

Dear Bethany Family,

We continue to live under the threat of the Covid-19 virus which has infected so many lives with illness and death. The economy has been hugely affected with millions still unemployed. Please keep this crisis near the top of your prayer list.

We have gathered for worship safely in Fellowship Hall with our attendance and the giving has been good with the Matching Gift Challenge providing Bethany an extra \$5,000+ to meet our expenses. Many thanks to your devoted cheerful giving to this!

Our breakfast on August 15 proved to serve as a morale booster and reaped some extra dollars. The next breakfast of pancakes and sausage will be Sat. Oct. 17. Watch for those tickets.

We will back in the sanctuary on September 20 @ 10:45, continuing with safe measures. Let's all pray for cooler temperatures by then.

I want to say thanks to our staff and all who have been serving behind the scenes with administration needs and property caretaking. Hope to see you on Sunday and at the picnic on September 13.

May God grant us restoration and healing peace.

Pastor Todd



**UNITED
IN FAITH**



WE ARE HIS HOUSE.
HEBREWS 3:6

A note from our Music Director:

September Beeline Article Music 2020



September has arrived, a new month, a new season. There are two ways to look at things...negatively or positively, so let's be upbeat. Things have been going extremely well with our handbell choir. The bells have been polished. Music is being carefully selected according to attendance and difficulty, trying to keep only two bells in the ringers' hands at one time. We have already played seven selections since July 12, and plan to ring three more selections in

September. In addition, a list is being assembled of instrumentalists who are willing to play during worship. We are not ready, due to current conditions, to invoke our larger instrumental ensemble, but can safely utilize solo/duet pieces. Our September music calendar looks like the following:

September 6th - our handbells will play in Fellowship Hall

September 13 - we will have our church picnic and Pastor Todd will be singing a selection for Noah Hoyt on his Baptism Day

September 20 - we are planning to worship in our beautiful Sanctuary. Rebecca Kesselring will debut our new baby grand piano given as a gift to Bethany Church by her and her husband Len.

September 27 - the handbell choir will return to the Sanctuary and play in a new configuration

Our Handbell rehearsal schedule for September is:

9/2 - Fellowship Hall 5:30 PM

9/16 - Sanctuary 5:30 PM

9/30 - Sanctuary 5:30 PM

So... there are a lot of good things happening musically at Bethany. Yet, one fact remains...we are missing our Chancel Choir terribly. The hymns are being sung, but the passion and emotions that accompany choral anthems, are simply not present. There is a hole, a vacuum, that can't be filled and acknowledging that shows the profound importance of choral music within the worship service. But...the choir will return and we will be ready when we find that we are able to safely sing our praises to God once again. There are three great phrases that come from recent Disney movies..."Do the next right thing," "Let it go," and "Just keep swimming". Why not add to that "just keep singing"?

"And even the sun in dawn chorus sings,
a celestial melody to the earth below ". - tjadén

Joyfully,
Susan Denninger Wright

THANKSGIVING S



- to those who served the BASD Summer Meals out of Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church For the Matching Gift of \$2,500.00 and donors who gave \$3,175.00 bringing the total raised to \$5,675 for Bethany.
- for the delicious breakfast prepared and served on Aug. 15 with a profit of \$300.50. Thanks to our team and those who enjoyed.
- Patti and Tim Hoyt became parents to Noah James Hoyt on July 9, 2020 @ Muhlenberg Hospital. Noah will be baptized @ Louise Moore Park service on September 13.





Our sympathies to Walter Williams upon the loss of his sister, Betty Briner and Doris Esslinger upon the loss of her sister, Shirley Brethauer. God's blessings of comfort and peace to them and their families.

LAITY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
Pastor Todd is looking for 3 – 5 members of Bethany to share reflections on the chosen topic: "Why I give to Bethany: Time, Talent and Treasures" on Laity Sunday, October 18. Let him know if you will be among the speakers.



Congratulations Pastor Linda
on your Graduation

Congrats & Blessings to Pastor Linda Wisser who is the newly appointed Pastor @ East Hills Moravian Church. Linda will be ordained in September but her installation will be scheduled for a later date.

