

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

Announcements:

Dates to Remember:

- April 28th – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God
11:45 am – April Birthday Celebrations
May 2nd – 6:00 pm – National Day of Prayer Service @ Bethany UMC
May 5th – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / Communion
May 6th – 10:00 am – Bible Study
May 12th - 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God
Happy Mother's Day
May 19th - 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / Day of Pentecost
May 21st – 6:00 pm – Leadership Team Meeting
May 26th - 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God
Peace with Justice (Special Offering)
11:45 am – May Birthday Celebrations
May 27th – Memorial Day (Office Closed)
May 30th – June 1st – Annual Conference @ Wmspt Community Arts Center
Bible Study – Monday's at 10:00 am [Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians]



Sunday, May 12th, 2024

To all the women out there who gave birth,
nurtured, and adopted God's children, bless
you and have a wonderful Mother's Day!



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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

April– "At a Glance"

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Looking back in April for Bethany, Bible Study started with The Book of Galatians on Mondays at 10 am. Bethany had a guest speaker Carl Schreck from the Gideons International share with the Bethany congregation. Milton Cluster had a pulpit exchange and Pastor Travis preached at St. Andrew's and Bethany welcomed Pastor Carol Hass on April 14th. Ended of the month with our April Birthday celebrations.

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." Galatians 5:1 (NIV)

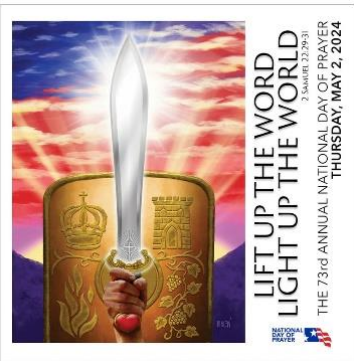
- Cheri Buss



National Day of Prayer -- May 2, 2024

THEME: LIFT UP THE WORD - LIGHT UP THE WORLD

For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him. (2 Samuel 22:29-31)



National Day of Prayer Service
May 2, 2024

6:00 pm / FREE Event

At Bethany UMC, 18 Center St, Milton PA 17847
[Sponsored by Linda Meckley / Kingdom Kidz]

Come out to join together uplifting God in prayer and seeking prayers for our world!

Guests: Kingdom Kidz Puppets
Music by Crossfyre



Monday, May 27th – Memorial Day

This Memorial Day we salute the brave men and women who served to protect our country.

Thank You and God bless!

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From Pastor Travis's Study



Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Grace to you and peace in the name of Jesus Christ who is the healer of our brokenness:

I have recently been watching a show on HBO called The Newsroom. This show is about what goes on in the newsroom of a cable news network. It is fascinating as the writers of The Newsroom take actual news events from 2011-2013 and work them into the story of this fictional news network.

In a series of episodes, the main character, Will McAvoy, goes on a "mission to civilize" the people around him. He begins this quest by trying to convince a gossip columnist not to write a particular story about a cast member of The Real Housewives of Orange County. (Sadly, this is an actual show on tv.) Will in his attempt to convince the writer not to write the column only backfires. She begins writing terrible stories about Will that affects the way that the public views him.

You might be asking, "Pastor, why are you talking about this?" This reminds me of how we try to tell others about Jesus. For generations this has been how people have tried to change the world by sharing Christ with others. We go on a mission to correct the way that people are living. We try to civilize them according to our standards. What if we tried something different? What if instead we showed people the fruits of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22-23. These fruits prove that the Spirit lives in us, and if we live by these fruits there would be no cause for others to get angry with or hate us.

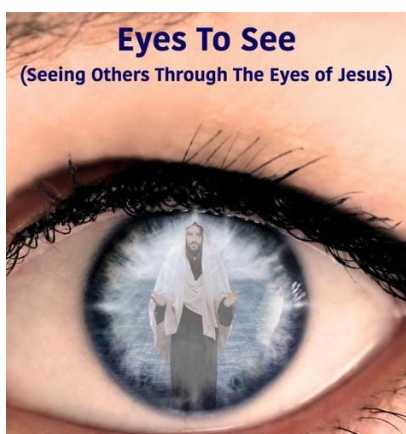
Our hearts may be in the right place, just as Will's, but sometimes our efforts are not received as well intentioned. Sometimes we come across as judgmental and hypocritical. If we live by the fruits of the Spirit others will be able to see Christ instead of us. May this be the way we live.

