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Gathering of the Family of God: 10:30 am  
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**Upper Room – Now Available**

September / October

**Daily Bread – Now Available**

October / November / December

**Announcements:**

**Dates to Remember:**

[Tuesdays at 11:00 am – Bible Study / Romans]

October 1<sup>st</sup> – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / Communion  
World Communion Sunday (Special Offering)

October 8<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God

October 11<sup>th</sup> – 11:30 am – Community Luncheon

October 13<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am – Set up for Coat Giveaway

October 14<sup>th</sup> – 9 am – 1pm – Coat Giveaway

October 15<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God

October 15<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 pm – Church Picnic @ Bethany UMC

October 17<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm – Leadership Team Meeting

October 22<sup>nd</sup> – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God

October 29<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am – Pancake Breakfast/Oct Birthday Celebration

10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God



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**Bethany United Methodist Church**

*“A Church with the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Milton”*

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**Milton's Good News**

**September– “At a Glance”**

Looking back in September for Bethany, Milton Harvest Festival was here with Arts & Crafts, concerts, music, events, and parade, along with Bethany handing out (190) Free water bottles & popcorn with church info on them. A huge **Thank You** to **Bob Fitch, Cindy Mohr, Dorothy Hower, Kathryn Martin, Rod Moore, Mike Longenberger, James Shields, Dave Warburton, and Pastor Travis** for helping with this ministry. End of the month we celebrated the September birthdays after church with cake and coffee.

*“The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.” 1 Timothy 1:5 (NIV)*

-Cheri Buss

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**Pastor Appreciation Month**



*Thank You Pastor*

The work you have done for this congregation has truly been a blessing. I am praising God to be so blessed as to have a shepherd who loves his flock this much.



....Remember October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Please remember Pastor Travis in your prayers, send an encouraging letter/email/card or a gesture of appreciation!

Thank you, Pastor Travis, for your love for God's Church at Bethany, for leadership, for your vision, and for your prayers, kindness, generosity, and your guidance! We thank you so much for everything you do for the flock from your congregation and staff here at Bethany!

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**Pancake Breakfast Fellowship / Monthly Birthdays....**



Bethany will have a Pancake Breakfast & Fellowship on October 29, 2023 at 9:00 am. before worship, to celebrate the month of October Birthday's. FREE Need a count, so please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall.



Members celebrating birthdays in October are: Richard Krebs, James Shields, Jeff Warburton, Joan Warburton, Jim Masser, and Rich Handy.





## From Pastor Travis's Study

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Grace to you and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

When I was a student at Albright College, I had a friend who was a Philosophy major. We laughed at him quite a bit for this decision in his life, but it was also interesting to hear about the topics that they were discussing in classes. One year during finals he told us that for one of his classes the final consisted of just one word. The final was just one word and one question mark only. That question was "why?". My friend said that there were students, himself included, who filled up numerous test booklets answering this one simple question. Then he said there was one student who answered the question with a question of just two words. This student answered the question with "why not?". I am not sure how this worked out for this student, and I am sure that this story is one that gets told in all philosophy circles and probably has never happened.

These questions of "why" and "why not" are often ones that I think about. Why or why not should I do something? Why or why not should I care about that? Why or why not should I eat that container of Ben and Jerry's Ice-cream? We are often faced with these questions. Why? Why not?

This is the same for us in the church. Why do we exist? Why do we do these things? Why not do something else? Why? Why not?

I have recently read a book entitled Witness Your Why by Jeremy Scott. In this book the question of Why is asked and then it tells us to make the answer to that answer the center of all that we do. Why does the church exist? Jesus calls us in Matthew 28 to go into the world and make disciples. This is also the mission of the United Methodist Church. It is our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This is our Why. This is what makes us who we are. We are then called to go and to share with others that why.

Often times in the church we get stuck in the What and How of church life. What are we going to do? And, how are we going to do it? I want us to start to think about Why? What is our WHY? Is our WHY at the center of who we are? Why or Why not?

May God Bless you in the days ahead so that you may be a blessing to others.

And always remember The Best Is Yet To Be!

Pastor Travis Allshouse



## Leadership Reports...

All Committee/Leadership Reports need to be handed into the church office or pastor, by the second Sunday of each month. **For October they are due: Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023.** You can bring them into the church or email them to Pastor Travis at [tallshouse@susumc.org](mailto:tallshouse@susumc.org). Thank You!

