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“Moving Forward United in Faith.”

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JUNE 2023

Sundays in June

June 4th – Worship at 10AM in the Sanctuary

June 11th– Worship at 10AM in the Sanctuary as we celebrate Vow Renewal

June 18th – Worship at 10AM in the Sanctuary as we Honor Graduates

June 25th – Worship at 10AM in Fellowship Hall followed by a congregational meeting.

SUMMER

FROM
THE
PASTOR



Dear Bethany Church Family,

This Sunday, May 28 is Pentecost. It is the 50th day from the celebration of Easter. It marks and celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit, the third person of God; the presence of God and Jesus with us now. When I google the names and titles of the Holy Spirit in the Bible there are many references to the function of the Holy Spirit. From the very beginning of Creation through the centuries of God's people we read about in the Old Testament, through the Gospels, letters of Paul and others, through the Book of Revelation we have this presence of God. As Bethany is in the process of discussing the future it is wise and good to remember and pray for these functions of the Holy Spirit: Comforter, Guide, Advocate, Truth, Love, Unifier, Teacher, Wisdom, Power. May we all be blessed as we pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the days and months ahead. Plan on attending Consistory's updated meeting on Sunday, June 25th.

See you on Pentecost!

Pastor Todd





It was Martin Luther who wrote that "Music is a fair and glorious gift of God." Music has such power over our emotions, and its intensity "cries out" to be shared with others. We try to do this each week at our worship services for a true music program should and needs to be a music

ministry. It needs to minister by reinforcing the written words of scripture in conjunction with the morning's sermon.

Though our attendance is smaller at worship, Christian music never diminishes with the size of the congregation since it speaks to hearts, not numbers. There are reasons why individuals participate in choirs and with instruments, and each has their own, but it truly is a means of expressing one's faith on a different level with the hope of passing this fair and glorious gift of God to others. Perhaps not realized is that as wonderful congregational singers, we as Bethany members are ministering to those homebound and listening to our services online. Congregational hymn singing is uplifting and inspiring for those whose hearts are open to receive God's words through music. Ponder this... Why is it that dementia patients may not remember names of family members, yet many can sing verses of a hymn? The "staying power" of God's gift of music. To the very end...how miraculous! The rehearsal schedule for the month of June is as follows: June 14th and 28th 5:30 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir. No rehearsals June 7th and 21st Handbell and Chancel Choir members, please remember to sign the absentee attendance sheets in the choir room when you know that you will be missing rehearsals or services. Thank you!

Joyfully,

Susan Denninger Wright

BULLETIN & FLOWER CHART - The Bulletin and Flower charts for 2023 are posted on the bulletin board by the main entrance (double glass doors). Just sign your name on any available date. The minimum cost for bulletins is \$10.00. The cost for fresh flowers is \$60.00 for two vases. Another fresh flower option is one low rectangular vase to be placed on the altar at a cost of \$30. If you prefer this option, please sign up on the flower chart and indicate your preference by placing an R in a circle after your name for the rectangular arrangement. I need to let the florist know what type of flower arrangement we want, so please mark the chart. If you prefer the seasonal Silk flowers and would like your donation to go directly to Bethany, please write the word "silk" behind your name or put an (S). PLEASE NOTE The minimum cost of silk flowers is \$10.00. As in the past, contact the office with your information for the bulletin no later than the Tuesday before your sponsored date.

Please contact the office if you would like to renew your wedding vows on Sunday June 11th. We would also like to honor graduates on Sunday June 18th.

We would like to update the directory. Please send updates to the office by email or write them up and place them on my desk. Thanks



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

Steve Tarasuk

Ruth Smith

Lisa Reeser

Barb McCrickerd



Please keep all those who are graduating this year in your prayers as they begin the next part of their lives.