Also, this month I will be attending the Susquehanna Annual Conference. This is a time for all of our local churches to gather together and look to the coming year in the life of our conference. This year we will be looking at all of the changes that were made at General Conference, which was finally able to meet. I ask that you pray for all of the delegates of the annual conference as these votes take place. Let us together pray for the future of our church, as well as, the

May God Bless you in the days ahead!!

The Best is Yet to Be,

Pastor Travis Allshouse

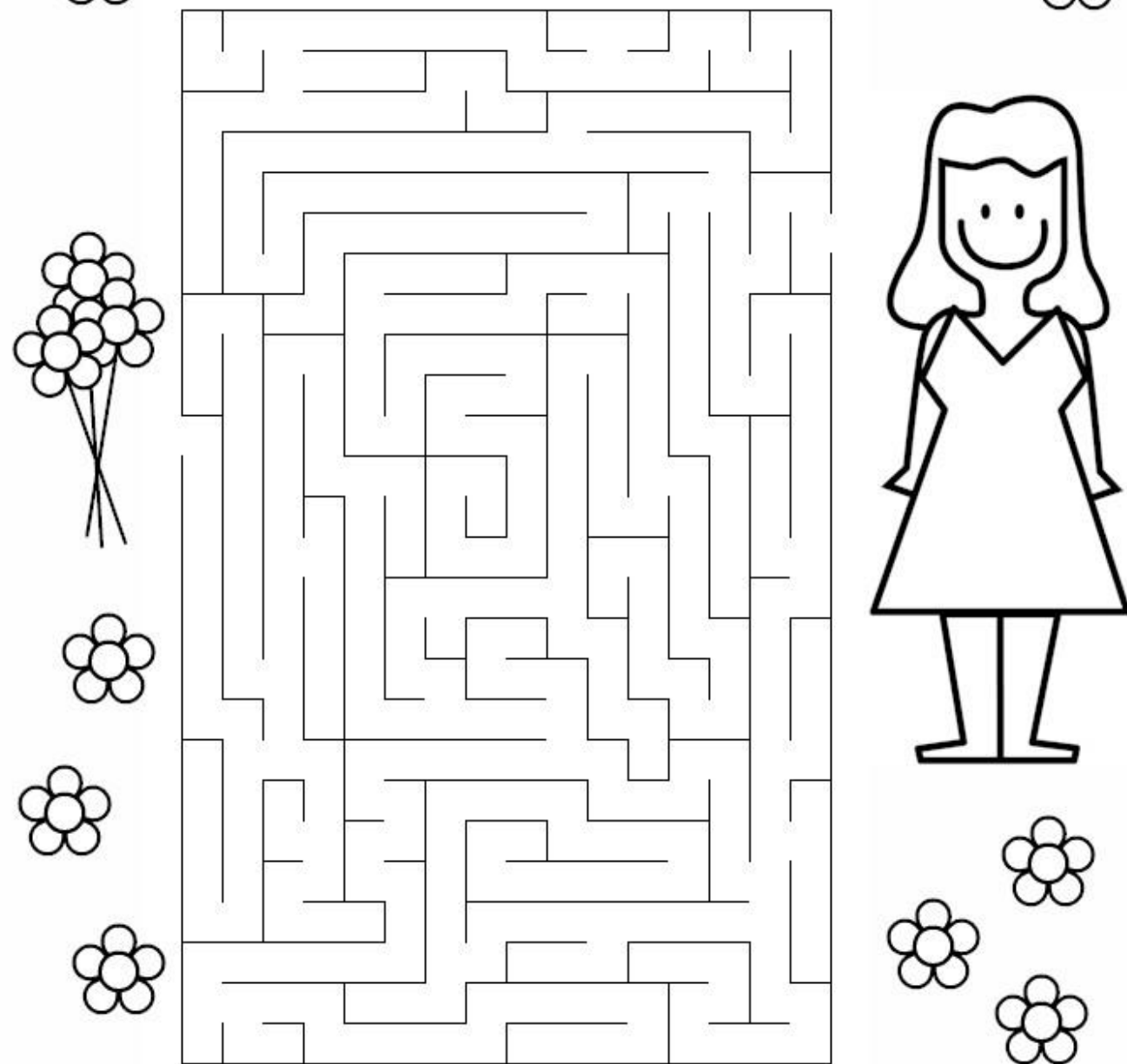


Leadership Reports...

All Committee/Leadership Reports need to be handed into the church office or pastor, by the second Sunday of each month. **For May they are due: Sunday, May 12, 2024.** You can bring them into the church or email them to Pastor Travis at tallshouse@susumc.org. Thank You!

