



# Bethany Beeline

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FEBRUARY 2024



**Sunday, February 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

10:45 a.m.          Worship

**Sunday, February 11 – Transfiguration Sunday**

10:45 a.m.          Worship

**Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday**

7p.m.                  Worship

**Sunday, February 18 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

10:45 a.m.          Worship

**Sunday, February 25 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

10:45 a.m.          Worship

Dear Bethany Family,

We begin our Lenten season early this year. Did you know that Easter is set each year based on the cycle of the moon. Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox. In 2024, the full moon in March occurs after the Equinox and is therefore called a "Paschal Moon." Paschal is derived from the Greek "pascha" and from the Hebrew "pesah," both meaning "Passover." With the full moon in late March, Easter occurs earlier this year. And with that date set, we back up 40 days, not counting Sundays, to arrive at Ash Wednesday on February 14.



I invite you to join in worship on the Sundays in Lent when my sermon series is called "Journeying to the Cross" Each week we will meet different people who interact with Jesus in his journey to Good Friday and Easter Morning

Feb 18 -- The Demon-Possessed Man      Mar 17 -- Peter

Feb 25 -- The Hemorrhaging Woman      Mar 24 -- Pilate

Mar 3 -- The Extravagant Woman      Mar 31 -- The Women at the Tomb

Mar 10 -- Judas

Also, don't forget the additional opportunities we will have to worship and receive Holy Communion during Lent.

Ash Wednesday -- Feb 14 at 7:00PM and Maundy Thursday -- March 28 at 7:00PM

My God grant us times of reflection and introspection during the season of Lent so that our Easter celebration may be all the more joyous and uplifting.

Pastor Dave

## *Musical Notes . . .*



While there are some that take down their Christmas decorations and place their trees on the curb on New Year's Day, there are some that still have them gracing the inside and outside of their homes. That would be me. There's something almost sacred about seeing the white lights against the dark evening sky or dancing on the snowy crystals that lie on the ground. Yes, the Christmas season is over, but the Christmas spirit remains within the true believer. It is the desire to spread the light of Christ in our world among the darkness that seeks to overtake it. It is the light of hope and peace, joy and love that remains with us when others threaten to extinguish that light. As the season of Epiphany soon comes to a close and we move into the season of Lent, may we all continue to keep following that holy light all the way to the cross.

Join us each week at worship as we share musical preludes and anthems that lift up the wonderful gift God gave to his people...the miracle of his only Son, our Savior...the light of the world.

*The Lord Will Be Your Everlasting Light. Isaiah 60:19*

The rehearsal schedule for the month of February is as follows:

No rehearsals on Wednesday February 7th and 21st.

Handbell Choir on Ash Wednesday February 14th at 5:30 pm

Chancel Choir rehearsal after the Ash Wednesday Service

Handbell Choir rehearsal February 28th 5:30 pm.

Chancel Choir rehearsal February 28th 7:00 pm

All other rehearsals for instrumentalists at arranged times.

Joyfully,

Susan Denninger Wright

**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*

The family of Joyce Bergey  
Walter and Ann Williams  
Ted and Marion Hendricks  
Louise Snyder  
Carol Haines  
The family of Sharon Haines  
Ken & Joan Mathias  
The Family of Marie Wolfe  
Barbara Sigafoos  
Robert Frankenfield  
Roger Wagner  
John Talijan  
Ruth Smith  
Fred Ackerman  
Rebecca and Len Kesselring  
Paula Pendrak



Please keep all of our congregation, family and friends in your prayers. As we embark on a new year, we pray that 2024 is a year of happiness and joy.

## *CHURCH NEWS REMINDERS*

### **Congregational meeting**

A congregational Meeting is called by Consistory for Sunday Feb. 11, immediately after church. The agenda is to approve the budget. Committee chairpersons please submit reports by January 29 for inclusion in the Annual Report. Please plan to stay for this important meeting.

### **Ash Wednesday**

The Holy Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. These 40 days till Easter call us to a time of self-reflection and our need for the mercy and grace of God in Jesus. Join us for worship at Bethany at 7 pm. The imposition of ashes and Holy Communion will be administered.