*If I missed anyone, please call the office @ 610-868-4441
Thanks, Debbie*



BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Philip Haines
- 9 Leslie Thrash
- 11 Fred Ackerman
Bob Ackerman
- 16 John Glassic
- 18 Ken Beck
- 24 Tim Rumble
- 28 Sue Stralo
- 29 Tom Hoffert
Barbara Backensto
- 30 Walter Williams

ANNIVERSARIES:

- 5 Walter & Anne Williams
- 6 Phyllis & Roland Greitzer
- 9 Barbara & Mike Reiniger
- 13 Laura and Douglass Sutter
- 22 Margy & Dan Sabetti
- 24 Rebecca & Len Kesselring, Jr.
- 26 Darlene & Kevin Ervin

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.

2023 Consistory

Matt Miller – President
Dan Sabetti – Vice President
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.

GET YOUR PEANUTS, CASHEWS, AND ALMONDS HERE!

We will be selling nuts in June with orders due on June 12th with prep days on the 17th and 19th! 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, Cashews & Almonds are \$5

Strengthen the Church

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. **By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.** Bethany will receive this special offering throughout the month of June. Envelopes are in the back of the sanctuary.

Bethany United Church of Christ Financial Report January through May 31st, 2023

	Income	Expense	Over/Under
January 2023*	\$5,749.43	\$6,880.22	-1,130.79
February 2023*	\$6,090.99	\$9,647.14	-3,556.15
March 2023*	\$5,647.96	\$11,456.72	-5,808.76
April 25, 2023	\$6,715.55	\$7,593.76	-878.21
Total*	\$24,203.93	\$35,577.84	-11,373.91

*Note: Total Parsonage Fund Transfer not included in
Income above Total \$11,000.00

April 30 th	\$1381.00
May 7 th	\$1024.00
May 14 th	\$1235.00
May 21 st	\$911.00
May 28 th	\$1381.00

June Calendar

- 4th 10PM Worship in the Sanctuary
- 8th 7PM Consistory in FH
- 11th 10AM Worship in the Sanctuary with Vow Renewal
- 12th 8PM Nut Orders Due
- 14th 5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal
7PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 17th 9AM Nut Making in FH
- 18th 10AM Worship in the Sanctuary as we honor our graduates
- 19th 9AM Nut Making in FH with lunch
- 25th 10AM Worship in Fellowship Hall followed by Congregational Meeting
- 28th 5:30PM Handbell Choir rehearsal
7PM Chancel Choir rehearsal
- July 1...Iron Pigs Game...7 pm

Those Who Serve

JUNE 4

FLOWERS: Kesselring
BULLETINS: Kesselring
GREETERS: Judy & George Morgan
USHERS: Bob Ruhe, Cindy Beck
LAY READER: Rebecca Kesselring
ALTAR GUILD: Debbie Brown

JUNE 12

FLOWERS: Kesselring
BULLETINS: Kesselring
GREETERS: Lisa Williams, Barbara Backensto
USHERS: Tom Hoffert, Barbara Backensto
LAY READER: Phil Haines

JUNE 18

FLOWERS: Kesselring
BULLETINS: Kesselring
GREETERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti
USHERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti
LAY READER: Jean Fennell

JUNE 25

FLOWERS: Kesselring
BULLETINS: Kesselring
GREETERS: Ina Denninger
USHERS: Tom Wright, Corey Tancin
LAY READER: Debbie Brown

Worship Schedule for Summer

June 4...10am.Worship in Sanctuary

June 11...10am.Worship with Renewal of Vows in Sanctuary

June 18...10am.Worship with Recognition of Graduates in Sanctuary

June 25...10am time change...Worship in Fellowship Hall with Cong. Meeting

July 2...10am. Worship in Fellowship Hall

July 9...10am. Worship in Fellowship Hall

July 16. 10am.Worship in Fellowship Hall

July 23. 10am. Worship with Communion in Fellowship Hall

July 30. 10am. Worship in Fellowship Hall

August 6. 10am.Worship with Healing Service in Fellowship Hall

August 13. 10am.Worship in Fellowship Hall

August 20. 10am.Worship in Fellowship Hall

August 27. 10am.Worship in Fellowship Hall

Sept. 3. 10am.Worship in Fellowship Hall

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

