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Sunday Worship:

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

September / October


Announcements:

Dates to Remember:

- Sept. 1st - 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / Communion
 - Sept 2nd – Labor Day (Office Closed)
 - Sept 6th through 15th – Harvest Festival in Milton (See Page 1 for schedule of events)
 - Sept 8th – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God
 - Sept 9th – 10:00 am – Bible Study begins (1 & 2 Timothy)
 - Sept 14th – 1:00 pm – Harvest Festival Parade
 - Sept 15th – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God
 - Sept 17th – 6:00 pm – Leadership Team Meeting
 - Sept 22nd - 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God
 - Sept 29th– 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God
11:45 am – Sept Birthday Celebrations Fellowship
 - Oct 20th – 1:00 pm – Combined Church Family Picnic (Bethany & St Andrews) @ St Andrews
- Every Monday at 10:00 am - Bible Study (Begins Sept. 9th)*



September 2, 2024

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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

July/August– “At a Glance”

Looking back in July / August for Bethany, started out on July 7th, with a Fireworks Fellowship at the parsonage, **huge Thank You to Pastor Travis and Jessica** for their hospitality and delicious desserts. Started August off with guest speaker, Edith Noaker, sharing her message. End of each month we celebrated our members birthday.

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”
2 Peter 3:9 (NIV) - Cheri Buss

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Milton Harvest Festival Schedule

Milton, Pennsylvania — The 48th **Annual Milton Harvest Festival**, a tradition since 1977, is a community celebration that promotes the people, organizations and businesses of Milton, Pennsylvania and the Central Susquehanna Valley.

Mark your calendar for **September 6 -15, 2024** and enjoy these events & more:

Friday, Sept 6th – 6:30 pm – Tomato Bowl Football (Milton High School)
Milton Black Panthers VS Southern Columbia Tigers

Saturday, Sept 7th – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm – Arts & Crafts

Saturday, Sept 7th – 9:00 am – Pet Parade – (Elm Street)

Saturday, Sept 7th – 10 am – 4 pm – Milton Train Museum (Moose Building, 3rd floor)

Monday, Sept 9th – 6 pm – 6:30 pm - Pumpkin Roll (Academy to Locust St)

Tuesday, Sept 10th – 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm – Scarecrow Patch (Field by the Moose)

Wednesday, Sept 11th – 5 pm – 8 pm - Boogie on Bound – Music by Ann Kerstetter (Bound Ave)

Wednesday, Sept 11th – 6:00 pm – 9/11 Ceremony @Veteran’s Memorial Park, Milton

Thursday, Sept 12th – 7:00 pm – Harvest Pops Concert @ St Andrew’s UMC

Saturday, Sept 14th – 9:00 am – 4:00 am – Arts & Crafts

Saturday, Sept 14th – 11:00 am – Bethany UMC Popcorn & Water to parade attenders.

Saturday, Sept 14th – 1:00 pm – Milton Harvest Festival Parade

Sunday, Sept 15th –7:00 pm – Harvest Festival Concert “Milton Area Band” @ Milton Lutheran Church, Mahoning St.

Bethany members we will be making popcorn on **Sept 14th at 10:00 am**. Need volunteers to help prepare and pass out popcorn, along with water to the parade attenders. If you would like to help, please call the church office at 570-742-9796. Thank you!

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From Pastor Travis's Study



Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As summer ends I have been thinking about the different ways that we mark our years. We mark our years by specific dates or events, and not just the start of a new year on January 1st. One of those major marks of a year has occurred. It is the start of a new school year. With the start of a new school year a new phase in the life of the church has also begun. It is in the fall that we start to see people returning to church after a summer of travels and other adventures. People begin to look for activities to do with their families that are indoors because of the changes in weather. The fall and winter seasons offer great opportunities to church that we can use.

One thing that I try to do each year around this time is to reflect on the year so far, and to look forward to the next few months of the year. What has been good in my life? What has gone well in my job/family? What has not been so good? What changes do I need to make? These are question that I reflect on.

Then I look at my ministry as your pastor and the work of the church. It is a good time for us as a church to reflect on this year, and on what we need to do in the future. So, I ask you to reflect with me. What has been good in this year for us a church? What has gone well? What has not been so good for us? What changes do we need to make?

Beyond these questions, however, I want to ask us some deeper questions. What is the purpose of Bethany United Methodist Church? Have we been living up to and into that purpose? If the church were not to exist, would anybody notice? Would anybody care that this church was no longer here? What would people say about Bethany UMC? These questions help us to figure out how we are doing as a church called by God in this specific time and place. I invite you to think about all of the questions posed in this newsletter and share your response with me.

May God Shine His love and grace on each and every one of us as we look forward to the coming year and all the possibilities that God will open to us in the future.

