

BETHANIA MORAVIAN CHURCH

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Worship – 11:00 A. M. – July 16, 2017

*Paul wrote: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
Romans 8:1*

STRIKING of the HOUR

PRELUDE *Christ, Who Is My Life* Johann Gottfried Walther

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 65

WELCOME and CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN 660 *Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd*

CHILDREN'S/YOUTH MESSAGE Rev. Merritt

*HYMN 731 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

THE READING of GOD'S WORD Cole Wood
Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23 (Page 846, 847)

PRESENTATION of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J. S. Bach

*Doxology – (Hymn 817) *Praise God...* T. Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 720 *The Lord's My Shepherd*

MEDITATION **A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Church!!** Rev. Merritt

*HYMN (lyrics opposite page) *He Has Made Me Glad*

*BENEDICTION/AMEN

*POSTLUDE *Voluntary in D* John Stanley

*Congregation stands. Late arrivals may be seated during a hymn.

*I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart
I will enter his courts with praise
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made
I will rejoice for he has made me glad
He has made me glad, he has made me glad
I will rejoice for he has made me glad
He has made me glad, he has made me glad
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.*

Sunday	<u>July 16</u>	<u>July 23</u>
Nursery	Patsy Pope & JoAnne Todd	Alma Flynn & Stephanie Hauser
Greeters	Betty Moorefield	Youth K-12

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given for the Glory of God and in celebration of Victoria's Ordination by her family.

Please join us for the Ordination Service of Victoria Lasley this afternoon at 3:00pm. The service will include the Ordination by the Rev. Sam Gray, special music by our Hand Bells and Combined Choirs (Bethania and Fairview), Band prelude and the presentation of Victoria's Surplice and Home Communion Set. After the service, we will gather with Victoria and her family as we share in Fellowship Hour in the Fellowship Hall.

The Senior Luncheon will be held Tuesday, July 18th at 11:30am. It's not too late to put your name on the sign up sheet if you plan to attend! Chuck Harmon will be the guest speaker.

Our Cruise-In for this month will be Friday July 21. The menu will consist of fried chicken, green peas/pearl onions, potatoes, drink and dessert. Please plan to join us and bring a friend for good food and fellowship!

VBS is fast approaching! The dates and times are as follows: July 24-28th. Monday-Thursday, 6-8:30pm and Friday, 6-8pm. Supper will be provided each night. Their next planning meeting will be **Wednesday, July 19th (new date) at 7pm**. Come on down to the Surf Shack and Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love!

Your Daily Text orders will be due next Sunday (July 23rd). If you have not already done so, please turn them in to the church office. Payment is expected with order.

The church will be making chicken pies on Monday, July 24th and Tuesday, July 25th. Please come out and help if you can-no experience required.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	15	9:30am Ordination Prep
SUN	16	9:15am Coffee and Fellowship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 3:00pm Victoria Lasley Ordination
MON	17	9:00am Quilters 9:30am Ordination Clean-up
TUES	18	11:00am-2pm Senior Luncheon 7:00pm Boy Scouts
WED	19	7:00pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm VBS Meeting
FRI	21	6:00pm Cruise-In