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# Bethany Beeline

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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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**Sunday, March 5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

10:45 a.m.

Worship and Annual Meeting

**Sunday, March 12 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent Time Change**

10:45 a.m. Worship

**Sunday, March 19 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

10:45 a.m.

Worship with OGHS

**Sunday, March 26 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

10:45 a.m.

Worship

Dear Bethany Church Family,

The Holy Season of Lent is upon us, these 40 days to focus more intently on the sacrificial Love of Jesus and the call to deeper faith and service. I hope you will commit yourself to attend worship here at Bethany.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is March 5. At that meeting we will approve the annual Reports of 2022 and discuss the life of Bethany Church. We have some large property projects to be taken care of and we need your vote to move forward with those. Also, there will be the opportunity to share openly as a church family about the future of Bethany. Please be here for this important meeting.

I will be away March 8 through March 1. My very good friend Rev. Tex Culton will be your guest minister on March 12. Be sure to give him a good Bethany welcome!

Tickets are available for the March 18<sup>th</sup> Pancake & Sausage Breakfast with seatings @ 9am & 10am. Lets' have a good turnout. Invite your family and friends. Cost is \$7 for with children under 5 eating for free.

The One Great Hour of Sharing will be received on Sunday march 19<sup>th</sup>. Let us give generously to this much needed opportunity to help so many devastated by natural disasters, such as the recent earthquakes in Turkey & Syria.

On Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> we will dedicate the new AED unit that was installed in the Sanctuary. This gift was made be the Fred Ackerman family and others in memory of Dolly Ackerman, a beloved member of Bethany who passed away last year.

See You at Bethany!

Pastor Todd



**FROM OUR  
PASTOR**



Musical Notes . . .

I know that what I say here comes with bias, for I am church musician, but it seems to me that when spoken words are put to music an exclamation point gets added to the end. Take for example our anthem on March 5th...the John 3:16 verse that is part of our Gospel lesson. The piece recites the verse in beautiful melodic, memorable fashion and ends with "God so loved the world, God so loved the world." So here I go with...God so loved the world!!! As is customary for me to do, each anthem sung during this month in Lent relates to the Gospel lesson. My hope is that when our musical offerings are completed each Sunday, you'll be inclined to put you own exclamation point at their conclusions. There is plenty happening this month musically. In addition to our weekly Chancel Choir anthems, the Handbell Choir will play three Sundays of the four weeks in March. You'll be asked to participate in two of the pieces...always anxious and willing to try new things. There will also be piano/organ duets and Bob Ruhe on banjo with a great text to the piece "Savior's Shadow." Please join us each week to put an exclamation mark on those things that touch your heart this Lenten season.

Rehearsals will take place on Wednesdays March 8th and 22nd with the possibility of the 29th as well.

Joyfully,

Susan Denninger Wright

## Upcoming Fundraisers:

**Easter Candy** from Chocolates on Broadway with assorted eggs and some of the old favorites. Orders and money due by Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> with the delivery date as March 29<sup>th</sup>. Order forms will arrive shortly.

**Martellucci's Gift Cards** Will be available for order on Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup>. See Debbie Brown in the Narthex to place your order. Gift cards are available in \$25 dollar increments with \$5 from each card going to the church.

**Easter Flowers** will be available to order starting next week. We will be ordering from **Cierech Greenhouses**. Since the poinsettias we ordered were beautiful I look forward to enjoying the daffodils, tulips and mums we decorate the altar with on Easter Sunday. The flowers will be \$10 each. Order forms will be in the back of the sanctuary.

**Nuts:** We will do our nut prep on March 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> with orders due by March 20<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars and talk to your friends and relatives. We need orders as well as workers. Due to rising costs, we will be charging \$5 per 8oz. bag for Peanuts, Cashews, and Almonds. Any questions please call me @ 484-358-3735.