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 September they are due: Sunday, September 8, 2024.** You can bring them into the church or email them to Pastor Travis at tallshouse@susumc.org. Thank You!

Fun Page

September

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BUS GRADES
 LUNCH MUSIC
 PENCILS RECESS
 SPORTS TEACHERS
 ART
 HOMEWORK
 PAPER
 SCHOOL

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Bethany UMC Current Expense Income June / July 2024 Reports:



Financial Secretary's Report: June 2024

Date	Offering Envelopes	Plate Offering	Peace with Justice	Altar Flowers	Totals
6/02/24	\$613.00	\$5.00	\$150.00	\$0	\$768.00
6/09/24	\$688.00	\$5.00	\$0	\$0	\$693.00
6/16/24	\$3,443.00	\$40.00	\$0	\$37.50	\$3,520.50
6/23/24	\$533.00	\$17.10	\$0	\$0	\$550.10
6/30/24	\$1,683.00	\$15.00	\$0	\$0	\$1,698.00
Totals	\$6,960.00	\$82.10	\$150.00	\$37.50	\$7,229.60

Financial Secretary's Report: July 2024

Date	Offering Envelopes	Plate Offering	Butler Trust Fund	Totals
7/07/24	\$513.00	\$5.00	\$1,265.43	\$1,783.43
7/14/24	\$493.00	\$10.00	\$0	\$503.00
7/21/24	\$3,407.00	\$5.00	\$0	\$3,412.00
7/28/24	\$733.00	\$5.00	\$0	\$738.00
Totals	\$5,146.00	\$25.00	\$1,265.43	\$6,436.43

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

Finance Report (June/July Current Expenses In & Out):

June 2024

Total Income Received: \$7,229.60 + (\$1.35 Interest) + (\$10,000 Fire Fund) = \$17,230.95
 Total Expenses Paid Out: \$19,543.58
 Average Attendance: 20

Fire Fund: Income Received: \$2.76 (Interest)

Total Expenses: \$10,000 to General Account **Balance \$27,642.42**

July 2024

Total Income Received: \$6,436.43 + (\$1.27 interest) + (\$10,000 Fire Fund) = \$16,437.70
 Total Expenses Paid Out: \$17,182.81
 Average Attendance: 21

Fire Fund: Income Received: \$1.93 (Interest)

Total Expenses: \$13,489 (Hemmler & Creative Landscape + \$10,000 to General Account) **Balance \$14,137.35**

2024 Bethany UMC Family Directory



The 2024 Bethany UMC Family Directory, is now available, you may pick up a copy in the Fellowship Hall or church office.

Thank you!

Surfing the Waves of Grief

Join Andrea Runkle, LSW, Social Worker/Bereavement Coordinator, WellSpan Hospice for an open discussion about grief, and how to cope and move forward after the loss of a loved one. On **Thursday, September 26, 2024** 10 am -Noon or 5 pm – 7 pm at the **Public Library for Union County, 255 Reitz Rd, Lewisburg PA.** **FREE Event.** For more information or to reserve your spot, call 570-522-2157 (Evangelical Hospice)

Trustees Report

Trustee items completed or in process:

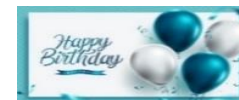
- After many months of waiting for the repair, Zartman Construction repaired the concrete and replaced the handrail on the north Front Street entrance. Those that I've talked to all agree they did a very nice job.
- Staff from Creative Landscapes recently replaced some of the shrubs at the church that were either dead or not looking well. We are enrolled in the lifetime replacement program, so there is no additional cost to the church for the replacements.
- The annual inspection of the video surveillance system was completed in July. There were no problems noted. The system is working well.
- The patio door leading to the outside from the dining room at the parsonage is leaking and causing some damage to the floor. Although the windows are all functional and don't leak, we assume they are original to the house. To stop the leak in the dining room and to increase the energy efficiency of the house, we are getting three quotes to replace the door and windows.

Here is the quarterly report of the financial assets of the Trustees. The following balances (rounded) are as of June 30 (unless noted otherwise):

- Hudock Capital Group (Pershing) - \$369,325 – an increase of \$1,415 from the last quarter.
- Prudential Investments - \$821,330 – an increase of \$12,703 from the last quarter – this is our 'in lieu of flood insurance' account.
- Prudential Investments – The Raudenbush Account - \$84,322 – an increase of \$1,081 from last quarter.
- Prudential Investments - \$10,571 – an increase of \$497 from the last quarter
- BNY Mellon – The Butler Trust – \$237,418 – an increase of \$1,507. A \$1,265 disbursement was received in early April.
- Milton Savings Bank – Fire Restoration Fund – Current Balance (Jun 5) - \$37,622 – a decrease of \$19,991 from the last quarter. We've been using funds from the account for current expenses and special projects.
- Mifflinburg Bank CD - \$150,000 plus interest at 3.5%. Note: This CD matured in early August. At the June Leadership meeting, we decided to roll \$100,000 into a new 18-month CD at 4.5% interest, and place the other \$50,000, plus interest earned, in the checking account at Milton Savings for current expenses.

