

BETHANY UMC

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Sunday Worship:

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

May / June

Daily Bread – Now Available

April / May / June

Announcements:

Dates to Remember:

- May 27th – 2 pm – 4 pm – Shane Claiborne “Beating Guns”
May 28th – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God [Day of Pentecost]
Special Guests by American Legion
May 29th – Memorial Day (Office Closed)
10:00 am – Veterans Memorial Service @ Harmony Cemetery by flagpole
June 4th - 10:30 am - Gathering of the Family of God
Communion / Panther Packs (Bring in fruit packs)
Special Offering “Peace with Justice”
11:30 am – Cancer Survivors Day Fellowship
June 6th – 11:00 am – 12:00 pm – Bible Study (The Book of Ephesians)
June 11th – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God
June 14th – 11:30 am – Community Luncheon
June 18th – 10:30 am - Gathering of the Family of God
Happy Father’s Day
June 20th – 6:00 pm – Leadership Team Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
June 25th – 10:30 am - Gathering of the Family of God



Sunday, June 18, 2023

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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**June
2023**

Bethany United Methodist Church

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

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Milton's Good News

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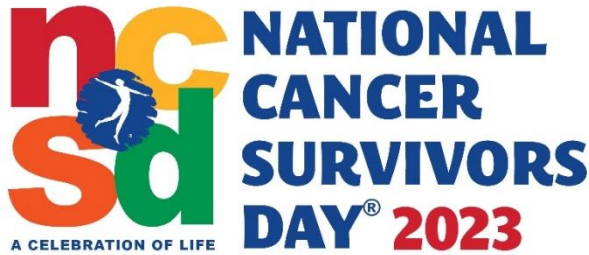
May– “At a Glance”

Looking back in May for Bethany, started the month with the National Day of Prayer, where the Kingdom Kidz Puppets & Crossfyer lead the prayer service, here at Bethany UMC. 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. The Susquehanna Annual Conference, where Pastor Travis and Rod Moore went to, which was held at the Community Arts in Williamsport. A special free event “Beating Guns” by Shane Clairborne on gun violence. Then ending the month with special guests from the American Legion honoring our veterans who lost their lives for our freedom.

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.” 1 John 3:1 (NIV)
-Cheri Buss



Cancer Survivor Day.....



Sunday, June 4, 2023 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



Everyone please stay after church to celebrate our cancer survivors with cupcakes & coffee.

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

Special points of interest:

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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.

As we begin the month of June, I want to thank everybody who made the "Beating Guns" event a huge success. This is just the beginning of the conversation, and only the beginning of our ministry in this space of gun violence. We will have more opportunities to share our witness to Jesus as we try to end this scourge on our society.

Here are some things to look forward to in June:

June 4th 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.

June 6th we will begin a bible study on the book of Ephesians. I will be leading the study beginning on the 6th at 11 am in the fellowship hall.

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...

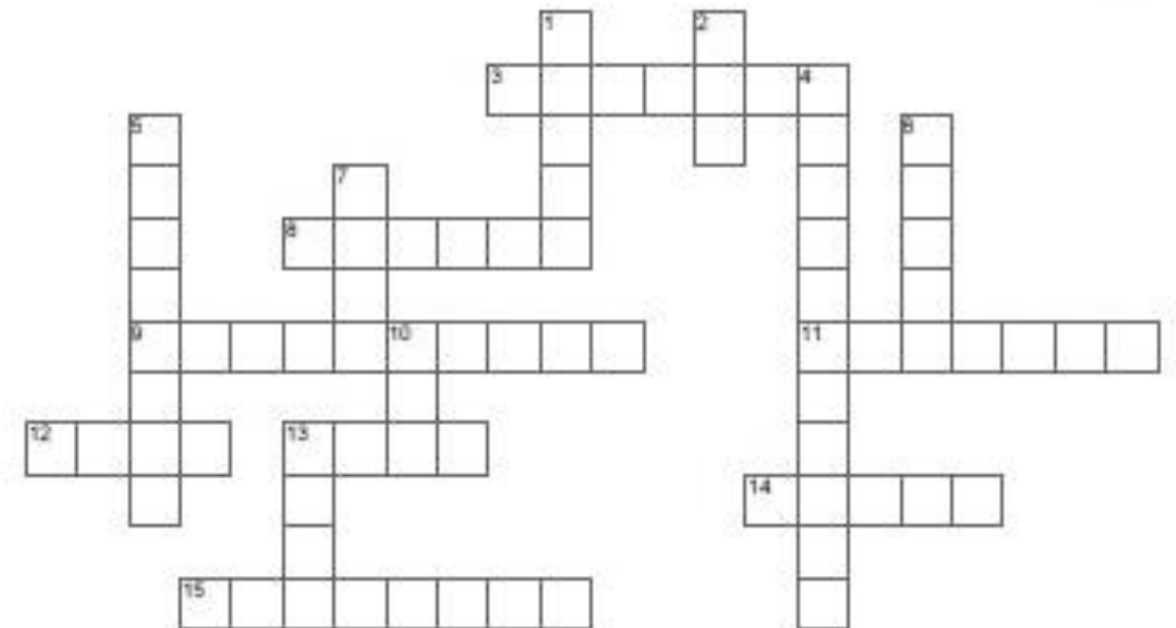
All Committee/Leadership Reports need to be handed into the church office or pastor, by the second Sunday of each month. **For June they are due: Sunday, June 11th, 2023.** You can bring them into the church or email them to Pastor Travis at tallshouse@susumc.org. Thank You!

