



Bethany Beeline

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SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday, September 5

10:00 a.m. Worship in FH- use 5th
Ave. entrance

Sunday, September 12

10:45 a.m. Picnic @ Bethany UCC in
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 19

10:45 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday, September 26

10:45 a.m. Worship – in the Sanctuary
Handbells play



Dear Bethany Family,

Summer is winding down. I hope that you had the opportunity to get away for recreation or perhaps family visits. I want to THANK YOU for your worship attendance here or from home. Thank you for your giving to the support of Bethany UCC and beyond. It is always good to see you on Sunday mornings.

To those we have not seen know that you are missed and hope that you will return to worship soon. With the evidence that Covid-19 is still with us, now with the Delta variant of the virus, consistory has announced that we are to wear masks at worship and other meetings at Bethany. This is to ensure a greater measure of safety to our members, our community and to our families, even as many are fully vaccinated.

Through the generosity of a few folks we will have available mask inserts that help with breathing (for choir and congregation). Be sure to choose your color on Sunday.

September 11th is the 20th Anniversary of the horrific terror attack on our country with many lives lost in NYC, Shwenksville PA and the Pentagon. Where were you when you heard the news? I was preparing the Sunday bulletin at my church in Milford, NJ. The sermon title that Sunday became "God in the Rubble". Churches had increased attendance at worship, prayer and memorial services. Patriotism in support of our troops was heightened. Thus began the long 20 year war and mission in Afghanistan when we lost 2000 soldiers. Now we witness the Taliban takeover the devastation of losing 13 military in the recent ISIS bombing and the immense effort to get our personnel and others out safely. Please pray with me for our troops and the people of Afghanistan along with the people of Haiti, devastated with the recent earthquake and hurricane, and



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the fires in California. So much tragedy in our times, so much greiving in the heart of God for this earth and her inhabitants.

Keep praying and do whatever you can to alleviate the suffering.

See you at Bethany!

Pastor Todd



A note from our Music Director:

As the summer season comes to a close, I cannot express the joy that I have received from those participants in Bethany's Music Ministry. The variety of worship music has been incredible thanks to those willing to share their time and talents. The Handbell Choir has been the consistent backbone of the program since in-person worship began in July of 2020. Yet, despite all that, a piece of our musical family has been missing and the time has come to bring the singing of anthems back to our Sunday services.



After church on Sunday August 22nd, members of the Handbell and Chancel Choir met to discuss plans for the fall. Absent members had personal conversations with me prior to the meeting. This is the result of our interaction:

The HANDBELL CHOIR will keep their 5:30 - 6:30 pm rehearsal time. For the next two months they will rehearse on an every other week schedule (one necessary exception). They will play at worship Sunday September 26 and October 24th upstairs in our sanctuary. We will NOT go back to two on a handbell table at this time. Playing configurations will be fluid according to the pieces played. Handbells will be kept in their individual boxes per ringer to avoid office congestion. We will refrain from wearing robes.

The CHANCEL CHOIR will have their first rehearsal on September 1st. Our new rehearsal time is from 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Wednesdays, following the Handbell Choir. We will observe the on/off schedule of the Handbell Choir. We will social distance and wear masks. We will sit with our "family/friend circle" in the sanctuary and come forward to sing. We will forego robes for the time being. Chancel Choir will now need to "operate" in the same manner of the Handbell Choir, meaning that members must give me their schedules as to when rehearsals or Sunday worship will be missed. Because of our size and numbers on a part, that information is crucial for anthem planning and execution. At least six weeks in advance is preferable, and yes, things do come up, but we want to give our best at worship. Finally, since I want to provide a safe and healthy rehearsal experience, I ask this of both the Handbell and Chancel Choirs...if you are sick or have symptoms of Covid, please call me and stay home. We need to protect our choir family (and their families) and care for each other. I promise to do my part to make our anthems "work" as best as our circumstances allow. As we move closer to the end of the year, we will re-examine our rehearsal schedule, but for now it is Handbells 5:30- 6:30 pm and Chancel Choir 7:00 - 8:00 pm on Wednesdays September 1st and 22nd and October 6th and 20th.

Many thanks for your cooperation and input, and please know that we will continue to use our talented instrumentalists during our worship services as well as our Handbell and Chancel Choirs. I will coordinate rehearsals with participants at their convenience. We ask God to bless us as we strive to praise Him with our voices and instruments.

