



Bethany Beeline

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MAY 2022



Sunday, May 1

10:45 a.m. Worship with Baptism of Jane Catherine
Rumble

Sunday, May 8 – MOTHER’S DAY

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

10:45 a.m. Worship

Sunday, May 15

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

10:45 a.m. Worship

Sunday, May 22

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

10:45 a.m. Worship

Sunday, May 29

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

10:45 a.m. Worship



FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Bethany Family,

On the Sunday after Easter, we had the Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates with us for worship and then our lunch meeting downstairs. In her sermon “Visions of Hope”, Bonnie connected the passages from Revelation and the gospel of John to the importance of hope that we all need in these very challenging days and particularly for the church. At our lunch meeting attended by about 20, Bonnie shared statistics of our Penn Northeast Conference and the National UCC. The focus for bethany became “How can we reach out to this immediate community in the name of Jesus?” While it would be great to increase our membership by any program or effort, we are called to do whatever because our faith instructs us to share the love of God in relationship with the world around us. If you have an idea, please share with Consistory President Matt Miller. At our last Bethlehem Clergy lunch meeting a proposal came to have our 5 UCC churches come together for worship and presentation on Habitat for Humanity Sunday June 19 at 10AM. This will be at Christ UCC, 75 E. Market Street Bethlehem. All 5 Consistories have approved this idea so please mark your calendar. Offering envelopes will be turned in to the respective churches.

See you at Bethany!
Pastor Todd

A note from our Music Director:

I came across this little “chestnut” a while ago and for some reason magneted (is that a



word I wonder?) it on my fridge with other sayings that catch my eye. I saw it again today. Here it is...” Well, well, if it isn’t the bridge, I said I’d cross when I came to it.” That makes

you think a bit, doesn't it? How many personal bridges have we each had to cross years ago, months ago, days ago, today? Thinking about Bethany Church, we have had lots of bridges to cross, especially recently with all aspects related to the pandemic/COVID-19 epidemic. Yet, when faced with the decisions of what to do, we have navigated ourselves over the rough waters utilizing that bridge provided for us which I tend to believe is the bridge of Hope. Hope that all will be well if we carefully, cautiously, sure-footedly walk towards the goals we set. Palm Sunday and Easter services illustrated that we've ventured onward for we saw the Handbell Choir united up front in the sanctuary, we heard the Chancel Choir sing with organ and instrumental accompaniment, we heard instruments play in ensembles, and the congregation singing gloriously without facial coverings. Thanks be to God for the blessings we have been receiving and prayers that they continue as our congregation feels an awakening in spirit.

The music rehearsals for the Handbell and Chancel choirs will be on May 11 and May 18th. Please notice that the two rehearsals are back-to-back. Rehearsal times remain the same. Individual and small ensemble rehearsals will take place at the participants' convenience.

Finally, once again I express my deepest gratitude to all those that participate in Bethany's Music Ministry. What you do at worship is significant and helps our church family bond, and grow, and connect with God. It makes a difference, it truly does.

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



FUNDRAISERS -



GET YOUR PEANUTS, CASHEWS, AND ALMONDS HERE!

We will be selling nuts in June watch the bulletin for dates! We sell Almonds, Cashews, and Peanuts. Call Debbie Brown at 484-358-3735. Everyone is invited to help on nut preparation days. Saturdays from 9 AM-Noon (Attention Youth – this can be Community Service time) and Mondays from 8 AM until finished. It's a time of fun and fellowship. Lunch is served on peanut prep Mondays.

Peanuts \$3, Cashews & Almonds \$5

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.

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

Samantha Guffy and family
Joyce Bergey
Lillian Connors
Dorothy Kraemer
Louise Snyder
The Family and Friends of 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



CHURCH NEWS REMINDERS

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.**

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.

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 JUNE BEELINE IS May 23.



5/2 Ken Yocum
5/14 Christopher Rumble
5/23 James Thrash
5/24 Theodore Hendricks Sr.
Josh Baum
5/29 Gary Diefenderfer
Linda Wieand
5/31 Joan Hottle



ANNIVERSARIES:

5/18 Cindy & Ron Cressman
5/21 Theodore & Marion Hendricks Sr.
Melissa & Steve Tarasuk

If I missed anyone, please call the church office.

- Let a Jewish carpenter build your dream home.
- We use duct tape to fix everything, God used nails.
- “God moves mountains, but sometimes a shovel at a time”
- If life gives you dilemma, make dilemmanaid.



What's Happening in May

1st 10:45am Worship with Baptism Followed by Social Hour

**8th Mother's Day
9:30am Adult Bible Study
10:45 Worship**

**11th 5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal
7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

12th 7pm Consistory in Fellowship Hall

**15th 9:30am Adult Bible Study
10:45 Worship**

**18th 5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal
7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

**22th 9:30am Adult Bible Study
10:45am Worship**

**29th 9:30am Adult Bible Study
10:45am Worship**

**30th Memorial Day
Office Closed**

Office Hours continue to be Mon. Tues. and Thurs. from 9:30-1:30.

Let us be thankful for the wonderful woman who became our Mother.

She taught us how to laugh at ourselves, persevere, show kindness and love to others. She also taught us patience and humility. She made sure we got to God's house to hear his word and made sure they became part of our everyday life. Honor thy Mother



Memorial Day is a Federal holiday. It is a time when we should set aside time to honor the fallen men and women who served this country in time of war and peace.

MEMORIAL
DAY



All gave some, some gave all. Let's not forget.



MAY 1

FLOWERS: Walter Long

BULLETINS: Anonymous

GREETERS: Gail Correll

USHERS: Gail Correll, Tom Hoffert

LAY READER: Gail Correll

ALTAR GUILD: Cindy Cressman & Pat Hale

MAY 8 - MOTHER'S DAY

FLOWERS: Open

BULLETINS: Open

GREETERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti

USHERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti

LAY READER: Sue Wright



MAY 15

FLOWERS: Debbie Brown

BULLETINS: Debbie Brown

GREETERS: Barbara Backensto, Lisa Williams

USHERS: Cindy Beck, Bob Ruhe

LAY READER: Bob Ruhe

MAY 22

FLOWERS: Debbie Brown

BULLETINS: Debbie Brown

GREETERS: Corey Tancin

USHERS: Tom Hoffert, Len Kesselring

LAY READER: Len Kesselring

MAY 29

FLOWERS: Open

BULLETINS: Open

GREETERS: Jack & Diane Brunner

USHERS: Jack Brunner, Tom Wright

LAY READER: Bill Rumble



Welcome Baby Maggie

The pink rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of Margaret (Maggie) Luna Haines-Riiska who was born at 10:34pm on Wednesday 4/13/22.

Parents are Cassie and Sam Haines-Riiska.

Grandparents are Sharon and Philip Haines. She is 18 3/4 inches and weighs 5lbs 14oz.

They are also waiting for our 2nd grand daughter to be born. Skyler is due 6/17/22 and her parents are Courtney and Michael Dupre. When Skyler is here, we will finally travel to Florida to meet both of them.

Prayers for safe travels unlike our last trip to Florida.

2022 Consistory

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Dan Sabetti – Vice President

Jenna Nguyen – Secretary

Tom Hoffert - Treasurer

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The Consistory continues to look for one or two people to step up and take over Property. We need someone to oversee the many items that this committee takes care of. Please pray on this and consider stepping up to help.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVED