



# Bethany Beeline

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## **Sunday, November 1 – All Saint’s Day**

9:30 a.m. Adult DVD Study – The Parables of Jesus in FH  
10:45 a.m. Worship

## **Sunday, November 8**

9:30 a.m. Adult DVD Study – The Parables of Jesus in FH  
10:45 a.m. Worship with Reception of New Members

## **Sunday, November 15**

9:30 a.m. Adult DVD Study – The Parables of Jesus in FH  
10:45 a.m. Worship

## **Sunday, November 22 – Harvest Home**

9:30 a.m. Adult DVD Study – The Parables of Jesus in FH  
10:45 a.m. Worship/with Handbells and Dedication of the Piano

## **Sunday, November 29 – First Sunday of Advent**

9:30 a.m. Adult DVD Study – The Parables of Jesus in FH  
10:45 a.m. Worship and Decorate the Sanctuary after church



Dear Bethany Family,

One morning recently I woke up to the hymn in my head “Now Thank We All Our God”. I remembered the amazing story

behind the hymn that connects with the story of our current time. From 1618 to 1648, Europe, and especially Germany, was devastated by famine, disease and destruction during the Thirty Years War. In 1636 Martin Rinkart, a Lutheran pastor in Eilenberg Germany, wrote the text to the hymn “Now Thank We All Our God”. Eilenberg became an overcrowded refuge for those from the country district where the Swedes had spread devastation and destruction. A steady stream of refugees poured into the city as the Swedish army surrounded it. In 1637 the plague claimed 8000 people including the vast majority of the town council, an exorbitant number of children, clergymen from exorbitant a neighboring parish and Rinkart’s wife. Martin officiated the burials of 40 to 50 people a day - a total of 4480- but through it all he remained well. Through grief and loss suffering and death, Rinkart always looked to his Savior, and could thank God for the blessing he still had. It is a testament to his faith that, after such misery he was able to write a hymn of abiding trust and gratitude toward God. Doesn’t this story provide us with greater meaning when we sing the hymn?

“O may this bounteous God through ALL our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, and keep us in His Grace and GUIDE US WHEN PERPLEXED, and FREE US from all ills in THIS world and the NEXT. See you at Bethany!

Pastor Todd



## **A note from our Music Director:**

November 2020 holds three significant Sundays in the church year. On November first, Bethany will lift up All Saint’s Day. We will remember those saints who have gone to their eternal home in the past year. On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will celebrate Harvest Home and Thanksgiving Sunday. We will also dedicate our new sanctuary piano at that service. Then on Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup>, we will begin the season of Advent. During each of these services there will be special musical selections once again utilizing our talented Bethany musicians. It is with

great sadness that I also write to inform you that there will be no Live Nativity Pageant this year. This is the first year that the pageant has been cancelled in its 41-year history. Choral music in the Lehigh Valley has been at a standstill. We have dealt with that but its absence during the Christmas season will be difficult to accept. At Bethany we will try to make the upcoming seasons of the church year as musically meaningful as we are able. Stay tuned.

Rehearsal dates for the handbell choir are Nov 4<sup>th</sup> and Nov 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. There will be other rehearsals for musical participants scheduled throughout the month.

Joyfully,  
Susan Denninger Wright

### **Free drive through flu shots offered November 7 & 8.**

LVHN will be sponsoring the free flu shot clinics on both sites from 9 A – 3 P on November 7 at Dorney Park and at Coca Cola Park on November 8. Vaccinations will be for 6 months to 64 years of age and a senior dose for those age 65 and older. For mandatory registration forms visit [www.lvhn.org/flushot](http://www.lvhn.org/flushot) or call 888-402-5846. Complete and bring a 2020 consent form for each person to be vaccinated. Wear loose fitting clothing for the shot to be administered in the arms of adults and in the legs of children under two years old. LVHN is collecting optional donations of unexpired, non-perishable food items for use by area food banks and shelters at the drive thru sessions.

### **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 Debbie Brown 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



# What's coming up at Bethany in November

## All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> this year. On this day we remember and give thanks to God for the following members of the Bethany family who now enjoy their Eternal Life in Heaven: Jean Thrash, Joyce Hedyt, Joyce Hammer and Bob Bauder. Please join us on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> for this remembrance.

## Election Day

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> is the General Election when all registered voters will cast their votes for the President of the United States for the next 4 years as well as other representatives. You are encouraged to exercise your governmental free right to cast your ballot and to offer prayers for this election and nation. Bethany will serve as a polling place in Fellowship Hall.

## PNEC Fall Meeting

The Fall Meeting of the Penn Northeast Conference will be held virtually on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 9-2:30. In addition to the business of the conference will be the Installation of our Conference Minister, the Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates. Featured in the special worship service will be the anthem "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by Bach with Pastor Todd directing and singing with members of the Bach Choir. Bev Rumble is one of the two altos. We will send out this piece to you by email after the event.

## New Members

On Sunday, Nov. 8 we will welcome four new members into our Bethany Church family. They are Jean Fennell, Walter Long, Deborah Young and Barbara Sigafos. God Bless them as they journey in faith with us.

## Decorating the Church

The First Sunday of Advent is Nov. 29. We will decorate Bethany after worship that day. Please plan to stay to help with this exciting activity in preparation and celebration of our Lord's Birth.