REMEMBER TO WEAR A MASK & SOCIAL DISTANCE

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.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 2 Handbells 5:30 P
- 4 Office closed
- 5 Susan Wuchter on vacation 9/4 – 9/21
- 6 Worship 10 A FH – Handbells play
- 7 Office Closed – Holiday
- 10 Consistory meeting 7 P
- 13 Worship & Picnic @ Louise Moore Park 10:45 A
– (Pavilion #2) Baptism of Noah Hoyt
- 16 Handbells 5:30 P
- 20 Worship 10:45 A
- 27 Worship 10:45 A in the Sanctuary – Handbells play
- 30 Handbells 5:30 P
6:30 P Worship meeting

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



Bethlehem Emergency Shelter

continues to distribute bag lunches to the homeless folks in the area of Christ UCC. Donations may be brought to the church Monday or Tuesday mornings.

FUNDRAISERS -

PEANUTS - returning November



Gift Cards from Martellucci's

Contact Debbie Brown for \$25 gift cards for Martellucci's Pizza

The fish dinner has been cancelled. When we get back together as a church, we will return your money/checks. Thank you for the interest shown in this tentative fundraiser.

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
Rick Adams
Bob Bauder
Kenneth Bender
Joyce Bergey
Ruth Bowers
Amy Campbell
Lillian Connors
Bernie & Robert Dunigan
Lauren Fehr
Pam Gehringer
The Family of Joyce Hammer
Sharon Haines
Hector Hernandez
Dorothy Kraemer
Lisa Kosetti
Becky Marsh
Ken Mathias
Esther Nelson
Stralo family



The Thrash family
Marie Wolfe
Dennis Wolfe
Maria Williams
Ada San Miguel



Monetary memorials were received for Joyce Hammer from Ted & Marion Hendricks, Della & John Pappas, Ken & Cindy Beck, Rosemarie Campbell.

CHURCH NEWS REMINDERS

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.**



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!

AUDIO RECORDINGS Now that church is being held "live" again, we are going back to using "Sound Cloud" as we did before the COVID-19 outbreak. If you or anyone you know would like to receive the link to the audio, please let Bill Rumble know at

wrumble@ptd.net Those who have previously been on the list will continue to receive the link info. Bulletins will be available on Bethany's home page at uccbethany.org.

September, October, November 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

With the country enrobed with the Coronavirus till a cure is found or till it is under control, you might want to check out this website: <https://www.votespa.com/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Mail-and-Absentee-Ballot.aspx>

DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER BEELINE IS September 24.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Consistory –September 10 @ 7 P in Snyder Chapel

Church Growth – August 31 @ 7 P ZOOM

Stewardship and Finance - ?

Worship – Sept 30 6:30

Staff

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Cindy Hottenstein
- 16 Cindy Beck
- 20 Corey Tancin
- 24 Meghann Wright
Ruth Bowers
- 25 Laura Sutter
- 28 Jenna Nguyen



ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Brenda & James Stetler
- 19 Katherine & John Knoll
- 25 Patti & Tim Hoyt
- 29 Jane & Thomas Harlacher
- 30 Barbara & Richard Roberts



If I missed anyone, please call the church office.

Remember to send in your weekly envelopes

REGULAR **WORSHIP**
SCHEDULE RESUMES

on Sunday, September 20 in the Sanctuary at 10:45 A
Mark your calendars



May we never forget!



A **BIG** thank you to all who are helping to keep the outside of the church “well groomed” by weeding, removing the weeds between the pavement cracks and John Albaugh for a great job keeping the grass cut and bushes trimmed.

Darts have been cancelled for first half of the 2020-21 season due to the pandemic.



During our holiday celebrations this year, let’s give thanks for the jobs we have, pray for those who aren’t as fortunate and offer words of encouragement or help to someone who needs it.

Mark your calendars

Sunday, September 13 – we will worship starting at 10:45 A followed by a picnic at Pavilion #2 in Louise Moore Park.

Everyone is asked to bring their own picnic lunch. Please sign up on the sheet in FH.



