

Milton's Good News

August- "At a Glance"

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Community Dinner was held on August 14th with a picnic theme. A special thanks to Mike Longenberger for grilling!

The Love Inc 5K walk/run was held on August 20th at Milton State Park Island with Pastor Damien and Roderic Moore participating.

Congratulations to the wedding couple, Mr & Mrs Blaine and Brittany Haas, on August 20th, which Pastor Damien officiated the wedding ceremony here at Bethany UMC.

-Cheri Buss

"A devotion from the Pastor's desk..."

LUKEWARM PEOPLE do whatever is necessary to keep themselves from feeling too guilty. They want to do the bare minimum, to be "good enough" without it requiring too much of them.

They ask, "How far can I go before it's considered a sin?" instead of "How can I keep myself pure as a temple of the Holy Spirit?"

They ask, "How much do I have to give?" instead of "How much can I give?"

They ask, "How much time should I spend praying and reading my Bible?" instead of "I wish I didn't have to go to work, so I could sit here and read longer!"

-Francis Chan

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"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand" (1 Chron. 29:14).

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it" (Matt. 13:44-46).

It happens all too often. We want to know rather we did "good" enough? We feel like tithing, giving our time to the church for an occasional meeting or fundraiser, perfect attendance are enough. They are slightly inconvenient, so that means that we are sacrificing right? Lukewarm people like to place limits on the Christ in their life, it's why they are lukewarm and not a blazing inferno, He was limited somehow. If you want unbridled passion for our Lord and Savior, if you want to feel alive in Christ remove those limitations, forget the excuses and just live it. Be immersed in Christ, completely and totally, nothing withheld. That kind of sacrifice will change your entire life and it will change the world. You will not be too tired, too busy, too old, too anything except in love.

Traditional Worship Team Report

The following is the work of the Traditional Worship Team which met on Tuesday, July 12th. Here are September's songs, Scriptures, and sermon titles.

September 4th – In The Cross Of Christ I Glory (295); Change My Heart O God (2152); God The Sculptor Of The Mountains (2060); When I Survey The Wondrous Cross (298); *Jeremiah 18:1-11, Luke 14:25-33, "Best Laid Plans"*; **Communion**

September 11th – My Lord, What A Morning (719); Just As I Am, Without One Plea (357); Just A Closer Walk With Thee (2158); Steal Away (704); *Psalm 14, Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28, Luke 12:49-56, "A Matter Of Perspective"*

September 18st – Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind (358); Nothing Between (373); Lead Me To The Cross (insert); I Surrender All (354); *Psalm 79; Luke 16:1-13, "How To Make Friends And Lose Heaven"*

September 25th – Are Ye Able (530); Where Cross The Crowded Ways Of Life (427); When The Poor Ones (434); God Be With You Till We Meet Again (672); *Psalm 81, Luke 16:19-31, "The Great Divide"*

Contemporary Worship Report

The Contemporary Worship Team met on August 17th to select songs and themes for the month of September. We want to welcome Krista Bower (vocalist), our newest praise band member. We hope to see you Sunday evenings at 6:00pm! (**Note: September 11**, Contemporary Service will start at 6:30 pm, due to Pastor speaking at the 9/11 memorial per veterans request. Take a look at this month's themes, songs, scriptures, and sermon titles:

Sept 4 – Rocky; How Can It Be; Wake Up; I Will Follow; Simple Gospel; Called Me Higher; Lead Me to the Cross; Spirit Speaks; *"Preparations for Discipleship," Luke 14:25-33, Communion*

Sept 11 – Guess Who; Your Grace Is Enough; Song of Hope; Mighty to Save; Good Good Father; You Are My All In All; Hidden; Restore (Calvin Hoffman special); *"Catering for the Absent," Luke 15:1-10 (Contemporary Service starts at 6:30 pm due to 9/11 memorial)*

Sept 18 – Tour of World Cultures; All Who Are Thirsty; How Deep the Father's Love for Us; Great Are You Lord; Jesus Messiah; King of Glory; Let There Be Light; Set a fire; *"How Inclusive?," 1 Timothy 2:1-7*

Sept 25 – Ferris Bueller's Day Off; I Am Set Free; Touch the Sky; How Great Is Our God; Unashamed Love; Head to the Heart; Majesty; I Am Free; *"Good, the Enemy of Holiness," 1 Timothy 6:6-19*

Share the Warmth Coat Giveaway Ministry

Our long standing tradition of the "Share the Warmth" Coat Ministry will be in October 15th & 22nd from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

If you're doing end of Summer clean-out of your closets, we accept coats/hats/scarves & warm clothing and blankets all year for the Mission. Always looking for all sizes of children's coats.

Please bring in your donations to the church, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 am- 1 pm.

Look for more details and how you can get involved!



Trustees' Report

Due to the Trustees not meeting in August, there is nothing to report. The next Trustees meeting will be Wednesday, September 7th at 7:00 pm.

Thank You Note...

