky Marsh
Ken Mathias
Esther Nelson
Karin Sparling
Stralo family
The Thrash family
Marie Wolfe
Dennis Wolfe
Susan Wuchter
Maria Williams
Ada San Miguel



**Memorials
& Gifts**

Monetary memorials were received for Jean Thrash from Alberta Thrash.

Dear Bethany Family and Friends,

We want to thank you for all of your cards, prayers, visits, and memorial donations throughout Mom's illness and upon her passing. When you think of her share a smile with someone like she did so often.

*Thank
you*

Blessings,

James, Victoria, and Leslie Thrash



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for the wonderful celebration of our ministry together. . . for the luncheon and cake, the flowers and framed picture and for the exceedingly generous appreciation you have shown and given to me. I am deeply grateful for the celebration & gifts shared on our last day together - and I am forever touched by all of you and our time in ministry together.

I pray God's continued blessings for Bethany UCC and for all of you to continue to grow in Christ's love.

Until we meet again - God bless & keep you!

Thank you again for everything!

*Grace & peace
Pastor Linda*

A thank you letter was received from the Gary Sinise Foundation for our generous donation.

The 2020-21 worship service schedule is available NOW. Pick up your copy which is on the radiator at the rear of the church.

**CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS –
‘SPRING FORWARD’ MARCH 8**

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.



CHURCH NEWS REMINDERS

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be on March 8 following worship.

Good Friday

The Gospel stories of Jesus were told orally for years before. they were written down. Pastor Todd will tell from memory the stories of Jesus' last week as found in the Gospel of Mark on April 10 at 7 PM. There will be the ritual of Tenebrae and the extinguishing of the candles leading to the crucifixion. Mark your calendar, invite others and come to this experience that promises to inspire.



L E N T E N

Bible Study

Join us for an Adult Study, beginning March 1st @ 9:30 A in Fellowship Hall. The study is a DVD series on "The Prayers of Jesus". We will be inspired by presentations by Biblical scholars and have time for discussion. All are Welcome!

Installation of Conference Minister

You are invited to the Installation of Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates as the fourth Conference Minister of the Penn Northeast Conference of the United Church of Christ. This will be at Greenawalds UCC on Saturday, April 4 at 2 p.m.

There will be a reception following the service in the Fellowship Hall.

One Great Hour of Sharing® is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ.

This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the UCC. Collection for OGHS will be March 22.



We will be collecting combs and packets of tissues for the PNEC Spring meeting that Pastor Todd will be attending April 24-25.

Once again we will be collecting for Alzheimer's Disease Research during the month of March. The official day for collection will be at the Joyful Noise offering on Sunday, March 22nd. Our gifts will once again be matched (doubled) by an anonymous donor. Last year we raised over \$1,000 for this worthy cause and one very near and dear to our hearts here at Bethany Church. Checks need to be made out to Bethany UCC with Alzheimer's written in the memo. Bethany will send one check to the organization. Thank you in advance for your most generous donations. Any questions can be directed to Sue Wright.

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CAUSE

P.S. If you are not able to be in attendance on March 22nd, your donation will be accepted any time before that date in the offering plate or through the church office.

Music in March

Star of Bethlehem Lutheran will present the Allentown Band Concert on March 15 at 3 PM. A free concert with a free-will offering to benefit Star of Bethlehem's Outreach Ministries. Reception to follow.

Bach Choir Spring Concert

The Bach Choir of Bethlehem will present Handel's Messiah, Part 2 and Bach's Easter Oratorio on Sunday, March 29 at First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem @ 4 p.m.

Tickets are available for \$39. Pastor Todd and Bev Rumble sing with the Bach Choir.

Also, March 29th @ 2 PM the **Bel Canto Youth Chorus of the Bach Choir of Bethlehem** will perform a free concert at Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

2020 Flower and Bulletin Charts are posted on the BB on the left side of the main entrance. Please note two vases will cost \$40. 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. **Any questions, contact the church office.**

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 Social Media Buzz

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

DEADLINE FOR APRIL BEELINE IS March 23.

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.

March-April-May devotional booklets are available now. They are on the radiator at the rear of the church. You can place a donation in the wooden church if you are able. Suggested amount is \$1.

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



A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Bill Rumble for taking on the project of stripping and waxing the FH floor. Also, Dick Roberts and Russell Longenbach for helping. They did an AMAZING job!

Thanks also to Bill and Bev Rumble for generously "Sponsoring this Bill".

Tim Rumble also did a wonderful and very noticeable job waxing the pews. Thank you, Tim.



NEXT MEETING DATES:

Consistory –March 12 @ 7 P

Church Growth – on Zoom

Stewardship and Finance -

Worship TBA

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.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2	Cameron Haines
4	Dan Sabetti Jackie Tarasuk
17	Steve Tarasuk
22	Roland Grietzer
23	Victoria Thrash
30	Bill Rumble Richard Laughlin



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

2019 Consistory

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Dan Sabetti – Vice President
Walter Williams – Secretary
Tom Hoffert – Treasurer

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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:

1/26/20 Attendance	42 Member weekly envelope	1,241.00
2/2/20 Attendance	55 Member weekly envelope	1,226.00
2/9/20 Attendance	53 Member weekly envelope	1,256.00
2/16/20 Attendance	44 Member weekly envelope	988.00
2/23/20 Attendance	52 Member weekly envelope	1,465.00
2/26/20 Attendance	40	

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Days
OF LENT



MARCH 1

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Judy & George Morgan

USHERS: Bob Ackerman, Tom Hoffert, Len Kesselring, Corey Tancin

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Sue Wright

ALTAR GUILD: Margy Sabetti

MARCH 8

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti

USHERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti, Tom Wright, Bob Ruhe

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Dan Sabetti

MARCH 15

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Barbara Backensto, Lisa Williams

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Dick Roberts

MARCH 22

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Sandy Ackerman, Linda Wieand

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Mike Reiniger

MARCH 29

FLOWERS:


BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Barbara Backensto, Lisa Williams

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

ACOLYTE: Diane Diefenderfer

LAY READER: Rebecca Kesselring

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