Fun Page

Name: _____

Date: _____

Father's Day Crossword



ACROSS

3. Sleep in a tent.
8. Day of the week that Father's Day is celebrated.
9. Outdoor Cooking.
11. Outdoor activity that involves sitting in a boat.
12. Opposite of female.
13. My father is my _____.
14. Singular form of children.
15. My father loves to watch _____ on the TV.

DOWN

1. Another name for father.
2. Narrow cloth worn around the neck.
4. Dad's Father.
5. A favorite Sunday sport.
6. To fix things Dad needs his...
7. Month of the year that we celebrate Father's day.
10. Mode of transportation.
13. Give Dad _____ and Kisses on Father's Day.

HERO	DADDY	GRANDFATHER	FOOTBALL
FISHING	JUNE	TOOLS	CAR
TIE	CHILD	CAMPING	SUNDAY
BASEBALL	HUGS	BARBECUING	MALE

Bethany UMC Current Expense Income April 2023 Reports:

Financial Secretary's Report: April 2023

Date	Offering Envelopes	Plate Offering	Lenten Offering	Butler Trust	Easter Flowers	Native American	Gideon Intl	Totals
4/02/23	\$729.00	\$15.00	\$	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$744.00
4/09/23	\$719.00	\$38.00	\$40.00	\$1,265.43	\$25.00	\$0	\$0	\$2,087.43
4/16/23	\$3,093.00	\$5.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30.00	\$3,128.00
4/23/23	\$606.00	\$10.00	\$	\$	\$0	\$100.00	\$0	\$716.00
4/30/23	\$1,071.00	\$10.00	\$	\$	\$0	\$50.00	\$0	\$1,131.00
Totals	\$6,218.00	\$78.00	\$40.00	\$1,265.43	\$25.00	\$150.00	\$30.00	\$7,806.43



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

Finance Report (April Expenses In & Out):

Total Income Received: \$7,807.90 + 10,000 (Transfer from Fire Fund) = \$17,807.90

Total Expenses Paid Out: \$17,358.94

Average Attendance: 22

Fire Fund: Income Received: \$29.08 + 10,000 = \$10,029.08 (Interest & deposit from General Account)
Total Expenses: \$174,870
(\$10,000 went into General Account & \$150,000 Mifflinburg CD & \$14,870 Payment to Pool Anderson)
Balance \$189,098

Thank You Notes.....

I want to **THANK** Pastor Travis, the Leadership Team, and Bethany UMC for the beautiful flowers for Administrative Professionals Day and thinking of me. Truly appreciated them and working with you all in God's church "Bethany", the flowers are so lovely!!!
God bless you all! – Cheri Buss

To Bethany Congregation: Thank you for the gift of \$40.00. I say that with much sincerity. I am thankful for your generosity. And you, as the giver, are the hand of God.

Blessings, Pastor Mike Deal, Executive Director of Golden Rule Love Inc

Thank You Note from Mifflinburg Bank & Trust – **Thank You** for choosing MBTC! – Sincerely, Michelle Brazil

Thank you to Ron Huff for fixing the Altar Table, looks great again. God bless Bethany UMC Staff

*Thank
you*

Leadership Team Report...

As many congregants at Bethany services of late have noticed, the sound from the organ has lately been erratic in terms of volume control. It's thought that one of the instrument's pedals is at fault. The organ was obtained new in the aftermath of the church's 2019 fire, and its vendor (R. M. Sides, Williamsport) is being contacted for service on that problem and to start performing routine periodic service checks.

The Team understands and appreciates the need for Bethany to have umbrella stands at the church entrances, and is probing the possibilities.