### **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.

**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.

**2024 Flower and Bulletin Charts** are posted on the BB on the left side of the main entrance. Please note two vases will cost \$60. 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. We are now working with Country Rose Florist in Westgate.

**Any questions, contact the church office.**

As in the past, contact the office with your information for the bulletin no later than the Tuesday before your sponsored date. Thank you.



## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Lauren Correll
- 11 Lisa Williams
- 18 Ashley Tarasuk





**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

3 Lisa & Minh Nguyen

14 Sharon & Philip Haines

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

**2023 Consistory**

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 Tom Hoffert - Treasurer

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**Don't forget this year we have an extra day!**

## **THOSE WHO SERVE**

### **FEBRUARY 4**

FLOWERS: OPEN

BULLETINS: OPEN

GREETERS: Judy & George Morgan

USHERS: Steve Tarasuk, Jack Brunner

LAY READER: Sue Wright

ALTAR GUILD: Debbie Brown

### **FEBRUARY 11 Transfiguration Sunday**

FLOWERS: OPEN

BULLETINS: OPEN

GREETERS: Jack & Diane Brunner

USHERS: Jack Brunner, Gail Correll

LAY READER: Len Kesselring

### **FEBRUARY 14 Ash Wednesday**

GREETERS: Debbie Brown

USHERS: Consistory

LAY READER: Bev Rumble

### **FEBRUARY 18**

FLOWERS: Open

BULLETINS: Open

GREETERS: Cindy Beck

USHERS: Cindy Beck, Bob Ruhe

LAY READER: Diane Diefenderfer

### **FEBRUARY 25**

FLOWERS: OPEN

BULLETINS: OPEN

GREETERS: Corey Tancin

USHERS: Corey Tancin, Tom Hoffert

LAY READER: Eric Derr



## CALENDAR

- 4<sup>th</sup> 10:45am Worship in the Sanctuary**
- 5<sup>th</sup> 7pm Darts @ College Hill**
- 8<sup>th</sup> 7pm Consistory in FH**
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- 11<sup>th</sup> 10:45 Worship in the Sanctuary  
followed by Congregational Meeting**
- 12<sup>th</sup> 7pm City/Suburban All Star Match**
- 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm Ash Wednesday Service  
Chancel Choir**
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- 18<sup>th</sup> 10:45 Worship in the Sanctuary**
- 19<sup>th</sup> Office Closed for Presidents Day  
Darts @ Bethany vs. Star of  
Bethlehem**
- 21<sup>st</sup> Deadline for March Beeline**
- 5:30pm Handbell rehearsal**
- 7pm Chancel Choir rehearsal**
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- 25<sup>th</sup> 10:45am Worship in the Sanctuary**
- 26<sup>th</sup> 7pm Darts @ Fritz Wesleyan**

# Sharon L. Haines

(October 21, 1962 - January 27, 2024)

Sharon L. Haines, 61, of Bethlehem, passed away peacefully while under the care of hospice in Lehigh Valley Hospital – Muhlenberg. She and her beloved husband Philip B. Haines would have celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary on Valentine’s Day.

Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Louis J. Sr. and Anna Mae (Kram) Korpics.

A graduate of Liberty High School and Millersville University, Sharon belonged to the Parent Support Organization of the Pennsylvania Youth Theater and was a founding member of Friends of Liberty Theater. Sharon was a member of Bethany Church – UCC. She enjoyed attending Iron Pigs games with her husband and was a season ticket holder.

Sharon was an avid Donny Osmond/Osmond Family fan throughout most of her life. Recently, she attended a Marie Osmond Concert and had the exciting opportunity to meet Marie Osmond as well as several of the QVC hosts who were attending the concert.

Throughout her busy life she found the most joy when spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Surviving with her husband Philip, are children, Christopher Haines of Bethlehem, Cassandra (Samantha) Haines-Riiska of Clermont, FL, Courtney (Michael) Dupre of Davenport, FL and Cameron Haines of Bethlehem; two grandchildren Maggie and Skyler; and a step-son Jesse Haines of

Schnecksville. She was predeceased by her sister Cheryl E. Korpics in 1990.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 10, in Bethany Church, 600 W. Market Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018. Burial will be private. Sharon's funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Pearson Funeral Home, Bethlehem. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Sharon's name may be sent to the church.



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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**