I hope you have signed up to come to the church picnic on Sunday, September 13th. Worship begins at 10:45 a.m. It will be different from the past picnics. In order to be safe around all kinds of hands, spoons and other items that could be touched by all of us, we are all bringing our own picnic lunches. That means drinks and utensils, too. But we can add some pizzazz to the event. There is a contest with prizes, so start thinking. If you wish, you can pick a theme or just decorate your socially distant space at the tables.



There are lots of creative people at Bethany, so I can imagine all kinds of ideas. Again, this is optional.

Bring chairs, if you wish, for the worship service. Maybe bean bag games or horseshoes would be fun. There is a special time when baby Noah Hoyt will be baptized, and this will be a first for our church picnics. This should be a wonderful day. We have always been blessed with nice fall weather, so we will hope for the same this year.

Margy Sabetti and the Worship Committee

PROPERTY POSITION: Dick Roberts, who has served as the Property Chair@ Bethany for many years is retiring from the position in September. We are looking for a new chair or co-chairs to oversee this much needed task. Dick is willing to provide the details involved. THANK YOU DICK! Call the church office or Dick Roberts (484-375-7142) if you are willing to serve.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Susan Wuchter, Church Secretary, Bethany United Church of Christ, Bethlehem, PA., has elected to “retire” from her position to pursue about 100 items remaining on her “bucket list.” As the result of Susan’s impending “retirement,” Bethany has begun the process to consider candidates for the soon-to-be vacant position. Please note that this position is a part-time (±12-hours/week), salaried position.

For information on how to apply for the position and to request a Position Profile which provides the duties, responsibilities and required/desired skills, abilities and competencies for the position as well as salary and benefit information, please e-mail Len Kesselring, Chair, Staff Relations Committee at lckesseljr@aol.com.

A CONFIDENTIAL RESUME WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE POSITION. THE RESUME MUST BE RECEIVED NOT-LATER-THAN SEPTEMBER 30, 2020.

2020 Consistory

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

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7/5/20	40	Weekly member envelope	\$2,510.00
7/12/20	42	Weekly member envelope	\$2,230.00
7/19/20	40	Weekly member envelope	\$ 891.00
7/26/20	36	Weekly member envelope	\$1,393.00
8/2/20	35	Weekly member envelope	\$1,225.00
8/9/20	39	Weekly member envelope	\$1,331.00
8/16/20	35	Weekly member envelope	\$1,200.00
		Community breakfast	\$280.50
8/23/20	33	Weekly member envelope	\$1,245.00
		Community breakfast	\$ 20.00

September 6

Flowers:

Bulletins:

Greeters: Debbie Brown

Reader: Debbie Brown

Altar Guild: Joan Hottle

September 13 –

Church Picnic at Louise Moore Park Pavilion #2 - 10:45 A

Ushers - Volunteers

Reader: Barbara Reiniger

September 20

Flowers:

Bulletins:

Greeters: Judy & George Morgan

Ushers: Dick Roberts, Tom Hoffert, Josh Baum

Reader: Dan Sabetti

September 27

Flowers:

Bulletins:

Greeters: Jack & Diane Brunner

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

Reader: Beverly Rumble

S M I L E S

Our fourth grader celebrated his birthday on crutches, so he couldn't carry the cupcakes into school without help. I asked our sixth-grader, Noah, to help his brother carry them in. "I could," he said, "but I'd prefer not to." Spotting a teaching moment, my husband asked Noah, "What would Jesus do?" Noah answered, "Jesus would heal him so he could carry his own cupcakes." — *Rachel Nichols*

Six-year-old Ned's mother was looking through an old family Bible when an oak leaf fell out. Ned said, "I guess that must be Adam's shorts."

A trooper pulls over a priest and immediately smells alcohol on his breath. The next thing he notices is an empty wine bottle lying on the passenger seat. "Have you been drinking?" the officer asks. "Just water," says the priest. "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and shouts, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"

You have to stay in shape. My grandmother, she started walking five miles a day when she was 60. She's 97 today and we don't know where the hell she is. — Ellen Degeneres

Back-to-school humor

What kind of school do you go to if you're ...

... an ice cream man? Sundae school

... a giant? High school

... a surfer? Boarding school

... King Arthur? Knight school

Teacher: What's the chemical formula for water?

Student: H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Student: Yesterday you said it was H to O.

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