WHY? WHY NOT?

## Fun Page



## Bethany UMC Current Expense Income August 2023 Reports:



### Financial Secretary's Report: August 2023

Date	Offering Envelopes	Plate Offering	Totals
8/06/23	\$635.00	\$5.00	\$640.00
8/13/23	\$663.00	\$5.00	\$668.00
8/20/23	\$3,138.00	\$15.00	\$3,153.00
8/27/23	\$706.00	\$30.00	\$736.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$5,142.00</b>	<b>\$55.00</b>	<b>\$5,197.00</b>

*In the spirit of giving,  
we thank you for  
your generosity!*

## Finance Report (August Current Expenses In & Out):

### August 2023

Total Income Received: \$5,198.56 includes (\$1.56 Interest) + \$15,000 (Transfer from Fire Fund) = \$20,198.56

Total Expenses Paid Out: \$19,668.78

Average Attendance: 19

**Fire Fund:** Income Received: \$13.15 (Interest)  
Total Expenses: \$15,000 to General Account  
**Balance \$141,999.87**



## Fuel & Cool Campaign....



It is that time again, this fall, I would like you to prayerfully consider making a contribution to **Fuel & Cool (aka Fire & Ice)**. Your contribution will assist in heating and cooling the church as needed for all of our various ministries in the name of Christ and continue to offset the cost of the new system. It will also provide you one more opportunity to share the many blessings God has offered you in your life, to act in faith and also to experience the spiritual growth that comes from giving. .

An envelope is provided, but if mailing this to Bethany it will need to be put in a larger envelope, per post office. Mail to: Bethany UMC, 18 Center St, Milton PA, 17847.

Thank You, in advance for helping Bethany UMC!!

## Church Picnic....

Bethany's church picnic will be on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Location will be held at Bethany UMC. Watch for more details in the bulletins.



## Leadership Team Report...

The Team is still waiting for the architect to provide the design plan for the Center St. ramp awning. Once we have that, we will proceed with requesting grant monies to help with the installation.

The new landscaping at the Parsonage is scheduled to start during the first week in October. In addition, the same firm will meet with Bethany Leadership on September 27 to discuss plans and costs in connection with managing and improving the landscaping at the church itself.

Several ideas having been tossed around for the location of our church picnic, we settled on the Bethany side yard, and we set the event for 1:00 PM on Sunday, October 15. Further details will emerge shortly.

The Team is looking to establish an updated set of guidelines for the creation, custodianship, and management of funds that are earmarked by donors as memorials. We will build on and modify (as necessary) whatever guidelines have been in force in the past, adding fresh rulings as applicable.

We are waiting for a representative of the Milton Winterfest Committee to sign an agreement for the use of our church when they hold their planned "ugly sweater" party on December 16 (5 to 9 PM). We will request a space-usage deposit from the committee, refundable to the extent not needed,

Bethany is again invited to participate in the "Thanksgiving in a Bag" program that the HandUp Foundations runs annually. So far, we know that the deadline date for contributions will be November 5. Further details, such as a list of suggested food items, will soon be forthcoming.

This year's Angel Tree event is still an option for Bethany to take part in, but there's some doubt as to the wisdom of accepting responsibility for multiple children's wish list tags because of noticeable declines in church member participation in that in recent years. Instead, we will likely focus on helping one selected family in lieu of trying to take care of the lists of several kids.

The Team has voted approval for Bethany to give out candy to roaming children when Milton has its designated Halloween trick-or-treat evening. It was suggested that we try to include tots that the YMCA routinely shepherds around the church area.

Rod Moore

## October Worship Schedule

**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God  
Communion will be offered

**Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** – 10:30 am Gathering of the Family of God

**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** – 10:30 am Gathering of the Family of God

**Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>** – 10:30 am Gathering of the Family of God

**Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>** – 9:00 am – Pancake Breakfast & Birthday Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)  
10:30 am Gathering of the Family of God

## Event in the Area....

Hospice of Evangelical Grief and Loss and its connection to Dementia, **October 24, 2023 – 10:00 am – Noon and – 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.** Held at Public Library for Union County 255 Reitz Blvd, Lewisburg PA. Fee: **FREE** Registration required. Call 570-522-2157 for more information or to register.



