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Sunday Worship:

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

July / August

Announcements:

Dates to Remember:


[No Leadership Team Meeting for July]

- July 4th – Happy Independence Day
- July 7th - 10:30 am - Gathering of the Family of God / Communion
- July 7th – 7:00 pm – Fireworks Fellowship @ Parsonage
- July 14th – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God
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- August 18th – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God
- August 20th – 6:00 pm – Leadership Team Meeting
- August 25th – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God
11:45 am – August Birthday Celebrations Fellowship/Cake
- September 9th – 10:00 am – Bible Study (Start up – studying 1 Timothy)



Safe
&
Happy
4th of July!

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Milton's Good News

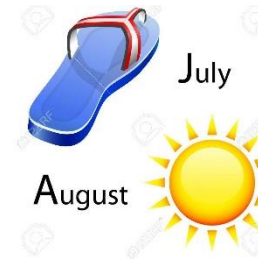
June– “At a Glance”

Looking back in June for Bethany, started out with honoring our cancer members (National Cancer Survivors Day) with a breakfast and fellowship time.. A huge **Thank You to Bob Fitch and Janet** for preparing and cooking the breakfast. A box of candy was given to the men in the church for Happy Father's Day. Huge **THANK YOU** to **Cindy Mohr** for taking care of this. Ending the month with our member's June birthday celebrations and fellowship time after worship.

“For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”
Romans 1:17 (NIV)
-Cheri Buss

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SUNDAY MORNING
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE





From Pastor Travis's Study



Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Grace to you and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus who is the healer of our brokenness.

I was listening to a podcast the other day. For those who may not know, a podcast is talk radio that can be found on your phone. The conversation of this particular podcast was about a documentary that recently came out. This documentary was about the Duggar family of TLC fame and the Institute in Basic Life Principles (IBLP). I am not going to talk about the documentary itself, but the conversation that the hosts of the podcast were having about the documentary.

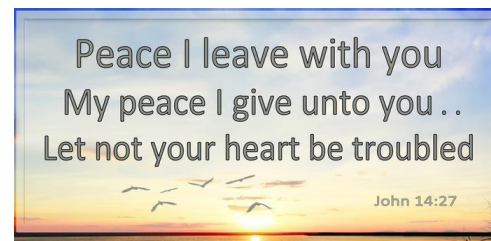
The hosts were discussing why they thought theology that is promoted by organizations like the IBLP. One observation that was made was that fear and a need for certainty are forces that draw people to certain theology or organizations. The IBLP was founded in the 70's. The world was definitely messy and many things were uncertain. When things seem out of control, we often try to find ways to control the chaos. One of the ways we do this is through living by established guidelines, rules, or principles. These guidelines, rules, or principles give us a sense of meaning and stability.

I believe that we are living in a time like this now. So much of our world seems out of control, so we look to establish law and order, putting prayer back into schools, or putting the Ten Commandments in every classroom. We feel as though if we do these things and follow what they say then we will have happiness and success. Unfortunately, this is a bad theology. This type of thinking is what is known as the Prosperity Gospel. The Prosperity Gospel tells us that if we follow Jesus and follow all the rules of the Bible, God will reward us with happiness, wealth, and health. This is typically what we see out of many of the tv evangelists.

The other problem with trying to establish our Christian ideals, such as putting the Ten Commandments into classrooms, is that in our country, this opens the possibility of other groups placing their beliefs or "commandments" into classrooms as well. One such group that has done these types of tactics is the Satanic Temple. This organization has won case after case of religious freedom and inclusion. This is what the Constitution of the United States mandates. This will cause more chaos and confusion.

What do we do when we are afraid or uncertain? In John 14:27, Jesus tells us "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." We are promised peace through Jesus. We are not promised that our lives will not be messy or uncertain. We are not promised that all will be orderly, and just the way we think it should go. We are promised that we have peace through Jesus in the uncertainty and chaos. Let us give thanks to God for that promise.

May God shine His love and light on 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 July & August they are due: Sunday, July 9th & August 13th, 2023.** You can bring them into the church or email them to Pastor Travis at tallshouse@susumc.org. Thank You!