Periodic Bible studies (or discussions of other Christian works) will soon resume at Bethany, starting with an examination of the Book of Ephesians. The first session will take place at the church on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, and subsequent meetings on it will be held every Tuesday at 11:00 (ostensibly running until noon) on that and every following Tuesday until the study is completed. Note that the number of weekly sessions for this and any future studies will necessarily be dependent on the length and nature of the subject matter and the amount of time we spend in discussion. There are several things to remember about this or any church-organized small-group study gathering -- (a) It's absolutely not a factor whether - how well – or even if - a participant “knows” the Bible. What is needed of an individual is simply an open mind and an eagerness to fill it with useful stuff. (b) We're all in this together. There will be no pontificating, and discussions will be fun. Guaranteed. (c) Anyone and everyone is welcome to join in. Anyone as in “any”, everyone as in “every.” And denomination or affiliation (or lack of either) has nothing to do with this. We're just trying to get a better understanding of our Godhead and draw closer to it.

There is a need for some direction signage in the church so that people not familiar with the locations of rooms will not be confused about getting where they want or need to go. We are also considering posting evacuation signs. Another thought is to install tamper-resistant boxes for housing church keys on the outside of the building and making their locations and contents known to emergency responders.

Rod Moore

Our Prayer List.....

Concerns:

Rita – Begins cancer treatments.

Judy (Ron Huff's Sister) – Bad fall, injuries to kidney, prayers for healing & recovery.

Lindsay – Recovery from surgery.

Louise (Judy Carl's sister) – Continue prayers for her health.

James S. – Job employment

Karen H – Now home from hospital, prayers for healing.

Bob F – Injury to his leg.

Josie S (Former custodian) – Poor health & loss of her mother.

Those in Texas who lost their lives in the recent gun violence at an outlet mall.

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.

Leaders / State / Nation / Church / Country / Ukraine

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



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



“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 350 children per week, of fruit cups. **Also in need of plastic grocery bags.** Please bring in those items of the first of the month for **“Sharing the Table”** or into the office **Mon, Wed, 9 am -1 pm and Fri from 9 am – 12:30 pm.**



Next Food Collection Communion Dates: June 4th / July 2nd

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!!

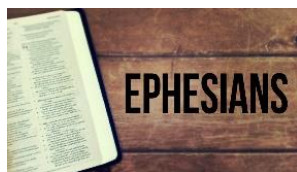
Event in the Area.....



June 3rd – 9 am – 4 pm - Heart of Lewisburg Summer Craft Fair in Lewisburg PA. (S 3rd & S 4th Streets)

We are having 100+ Craft & Food Vendors for this event. The event will be held along S. 3rd Street and S. 4th Street & in the parking lot behind the Post Office. Come out and enjoy the family friendly fun with Ryan the Bugman, Face Painting, Air Weaver Balloons & Ashburn Animals Petting Zoo. Music, Good Food and Fun times!

Bible Study....



Bible Study (The Book of Ephesians) will be on **Tuesday's, starting June 6th, 2023, from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm** here at the church. This will approximately end on July 11, 2023.

Honor of Graduate....



Ella Warburton, Granddaughter of Dave & Joan Warburton, graduated from Gettysburg College. Best wishes to Ella, as she starts this next journey in your life. Congrats!

Trustees Report....

A few Trustee items to report:

- The ice machine has been repaired again. Scott, of Scott's Refrigeration, explained to the manufacturer the voltage fluctuation problem he'd found and was able to get the parts covered under warranty. This time he found the voltage to be 124.7. The machine is designed to run with a voltage of 115. He contacted PPL with his readings. They said the voltage is within their acceptable limits of plus or minus 10%, so they were not going to do anything. Scott is hopeful the ice machine will continue to operate at the slightly higher voltage level.
- The changing of electricity and natural gas suppliers for the church, Parish House, and parsonage has been completed. Some of the contracts terms are 18 months, and others are 24 months. The pricing is below the current price to compare and significantly lower than we were paying with our previous supplier. A copy of the details will be shared with the Leadership Team, so we don't lose sight of the contract end dates.
- We are still waiting from someone from Poole Anderson to install the closer on the restroom door in the kitchen. We recently noticed that the glass handicapped access door is hitting the frame when it closes, so I've asked Poole Anderson to look at that also. Hopefully it just needs an adjustment.
- At the last Leadership Team meeting we approved transferring \$150,000 from the remaining balance of the insurance settlement to a Certificate of Deposit at Mifflinburg Bank and Trust. After a bit of a delay, that account should be established this week. Since the account at Milton Savings is paying so little interest, it was also decided that we would start using the remaining funds in the account for current expenses when needed, instead of continuing to draw down our investments.

Submitted by Jamie Aurand

June Worship Schedule.....



Sunday, June 7th – 10:30 am – Worship [Trinity Sunday]
(Communion will be offered)
 Bring in fruit for “Panther Packs”
 Peace with Justice Sunday (**Special Offering**)
 11:30 am – **Cancer Survivor Day** / Fellowship

Sunday, June 11th– 10:30 am - Worship

Sunday, June 18th – 10:30 am – Worship
Happy Father's Day'

Sunday, June 25th – 10:30 am – Worship

