

Bethany United Methodist Church
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Milton's Good News

September– "At a Glance"

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Looking back on September for Bethany, the Milton Harvest Festival took place here in the town of Milton. This year Bethany UMC did not have a food stand, but opened the doors for a comfort station and Janet passed out free water. Had another movie night with the showing of "God's Not Dead".

"But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:13b-14 (NIV)

- Cheri Buss

Bible Study

Beginning on Tuesday's, Oct 9th at 10:00 am and on Thursday's, Oct 11th at 7:00 pm will be studying 1st & 2nd Peter, through mid-November. Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary for this Bible Study to grow closer to our Savior.



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"Share the Warmth" Coat Giveaway

Our long standing tradition of the "Share the Warmth" Coat Ministry will be on October 13th & 20th from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

If you're doing end of summer clean-out of your closets, we accept coats/hats/scarves & warm clothing and blankets all year for the Mission. Always looking for all sizes of children's coats.

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.

Need volunteers to help set up and the day of coat giveaway and looking for people to make some, cookies, brownies, snacks for the Fellowship Table.

Volunteers on Sunday, October 7th, after worship to bring coats, racks and bins down from the attic.

Please sign up on the sheets in the back of the sanctuary.





From Pastor Bill's Study

Greetings to all,

Into everyone's life a little rain must fall. Does anyone know who said that and can they reach out and slap them? I want to say enough is enough already.

Mark Twain is quoted as saying that everyone talks about the weather but no one can do anything about it. As I watch a steady rain fall out of the office window I begin to think how lucky I am and how God has blessed me with a dry warm place to work and a dry comfortable place to live.

Years ago when I worked in the quarry rainy days would just be another day. A little longer and wetter but we work anyway. Inside or out we just did what had to be done until your day was up. Yes I complained but I survived and went back to work the next day.

I find myself reflecting on the point of complaining as I listen to myself pray in the last few weeks and I wonder what does God think of my rambling on with everything that is wrong and very little thanks for all that is going on in my life and ministry.

October is a month that always makes me pause and consider where I am and where I want to be. It is the time of the year where I need to work on all of the reports due for our church conference. It is a time of reflection as I go over the membership and remember all of those who have died or transferred their membership.

It is a time for me to look back upon what has been accomplished and what else needs to be worked on before the end of the year.

How close have I come to the goals I have set for myself and for the church and what do I need to do to establish new goals for the next year.

I do believe that all of us must establish a goal or else we will just wonder aimlessly and be satisfied with whatever we accomplished even if it was way below what we set.

In the next few months left in this year there is going to be a setting of goals for next year. Start praying and thinking about what you and the church can plan for 2019.

I know a few that I am pondering is a leadership study for our leadership team as we move toward the new structure of the simplified accountable system. We need to increase our visibility within the town and reach out to find what is the calling that God has for us and the community in which we live and serve.

What is there that we can do to increase our worship experience that the Holy Spirit is welcomed and felt in the presence of our worship?

In all and through all we do, how can I / we be more receptive to what God would have us do?

While thinking of what to do I must not forget that the harvest for this year still needs to be brought in so we must not think we are done yet. Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few". We should rally and end the year with a great finish. With the Lord's help we can still accomplish many wonderful events. Keep our minds and senses open to go where God leads us.

Isaiah 6:8
Here I am Lord

Pastor Bill

Worship Team “Gathering of the Family of God” Report

The following is the work of the Worship Team which met on Tuesday, September 4th. Here are October's songs, Scriptures, and sermon titles. To reach out to the unchurched the Traditional Worship Service will now be referred to as: Gathering of the Family of God.

Sunday School will now be referred to as: Lessons for Life.

October 7th – Fairest Lord Jesus (189); Holy Ground (2272); One Bread, One Body (620); Psalm 26; Ephesians 6:10-18; “Armor” / **Communion**

October 14th – God of Grace and God of Glory (577); Holy Ground (2272); Standing on the Promises (374); Psalm 22:1-7; Philippians 1:20-26; “Courage”

October 21st – (Laity Sunday) - All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (155); Holy Ground (2272); Take Time to Be Holy (395); Psalm 104:1-9; Philippians 2:1-11; (Led by our very own certified lay speakers; Roderic Moore & Janet McNeal)

October 28th – Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling (348); Holy Ground (2272); Hymn of Promise (707); Psalm 34:1-8; Philippians 3:4b-9; “Loss”

Church Conference



This year's Church Conference will be on Sunday, November 4th at 2:00 pm at Watsontown United Methodist Church, 1319 8th Street, Watsontown PA 17777. Please mark your calendars and you can pick up a packet on October 28th & November 4th in the back of the sanctuary, or at the meeting at 2:00 pm at Watsontown UMC.

Pastor Appreciation Month – October

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

Thank you, Pastor Bill, for your love for God's Church at Bethany, for your prayers, leadership, and your guidance; we thank you from your congregation and staff here at Bethany!

Thank you, Janet, for your love for God's Church at Bethany, your creativity in decorating the church, and for your support to your husband, Bill; we thank you from all of us here at Bethany!



World Hunger Crop Walk



There will be a special offering taken on Sunday, October 7th & October 14th for the World Hunger Crop Walk.

CROP Hunger Walks help to support the overall ministry of Church World Service, especially grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts around the world. In addition, each local CROP Hunger Walk can choose to return up to 25 percent of the funds it raises to hunger-fighting programs in its own community.

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 which is currently providing weekend meal packs for 272 elementary children. Bethany UMC will be in charge of providing 288 Fruit Cups, which equals 24 donations of a 12 pack of fruit cup for each month and individual cereal packs (generally comes in 8-packs) Please bring in those items of the first of the month for “Sharing the Table”.

Next Food Collection Communion Dates: Oct 7th / Nov 4th / Dec 2nd

Milton Community Dinner (Christ Evan Lutheran)

There will be a Community Dinner on a **Sunday, October 14th at 5:00 pm.** Bethany will be providing the garlic bread. You can either bring in prepared garlic bread to the church on Sunday, Oct 14th at 10:30 am OR you can bring in plain loaves of bread to the church on Saturday, Oct 13th at 9:00 am. Please note whether you are bringing in plain or prepared loaves. (**Note:** You may give a monetary donations to Shelly to purchase bread) A sign-up sheet is located in the back of the sanctuary.

Location: Christ Evan Lutheran Church, 1125 Mahoning St, Milton PA 17847.

Community Dinner Planning Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 4th at 6:30 pm at Christ Evan. Lutheran Church.

Bethany's

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Health

“Washed Clean Kits”



BETH “Washed Clean Kits” (Hygiene Kits) Update:

Bethany is proud and excited to announce we are launching a personal hygiene packs ministry for members of our community! This will be an ongoing ministry and collection of materials will continue to be placed in the bins in the sanctuary. There will be events held at the church on tables that will be set up and individuals will be able to select from the items available for their own needs. (Date yet to be determined for this event). Also selected items to be bagged to send to HandUp's “Renewed Hope Women's Home” (Which is scheduled to put them together on Sunday, Sept 23rd at 4:30 pm.)

The items that we are accepting for the packs are:

Soap, shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body sprays, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand/body lotion, wash cloths, hand towels, disposable personal/baby wipes, feminine products, toilet paper, and both baby and adult diapers. The small individual, hotel-sized bottles are preferred but any donations are welcomed!

We thank you in advance for your support of this exciting new ministry!!

Movie Night's

Free Movie Night on Sunday, September 23rd at 6:00 pm, here at Bethany UMC, Milton PA. The showing of “God's Not Dead”



Free popcorn provided – invite your family & friends, all are welcome!



And in October (**Watch for date**) 6:00 pm, here at Bethany UMC, Milton PA. The showing of “God's Not Dead 2”



Leadership (Ad Board) Report....

We have established on-line banking with Milton Savings, the holder of our church accounts. This has been done in order to give the Treasurer fast access to the current standings of the accounts and to allow him to pinpoint the dates of activities within them for purposes of record-keeping efficiency. In doing so, we have not approved the Treasurer to use the on-line system to make transfers or pay bills, so that such events will continue to take place as they have.

Pastor Bill has sent a letter to Lewisburg District Superintendent Larry Leland to confirm that Bethany will be moving to the Alternative Minimum Structure of church governance, commencing in January 2019.

The Board approved of providing a gift card to Sam Robbins, a neighbor and friend of Bethany who has voluntarily stepped in to help us with sexton duties in the absence of Jack Stockdale. We thank Sam for his willingness to assist us, and we deeply regret that Jack, with his health problems, has had to leave our employ. .

Rod Moore

Lay Leader's Report

In the wake of my recent hospitalization, I spent so much of my time recuperating and managing my health requirements that I was able to do only as much for Bethany as my condition allowed. But this space gives me the chance to begin to express my great thanks to the members and friends of our church for the prayers, visits, cards, and words of encouragement that they lavished on me while I was incapacitated. And folks tended incessantly to any parts of my care and duties with which they could possibly help. I speak with deep gratitude for all I've gained from my loving brothers and sisters. I'll prevail, through the Father and because of them.

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Rod Moore

Trustees Report....

If you've not been by in a while, the exterior of the church building and grounds looks different. As reported earlier, because the original Front Street entrance doors were very heavy and difficult to open for some of the congregation, the Trustees approved their replacement. In addition, the Trustees felt the landscaping on the Center Street side of the building, particularly around the Lontz Memorial Garden sign, was overdue for some sprucing up. In late August and early September both projects were completed. Hopefully the congregation is pleased with the results. With the Harvest Festival attracting so many people to our town, we're thankful that the projects were completed prior to the festivities.