Fun Page

Summertime

Crossword Puzzle

Free printable courtesy of PrintFree.net

Bethany UMC Current Expense Income May 2024 Reports:

Financial Secretary's Report: May 2024



Date	Offering Envelopes	Plate Offering	Native American	Peace with Justice	Totals
5/05/24	\$658.00	\$16.32	\$0	\$0	\$674.32
5/12/24	\$688.00	\$5.00	\$50.00	\$0	\$743.00
5/19/24	\$3,538.00	\$5.00	\$0	\$0	\$3,543.99
5/26/24	\$758.00	\$34.00	\$0	\$4.00	\$796.00
Totals	\$5,642.00	\$60.32	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$5,756.32

Finance Report (May Current Expenses In & Out):

Total Income Received: \$5,756.32 + \$1.45 (Interest) + \$20,000 (Transfer from Fire Fund) = **\$25,757.77**

Total Expenses Paid Out: \$16,253.08

Average Attendance: 24

Fire Fund: Income Received: \$4.11(Interest)
 Total Expenses: \$20,000 to General Account
Balance \$37,621.66

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

Thank You Volunteers.....



**Bethany UMC
 Thanks You!**

Bethany wishes to thank the **Congregation** for all the donations to the Hygiene Kits, coats, candy/food donations (YMCA Children / Salvation Army Christmas Gifts / Thanksgiving in a Bag/Coat Giveaway).

Bethany wishes to thank all our greeters and money counters: **James Shields, Dorothy Hower, Kathryn Martin, David Warburton, Mike Longenberger, Linn Chesney, Cindy Mohr, Jamie Aurand, Karen Heimbach, Barbara Huff, Amy Snyder and Rod Moore.**

Bethany wishes to thank **Arie Allshouse** for being our Acolyte and **James Shields** for ringing the church bells and acolyte.

Bethany wishes to thank **Jessica Allshouse** for taking care of disturbing the Hygiene items.

Bethany wishes to thank **Rod Moore** for all his detailed behind the scenes work in taking care of the church needs, such as, opening the church doors for various organizations. Thank you for being our Lay Servant.

Bethany wishes to thank **Cindy Mohr** for all her work at beautifully decorating the sanctuary every season! Thank her for her donations of the silk flowers she has purchased for Bethany UMC. Many thanks for her leadership, as our chairperson for the Leadership Team. A huge thank you for taking care of the Mother's & Father's day gifts each year!

Bethany wishes to thank **Jamie Aurand** for being our chairperson for Trustees and all the behind scenes in taking care of the church. A huge thank you for taking care of the investments and all the paperwork and reports.

Bethany wishes to thank **Bob & Janet (Masser) Fitch** for their delicious meals and preparations for all our various breakfast/luncheons/dinners. Many thanks for taking care of honoring each month our congregation's birthdays. A huge thanks to **Bob** for being our Financial Secretary; entering contributions, and overseeing our money counters.

Bethany wishes to thank **Mike Longenberger** for taking such great care of mowing the lawns and taking care of the weeds.

Bethany wishes to thank **Anna Pyle** for being our Communion Steward and taking care of preparing for our Lord's Table monthly.

Bethany wishes to thank those who helped with our giving to the YMCA children: **Pastor Travis Allshouse, Barbara Huff, Cindy More, Dave Warburton & Rod Moore.**

Leadership Team Report...

We will ask St. Andrew's if they would like to share their on-site pavilion with us for the purpose of having a joint church picnic sometime in early September. What we learn on that subject will be posted in Bethany's near-future bulletins and passed along in verbal announcements.

The Allshouse family will graciously host any and all of our congregants when the Independence Day celebration with fireworks happens on Sunday, July 7. The display, from the campus of the nearby Christ Wesleyan Church, is set to commence at 9:00 pm that evening, and we will enjoy some refreshments before and during the event courtesy of Jessica and Pastor Travis. More precise information will be announced as that day approaches.

Following Jamie Aurand's briefing on the status of the church's maturing Certificate of Deposit, the Team unanimously voted to approve the dispensation of the funds as reported in this newsletter's Trustees Report.

We note that Creative Landscapes came to Bethany on Wednesday, June 19 and, per maintenance contract, trimmed all the low shrubbery and mulched in the north side yard.

As is the custom of the Leadership Team, there will be no formal meeting of the group in July. The next regularly scheduled convening will be on Tuesday, August 20 at 6:00 pm. Until then, any business to be handled by the Team will be addressed by other means.

Rod Moore

Lay Leaders Report.....

Rod wants to report that he successfully finished his latest on-line discipleship course in early May and received his Certificate of Completion for it just after. He was accompanied in that accomplishment by seven other students from all over the country who shared thoughts and comments on each topic. This interplay was a course requirement, but the main grading was on one's ability to provide cogent arguments for their points of view.