Joyfully,

Susan Denninger Wright

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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

FUNDRAISERS -

PEANUTS - returning November



Gift Cards from Martellucci's

Contact Margy Sabetti for \$25 gift cards for Martellucci's Pizza

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 5th 10AM Worship in Fellowship Hall
- 6th Happy Labor Day! Office closed
- 8th 5:30PM Worship Meeting
7PM Chancel Choir
- 9th 7PM Consistory
- 12th 10:45AM Worship in Fellowship Hall followed
by the Church Picnic
- 19th 9:30AM Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall
10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary with the
return of the Chancel Choir
- 22nd 5:30PM Handbell Choir
7PM Chancel Choir
- 26th 10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary with
Handbells. Len Kesselring will be our Worship Leader and
Speaker

Upcoming Dates to mark on your calendar

- Oct. 3rd Worldwide Communion/Neighbors in
Need offering
- Oct. 19 Laity Sunday
Theme: "God in my life"

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.

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

Please contact Wendy Glassic @ 610-360-8743 or the church office if you are willing to help with food preparation and serving at the BES for the upcoming season.

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

DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER BEELINE IS September 20.

2021 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.**



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 484358-3735 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

Joyce Bergey
Lillian Connors
Dorothy Kraemer
Louise Snyder
Dolly Ackerman
Carol Haines
Sharon Haines
Ken & Joan Mathias
Marie Wolfe
Walter & Ann Williams
Barbara Sigafos
Mike & Barbara Reiniger
Robert Frankenfield
Barbara Brunner
Peggy Stettner
Allison Furchner
Lisa & Maria Williams



A monetary memorial was received for Elizabeth Johnson from Charlene Bishop

BIRTHDAYS

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



ANNIVERSARIES

- 19 Katherine & John Knoll
- 25 Patti & Tim Hoyt
- 30 Barbara & Richard Roberts



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.

Church Picnic Basket Raffle

Wondering what to do with the basket you picked up after church on Sunday? Let’s have a basket raffle at the church picnic. Just pick a theme, add some gift or grocery items and maybe a gift card. Wrap it all up and we will take care of the rest!! For questions or ideas, call Margy Sabetti at 484-281-3630.

Thanks

8/1/21	44	Weekly member envelope	\$1,436.00
8/8/21	30	Weekly member envelope	\$1,311.00
8/15/21	38	Weekly member envelope	\$1,776.00
8/22/21	35	Weekly member envelope	\$1,915.00
8/29/21	45	Weekly member envelope	\$961.00
		Joyful Noise	\$388.92

September 5

Flowers: Len & Rebecca Kesselring
 Bulletins: Len & Rebecca Kesselring
 Greeters: Gail Correll, Kathy Knoll
 Ushers: John Knoll, Gail Correll, Tom Wright
 Reader: Debbie Brown
 Altar Guild: Joan Hottle

September 12

Church Picnic at Bethany UCC - 10:45 A

Flowers: John Talijan
 Bulletins: John Talijan
 Greeters: Dan & Margy Sabetti
 Ushers – Dan & Margy Sabetti, Cindy Beck, Bob Ruhe
 Reader: Dan Sabetti

September 19

Flowers: Open
 Bulletins: John Talijan
 Greeters: Len Kesselring, Tom Hoffert
 Ushers: Len Kesselring, Tom Hoffert, Corey Tancin
 Reader: Barbara Reiniger

September 26

Flowers: Open
 Bulletins: John Talijan
 Greeters: Judy & George Morgan
 Ushers: Tom Hoffert, Corey Tancin, Volunteers
 Reader: Debbie Brown

Joyful Noise for September

September Joyful Noise on September 19th will be to benefit the Maxwell James Oskam Foundation. This foundation was started after 99-day old Max died from an undiagnosed neuroblastoma. Paula and Todd Oskam found a way to channel their grief into something positive in hopes of raising awareness of pediatric cancer. Here are some unbelievable facts about this terrible disease.

* 400,00 children 19 and under are diagnosed with cancer

* Cancer is the leading cause of death last infancy for U.S. Kids

* ONLY 4% of the billions of government dollars is allocated to pediatric cancer

* Since 1950 only 4 drugs have been FAR approved for pediatric cancer

* In 2020 alone 21 drugs were FDA approved for adult cancer

If Max had been diagnosed, he would have likely been treated with one-size-fits-all, adult cancer drugs watered down to the weight of a child. This is a cause near and dear to my heart. I never met Max and I have grieved with my niece Paula and her family. I hope you will help us raise money and awareness for this wonderful foundation. Help us beat pediatric cancer. Maxwell's 4th birthday is September 18. Please help me give him a great present!

Thank you,

Wendy Glassic

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