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

**NOTE:** We will no longer be collecting for the Panther Packs Ministry. Bethany UMC will be looking at a New Ministry of sponsoring families in need. So **watch for information on this New Ministry in bulletins / newsletters.**

## 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!!

## “Share the Warmth” Coat Giveaway



Our long-standing tradition of the “Share the Warmth” Coat Ministry will be on Saturday, **October 14<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. **At this time we only need children’s sizes coats and Adult XL & XXX Large Sizes.**

Please bring in your donations to the church, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 am- 1 pm. or at the Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am. **Will need volunteers** to help set up on Oct. 13 at 10:00 am and the day of coat giveaway, Oct 14 from 9 am – 1 pm. Please call the office (570-742-9796) or sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall, if you can help out! Thank You!!!!

## Fall Bible Study....



Fall Bible Study (**Book of Romans**) will be on Tuesday’s, **from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm**, here at the Bethany UMC (Fellowship Hall).

## Feed-A-Friend “Thanksgiving in a Bag”



### Feed-A-Friend/“Thanksgiving in a Bag” (HandUp Foundation) (All donations will STAY LOCAL)

Ways you can help support this local cause: **You can fill more than one bag if you wish.**

Food Bags to be filled with 1 Stuffing mix, 1 can sweet potatoes/box of mashed potatoes, 1 can cranberry sauce, 1 can fruit, 1 can corn, 1 can green beans, 1 can/jar gravy, and 1 can 100% juice. Need food bags and/or Monetary Donations for turkeys by: **November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

## Looking at months ahead.....



**Daylight Savings Time – November 5<sup>th</sup>** (Turning clocks back one hour on Sat. Night Nov 4th)

**Feed-A-Friend/“Thanksgiving in a Bag”** (HandUp Foundation)

**Decking the Halls for Christmas Season “Hanging of the Greens” – November 26<sup>th</sup> after Worship a luncheon and Birthday Month Cake Celebrations, then decorating the church.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – December 3, 2023**

**Angel Tree (Salvation Army Children)**

## Trustees Report

It was a rather quiet month for Trustee related items. Trustee items completed or in process:

- As reported last month, the Leadership Team chose Creative Landscapes to totally redo the landscaping at the Parsonage. We paid the down payment and are waiting to hear when they plan to start the project. I’ve notified them that we chose the unlimited guarantee. For the annual fee associated with the unlimited guarantee, they will spring clean the landscaping, edge the beds, and complete any necessary trimming. They also fertilize the plants and spray them to control insects and disease and will replace anything that dies.
- At the last meeting there was also a discussion of the landscaping at the church needing some sprucing up. Creative Landscapes met with some of the Leadership Team at the church to discuss thoughts and ideas. We are currently waiting to receive their proposal.
- We approved Leezer Commercial Door working on several items related to doors around the church and Parish House. It includes; new weather stripping on the Front Street entrance doors, adjusting the glass handicapped accessible door, installing a closer and adjusting the restroom door in the kitchen, repairing the latch on the Center Street Entrance, and repairing or replacing the panic hardware on the rear exit of the Parish House. They are currently very busy with some large school jobs, but will get us on the schedule as soon as possible.

Submitted by Jamie Aurand

## Our Prayer List.....

Concerns:

Shirley Wesner – Fell, broken bones and a lot of pain.

Louise Ritter (Judy’s sister) – Continued prayers for recovery.

Rita – More tests and waiting for results.

James S. – Job employment

Carol Family (Friends of Pastor Travis & Jess) – Tim was diagnosed with brain cancer & has spread to his lungs.

Prayers for the World and hearts of people to find peace & love of Christ.

Guidance to our Community Leaders & Bethany UMC

Family/friends with Cancer: Rita S, Anna P, Florence Y, Mandy (Jim’s friend); Rita (Karen’s relative);

Kenny (Sally’s friend). Alicia (Sally); Dot (Judy’s neighbor); Denny (Travis’ Uncle); Russ W; Bonnie R; Randy;

Joyce (Karen’s friend); Dale R (Sally’s friend).

Leaders / State / Nation / Church / Country / Ukraine / Gun violence / Canada and California wild fires / Flooding

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