The course, entitled "Serious Answers to Hard Questions", was 10 weeks long, each week involving the preparation of an average of four essay-type answers to questions about a particular segment of Christianity. This was like composing four mini-sermons every week, which, though very challenging, was also very fulfilling, as theology was in the air and we all bared our souls to a degree. Finishing participants received 2.2 Continuing Education Units and credit toward Wesley Lay Academy certification in Advanced Christian Studies.

Meanwhile Rod continues to compose short articles for posting to the Bethany web site. A fresh article goes up on the church's page every month and is changed when our latest newsletter is issued. The goal of this effort is to bring unusual and intriguing Christianity-related topics to light while giving Bethany a more interesting and stimulating internet presence. Readers with web access are encouraged to check out these offerings.

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

Hygiene Kits Ministry...



Hygiene Kits Needed

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!!

Fireworks Fellowship....



Pastor Travis & Jessica invite you to come to the Parsonage, 670 Stamm Rd, Milton PA, on **Sunday, July 7th at 7:00 pm**, for some desserts and fireworks fellowship. Dessert will be provided. Please bring your chairs and your favorite drink.

Fireworks 9:00 pm

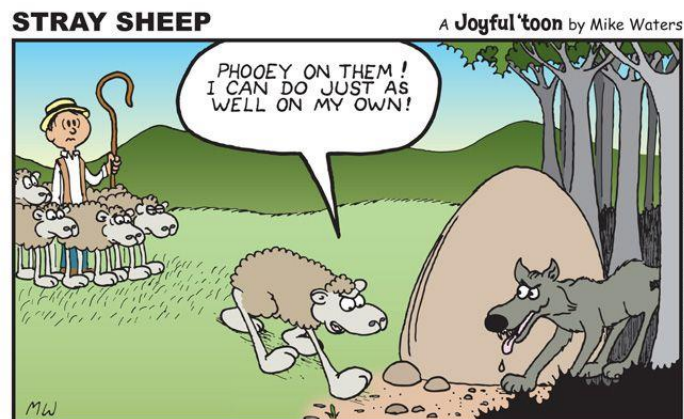


Church Picnic....



Bethany UMC will be having a Summer Church Picnic, sending an invite to St. Andrew's UMC.

Please watch your bulletins for more information on date & time.



Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

- HEBREWS 10:25 NIV

Trustees Report

Another very short report this month. Trustee items in process:

- Zartman Construction has informed us that the fabrication of the replacement handrail for the north Front Street entrance has been recently completed. Hopefully the repairs to the concrete and the installation of the handrail will begin soon.
- The term of the \$150,000 CD at Mifflinburg Bank will end August 10. They currently are offering an 18-month CD with an interest rate of 4.5%. With the Fire Fund account at Milton Savings down to approximately \$37,000, we will need access to additional funds for expenses by late summer/early fall. At the recent Leadership Team meeting it was decided that when the current CD's term ends, we will put \$100,000 in a new 18-month CD and deposit the other \$50,000, plus the interest earned, in the Fire Fund account for future expenses.
- Staff from Creative Landscapes completed the pruning and mulching in June at the parsonage and church.
- Since the 2nd quarter just ended on June 30, the quarterly report of the Trustee funds will be included in the next newsletter.

Submitted by Jamie Aurand

Our Prayer List.....

Concerns:

- Rita S- God's mercy, healing, and strength.
- Bob F- Surgery, healing & recovery.
- Caregivers - Strength & peace.
- Wilma (Neighbor of Karen) - Bad fall, recovery & healing.
- Steve (Judy Carl's friend) - Motorcycle accident for healing & recovery.
- Louise R. (Judy's sister) - Health & healing from vertigo.
- Rose H. (Judy's friend) - In hospital with stage 4 cancer.
- Lindsay - Continued prayers health / dealing with stress and anxiety.
- Betty - Healing / health & strength.
- Joe Palumbo (Thereasa Hinderliter's brother) - Continued prayers for health concerns.
- Those families who lost loved ones.
- Family/friends with Cancer:** Rita S, Anna P, Florence Y, Tim C (Friends of Allshouse); Rita (Karen's relative); Dot (Judy's neighbor); Kenny (Sally's friend). Alicia (Sally); Dale R (Sally's friend); Rose (Judy's friend).
- Leadership Team:** Cindy, Jamie A, Rod, Bob F, James M, Dave W, Mike L, Dorothy, Pastor Travis.