Another project that is progressing but not finished is the lighting upgrades. The lights have been updated and brightened in the sacristy and the 'tunnel' between it and the sanctuary. In the interior, we are still hoping to brighten the lighting in the Front Street entrances. On the exterior, a test light has been installed on one of the stained glass windows for illumination at night. We've asked that it be adjusted to provide more light on the window. After the adjustment, we'll make a decision on whether to proceed with replacing all the lights.

Submitted by Jamie Aurand

Events Happening in the Area

[Please see the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary for more details on these events]

Community Fundraiser for the Andy & Nichole Bieber Family – Friday, October 19th, 2018 at 4:00 – 7:00 pm at St Joseph's Parish Center, 854 Cemetery Rd, Milton. Spaghetti Meal – Adults (12 and older) \$10.00 and Children (under 12) \$5.00. There will also be a Chinese Auction and a 50/50 Raffle. See bulletin board for Andy Bieber's story.

Bethany UMC Current Expense Income August 2018 Reports:

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Envelope Income To Date---2018

		Envelopes	Reno.	Benev. (Price Fund)	Weekly Total	YTD
August	5	\$820.00		\$15.00	\$835.00	\$24,917.00
	12	\$771.00		\$20.00	\$791.00	\$25,708.00
	19	\$670.00			\$670.00	\$26,378.00
	26	\$1,156.00		\$15.00	\$1,171.00	\$27,549.00

Plate Income To Date---2018

		Plate	Benev.	Weekly Total	YTD
August	5	\$66.00		\$66.00	\$2,581.00
	12	\$17.00		\$17.00	\$2,598.00
	19	\$22.00		\$22.00	\$2,620.00
	26	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$2,620.00

Sunday School Income To Date---2018

		Weekly Total	YTD
August	5	\$12.40	\$418.15
	12	\$11.00	\$429.15
	19	\$18.50	\$447.65
	26	\$12.00	\$459.65

Bethany UMC Miscellaneous Contributions 2018

IRS Reimbursement
08/05/18-----\$172.46

Fire & Ice Campaign....

It is that time again, this fall, I would like you to prayerfully consider making a contribution to **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.

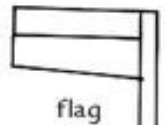
Thank You, in advance for helping Bethany UMC!!

Fun Page

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Morning Rush

By Marilee Harrauld-Pilz

Can you find these
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In this big picture, find the slice of pizza, radish, mitten, musical note, slice of bread, ice-cream cone, flag, doughnut, book, cracker, watermelon, butterfly, snake, ring, paintbrush, and crown.



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Sunday Worship:

Lessons for Life: 9:00 am
Gathering of the Family of God: 10:30 am

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Upper Room – Now Available

September / October

Daily Bread – Now Available

September / October / November

Announcements:**Dates to Remember:**

[Note: No regular scheduled Trustees Meeting for this month of October]

Sept 23rd – 4:30 pm – Fellowship Meal & Prep of Hygiene Kits
 Sept 23rd – 6:00 pm – Movie Night “God’s Not Dead” at Bethany UMC
 Sept 25th – Noon – Riverwoods Auxiliary Luncheon @ Riverwoods
 Oct 2nd – Noon – Milton Ministerium @ First Presbyterian
 Oct 2nd – 7:00 pm – Worship Team Meeting
 Oct 4th – 6:30 pm – Planning Meeting for Community Dinners @ Christ Lutheran
 Oct 7th – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / “Sharing the Table” Communion
 Oct. 7th – 10:30 am – (World Communion Day – Special Offering)
 Oct 7th – 2:00 pm – Rockwell Communion
 Oct 13th – 9 am – 1 pm – Share the Warmth Coat Giveaway
 Oct 14th – 10:30 am – World Hunger Crop Walk (Special Offering)
 Oct 14th – 5:00 pm – Community Dinner @ Christ Lutheran
 Oct 16th – 6:30 pm – Leadership Team (Ad Board)
 Oct 18th – 21st – Emmaus Spiritual Retreat
 Oct 20th – 9 am – 1 pm – Share the Warmth Coat Giveaway
 Oct 21st – 10:30 am – Laity Sunday
 Nov 4th – 2:00 pm – Charge Conference @ Watsontown UMC

Bible Study: 10:00 am every Tuesday, starting on Oct 9th.

Bible Study: 7:00 pm every Thursday, starting on Oct 11th.

Rockwell Bible Study: 9:00 am every Thursday at Rockwell.

Lessons for Life: 9:00 am every Sunday morning.

Gathering of the Family of God: 10:30 am every Sunday morning.



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