



Bethany Beeline

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VOLUME 21-4

APRIL 2021



Sunday, April 4
We celebrated Easter



Sunday, April 11

930AM Adult Bible Study DVD “The Death and Resurrection of the Messiah” in Fellowship Hall
10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 18 Communion

930AM Adult Bible Study DVD “The Death and Resurrection of the Messiah” in Fellowship Hall
10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion

Sunday, April 25

10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary with special music in our prelude.

Dear Bethany Family,



**FROM OUR
PASTOR**

Why did Jesus fold the linen burial cloth after His resurrection? I never noticed this....

The Gospel of John (20:7) tells us that the napkin which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave clothes. The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was neatly folded, and placed at the head of that stony coffin. Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!" Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see. The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side. Is that important? Absolutely! Is it really significant? Yes! In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition. When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it. The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table until the master was finished. Now if the master were

done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table. The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, "I'm done". But if the master got up from the table and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table because..... The folded napkin meant, "I'm coming back!"

He is coming back!

Join us at Bethany!
Pastor Todd

Spring Is Here!

"Then came the lovely spring with a rush of blossoms and music, Flooding the earth with flowers, and the air with melodies vernal."

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Spring and music ... nature's music – how we love it, how we need it! So similar is our worship service music – how we love it, how we need it. Musical notes creating textures and sounds that stir the heart; texts when put to music that cause deeper emotional reaction; tunes that comfort us when tied to traditions we hold dear – all this and more is why we need music in worship. Each week at Bethany our membership works hard at fulfilling that need. We sincerely hope that our music is a blessing and a means to bring you closer to God and His Son during this Eastertide and beyond.



Hope to see you at worship Joyfully,
Susan Denninger Wright

The musical calendar for April is as follows.

Sunday April 11 Saxophone Solo

Sunday April 18 Trombone Solo

Sunday April 25 Handbell Choir and Woodwind Quartet

Wednesday Rehearsals

No rehearsals April 7 and 21

Handbell Rehearsal April 14 & 28

2019 Flower and Bulletin Charts are posted on the BB on the left side of the main entrance.

Please note that starting 2019 the prices for fresh flowers will be - two vases will cost \$45. 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.

As in the past, contact the office with your information for the bulletin no later than the Tuesday before your sponsored date.

Thank you.

Any questions, contact the church office.

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.

AUDIO & VIDEO RECORDINGS If you or anyone you know would like to receive the link to the audio recording of the worship service, please let Bill Rumble know at wrumble@ptd.net. A copy of the bulletin is included with the audio link.

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! Thank you, Bill, for making sure we are able to see and hear the services.

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 the Animal Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley, a non-profit organization that assists people in need of help feeding their pets. Thanks again to everyone. – Gail Correll

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.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Gracious God, help me face life's struggles with the love of Christ, who strengthens me. Amen

Joyce Bergey
Lillian Connors
Dorothy Kraemer
Louise Snyder
Dolly Ackerman
Carol Haines
Sharon Haines
Ken & Joan Mathias
Marie Wolfe
Walter & Ann Williams
Barbara Sigafos
The Family and friends of Gerald Smith
The Family and friends of Jim Stetler
Robert Frankenfield



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

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.

Memorials were received in memory of Jim Stettler from Alan & Lenore Graver, Stephen & Beverly Ribbecky, Sharon & Phil Haines, Judy & George Morgan and the Mearhoff Agency.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all the cards, memorials, love and support following the passing of Jim.



Love and prayers,
Brenda Stettler

Memorials were received in memory of Gerald Smith from Sharon & Phil Haines, Roger Wagner as well as many other friends of their family.

A memorial was received in memory of Dennis Hausman from Barbara & Michael Reiniger.



Congratulations Bethany Members! You raised \$1,432.68 for Alzheimer's Disease Research. We broke our record and this gift amount will be matched. A heartfelt thank you to all who gave so generously.

FUNDRAISERS -

Gift Cards from Martellucci's

\$25 gift cards for Martellucci's Pizza are available for purchase the 1ST Sunday of every month from Margy Sabetti.

Mark your calendars for Saturday April 24th as we again host a breakfast in Fellowship Hall. On the menu will be the Rumble's world-famous scrambled eggs with potato

patty and delicious link sausage. There will also be juice, coffee and tea. Tickets will be \$7 for Adults and \$5 for Children 5 and under. There will be two seating's: 9 and 10. Tickets are available see Bev Rumble. If you are unable to attend donations toward expenses are appreciated.

