



The Bethany Gazette

Bethany Presbyterian Church Newsletter

Summer 2025



Dear Bethany Family and Friends,

As you are aware, the last year has been a time of many changes here at Bethany. Some have been more noticeable than others, but we continue to come together and Worship as we have for over 125 years.

One of the challenges we continue to face is the low attendance numbers on most Sunday mornings. We have had weeks recently with as few as 5 or 6 people in attendance. While we appreciate everyone who joins us for Morning Worship, the reality is that a continued dwindling of attendance is likely not sustainable long-term.

There are ways that you can help us to help shape the future of Bethany Presbyterian Church. The first is to come and join us for Worship. We are now holding services every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and we encourage you to come and invite your friends, family and neighbors to join you. The second is to attend a Congregational Meeting and Covered Dish Luncheon on Sunday July 20th after Morning Worship. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the future of the church and ways to increase membership, so we invite you to come and share your ideas.

In closing, we'd like to take a minute to thank all of the members of Session and the church staff members who keep the place running and who prepare us for services. A special thank you to Ray Sheets, who has been organizing our weekly speakers and also serving as speaker when needed.

We appreciate all that are part of the Bethany Presbyterian family and we look forward to seeing you and hearing from you about the future of our congregation. With everyone's help, our small church will be serving the West End for years to come!

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Morning Worship: Sunday Morning @
10:30 AM
All Are Welcome!

July 2025

6:	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
13:	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
20:	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.

Congregational Meeting & Luncheon After Morning Worship

27:	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
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August 2025

3:	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
10:	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
17:	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
24:	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
31:	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.

September 2025

7:	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
14:	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
21:	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
28:	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.



World Communion Sunday

Join Us Sunday October 5th as we celebrate World Communion Sunday during Morning Worship.

All are welcome!

Pre-Kirk Event

Rev. Jim Farrer invites members of Redstone Presbytery to Laurelville Retreat Center on Monday, October 13, 2025 from 1-4pm. Jim will address a variety of topics like Jesus' model for reaching younger generations and bringing about change and resurrection.

There is not cost for this Workshop. Please either call (724-837-6767) or email the Presbytery Office (secretary@redstonepresbytery.org) if interested in attending Pre-Kirk.

Be Sure To Visit Our Website (www.bethanyjohnstown.com) and Like Us On Facebook (Bethany Presbyterian Church— Johnstown, PA)

Support The West End Food Pantry

The West End Food Pantry continues to need non-perishable food items to keep their shelves stocked. Some of the items they need this time of year include:

- Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Instant Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Mixes
- Dry Goods (Beans, Rice, Pasta, Etc.)
- Sugar, Flour, Baking Items
- Paper Towels, Tissues, Dish Liquid, Laundry Detergent

Donations can be placed in the bins by the Blaine St. Entrance as you enter the church. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. Thank you for your contributions to this important community resource.

2025 Sign Ups

Sign up sheets for 2025 Lay Leaders and 2025 flower/bulletin sponsorships are still being accepted. You can also order flowers/bulletins on the church website.

Bulletins and Newsletters Available Online

Bulletins from Morning Worship are available on the church website (www.bethanyjohnstown.com). We keep each bulletin up for a few weeks following the service so you have plenty of time to check out any you may have missed. Church Newsletters are also posted on the church website.

Updating Information

If you have moved, changed phone numbers, or updated your email, be sure to let us know so we can ensure we have your most up to date info.

Giving Back To Our Community

One Great Hour of Sharing

Our congregation
once again
participated in the
One Great Hour of



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Sharing campaign. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Going Red For The West End Food Pantry



We continued a Pentecost Sunday tradition by encouraging those attending to bring red foods to benefit the West End Food Pantry. Donations could either be red foods or foods in red packaging. A good variety of items were provided, including many summer staples. If you missed your chance to donate on Pentecost Sunday, feel free to bring in donations and place them in the totes by the main entrance. Thank you to everyone for your continued support of this important community resource.



BEACH VACATION

WORD SEARCH



BEACH	LIGHTHOUSE	SEAGULL	SUNSHINE	UMBRELLA
FLIP FLOPS	OCEAN	SEASHELLS	SWIM SUIT	VACATION
HAT	POOL	SUMMER	SWIMMING	WAVES
HOT	SAND	SUNGLASSES	TIDE	
JELLYFISH	SANDCASTLES	SUNSCREEN	TOWEL	



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