Fun Page

BRING THE BOUQUET TO MOM



Bethany UMC Current Expense Income March 2024 Reports:

Financial Secretary's Report: March 2024

Date	Offering Envelopes	Plate Offering	UMCOR	Lenten Offering	Easter Flowers	Totals
03/03/24	\$1,043.00	\$15.00	\$0	\$0	\$75.00	\$1,133.00
03/10/24	\$883.00	\$10.00	\$21.00	\$0	\$0	\$ 914.00
03/17/24	\$3,568.00	\$20.00	\$3,085.00	\$0	\$0	\$6,673.00
03/24/24	\$723.00	\$26.00	\$100.00	\$0	\$0	\$ 849.00
03/31/24	\$753.00	\$21.00	\$0	\$25.00	\$0	\$ 799.00
TOTALS	\$6,970.00	\$92.00	\$3,206.00	\$25.00	\$75.00	\$10,368.00



March 2024

Total Income Received: \$10,368.00 + (\$1.62 Interest) + \$15,000 (Transfer from Fire Fund) = \$25,369.63

Total Expenses Paid Out: \$18,690.83

Average Attendance: 23

Fire Fund: Income Received:\$5.06 (Interest)
Total Expenses: \$10,000 to General Account + \$5,000 to Visa Account = \$15,000.00
Balance \$57,613.13

2024 Altar Flower Sign Up Chart....

The 2024 Altar Flower Sign Up Chart is now on the table in the Fellowship Hall, which you can sign up for the Sundays you wish to put in Altar Flowers. If you wish to put in fresh flowers, contact Charlene's Petal Talk, 200 N Arch St, Milton at 570-490-9597 or use one of the silk flowers from our church. **Please let Cheri, Administrative Assistant** know what you wish for the bulletin and also what flowers you will be using (Florist you called or silk flowers). Thank You!



YMCA Children Easter Outreach Update....



YMCA Children receiving their Easter Bags with the Resurrection Story by Pastor Travis and Dave Warburton!!! Great job Bethany UMC!!!

The Milton YMCA Pre-K and Early Learning children walked by Bethany UMC and picked up their Easter Bags on March 27th. A total of 85 Easter bags were given. A Special thanks to Pastor Travis, Cindy Mohr, Barb Huff, Dave Warburton, and Rod Moore, who helped with this outreach project. The Milton YMCA and Children were so thankful for thinking of them at Easter!

God bless our Little Children!!!!



Leadership Team Report...

Bethany Leadership will focus in the near future on closely examining the recorded membership rolls of the church. Several years have passed since that matter was last addressed. In doing so, we want to try to re-establish contact with members with whom we've fallen out of touch. Our efforts have nothing to do with money – they rather have everything to do with reassembling the faithful family of God's people and renewing commitments to the work of His kingdom.

The Team has voted to accept the proposal of Zartman Construction to repair the damage at the north front entrance to Bethany and replace the handrail there. The Zartman estimate is lower than that of Poole Anderson for the same level of work, and we are contacting the former now to let them know they have the job and to allow them the chance to schedule it.

We are about to have Creative Landscapes visit both the church and the parsonage to do contracted Spring maintenance on the landscaping appointments they installed last year.

Leadership has also voted to engage the nationally-known Human Resources accounting firm ADP to manage the Bethany payroll. This will eliminate the issues we sometimes encounter when we calculate taxes and other withholdings, and it will insure the timely issuance of accurate year-end tax reporting statements (W-2s).

Rod reports that his online Wesley Lay Academy course entitled "Serious Answers to Hard Questions" is in its seventh week of a scheduled ten and is proving to be every bit his hoped-for challenge and opportunity for self-expression and exchange of ideas. There are 8 other students from across the U.S., and the weekly back-and-forth is wonderfully stimulating.

-Rod Moore

May Worship Schedule

SUNDAY MORNING
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE



Sunday, May 5 – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / Communion



Sunday, May 12 – 10:30 am Gathering of the Family of God / Ascension Sunday
Happy Mother's Day

Sunday, May 19 – 10:30 am - Gathering of the Family of God / Day of Pentecost



Sunday, May 26 – 10:30 am - Gathering of the Family of God
Peace with Justice (Special Offering)
11:45 am – May Birthday Celebrations
(Elwood Pyle, Janelle Snyder, Amy Snyder, Elias Allshouse)



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!!

Loss of our dear Sister-in-Christ, Donna Gundrum



Donna Gundrum went with our Lord and Savior on Saturday, April 6, 2024. Donna was a member of Bethany UMC Congregation of 75 years. Donna passed away in the Watson town Nursing Home. Before going into the nursing home, Donna would collect coats and various items for the coat drive, among other support for the church. Earlier Bethany years she started a quilting group. Donna was very crafty and shared her talent with others. Prayers for the whole Gundrum family, Donna will be missed!

