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Sunday Worship:

Gathering of the Family of God: 10:30 am YouTube: Bethany UMC Milton

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Upper Room - Now Available

May / June

Announcements:

Dates to Remember:

May 27 – Memorial Day (Office Closed)

May 30th – June 1st – Annual Conference @ Wmspt Arts Center

June 2nd – 9:00 am - Cancer Survivor's Day Breakfast Fellowship

10:30 am - Gathering of the Family of God / Communion

June 9th – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God

June 16th - 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God

Happy Father's Day

June 18th – 6:00 pm – Leadership Team Meeting

June 23rd - 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God

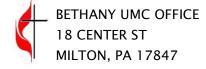
June 30th – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God

11:45 am – June Birthday Celebrations Fellowship



Sunday, June 16, 2024

To all the men out there who raised, nurtured, and adopted God's children, bless you and have a wonderful Father's Day!



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May- "At a Glance"

Looking back in May for Bethany, started the month off with National Day of Prayer, even though the service was canceled by an outside organizer, our prayers were not! Bible Study started with The Book of Colossians and ended with 1 & 2nd Thessalonians for the summer. A box of candy was given to the ladies in the church for Happy Mother's Day. Hugh **THANK YOU** to **Cindy Mohr** for taking care of this. Then ending the month with special guests from the American Legion honoring our veterans who lost their lives for our freedom. And, an honoring of our members who celebrated a birthday in May. The Susquehanna Annual Conference, held at the Community Arts in Williamsport, where Pastor Travis and Rod Moore will go on May 30th. "17 Pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18) - Cheri Buss

Cancer Survivor Day......





Sunday, June 2, 2024 is National Cancer Survivors Day and Bethany wants to honor our members surviving with cancer:

> **Cindy Mohr Anna Pyle Rita Sanford Barbara Huff James Masser** Florence Young **Shirley Wesner**

Everyone is welcome to a breakfast on Sunday, June 2nd at 9:00 am to celebrate our cancer survivors.

We Praise and Thank You Lord for your healing hands in their bodies and strength to keep them going!

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From Pastor Travis's Study



Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Grace to you and peace in the name of Jesus Christ our Living Hope and healer of our brokenness.

I have recently read a book called Simple Harmony by Larry Duggins. In this book Duggins describes a new model for experiencing Christianity as a way of life. In the first chapter of the book Duggins describes how a Jewish theologian went and counted all of the laws found in the Old Testament. It is said that the Jewish people are to follow 613 commandments/laws. How is it that people are to follow all of these laws? I know for myself, sometimes I cannot remember what I had for breakfast, let alone remember 613 rules of things I am allowed and not allowed to do. This is what Jesus came to correct. Many times, the religious leaders in Jesus' time condemned him for breaking the rules found in the Torah. Jesus was showing them, and us, what the meaning behind the rules were, and showing us a simple way of following them. Instead of remembering 613 do's and do not's, Jesus tells us two rules. He tells us to love God and love our neighbor.

Duggins asks the following questions that I encourage you to think about and answer honestly:

Does Christianity ever feel like a set of rules that you must follow? Could you see where society might feel like it is?

What do you think a balanced and healthy life as a Christian looks like?

Do Jesus' teachings help you understand that view?

The answers to these questions will help us as we move toward building a stronger community, and becoming "a church with the heart of Christ in the heart of Milton". We need people to see us as more than the rules that we tell them that they have to follow to be one of us.

Here are some things to look forward to in June:

June 2nd we will recognize all of those who have survived cancer. This includes anybody who is battling with cancer now. It is our responsibility to lift one another up, and walk beside them in the trying time of a cancer diagnosis. We will have a breakfast in the fellowship hall to celebrate this special day.

In closing, I want to let all of you know how proud I am to be the pastor of this church. We have stepped out in faith to reestablish our church in the community. I am proud of the ways in which you all have courageously accepted this new challenge.

May God bless you and shine his light upon you in the days ahead.

The Best is Yet to Be.

Pastor Travis





Leadership Reports...

All Committee/Leadership Reports need to be handed into the church office or pastor, by the second Sunday of each month. For June they are due: Sunday, June 9, 2024. You can bring them into the church or email them to Pastor Travis at tallshouse@susumc.org. Thank You!

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Father's Day Word Search DADDY PARENT JUNE GRANDPA PROVIDER WISDOM FAMILY OVE FUN myunentitledlife.com

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Bethany UMC Current Expense Income April 2024 Reports:

Financial Secretary's Report: April 2024

Date	Offering Envelopes	Plate Offering	Native American	Gideon Intnl.	YMCA Children	Totals
4/7/24	\$708.00	\$17.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$725.00
4/14/24	\$698.00	\$16.00	\$0	\$55.00	\$156.00	\$925.00
4/21/24	\$3,693.00	\$17.00	\$125.00	\$0	\$0	\$3,835.00
4/28/24	\$933.00	\$15.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$948.00
Totals:	\$6,032.00	\$65.00	\$125.00	\$55.00	\$156.00	\$6,433.00



April 2024

Total Income Received: \$6,433.00 + (\$1.89 Interest) + (\$6,360.74 Ins. Claim) + (\$89.45 Loose change) +

(\$1,265.43 Butler Trust) = \$14,150.51

Total Expenses Paid Out: \$18,702.15

Average Attendance: 22

Fire Fund: Income Received:\$4.42 (Interest)

Total Expenses: \$0 Balance \$57,617.55



2024 Altar Flower Sign Up Chart....

The 2024 Altar Flower Sign Up Chart is now on the table in the Fellowship Hall, which you can sign up for the Sundays you wish to put in Altar Flowers. If you wish to put in fresh flowers, contact Charlene's Petal Talk, 200 N Arch St, Milton at 570-490-9597 or use one of the silk flowers from our church. **Please let Cheri, Administrative Assistant** know what you wish for the bulletin and also what flowers you will be using (Florist you called or silk flowers). Thank You!