Submitted by Jamie Aurand

September Worship Schedule



- Sunday, Sept. 1** – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / **Communion**
- Sunday, Sept. 8**– 10:30 am Gathering of the Family of God
- Sunday, Sept. 15** – 10:30 am - Gathering of the Family of God
- Sunday, Sept 22** – 10:30 am - Gathering of the Family of God
- Sunday, Sept 29** – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God
11:45 am – Sept Birthday Celebrations

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

Hygiene Kits Ministry...



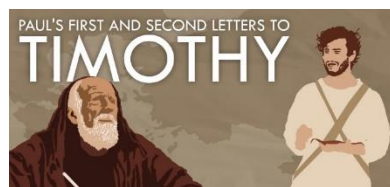
Bethany UMC is proud and excited to announce that we are collecting items again for personal hygiene packs ministry for children in our schools and community! Please put into the bins in the Fellowship Hall.

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!!

Bible Study for the Fall



Bible Study is back on Monday's at 10:00 am, starting on September, 9, 2024. We will be studying 1 & 2 Timothy & Titus.

All are welcome! [Every Monday at 10:00 am]

Combined Church Family Picnic....



Bethany UMC & St. Andrew's UMC together will be having a combined Church Family Picnic on **Sunday, October 20, 2024** at 1:00 pm at St. Andrew's UMC. Keep watch for more information in your bulletins and/or Church Website / Facebook.

September Birthday Celebration.(September 29, 2024)

Stay after church to help celebrate members month of September Birthdays on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 11:45 am with some cupcakes and fellowship.

Members celebrating September birthdays are Jamie Aurand, Chelsie Hauck, and Sara Bachorski (Warburton).



Thank You Notes....



Pastor Travis, I want to tell you how sorry I was to miss your visit. I am especially thankful for the lovely devotional you brought. It is beautifully bound and a pleasure to read daily.

Thank you again.

– Sincerely, Flora Price

Dear Pastor Travis, Rod, Cheri & Friends, Sharing the message of God's Word with you was a blessing to come. Your kind invitation and accommodating me meant so much, and I say a heartfelt thanks for giving me the opportunity to worship with you. Your gift will be shared in the proclamation of the gospel. Thank you for your thoughtfulness!

- Gratefully, Edith Noaker

Leadership Team Report...

The date, time, and location selections for our combined church picnic with St. Andrew's are now known. The event is set for Sunday, October 20 at 1:

00 PM and will be at St. Andrew's. The two churches will support the purchasing of the meat products (burgers, dogs, whatever). Bethany will ask its members to supply desserts and the people of St. Andrew's will provide side dishes.

The Team unanimously voted to accept the proposal of Lezzer Lumber to install new windows at the Parsonage and tend to some serious door issues there as well. Lezzer is being apprised of this and will be engaged in the work in accordance with their schedule.

We are on track to give out popcorn and bottled water at the Harvest Festival parade, which is scheduled for Saturday, September 14. The popper has been ticketed for our pickup at DeHart's and Pastor Travis will see to the acquisition of the water. Only the popcorn bags will have Bethany labels affixed. Volunteers will be sought within the church to help with this ministry.

The church has purchased a new 18-month 4.5% CD for \$100,000 at Mifflinburg Bank & Trust. It will run from August 12, 2024 to February 12, 2026. It's estimated that this instrument will generate about \$6,900 in total interest by the time it matures.

This year's Church Conference will be held at St. Andrew's at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 13. Those responsible for completing forms ahead of that meeting are urged to start working on them ASAP



Our Prayer List.....

Concerns:

Sarah H. – Fell, bruised / recovery.

Larry E. (Pastor Travis's uncle) – Health concerns / testing's.

Bob F & Janet – Bob to recovery from surgery /strength & healing and strength for Janet, as she care for Bob.

Bill – (Dave & Jeff's uncle) Recovery from surgery, praise surgery went well.

Lindsay T – Home issues.

Rita S – Testing and prayers for good results / strength & peace.

Family of Father John Hoke – Father John (St Joseph Catholic Church) passed away on June 28, 2024

Rich B (Judy's friend) – In the ICU with serious conditions.

Edith G – Health / back pain and leg swelling.

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.

Joys:

Bob F. recovering and thanks everyone for their prayers, truly felt them.