



Bethany Beeline

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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“Moving Forward United in Faith.”

Committed to Christ, United by Love. We are about God, Christ, the Word, and the Future. No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here. We are Bethany United Church of Christ.

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JANUARY



Sunday, January 9rd – Epiphany Sunday

10:45 a.m. Worship with Len Kesselring/
Undecorate the church

Sunday, January 16th – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

10:45 a.m. Worship

Sunday, January 23rd – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

10:45 a.m. Worship

Sunday, January 30th - 4th Sunday after Epiphany

10:45 a.m. Worship



Dear Bethany Family,

Fortunately, by God's Grace, we were able to celebrate the Gift of Christmas this year with open doors for Christmas Eve and for family gatherings. Ours is Saturday Jan. 8th so the celebration is extended for the Fennell clan. Jean, Blossom and I will be away for Epiphany Sunday, January 9th. Please support Len Kesselring and attend worship that Sunday. There is undecorating that Sunday so please stay to help. One of my favorite hymns of the post-Christmas, then Epiphany Season is "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne".

"Thou didst leave thy throne and thy Kingly crown, When Thou camest to earth for me; But in Bethlehem's home there was found no room for Thy holy nativity. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus: There is room in my heart for Thee.

When the heavens shall ring, and the angels sing at Thy coming to victory, Let Thy voice call me home, singing, "Yet there is room, there is room at my side for thee" And my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus: There is room in my heart for Thee!

I pray that we may see more of you at worship this coming new year. May god bless you with health and peace.

Pastor Todd

Musical Notes . . .

As I write this Beeline article, we have just worshipped on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Now with one more rehearsal for our musical groups, we anticipate a beautiful evening celebrating the birth of our Savior. Even though we have yet

to present our musical offerings, I know that every one of our Bethany musicians will give their best...they always do. I am proud to work with such a dedicated group of Christians.

As we move into a new month and new year, this is the schedule we will follow...

Vocal anthems each Sunday during the month

Wed. Jan. 5th Chancel Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM

Wed. Jan 12th. After- Christmas Handbell and Chancel Choir Party \$15.00 per person 6:00 PM. Fellowship Hall \$2.00 Exchange gift Menu details and sign-up sheet on Choir blackboard in music room

MUST SIGN UP BY JANUARY 9th

Wed. Jan. 19. No rehearsals

Wed. Jan. 26. Handbell Choir. 5:30 PM Chancel Choir. 7:00 PM

Blessings wished for all in the New Year

Joyfully,

Susan Denninger Wright

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

Bethlehem Emergency Shelter

As the weather grows colder, we need to remember those who have no home and rely on the shelter for a place to stay and a warm meal. Bethany has signed up to provide and serve a meal on Friday February 11 and Tuesday March 8. We need 10 – 15 people each night so please let Wendy Glassic or the office know if you are willing to help. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Dart Baseball is Back

The Bethlehem Interchurch dart league is having a season. Have you ever wondered about the doors in fellowship hall that are on the wall? That is our dart Baseball board. Our matches are on Monday nights at Bethany and other churches in the city. It is a get together for fun and fellowship with a little bit of competition. Our Bethany team has a new Captain/Manager this year so if you have any questions contact Steve Tarasuk, (610) 554-0125 (call or text), steve.tarasuk@gmail.com. Watch the bulletin for more information about a fun get together after the holidays to meet the team and have a chance to throw against them. The last time our guests beat the team.



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

Joyce Bergey
Lillian Connors
Dorothy Kraemer
Louise Snyder
Dolly Ackerman
Carol Haines
Sharon Haines
Ken & Joan Mathias
Marie Wolfe
Barbara Sigafos
Mike & Barbara Reiniger
Robert Frankenfield
Barbara Brunner
Peggy Stettner
Kat & Nicole Lutsko
Donna, Ted, and Amy Hendricks
Micah Leib (granddaughter of Al Leib)

Please keep all of our congregation, family and friends in your prayers. As we embark on a new year, we pray that 2022 is a year of happiness and joy.