Dear Friends of Bethany UCC,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Bethlehem Emergency Shelter Inc. I thank you for your gift of \$380.85. Please know these funds will be used to help provide for the needs of men and women within our community who will seek our help. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

Peace and blessings,  
Rodney C. Conn

Dear Pastor Todd and Bethany Congregation:

Thank you for your generous donation of various paper products to the food pantry. The food bank provides food on a weekly basis, with more than two thirds of those being helped children. On behalf of the West Bethlehem Emergency Food Pantry we thank you.

Sincerely,  
Jane S. Cygan

Bethany Family,

Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers and well wishes for welcoming Noah James into our family. We look forward to worshipping with you so you can meet him and help him grow in faith.

Thank you again,  
Patti, Tim and Noah Hoyt

### **NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

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| Nov. 1  | 9:30 A Adult DVD Study – The Parables of Jesus in FH |
|         | 10:45 A- Worship All Saints Day                      |
| Nov.3   | Election Day use of Fellowship Hall                  |
| Nov.4   | Handbells 5:30                                       |
| Nov.7   | PNEC Fall Virtual Meeting                            |
|         | 9 A Peanuts in FH                                    |
| Nov.8   | 9:30 A Adult DVD Study – in FH                       |
|         | 10:45 A Worship Reception of New Members             |
| Nov. 11 | 5:30P Handbells 6:30P Worship Committee              |
| Nov.12  | 7 P Consistory                                       |

Nov. 15            9:30 A Adult DVD Study in FH  
                          10:45 A Worship

Nov.22            9:30 A Adult DVD Study in FH  
                          10:45 A Harvest Home/Christ the King Sunday  
                          Communion and Piano Dedication

Nov. 26            THANKSGIVING DAY

Nov. 29            9:30 A Adult DVD Study  
                          10:45 A Worship  
                          Decorate Church after service

**FUNDRAISERS -**

**PEANUTS - returning November 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> .  
 We will also prepare nuts December 5<sup>th</sup>  
 and 7<sup>th</sup> . Please support this ministry by  
 both ordering and helping with preparation**



**Gift Cards from Martellucci's**

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

**Christmas Candy Sale**

Order sheets from Chocolates on Broadway for Christmas candy sale have arrived. Please contact Debbie Brown in the office if you would like to take one to your workplace or neighborhood

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 4 Robert Frankenfield
- 14 Lyndell Robinson
- 18 Cassandra Haines-Riiska  
     Courtney Dupre
- 21 Beverly Rumble
- 24 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

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

**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*

Rick Adams  
The family of Bob Bauder  
Kenneth Bender  
Joyce Bergey  
Ruth Bowers  
Amy Campbell  
Lillian Connors  
Lauren Fehr  
Sharon Haines  
Dorothy Kraemer  
Lisa Kosetti  
Ada San Miguel  
Becky Marsh  
Ken Mathias  
Jason Mohring  
Esther Nelson  
Stralo family  
The Thrash family  
Marie Wolfe  
Dennis Wolfe  
Maria Williams



# 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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

**DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER BEELINE IS November 23.**

### **NEXT MEETING DATES:**

Consistory –November 12 @ 7 P in Snyder Chapel

Church Growth – ?

Stewardship and Finance - ?

Worship – November 11 @ 6:30

## **2020 Consistory**

Matt Miller – President

Dan Sabetti – Vice President

Walter Williams – Secretary

Tom Hoffert – Treasurer

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10/4/20	34	Member weekly envelope	\$970.00
10/11/20	41	Member weekly envelope	\$1,645.00
10/18/20	39	Member weekly envelope	\$938.00
10/25/20	39	Member weekly envelope	\$1,342.00

### **November 1 – All Saints Day**

Flowers: Margy Sabetti  
 Bulletins: Linda Hollabaugh  
 Greeters: Volunteers  
 Ushers: Tom Hoffert, Len Kesselring and Volunteers  
 Reader: Bill Rumble  
 Altar Guild: Gail Correll

### **November 8**

Flowers:  
 Bulletins:  
 Greeters: Jack and Diane Brunner  
 Ushers: Jack Brunner, Tom Wright, Steve Tarasuk, Lisa Williams  
 Reader: Mike Reiniger

### **November 15**

Flowers: Debbie Brown  
 Bulletins: Debbie Brown  
 Greeters: Cindy Beck and Bob Ruhe  
 Ushers: Bob Ruhe, Len Kesselring, and Volunteers  
 Reader: Bob Ruhe

### **November 22 Christ the King**

Flowers: Sue Wright  
 Bulletins: Sue Wright  
 Greeters: Barbara Backensto and Lisa Williams  
 Ushers: Corey Tancin, Dan Sabetti and Gail Correll  
 Communion Prep: Barbara Backensto and Brenda Stettler  
 Reader: Sue Wright

### **November 29 First Sunday in Advent**

Flowers:  
 Bulletins:  
 Greeters: Gail Correll and Kathy Knoll  
 Ushers: John Knoll, Gail Correll, Tom Hoffert and Volunteer  
 Reader: Debbie Brown  
 Acolyte: Volunteer



## **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.

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

**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.

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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