Bethany Needs Your Help

CLEAN UP – SPRUCE UP

Spring is here and usually we think of spring housecleaning. And what an opportunity for us to think about some of things that need to be addressed at our church. There are many issues within our building that need attention that have been overlooked during a long period of non-use. A recent event gives us an opportunity to address some of these that can be done now.

Some of the issues are: fluorescent lights that need not only tube replacement but ballasts as well; cleaning out clutter; and painting. The areas that need the initial attention are: two small bathrooms downstairs; front Sunday School room; Carrie's Room, and portions of the hallways. The rug in the SS room has been removed and will be replaced.

Help is needed to: repair lights; noisy fans in bathrooms; replace drywall; replace base coving; and the major item – painting (bathrooms, SS room, Carrie's room).

If you can help in any way, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

All help is appreciated.

DEADLINE FOR MAY BEELINE IS April 26.

The 2021-22 worship service schedule is available. Paper copies are on the radiator at the rear of the Sanctuary. Please pick up a copy.

A new directory will be printed soon – any changes to your phone, home address or email address please let the office know ASAP.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Ina Denninger
George Morgan
- 8 Rebecca Kesselring
Lillian Connors
- 11 Jonathan Reiniger
- 12 Melissa Tarasuk
- 14 Debra Brown
- 17 Jan Smith
- 22 John Albaugh
- 23 Maria Williams
- 30 Matthew Miller



ANNIVERSARIES:

- 4 Ken & Darlene Yocum
- 23 Diane & Jack Brunner
- 26 Wendy & John Glassic

If I missed anyone, please call the church office.

Let's throw an amazing 21st Birthday Card Shower for Joshua Talijan currently training in Texas and soon to travel to Germany. Drop him a line send him a present whatever you want. Remember his birthday is Monday April 26th, there's still time.

**Joshua Talijan
161 Nuchols St. Unit 6074
Goodfellow AFB TX 76908-3300**

2021 Consistory

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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:

3/7/21 Attendance 35 Member weekly envelope
\$1305.00
3/14/21 Attendance 34 Member weekly envelope
\$1405.00
3/21/21 Attendance 45 Member weekly envelope
\$1930.00
3/28/21 Attendance 53 Member weekly envelope
\$ 1775.00
Joyful Noise for Alzheimer's848.68



THOSE WHO SERVE

APRIL 4

FLOWERS: Barbara Backensto
BULLETINS: Margy and Dan Sabetti
GREETERS: Margy and Dan Sabetti
USHERS: Consistory
LAY READER: Jean Fennell
ALTAR GUILD: Cindy Beck

APRIL 11

FLOWERS: Len & Rebecca Kesselring
BULLETINS: Debbie Brown
GREETERS: Tom Hoffert, Len Kesselring
USHERS: Volunteers
LAY READER: Debbie Brown

APRIL 18– HOLY COMMUNION

FLOWERS: Len & Rebecca Kesselring
BULLETINS: Debbie Brown
GREETERS: Judy & George Morgan
USHERS: Consistory Members
LAY READER: Gail Correll

APRIL 25

FLOWERS: Len & Rebecca Kesselring
BULLETINS: Len & Rebecca Kesselring
GREETERS: Ina Denninger & Cindy Beck
USHERS: Tom Hoffert, Tom Wright
LAY READER: Diane Diefenderfer

The office will be closed the week of April 18-24. Please send an email with any questions or announcements you have.

Bethany Giving

January through March 2021

	Income	Expense
January 2021	\$4,927.00	\$7,769.44
February 2021	\$8,170.99	\$7,067.24
March 2021	\$10,620.06	\$9,502.75
	\$23,718.05	\$24,339.43

The Stewardship Committee has been revitalized and had its first meeting on March 22. Committee members are Pastor Todd, Sharon Haines, Brenda Stettler, Dan Sabetti, Tom Hoffert, Tim Rumble and Debbie Keretz. The mission Statement of the committee is “To inspire and motivate generosity at Bethany UCC”. One of our tasks is to educate the congregation on how we are doing financially. You will receive a quarterly report like the one you see above for January through March. Considering that we were not open till Ash Wednesday in February for in person worship and winter was upon us, the figures were not that bad. Another feature that we will implement is “Mission Moments” or “Giving Moments” in worship to help inspire support. Thank you for your financial support of Bethany UCC! Please consider increasing your pledge so that we can meet our expenses, but more importantly, can carry out the mission that God places before us.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED