

Bethany United Methodist Church
"Renewing the Church to change the World"



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Milton's Good News

June – "At a Glance"

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Looking back on June for Bethany, starting off with helping to serve at the Milton Harvest Community Dinner at St Andrews. Also helped at the Community Dinner at Christ Lutheran. Happy Father's Day special gift was handed out. A special offering for Kingdom Kidz for the month of June was collected. Ending the month with a free movie "Fireproof".

"For if we have been **united** with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be **united** with him in a resurrection like his." Romans 6:5 (NIV)

-Cheri Buss

What is the Significance of Independence Day?

America's Independence Day is celebrated on July 4 because this is the anniversary of the day that members of the Continental Congress agreed to the final wording of the Declaration of Independence, according to the Oak Hill Publishing Company. Fifty-six delegates signed the document on August 2, 1776, after an enlarged copy was printed.



Independence Day signifies America's break from England and King George III. It was not, however, the start of the Revolutionary War, which occurred in April 1775. Independence Day is celebrated with parades, patriotic music, fireworks, picnics, barbecues and family gatherings. The holiday was first recognized by Congress as an official day of celebration in 1870.

Several dates of American independence could have been chosen. July 2, 1776 was when the Continental Congress agreed to break away from England. July 4, 1776 is the date originally imprinted on the document, which is what is shown on the large copy of the Declaration of Independence located in the National Archives. August 2, 1776 marked the day the delegates actually signed the paper. August 10, 1776 was when King George III received the document. Drafts of the large Declaration of Independence were replicated on January 18, 1777, in Baltimore.

Bethany UMC wishes everyone a safe and happy Independence Day!!

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From Pastor Bill's Study

Pastor Bill

Greetings to all,



What a difference a day makes! Yesterday was dark and dreary with intermittent rain. The whole day was dark and for me it was hard to get going on what needed to be done.

Today the sun is shining and I am looking at my schedule and I am thinking to myself that I think I can pull this off and get completed most of what I have to do today.

What is the difference? I am going to call it the light theory. In the dark and dome of the rainy day I feel discouraged and I do not want to get going because I feel I will never be able to overcome what I have to do. But in the light I see it is not that bad so I get started so I can finish as much as I can.

Our spiritual life is like that as well when we feel the darkness closing in on us we feel there is nothing we can do to improve what is happening in our lives. We become overcome by the darkness and we fall victim to this feeling of dread. Depression can take over and even keep us from seeking the light.

If we let a little of what we know break through that gloom we can see hope and can be encouraged to go on. The light of Christ is that spark that can light a fire that we can use to see our way out of the darkness.

So in our Spiritual life we continue to seek a new spark from Christ everyday so the fire the light never goes out.

One of my go to Bible verses is Lamentations 3: 19-24 which speaks to the hope in the midst of affliction. Jeremiah is going through some tough times and is in a slump, but he remembers the promises of God and from there his hope rises. We would do well to remember this.

I want to thank everyone for all the cards, prayers and help that you have given to Janet and myself during the recent illness and death of Janet's brother Billy. You have been the light that has helped us through this time in our life.

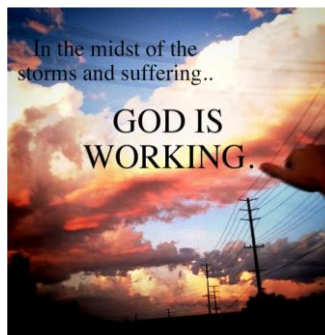
Janet and I both know that God will see us through this time but you have been the messengers that have brought that message of caring to us. Again I thank God for this church and for the people God has placed in my life for such a time as this.

On a brighter note enjoy your summer picnics, reunions, and time away for vacations.

Psalm 121: 1-2

Know Hope,

Pastor Bill



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, July 14th.** You can bring them into the church or email them to Pastor Bill at pastorbill@gmail.com. Thank You!

Worship Team "Gathering of the Family of God" Report

The following is the work of the Worship Team which met on Tuesday, June 4th. Here are July's songs, Scriptures, and sermon titles. **Next Worship Team meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3rd at 1:00 PM.**

July 7th – O God, Our Help in Ages Past (117); Sing Allelu! (Insert); He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought (128); Psalm 30; Matthew 21:28-32; *"Two Sons"*; **Communion**

July 14th – God of Grace and God of Glory (577); Sing Allelu! (Insert); Open My Eyes, That I May See (454); Psalm 82; Matthew 21:33-46; *"The Tenants"*

July 21st – Precious Lord, Take My Hand (474); Sing Allelu! (Insert); 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (462); Psalm 52, Matthew 22:1-13, *"The Marriage Feast"*

July 28th – It Is Well with My Soul (377); Sing Allelu! (Insert); Just as I Am, Without One Plea (357); Psalm 85; Matthew 25:14-30; *"The Talent"*



Leadership Team (Ad Board) Report....

The Leadership Team did not meet in June, so there will not be anything to report. The next Leadership Team meeting is scheduled for July 16th at 6:30 pm.

Trustees Report....

In May, at the suggestion of the Treasurer, \$15,000 was cashed out of the investments and deposited to the checking account for current expenses. In other news regarding our investments, with the exception of the monthly statements which get filed in the Parish House, all other information regarding our investments with Hudock Capital will now be received electronically. We will no longer receive all those papers and booklets via the mail. We're saving trees!

The idea of installing a residential stove in the Elm Street Lounge has been scraped as the code requirements to meet were too cumbersome. There is some interest in installing a larger sink bowl if the cabinet will allow it. More research is required.

Recently the technicians from Air Tech HVAC completed their spring cleaning and tune up of the air conditioning systems at the church, Parish House and parsonage. While at the church they noticed a motor needed replaced on the one of the units serving the main sanctuary. The technicians returned later and replaced the motor. Although the part was under warranty, it's assumed we will receive a bill for the labor.

After discussing the need to get the driveway at the parsonage sealed (last time it was completed was five years ago), the Leadership Team accepted the proposal from Driveway Sealcoating Service at a cost of \$1,682. This is the same company that sealed the driveway the last time.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jamie Aurand

N.O.W. Hear This!..... Next N.O.W. meeting will be on Tuesday, July 2nd, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

"Sharing the Table" Milton Panther Packs Program is a way you can help this important ministry to feed the children in the Milton School District elementary schools. Bethany UMC will be in charge of providing to as many as 300 children per week, of fruit cups and individual boxes of cereals, increased up from the 284 we've been targeting. Please bring in those items of the first of the month for **"Sharing the Table"**. **Next Food Collection Communion Dates: July 7th / August 4th**

Milton Harvest Community Dinner (St Andrew's UMC – 201 Lower Market St, Milton PA)

There will be a Milton Harvest Community Dinner on **Monday, July 1st, 2019** at 5:00 pm. Bethany will need volunteers to help with setup at 2:30 pm and volunteers to help with serving at 4:45 pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary. **[Note: During Summer months July / August we will need to help Setup (2:30 pm) and Serve (4:45 pm).]**

(Next Milton Harvest Community Dinners that Bethany is helping with are: August 5th, Sept 9th, Oct 7th, Nov 4th, and Dec 2nd).

Milton Community Dinner (Christ Evan Lutheran Church – 1125 Mahoning St, Milton PA)

There will be a Community Dinner on a **Sunday, August 11th, 2019 at 5:00 pm.** Watch for more details.

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"Washed Clean Kits"



BETH "Washed Clean Kits" (Hygiene Kits) Update:

The items that we are accepting for the packs are:

Soap, shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body sprays, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand/body lotion, wash cloths, hand towels, disposable personal/baby wipes, feminine products, toilet paper, and both baby and adult diapers. The small individual, hotel-sized bottles are preferred but any donations are welcomed! **Items mostly needed are hand towels, deodorant, lotion, feminine products, and individual packets of tissues.**

Free Dinner and A Movie Night

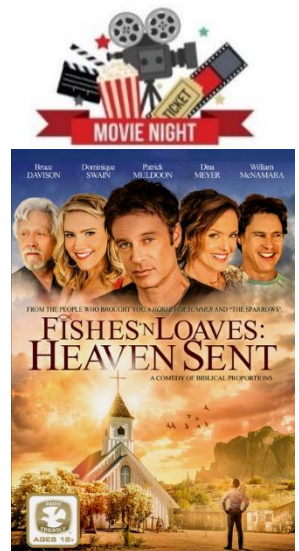


Free Dinner and A Movie Night will be held on July 21, 2019. Dinner starts at 5:00 pm with (Picnic Style) hot dog, summer salads, ice cream & drink. Movie showing of "Fishes 'N Loaves: Heaven Sent" will begin at 6:00 pm.

Synopsis of movie: When his parish closes, a big-hearted California preacher is dispatched to a church in tiny Eufala, Arizona (pop. 4521), a land of rodeos, square dances, lovestruck goats, and amateur musicals. Can Pastor Randy (Patrick Muldoon, Days of Our Lives) and his loved ones keep their sanity long enough to inspire a community that's gone astray? Starring Dina Meyer (Starship Troopers) and Bruce Davison (X-Men), this comic tale shows that a small town is a perfect place for a great big miracle.

Invite your family & friends to this Free Event! All are welcome!

(Watch for a sign up sheet to help with food items and preparation of meal and the need of servers.)



Milton Harvest Festival Bethany Stand this year??????



Bethany members time to think about if Bethany will be able to have a food stand this year at the Milton Harvest Festival Parade Day, September 21st, 2019, so we need at least 8 volunteers to make this happened. Help with setup, grilling, volunteers for stands & clean up. Last year we were unable to have it due to lack of volunteers. Please let Pastor Bill or Shelly know if you can volunteer to see if this can take place this year. **Still need more volunteers---** Thank you!



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Lay Leader's Report

Thanks are no more meant to be hidden under a bushel than are lights, so I trust that my use of this forum to express mine will at least begin to convey my appreciation for all that continues to be done for me by the people of Bethany as I undergo my eye surgery issues. In particular, I could not be more grateful for the services of Mike Longenberger, which are too numerous to list and each and every one of tremendous value. Special thanks go to Pastor McNeal's wife Janet, who attended Annual Conference in my place as the church's Lay Member, sacrificing so much of her precious time in the process. Many, many folks in our congregation have brought me meals and sent me cards. Needless to say, these things are further evidence of the strong heart of Bethany, the heart of an indestructible family in Christ.

Our fruit cup and cereal contributions to the Milton Panther Packs program move along favorably, but the cereals need a little stepping up. Our latest delivery of those items to the organizers was on May 20, representing 46 days of collecting. In it were included 676 x 4-oz. fruit cups, way outdistancing out promised amount of 300 for one month. Cereals, though, only came to 432 boxes in that period, which retro-calculates to about 18 short of the 300 we committed to provide over each 30-day period. I leave it to our readers to decide what that means and react accordingly.

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Rod Moore

New Staff Member (Sexton)

Please welcome our newest sexton, Nancy Wagner, which started to work with Bethany on June 14th.

Unfortunately former sexton, Josie Stevenson could not give more hours to clean the church and resigned; we wish her well.

Nancy Wagner (Bio):

I would like to share with you a little background of myself, as your newly hired Sexton. I have lived in New Columbia for 40 years. I was married to a wonderful man, Thomas Wagner for 37 years and now am a widower, since Thomas has passed away this past December. I have two children who have families of their own and a grandmother of 3. I worked at West Pharmaceutical Inc. for 40 years and now retired. My hobbies are gardening, crochet, and now cleaning of this wonderful church.



Call 2 Fall National Prayer Movement

Sunday, June 30th join us in a "Call 2 Fall" national prayer movement.

America needs change. Yet the change we need does not come from Washington or Wall Street. It comes from God. It begins with God's people praying to Him for the change we need: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14) God promises real change – spiritual healing for our souls and our land – if we will simply humble ourselves in repentant prayer before Him. We have an amazing opportunity to join churches nationwide for the "Call to Fall" on our knees.

God prescribes a very specific type of prayer that is a necessary prerequisite to healing and renewal. He calls on us to fall to our knees before Him and take responsibility for the state of our nation by confessing our corporate and individual sins.

I will answer God's call to fall on my knees in humility and seek His face in repentance so that He might forgive my sins and heal our land. Will you? Join us Sunday, June 30th at 10:15 am to fall on our knees and pray!



Bethany UMC Current Expense Income May 2019 Reports:

Envelope Income To Date---2019

		Current Expense	Reno	Benev. (Price Fund)	Miscell.	Weekly Total	Year To Date
May	5	\$764.00		\$4.00		\$768.00	\$16,196.00
	12	\$1,058.00		\$5.00		\$1,063.00	\$17,259.00
	19	\$749.00				\$749.00	\$18,008.00
	26	\$857.00		\$120.00		\$977.00	\$18,985.00

Plate Income To Date---2019

May	5	\$140.00		\$140.00	\$1,013.00
	12	\$40.00		\$40.00	\$1,053.00
	19	\$80.00		\$80.00	\$1,133.00
	26	\$30.00		\$30.00	\$1,163.00

Lessons For Life Income To Date---2019

		Weekly Total	YTD
May	5	\$12.00	\$239.00
	12	\$20.00	\$259.00
	19	\$7.00	\$266.00
	26	\$22.00	\$288.00

Bethany UMC Special UM Sunday Contributions 2019

Native American Ministries Sunday—05/05/2019

5/5/19---\$155.00

Bethany UMC Miscellaneous Contributions 2019

Initial Offering	YTD
5/5/19---\$14.00	\$69.00
Washed Clean Hygiene Kit Ministry	
5/5/19---\$10.00	
5/12/19---\$10.00	
5/19/19---\$3.00	\$113.00
Community Dinner Donation	
5/19/19---\$1.00	\$1.00
The Faith We Sing Hymnal Dedication	
5/19/19-\$13.00	\$13.00
Kingdom Kidz Special Offering	
5/19/19--\$15.00	\$15.00

Thank You.....

To Bethany United Methodist Church & Pastor McNeal: The Milton Branch YMCA thanks you so much for the \$100.00 charitable donation to the Annual Support Campaign. Your donation will help the Milton YMCA's financial assistance program continue to extend help to the community. (See letter on bulletin board)

-Sincerely, Ronald Marshall, Jr / Executive Director Milton YMCA

Fun Page



Fourth of July Word Scramble



Unscramble the words, then use the highlighted letters to write out the scrambled secret message.

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Sunday Worship:

Lessons for Life: 9:00 am
Gathering of the Family of God: 10:15 am

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Upper Room – Now Available

July / August

Daily Bread – Now Available

July / August / September

Announcements:**Dates to Remember:**

[Note: No regular scheduled Trustees Meeting for this month of July]

June 30th – 10:15 am – Deadline for Kingdom Kidz Special Offering

June 30th – Call 2 Fall National Prayer Movement

July 1st – 2:30 pm – (SetUp) Milton Harvest Community Dinner @ St Andrew's

July 1st – 4:45 pm – (Servers) Milton Harvest Community Dinner @ St Andrew's

July 2nd – 7:00 pm – N.O.W. Meeting

July 4th – Independence Day (No evening Bible Study)

July 7th – 10:15 am – Gathering of the Family of God / "Sharing the Table" Communion

July 7th – 2:00 pm – Rockwell Communion

July 16th – 6:30 pm – Leadership Team (Finance & Ad Board)

July 21st – 5:00 pm – Free Dinner

July 21st – 6:00 pm – Free Movie Night

Bible Study (Book of Revelation): 10:00 am every Tuesday

Bible Study (Book of Revelation): 7:00 pm every Thursday (Not meeting on July 4th)

Rockwell Bible Study: 9:00 am every Thursday at Rockwell.

Lessons for Life: 9:00 am every Sunday morning.

Gathering of the Family of God: 10:15 am every Sunday morning.



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