CHURCH NEWS REMINDERS

Congregational meeting

A congregational Meeting is called by Consistory for Sunday Jan. 30, immediately after church. The agenda is to approve the budget. Please plan to stay for this important meeting.

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

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.

2022 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.

DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY BEELINE IS JANUARY 18.

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 -

A Breakfast (Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Potato Patties, Juice & Coffee) will be held in Fellowship Hall on Sat. Jan 22nd with seating's @ 9am & 10 am. Tickets of \$7.00 are available to purchase please see Bev Rumble. Donations toward expenses are always appreciated.

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.

We are thinking about holding a soup sale in February please contact the office if you are interested in making soup to sell. We are also looking for people to set up and run fundraisers. We currently have no committee and **need** some volunteers.

We are planning to sell **Chocolates on Broadway** in March for our Easter celebrations. For Easter and our spring planting we are looking to partner with **Cierech's Pohatcong Growers** who provided us with the beautiful Poinsettias that decorated our sanctuary for Christmas for an additional fundraiser. Watch for updates.

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.

TACKLE HUNGER

In 1990 a simple prayer: ***“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat”*** was delivered to a small youth group in Columbia, SC.

This gave birth to an idea. Why not harness the energy and enthusiasm of Super Bowl weekend, a time when people come together for football, food and fun, to unite us for a higher good?

Please consider designating a Sunday between now and February 13 as Souper Bowl Sunday and challenge your congregation to donate to The Lehigh Conference of Churches either through a special offering or a food drive.

The Lehigh Conference of Churches reaches out to the working poor, the homeless, people between jobs, and those who have nowhere else to turn.

In 2021 we were able to provide more than 30,000 free, nourishing meals to the hungry and food insecure. The need is constant — Monday through Friday, people line up outside our doors to be fed. With contributions from you we can continue to offer a meal to those who might otherwise go without.

Please mail or deliver the money raised to The Lehigh Conference of Churches, 457 W. Allen Street, Allentown, PA 18102 by February 28.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Barbara Roberts
Richard Laubenstein
6 Robert Ruhe
7 Gail Correll
13 John Knoll
15 Deborah Lee
16 Jean Fennell
23 Katherine Wright
27 Marcie Wolfe
Louise Snyder
29 Darlene Yocum
31 Joanne Walczar

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

JANUARY 9

FLOWERS: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Catanazaro

BULLETINS: Open

GREETERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti

USHERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti, Cindy Beck, Bob Ruhe

LAY READER: Diane Diefenderfer

JANUARY 16

FLOWERS: Pastor Todd

BULLETINS: Open

GREETERS: Len Kesselring & Tom Hoffert

USHERS: Tom Hoffert, Len Kesselring, Corey Tancin
LAY READER: Beverly Rumble

JANUARY 23

FLOWERS: Open
BULLETINS: Open
GREETERS: Gail Correll
USHERS: Tom Hoffert, Gail Correll, Volunteers
LAY READER: Debbie Brown

JANUARY 30

FLOWERS: Open
BULLETINS: Open
GREETERS: Volunteers
USHERS: Tom Hoffert, Bob Ruhe, Volunteers
LAY READER: Jean Fennell

Debbie is making up the 2022-23 worship service schedule and it will be available before January 30. Please contact the office if you would like to be added to the schedule or if you would like be removed. Remember there is always something you can do, just ask.



January Calendar

- 7) 5:30PM Wedding Rehearsal
- 8) 2PM Wedding
- 9) Epiphany Sunday
10:45 am Worship with Len Kesselring
- 12) Choir Christmas dinner 6PM At Café on 5th.
- 13) Consistory @7PM Fellowship Hall
- 16) Second Sunday of Epiphany
10:45 Worship
- 22) Bethany Breakfast 9 & 10 servings in FH
- 23) Third Sunday of Epiphany
10:45 Worship
- 30) Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
10:45 Worship & Congregational meeting to approve
2022 Budget

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

