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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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MARCH 2024

Sunday, March 3 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

10:45 a.m.

Worship

Sunday, March 10 – 4th Sunday in Lent Time Change

10:45 a.m. Worship OGHS

Sunday, March 17 – 5th Sunday in Lent

10:45 a.m.

Worship with Joyful Noise

Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday

10:45 a.m.

Worship

Thursday, March 28 – Maundy Thursday

7pm

Worship with Communion

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday

7pm

Worship

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday

10:45am

Worship, He is Risen!

From Pastor Dave

The gospels are written as witnesses to the redemptive, renewing, resurrecting power of God demonstrated by Jesus. Every healing story is a resurrection story. Every telling about a blind man seeing and lame man walking is a resurrection story. But even more, Jesus' radical hospitality for those who were outcasts in society—the sick, the lepers, the poor, the tax collectors and women—Jesus' radical hospitality to those folks, inviting them to be part of his followers, that too is a resurrection story.



**FROM OUR
PASTOR**

But we can so easily miss them. And I think that one of the reasons that we don't see or interpret God's redemptive power in our midst is that we missed one of the biggest examples of this action in the Bible. Think about first century Middle-Eastern culture. Or don't even go back to the first century. Think about what you have seen and heard about social power and social class among people in places like Iraq or Iran or Syria or Afghanistan. Who are the silent ones, the powerless ones, the cover-up ones? They are the women. And yet, who is it that all four of the gospel writers use as the ones who first learn about God's resurrecting power. The message comes to the women.

Be sure to join in worship during the weeks of March, the season of Lent, to hear more about the stories of the people whom Jesus meets on his way to the cross. And be sure to join in worship on Easter Sunday when we'll hear more Jesus and the women at the tomb, the ones who first learn of the resurrecting power of God.



Musical Notes . . .

As I sat in the eye doctor's waiting room the other day, I saw posters of eyes on all the walls. Being in a meditative mood, I couldn't help but think of one of our congregational responses "Open Our Eyes". The opening words are "Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus." It got me to thinking that if we want to see Jesus, Jesus would probably want to see us in return. I wonder what He would see. My guess is that He would see a mixed bag of good and not so good behavior. During the season of Lent, we are supposed to work on those not so good aspects of our daily lives.

Hopefully we all will spend some quality time with Him in prayer, asking for help to be a better follower of the one that we say we love. The music throughout the month of March is being prepared to help each worshipper feel a closeness to our Savior. Each week will have special music prepared by our choirs and talented Bethany worshippers. Continuing our Lenten journey to Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter we strive to enhance your worship experience during this most holy time of the church year.

Rehearsals for the Handbell and Chancel choirs will be held on March 13th and March 27th. There will be an additional rehearsal for the Chancel Choir on March 20th. The Brass Quartet will rehearse at 6:30 on March 27th. All other instrumental rehearsals will take place at arranged times. The Chancel Choir will sing at both the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship services.

And....one more thing...once again Bethany Church will be collecting for the Alzheimer's Disease Research Matching Gift Challenge. We will take a Joyful Noise offering during worship, and all donations need to be received by Easter Sunday. Please see the accompanying article in this Beeline.

Joyfully,

Susan Denninger Wright

PRAYER LIST: 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

Walter and Ann Williams

Ted and Marion Hendricks

Louise Snyder

Carol Haines

The family of Sharon Haines

Ken & Joan Mathias

Barbara Sigafoos

Robert Frankenfield

Roger Wagner

John Talijan

Ruth Smith

Fred Ackerman

Rebecca and Len Kesselring

Paula Pendrak

Steve Tarasuk



CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS – ‘SPRING FORWARD’ MARCH 10th at 2am



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.

Once again, we will be collecting for Alzheimer's Disease Research during the month of March. The official day for

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collection will be at the Joyful Noise offering on Sunday, March 17th. Last year we raised over \$1,000 for this worthy cause and one very near and dear to our hearts here at Bethany

Church. We have been supporting this program since 2011 and have raised over \$10,000 which thanks to generous programs have been doubled to over \$20,000. 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 17th, your donation will be accepted any time before that date in the offering plate or through the church office.

DEADLINE FOR APRIL BEELINE IS March 18.

2024 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 \$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. 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. 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 10.

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

2023Consistory

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

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John Talijan	484-767-8882	talijan@ptd.net
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Invite from St. Thomas

Our 50PLUS group will meet from 10am to noon on Tuesday, March 12 at St. Thomas, 902 East Macade Rd., Bethlehem. Drumming and shamrock shakes! What could be more fun! Moe Jerant will lead the program. To register, call the church office at 610.868.9167. You may bring a snack to share if you like.

Those Who Serve

MARCH 3

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

MARCH 10

FLOWERS: Available
BULLETINS: Available
GREETERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti
USHERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti
LAY READER: Dan Sabetti

MARCH 17

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

MARCH 24 PALM SUNDAY

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

MARCH 28 MAUNDY THURSDAY

FLOWERS: Available

BULLETINS: Available

GREETERS: Debbie Brown

USHERS: Consistory

LAY READER:

MARCH 29 GOOD FRIDAY

GREETERS: Volunteer

USHERS: Volunteer

LAY READER:

MARCH 31 EASTER SUNDAY

FLOWERS: Available

BULLETINS: Available

GREETERS: Corey Tancin

USHERS: Consistory

LAY READER: Beverly Rumble



March Calendar

3rd	10:45AM	Worship
4th	7PM	Darts @ Holy Cross
10th	2AM 10:45AM	Spring Forward your clocks to 3AM Worship with OGHS
11th	7PM	Darts @ Bethany vs. First UCC
13th	5:30PM 7PM	Handbell rehearsal Chancel Choir rehearsal
14th	7PM	Consistory in FH
17th	10:45AM	Worship Happy St. Patrick's Day!
18th	7PM	Darts @ Trinity UCC
20th	5:30PM 7PM	Handbell Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal
24th	10:45AM	Worship on Palm Sunday
27th	5:30PM 7PM	Handbell Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal
28th	7PM	Maundy Thursday service
29th	7PM	Good Friday service
31st	10:45AM	Worship on Easter Sunday



Anyone wishing to place a tulip, daffodil or mum in our sanctuary or make a donation for an artificial lily for Easter Sunday is asked to fill in the necessary information below and return it to the Church Office accompanied by a check. Checks can be made out to "Bethany UCC" marked Easter flowers. **The deadline for all orders is Monday, March 18.**

Thank you.

Name: _____

Number of Tulips @ \$10 each _____

Number of Daffodils @ \$10 each _____

Number of mums @ \$10 each _____

Artificial lily donation _____

In Loving Memory of: _____

or

In Honor of: _____

