

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

Hours: Mon, Tues and Thurs. 9:30-1:30

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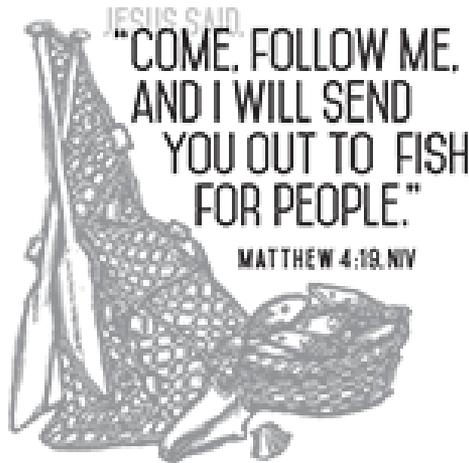
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January 22, 2023

Third Sunday after Epiphany

"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 22, 2023

10:45 AM

If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become part of the community of faith and mission here at Bethany. As per the Consistory decision, masks are optional here at Bethany.

**(* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE
(Bold Text is said or sung by everyone)**

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "Today We Are Called to Be Disciples
"...Traditional English, J.W.Krug

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: This is God's World! To us is given a vision of nations and races, lands and people, joined together in love.

P: Praise be to God the Creator; in whose image we are created.

L: We come to celebrate and renew that vision, opening ourselves to the One who is its source and its power.

C: We affirm in Christ that we can work together as God's servants, Let us worship God!

*HYMN: #282 God Himself Is with Us (Red UCC Hymnal)

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

O God of the faithful in every time, You call us into your church to be one body in Jesus Christ. You bestow upon us the gifts we need for Your service. Grant that we may willingly take our part; that we may support one another; and that we may seek the greatest, which is love. Knead us together into one body with all Your

people throughout the world, through Your spirit of unity. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (unison): #647 We Have come to Join in Worship vs.1**

We have come to join in worship and adore the Lord our God. Let us come in prayer, expecting God to speak his mighty Word. All in vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes Down. Christians, pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

READING OF SCRIPTURES

Psalm 27: 1, 4-9

I Corinthians 1: 10-18

*Matthew 4: 12-23

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: "A Come to Jesus Moment" Pastor Rinker

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace" ...H.

A. Matthews

Chancel Choir

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE: #720 With Grateful Heart, I Thank You, Lord vs. 3**

I thank you Lord, for hand and heart to offer up your praise. I Thank you, Lord, for tongue to speak of all your loving ways. For health and strength, for work and play,

for loved ones far and near, with grateful heart I thank you, Lord, for all that I hold dear.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of life and love, Savior of all, receive with these gifts our gratitude for Your guidance, penitence for our pride and dedication to Your service in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER – PASTORAL PRAYER - THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN: #345 Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION: #715 God Be with You vs.1
God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely hold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE

Our worship ends, our service begins!

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Gail Correll

USHERS: Gail Correll, Tom Hoffert

LAY READER: Bob Ruhe

Scriptures

Psalm 27: 1, 4 - 9 NRSV

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴ One thing I asked of the LORD;
this I seek:

to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.

⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

⁶ Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸ "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Your face, LORD, do I seek.

⁹ Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!

I Corinthians 1: 10 - 18 NRSV

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 4: 12 - 23 NRSV

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the
gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the
kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers,
Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting
a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to
them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of
people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed
him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers,
James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with
their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called
them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and
followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their
synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom
and curing every disease and every sickness among the
people.

***Welcome to Pastor Tammie Rinker from West Side
Moravian Church! Today is a pulpit exchange for
Bethany, West Side Moravian, and Star of Bethlehem
Lutheran Church in recognition of the Week of Prayer
for Christian Unity.***

***Thank you to Matt Miller for leading the Service with
Pastor Tammie Rinker!***

BETHANY OUTREACH

Bethlehem Emergency Shelter

Just a friendly reminder that we are scheduled to prepare the dinner meal at the shelter on Tuesday, February 14th, Valentine's Day and again two weeks later on Friday, March 3rd. At this time we are looking for any monetary donations to offset the cost of the meals for these two dinners as well as the breakfast bags we prepare for our guests to take with them the next morning when they leave the shelter. We are also looking for bakers for both nights. Since we are preparing the Valentine's Day meal, I am hoping our bakers would consider that theme when making their goodies. I am so happy to report that our remaining two nights at the shelter are fully staffed for both nights and a huge thank you goes out to our wonderful volunteers. We could not do this without you. I would like to have a brief meeting with our volunteers on Sunday, February 12th after church to go over some changes this month and to provide you with the volunteer applications for completion. Thank you again for your continued commitment to this very important philanthropy!

Blessing Bag Donations are being collected at St. Thomas UCC and here at Bethany from now until June to benefit students (ages 11-15) at a Charter School in Allentown. Items needed are travel size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, face wipes, washcloths, razors, shaving cream, tampons, pads, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste, Look for the basket in our narthex.

Please remember when you are at Bethany for any reason to make sure all doors are closed and all lights are turned off. On two different occasions I have come to church and found both the front and rear door slightly ajar. Since someone is not here every day this could cause problems. It just takes a minute to make sure the door is properly latched. Open doors could create a problem if we were to get a surprise fire inspection. Also, if you have an event in Fellowship Hall, please make sure all trash is removed and all leftover food and drink are removed from the refrigerator. Thank you, Bethany

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God Himself Is with Us

Gerhard Tersteegen, 1729
Tr. Composite

WUNDERBARER KÖNIG 6.6.8.6.6.8.3.3.6.6.
Joachim Neander's Bundes-Lieder, 1680

1. God him - self is with us: Let us now a - dore him,
 2. God him - self is with us: Whom an - gel - ic le - gions
 3. Lord, come dwell with - in us, While on earth we tar - ry,

And with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is in his
 Serve with awe in heav'n - ly re - gions. "Ho - ly, Ho - ly,
 Make us thy blest sanc - tu - ar - y, Grant us now thy

tem - ple, All with - in keep si - lence, And be - fore him
 Ho - ly," Sing the hosts of heav - en, Praise to God be
 pres - ence, Un - to us draw near - er, And re - veal thy -

bow with rev - erence. Him a - lone, God we own; To our Lord and
 ev - er giv - en. Bow thine ear To us here: Hear, O Christ, the
 self still clear - er. Where we are, Near or far, Let us see thy

Sav - ior Prais - es sing for - ev - er.
 prais - es That thy church now rais - es.
 pow - er, Ev - ery day and hour.

2023 Flower and Bulletin Charts are posted on the BB on the left side of the main entrance.

Please note that 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. We are now working with Country Rose Florist @ Westgate Mall.

Any questions, contact the church office.

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1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us— by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -

sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 pleas - ures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary with Pastor Tammie Rinker from West Side Moravian Church as part of a pulpit exchange. After service a brief meeting to approve the 2023 Budget will take place. Please attend.

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours
7PM Darts @ Home vs. Fritz Wesleyan

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
7PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary.

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.