June Worship Schedule

SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday, June 2 – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / **Communion**



Sunday, June 9 - 10:30 am Gathering of the Family of God





Sunday, June 23 – 10:30 am - Gathering of the Family of God

Sunday, June 30 – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God **11:45 am – May Birthday Celebrations**

(Kathryn Martin, Lindsay Thomas, Anna Pyle, Janet Masser, Thereasa Hinderliter, Dorothy Elliott, Kay Solt, Todd Hauck, Thomas Young, John Williams)



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Leadership Team Report...

The Team is tabling the construction of the awning over the church's Center Street ramp for the time being while grant funding options are being pursued. The proposal that recently came in from Hemmler Camayd Architectural is high enough to make it highly debatable whether to stand the cost ourselves.

We have voted to proceed with the purchase of an automatic external defibrillator (AED) and a suction rescue device (VacLife) for the church. We're looking at a wall-mounted cabinet system containing both, for which the total cost is about \$2400. This is to help insure those attending Bethany against sudden inhouse emergencies.

Bethany will support whatever per diem expenses are incurred by Pastor Travis as he attends the 2024 Susquehanna Annual Conference in Williamsport from May 30 through June 1.

We will again have gifts for the men of our congregation on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16. Cindy Mohr will champion this effort.

Cancer Survivors' Day being Sunday, June 2, the church will enjoy a celebratory breakfast t in that connection at 9 AM that day, with a hearty meal prepared by Bob Fitch.

Bethany's annual unannounced kitchen licensing inspection took place on Monday, May 20, with no violations or needs noted.

Rod Moore

Trustees Report

A very short report this month. Trustee items in process:

- The signed proposal was submitted to Zartman Construction for the repair to the front steps and the handrail replacement. The fabricator they will be using to make the handrail has been on site to take measurements. We don't have a start date for the project yet.
- We received an estimate from the architect for the construction of the roof over the ramp at the Center Street entrance \$43,200. If we are going to pursue some grants to help offset the cost of the construction, we now have a goal.
- Staff from Creative Plantscapes sprayed for pests and weeds at both the church and parsonage in April. They are planning to do the pruning and mulching in June.

Submitted by Jamie Aurand

Let Your Light Shine.....

As your light shines on others, the love of **Jesus** shines on you. So encourage those who are weak. Strengthen the faint-hearted.

See the good.
See the possibilities.
See the opportunity
to say a kind word.



Then love the Lord.

Avoid evil.
Condemn on one.

Give blessings to all.

Keep the faith

as you see and know it.

For as your light shines on others,

The Love of Jesus Shine on You!!

Poem by Ken Pilcher, Jr.

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N.O.W. Hear This!....

Hygiene Kits Ministry...



Bethany UMC is proud and excited to announce that we are collecting items again for personal hygiene packs ministry for children in our schools and community! Please put into the bins in the Fellowship Hall.

The items that we are accepting for the packs are:

Soap/shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand/body lotion, feminine products. The small individual, hotel-sized bottles are preferred but any donations are welcomed!

We thank you in advance for your support of this exciting ministry!!

Update: Jessica Allshouse has been delivering these items to her school and has blessed children with them. Thank you Jessica and everyone for your contributions!

No Bible Study for the Summer (June / July / August)



Bible Study Group will take the summer off and will be back in the Fall.

Bible Study will be back in the Fall of September, studying 1 & 2 Timothy.

Stay tuned for more information!

Updating the 2024 Bethany UMC Family Directory



Updating the 2024 Bethany UMC Family Directory, so please verify the church has your correct address / phone numbers / email address / birthday and/or wedding anniversaries. You can review the sample in the Fellowship Hall on the back table and/or call the office at 570-742-9796. Will print this directory in July.

Thank you!

June Birthday Celebrations.....(June 30, 2024)

Stay after church to help celebrate members month of June Birthdays on Sunday, June 30, 2024 at 11:45 am with some cupcakes and fellowship.

Members celebrating June birthdays are: Thereasa Hinderliter, Kathryn Martin, Kay Solt, John Williams, Todd Hauck, Anna Pyle, Thomas Young, Janet Masser, Dorothy Elliott, and Lindsay Thomas.



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Funny Cartoons...





"If telemarketers call, invite them to church."



Our Prayer List.....

Concerns:

Betty – Healing / Health & Strength.

Karen – Doctors appointment.

Elwood – Continued prayers for healing in his knee.

Lindsay – Continued prayers for her health struggles & healing.

Family of Gail Feustel (Bart Reichard's sister – Dorothy Hower's cousin) Gail passed away May 3, 2024.

Family of Charlotte (Friend of Karen's) – Charlotte passed away.

Family of Dorothy Aurand (Jamie's mother) – Dorothy passed away April 24, 2024.

Joe Palumbo (Thereasa Hinderliter's brother) – Health concerns.

Family/friends with Cancer: Rita S, Anna P, Florence Y, Tim C (Friends of Allshouse);

Rita (Karen's relative); Dot (Judy's neighbor); Kenny (Sally's friend). Alicia (Sally); Dale R (Sally's friend).

Leadership Team: Cindy, Jamie A, Rod, Bob F, James M, Dave W, Mike L, Dorothy, Pastor Travis.

Joys:

Jimmy starts a new job and doing well.