To Pastor Damien and Bethany UMC: St. Andrew's UMC wishes to thank everyone for their support of the Panther Packs Program through your fruit cups donations. You are an answer to prayer! The fact that you remember the children and this ministry with your gift strengthen our hearts. God has used you to bless us with courage for another day of planning. –Sincerely, Mary Richie, Financial Secretary
St. Andrew's UMC

All Church Men's Retreat

All Church Men's Retreat "*That We May Be One*" – *John 17:22*; on **September 9th & 10th** at Central PA Wesleyan Campground 413 Buck Rd, New Columbia PA.

Event: Men of God gathering at a local campground with opportunities to worship, pray, fellowship, and serve our King and each other.

Reservations to camp Friday and/or Saturday night by calling 570-538-2790 or daily wristbands by calling Craig Wheeland at 570-428-3779. Call church office for more information or see brochure in the sanctuary for more information and camping rates.

Lay Leader's Report

The Disciple I Bible study course is about to enter its final week. After about a year of weekly readings and discussions, the last formal session will be on Monday, August 22.

Acting for the Trustees in the interest of maintaining proper oversight of PPL billing, I have created a spreadsheet power usage and cost tracking system that will insure that all PPL bills are inspected and recorded in detail as soon as we get the statements for each of our three locations.

On July 28 I visited with some administrative friends of mine at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg. At that time, I donated to their campus archive a second-edition (1868) copy of Martin Luther's landmark "Table Talk" in English translation, a book that had been destined for riddance during the Bethany library cleanout earlier in 2016. I also attended a Lay School class that was being conducted as part of a yearly series offered by the Seminary on an ecumenical basis, and I met for casual conversations with several people in the LTSG Department of Advancement. I have been invited back to the Seminary in the Fall to audit a class on homiletics, a field of special interest to me.

There are new and more intensive courses being offered by the District for Lay Speaker certification, and I will be pursuing 5 courses in the Fall to complete my qualification in that area. Some of the classes will be on line, and some will require personal attendance and participation in sermon delivery sessions. I thank Pastor Damien for helping me obtain the necessary books for these classes in the most cost-effective way possible.

On behalf of all Bethany members, I express again the great sorrow we felt here when we heard of the recent passing of Sharon Budd's husband Randy. It will be recalled that they were the victims of last year's Interstate 80 rock-dropping incident that resulted in Sharon's horrific injury and lengthy hospitalization. God bless her, and God bless her family, now and always.

Missions/Outreach Committee...

Milton Panther Packs Program (New Mission: Monthly)

Bethany UMC Mission Committee and St Andrew's UMC will be looking to expand the Milton Panther Packs Program to help provide weekend food items for elementary students in need in the Milton Area School District.

Bethany UMC will be in charge of providing 120 Fruit Cups, which equals ten donations of a 12 pack of fruit cup for each month.

Please bring in your (12 pack) of Fruit Cup and place in the box located in the back of the sanctuary.

Milton Community Dinner

There will be a Community Dinner on **October 9th at 5:00 pm**. Location: Christ Evan. Lutheran Church Looking for Prep / Servers / Clean-Up Volunteers.

Community Dinners are between Bethany UMC, Christ Evan. Lutheran, Trinity Evan. Lutheran, United in Christ Lutheran, and New Hope Ministry Center HandUp Foundation to feed low income people in need.

Next Community Dinner Meeting will be on Thursday, September 8th at 6:30 pm at Christ Evan. Lutheran Church.

World Hunger Milton Crop Walk

World Hunger Milton Crop Walk – October 9th at 1:30 pm (Walkers report at 1:15 pm)

Location: First Presbyterian Church (47 Walnut Street, Milton PA)

Walks: 1 mile / 3 miles / 5 miles

Walkers are encourage to get sponsors (per mile or a donation of any size.)

Church Recruiter/Coordinator meeting will be on August 29th at 7 PM at the Community Mennonite Fellowship (2985 Broadway Rd, Milton PA), to learn more and register the church/walker.

To donate or register for this walk go to this website:
www.crophungerwalk.org/miltonpa



Fundraiser for Bethany UMC – Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends"

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Fundraiser from August through October 18, 2016; (**Shopping Day - Tuesday, Oct. 18th from 9:00 am – 11:00 pm.**) Get your \$5.00 passes now to save 25% off your purchases at any Boscov's location. For passes, and to help sell them, see Pastor Damien, and/or contact the church office. If you are willing to help sell passes at Boscov's please contact Pastor Damien.

Christian Education Committee....

Christian Ed will be looking into a partnership with Christ Evan. Lutheran Church for next year's Vacation Bible School. Christ Evan Lutheran Church expressed an interest on working together.

Christian Ed Committee meeting was change to Tuesday, August 23rd at 7:00 pm.

"Sharing the Table"



"Sharing the Table" 2016 Schedule

(Sponsored by Mission/Outreach Ministries)

"Sharing the Table" is a way you can help those in need every month by bringing in canned goods and non-perishable food items for the local food bank.

The first Sunday of the every month during Communion Service we will be collecting food.