Event in the Area.....



Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at Shikellamy State Park-

Remembrance Walk / Come out and remember the life and legacy of your loved one at Shikellamy State Park Marina located off PA-147 (Bridge Ave) on Packers Island.

Stop in any time to walk the entire path or just part of it. Please join us at the pavilion for light refreshments. Sponsored by Hospice of Evangelical – Free Event.

Bible Study – Mondays



Bible Study will be on Monday's at 10:00 am.

Beginning on **Monday, April 29, 2024 at 10:00 am**, studying Philippians.

Then studying Colossians and 1 Thessalonians though May.

Thank You Notes.....

To Bethany UMC – Thank you for so much for the tulip and visit from Barb. Hello to you all! – **Sarah Heimbach**

Dear Members of Bethany: Thank you for the beautiful pink tulips. What a perfect way to express our joy this “He has risen.” What was so very nice was the much appreciated visit from Dorothy. Thank you all for your kindness.

- **My love to all, Flora Price**

To Bethany Congregation: In 2023 you helped give training, resources, and leadership development opportunities.

We continue to give thanks to you all and your faithfulness for giving 100% for Shares of Ministry. May your congregation continue the good work that God had already begun in you. Your fruitfulness continues to touch us and those around the world.

- **Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikio & Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball**

To Bethany UMC Leadership Team: Thank you so much for the beautiful flowering tin with fresh cut flowers in it for Administrative Professionals Day. It is a blessing and honor to work with you all here at Bethany UMC!

- God bless you all - Love, **Cheri Buss (Administrative Assistant)**

Trustees Report

Trustee items in process:

- We received two proposals for the repair to the front steps, sidewalk and railing. Poole Anderson's proposal totaled \$8,973.00 and Zartman Construction's was \$7,399.00. Poole Anderson's proposal included removing and replacing half of a slab of concrete, while Zartman's only included repairing the corner of the slab. It also included an add on of \$792.00 to replace half the slab, which increased their comparison proposal to a total of \$8,191.00.
- Based on the proposals received, the Conference Property Insurance Carrier increased the claim amount to \$8,973.61. They had earlier provided payment of \$2,011.08, which was their estimate, less the \$2,500 deductible. They have since sent another check in the amount of \$4,349.66. We are still of the opinion that Bethany should be reimbursed the deductible, as the damage was the fault of another party.
- At our recent Leadership Team meeting we voted to accept the proposal from Zartman Construction.

Here is the quarterly report of the financial assets of the Trustees. Overall stocks did pretty well in the first quarter. The following balances (rounded) are as of March 31 (unless noted otherwise):

- Hudock Capital Group (Pershing) - \$367,910 – an increase of \$13,391 from the last quarter.
- Prudential Investments - \$808,627 – an increase of \$44,079 from the last quarter – this is our 'in lieu of flood insurance' account.
- Prudential Investments – The Raudenbush Account - \$83,241 – an increase of \$4,254 from last quarter.
- Prudential Investments - \$10,074 – an increase of \$505 from the last quarter
- BNY Mellon – The Butler Trust – \$235,991 – an increase of \$12,712. Although we did not receive any disbursements in the first quarter, a \$1,265 check was received in early April.
- Milton Savings Bank – Fire Restoration Fund – Current Balance (April 5) - \$57,613 – a decrease of \$36,372 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: Although we don't get regular statements from this account due to it being a CD, our church mathematician Rod has calculated its current worth as of March 25 was approximately \$154,740.

Submitted by Jamie Aurand

Our Prayer List.....

Concerns:

Elwood P. – Knee issues / healing.

Joe Palumbo (Thereasa Hinderliter's brother) – Health concerns.

Family of Donna Gundrum – Donna (Member) passed away on April 6, 2024.

Charlotte H (Karen's friend) – Health concerns.

Family of Dale Sheets – Dale (Former member) passed away on March 31, 2024.

Sarah (Friend of Janet Masser)– Upcoming surgery and for healing & recovery.

Dorothy (Jamie's Mom) – In nursing home, set back, prayers for healing & strength.

Lindsay – Stressful times and continued prayers for health concerns.

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

Kenny (Sally's friend). Dot (Judy's neighbor); Denny (Travis' Uncle); Tim (Friends of Allshouse).

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

Joys:

Betsy – Recovering and getting better.

Jimmy – Congrats on new job.

Rita – Lungs healthy

Jim M – Recovery from surgery and doing well.