### 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



**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*

Rebecca and Len Kesselring

Joyce Bergey

Walter and Ann Williams

Ted and Marion Hendricks

Robert Frankenfield

Roger Wagner

Louise Snyder

Carol Haines

Sharon Haines

Ken & Joan Mathias

Marie Wolfe

Barbara Sigafos

Ashley Tarasuk

Alice Tarasuk

Shawn Brown

Susanne Miller



**CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS – ‘SPRING FORWARD’ MARCH 12<sup>th</sup> at 2am**



## 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.

## *CHURCH NEWS REMINDERS*

**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be on March 5 following worship.**

Once again, we will be collecting for Alzheimer's Disease Research during the month of March. The official day for collection will be at the Joyful Noise offering on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Last year we raised over \$1,000 for this worthy cause and one very near and dear to our hearts here at Bethany Church. Checks need to be made out to Bethany UCC with Alzheimer's written in the memo. Bethany will send one check to the organization. Thank you in advance for your most generous donations. Any questions can be directed to Sue Wright.

P.S. If you are not able to be in attendance on March 12th, your donation will be accepted any time before that date in the offering plate or through the church office.

**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.**

**Please consider signing up to support these programs. For \$20 you can celebrate someone's special day or something as simple as you saw the first robin of spring. With so much bad news let's look for the good.**

**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](mailto: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.

**One Great Hour of Sharing® is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the UCC. Collection for OGHS will be March 19.**

## **AED**

Please join us on Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> as we dedicate the AED device placed in the Sanctuary here at Bethany. This was placed in memory of Dolly Ackerman who was an active member here at Bethany. Dolly always kept an eye on everyone while she worked here at Bethany and this device will continue her watching over us to ensure the well being of



all who attend services or events here. Many thanks to the Ackerman Family and all who contributed to her memory.

## **DEADLINE FOR APRIL BEELINE IS March 21.**

### **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.

**March-April-May 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.

### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Cameron Haines
- 4 Dan Sabetti  
Jackie Tarasuk
- 17 Steve Tarasuk
- 22 Roland Grietzer
- 23 Victoria Thrash
- 30 Bill Rumble  
Richard Laughlin

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



## 2023 Consistory

Matt Miller – President  
Dan Sabetti – Vice President  
Tom Hoffert - Treasurer

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### PANCAKE BREAKFAST MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>

**Well, it seems Pastor Todd is hungry for Pancakes and Sausage, so that means Bethany is having a breakfast! Join us on Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> at either 9 or 10am to enjoy a breakfast of Pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee or tea. We will keep the cost at \$7/ person under 5 eats free. As always, the Rumbles will man the kitchen so we know the food will be tasty. Mark your calendars and watch for ticket sales.**

### NEEDED

Someone to clean up leaves and debris around the church, mostly on the 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. side. Let the office know.

# Those Who Serve

## MARCH 5

FLOWERS: Available  
BULLETINS: Available  
GREETERS: Judy & George Morgan  
USHERS: Gail Correll, Corey Tancin  
LAY READER: Sue Wright  
ALTAR GUILD: Margy Sabetti

## MARCH 12

FLOWERS: Fred Ackerman  
BULLETINS: Fred Ackerman  
GREETERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti  
USHERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti  
LAY READER: Dan Sabetti

## MARCH 19

FLOWERS: Available  
BULLETINS: Available  
GREETERS: Barbara Backensto  
USHERS: Tom Hoffert, Barbara Backensto  
LAY READER: Bill Rumble

## MARCH 26

FLOWERS: Available  
BULLETINS: Available  
GREETERS: Corey Tancin  
USHERS: Len Kesselring, Tom Wright  
LAY READER: Rebecca Kesselring

## March Calendar

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bethlehem Emergency Shelter Meal**
- 5<sup>th</sup> 10:45AM Worship followed by Annual Meeting**
- 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30PM Handbell rehearsal  
7PM Chancel Choir rehearsal**
- 9<sup>th</sup> 7PM Consistory in FH**
- 12<sup>th</sup> 2AM Spring Forward your clocks to 3AM  
10:45AM Worship with Joyful Noise for  
Alzheimer's Research**
- 13<sup>th</sup> 7PM Darts @ Star of Bethlehem**
- 17<sup>th</sup> Happy St. Patrick's Day!**
- 18<sup>th</sup> 9 & 10AM Pancake and Sausage Breakfast in FH**
- 19<sup>th</sup> 10:45AM Worship with OGHS/ Candy Orders  
Due**
- 20<sup>th</sup> Nut Orders Due**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:30PM Handbell rehearsal  
7PM Chancel Choir rehearsal**
- 25<sup>th</sup> 9AM Nut Prep in FH**
- 26<sup>th</sup> 10:45AM Worship/ Flower orders Due**
- 27<sup>th</sup> Nut Prep in FH**