Next Food Collection / Communion Dates: September 4th / October 2nd / November 6th / December 4th

Milton Harvest Festival Event Schedule

September 10th - Milton Harvest Arts & Crafts 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

September 14th – Milton Harvest Block Party 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. @ Bound Ave, Milton

September 15th – Milton Harvest POPS Concert 7:00 p.m. @ Milton High School

September 17th - Bethany UMC Food Stand (Harvest Festival) 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Set-up 7:00 a.m.).

Milton Harvest Arts & Crafts 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Senior Health Fair, @ Merle Phillips Outdoor Life Park from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Milton Harvest Parade 1:00 p.m.

Events Happening in the Area.....

[Please see the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary for more details on these events]

Faith Family & Country Concert – Sunday, September 11th at 6:00 pm at Central Oak Heights, 75 Heritage Rd, West Milton PA. Music by Russ Murphy and True Heart. Free Admission with donation of gently used clothing. Special give-a-ways for first responders, law enforcement & veterans. Free hot dogs snacks & beverages.

Evangelical Hospice Volunteer Training – September 12, 13, and 14, 2016 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at Hospice of Evangelical 235 Hospital Dr, Lewisburg. Fee: Free For more information or to request an application, call the Volunteer Liaison at 570-522-2955.

Life After Loss – Hospice of Evangelical – Wednesdays, September 14 – October 19, 2016 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at Hospice of Evangelical 235 Hospital Dr., Lewisburg. Fee: \$20.00 Registration is required by September 9th, 2016. To register and for more information, call the Hospice at 570-522-2157.

Ad Board

We were recently able to take advantage of a generous vendor policy that allowed us to return almost all of our unused 2016 VBS supplies for a substantial savings. That's a significant and welcome church budget line item "plus," and a big "thank you" goes to Pastor Damien and the Christian Education Committee for making it happen.

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church has asked to join us for VBS in 2017, and the Board quickly and gladly approved of that by unanimous vote.

The Trustees are going to investigate possible ways to arrange the rooms in the Parish House to increase the work and storage space available to those who work in the office. The current situation, in which several people must share the use of one room in the whole building as a base of operations, is fast becoming untenable and the next thing to counter-productive.

Some Bethany members took part in the August 20 run/walk that benefits Love, Inc., and the church is looking to engage multiple participants in the October 9 Milton World Hunger CROP Walk. Bethany is a partner church with Love Inc. / Milton, which is a non-profit faith based organization whose primary purpose is to make connections between volunteers willing to help with specific needs and clients with those same unmet needs in the local community. CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith hunger education and fundraising events sponsored by Church World Service through local offices across the United States.

Rod Moore

Announcements

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Sunday Worship:

Sunday School: 9:00 am
Traditional Service: 10:30 am
Contemporary Service: 6:00 pm

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UPPER ROOMS

September & October Upper
Rooms are now available in the
sanctuary.

Dates to Remember:

August 24th – 7:00 pm - Missions/Outreach Committee
September 4th – 10:30 am - Traditional Worship "Sharing the Table" / Communion
September 4th – 3:00 pm – Rockwell Communion
September 4th – 6:00 pm – Contemporary Worship / Communion
September 5th – Labor Day (Office Closed)
September 6th – 6:30 pm – Traditional Worship Team @ Parsonage
September 7rd – 7:00 pm – Trustees Committee
September 8th – 6:30 pm – Community Dinner Meeting @ Christ Evan Lutheran Church
September 8th – 7:30 pm – Missions/Outreach (Special meeting for Harvest Festival)
September 9th & 10th – Men's Retreat @ Central PA Wesleyan Campground, New Columbia Pa
September 10th – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm - Milton Harvest Festival Arts/Crafts
September 13th – 7:00 pm – PSPRC
September 14th – 7:00 pm – Contemporary Worship Team
September 14th – 6:00 pm – 9:00pm – Milton Festival Block Party @ Bound Ave
September 15th – 7:00 pm – Harvest POPS Concert @ Milton High School
September 17th – 7:00 am – 2:00 pm – Bethany Festival Food Stand
September 17th – 9:00 am – 5:00 pm - Milton Harvest Festival Arts & Crafts
September 17th – 1:00 pm – Harvest Festival Parade
September 18th – 10:30 am – Blended Worship Service (Traditional & Contemporary)
September 20th – 6:30 pm – Finance Committee
September 20th – 7:00 pm – Ad Board
September 23rd – 4:00 pm - Buck/Miller Wedding Rehearsal
September 24th – 3:00 pm – Buck/Miller Wedding
October 9th – 1:30 pm - Milton World Hunger Crop Walk @ First Presbyterian Church
November 20th – 1:30 pm – Annual Church Conference @ Christ UMC, Northumberland

Rockwell Bible Study: 9:00 am every Thursday @ Rockwell. (Note: New time)

Praise Band Practice: 7:00 pm every Friday. (Note: New day)

Sunday School: 9:00 am every Sunday morning.

Traditional Worship Service: 10:30 am every Sunday morning.

Contemporary Worship Service: 6:00 pm every Sunday evening. (Except Sept 11th at 6:30 pm)



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