

Bethany United Methodist Church
"Renewing the Church to change the World"



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Milton's Good News

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April – "At a Glance"

Looking back on April for Bethany, starting off with Bethany serving at the Milton Harvest Meal at St. Andrew's and helped setup and serve at the Community Dinner at Christ Lutheran. Gave Easter baskets out to children at HandUp. (Thank you all who helped in the ministry). Holy week started off with Palm Sunday, then a Maundy Thursday Service, a Good Friday Service, a Prayer Vigil took place, and bringing us to Easter Sunrise Service & breakfast and closing with an Easter Service at church. Another free movie night will be held April 28th showing "An Interview with God".

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5 & 6

Cheri Buss

National Day of Prayer

May 2nd, 2019, represents the
National Day of Prayer

Our Dear Heavenly Father, while we come to You in complete humility, we also come to You with boldness in the authoritative name of Your One and Only Son, Jesus Christ, who is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. In Jesus' name, fill us now with Your Holy Spirit and lead us as we pray in Jesus' name for America, our Communities, our Churches, and the Lost of the World.



Milton Ministerium is having a National Day of Prayer Service

(Sponsored by the Kingdom Kidz Puppets)

Date: Thursday, May 2nd, 2019 **"Love One Another"**

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Bethany United Methodist Church
107 S Front / Center Street, Milton PA 17847

All invited & encouraged to come and pray with one another – Puppet Style.

For more information call the Kingdom Kidz office at 570-838-3133 or visit their website at www.hiskingdomkidz.org.



Memorial Day



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!



From Pastor Bill's Study

Greetings to all,

April has left us with a kiss and a promise for a better time to come. The spring flowers are out and the hills and forest are taking on the fresh new look of green in many various hues. The April showers are bringing the May flowers and the world around us comes back to life.

Holy Week has come and gone and the Easter baskets have been put away. I pray we have not put away the meaning of Easter so quickly. The freshness of Spring is a new life and new growth that takes place to renew the world in which we live. Easter as we know it is a time of newness as well. In reality, we should be celebrating Resurrection Day and the beginning of new life in us.

The world has told us we get an Easter Basket filled with grass and eggs to symbolize the fresh start and new birth. Resurrection is more to the point but not politically correct in today's language.

I pray we do not just set one day aside to remember the price Christ paid for us so we could have new life every day. Every week should be a Holy Week and every Sunday should be a Resurrection Sunday.

Also, this month has a day set aside to honor our mothers. One thing I know for sure that each and every one of us had a mother. I often confess that I have had many who have guided me along my path of life and have prepared me for the life I now live. I also believe one day is not enough to honor those who have guided and influenced your life. From my long list of those who have made a difference in my life are my mother, the many teachers I have had in school and in Sunday school, VBS, and those who were mothers of my friends and relations.

I would also have to add to this list the number of women that I have adopted and the teaching that they provided for me. I also have to mention in my line of work there have been bad examples along with the good but they have been far and very few examples.

For those of us who have lost their mothers, I pray your memories are filled with good times and special events. To those whose mothers are still living there is still time to build those memories or to forgive those that cloud the past.

For each and everyone, I pray May sets you on a path of new growth and may you grow in your faith and trust in Jesus our risen savior.

I Tim 5: 1-2,

Thanks Mom,

Pastor Bill



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 12th.** You can bring them into the church or email them to Pastor Bill at pastorbill@gmail.com. Thank You!

Worship Team "Gathering of the Family of God" Report

The following is the work of the Worship Team which met on Tuesday, March 5th. Here are May's songs, Scriptures, and sermon titles. **Next Worship Team meeting will be on Tuesday, June 4th at 1:00 PM.**

May 5th – More Love to Thee, O Christ (453); Just a Closer Walk with Thee (2158); Jesus Calls Us (398); Psalm 30; Luke 14:16-24, "*Supper*"; **Communion**

May 12th (Mother's Day) – He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought (128); Just a Closer Walk with Thee (2158); God Will Take Care of You (130); Psalm 23; Luke 15:8-10, "*Mother*"

May 19th – This Is a Day of New Beginnings (383); Just a Closer Walk with Thee (2158); Blest Be the Tie That Binds (557); Psalm 148; Luke 15:11-32; "*Lost Son*"

May 26th – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (103); Just a Closer Walk with Thee (2158); There's Within My Heart a Melody (380); Psalm 67; Luke 16:1-12; "*Unjust Steward*"

Leadership Team (Ad Board) Report....

The devotions that began the April Leadership Team meeting were based on Mark 11:24 and on the place and importance of prayer in our lives. There followed some discussion based on Chapter 4 of the book by Kay Kotan entitled "The Necessary Nine" and its declaration that "you can't give away what you don't have." Based on that thought, we ask ourselves what "being spiritual" means to us. To walk in Christ's ways and let the love of God lead us and guide us, certainly - but how do we "get spiritual"? This takes on great importance, because without spirituality, we don't "have a prayer." If we're not "in synch" with God, can we talk to him? Sure, but not efficaciously. We must consistently practice putting ourselves in the means of grace. Mercy is not getting what we *do* deserve – grace is getting what we *don't* deserve. Spiritual disciplines become all the more important as we move forward and grow.

Pastor Bill announces that we have started a new ecumenical men's mission ministry within the community. One of the first events in that connection will be a chicken pot pie fundraiser for the group that we will help conduct through the use of our cooking and kitchen facilities.

We are charged with considering the future of Bethany's pastoral leadership in the wake of Pastor Bill's 2020 retirement and beyond. Partly to that end, we'll be holding a church-wide visioning meeting after services on Sunday, May 5 to begin the decision-making process toward a possible 5-year plan.

Rod Moore

Welcome of Bethany's New Treasurer...

We wish Ed Coup well and thank him for a job well done as our former Treasurer.

Bethany UMC welcomes our new Treasurer, Rich Handy. Rich began training with Ed in the middle of March and will take over the position in April. (Read below a Bio from Rich Handy)

(Rich Handy Bio):

I have lived in Milton since 2011, when I married my wife Rose (Bolich) Handy. Prior to that I lived in the Harrisburg area for 22 years. I work at Rite Aid in Camp Hill. I have 2 grown children, Kimberly and Valerie who live in Baltimore and Mechanicsburg. I also have a step son that lives in Fredericksburg, VA. At least once per year we make what I call our "southern tour" through Harrisburg, Baltimore, Alexandria, Fredericksburg and North Carolina visiting relatives and friends.

I am also the Treasurer for Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Milton Lutheran Parish and volunteer with the community meals and VBS over the summer. I have completed 22 marathons, but had to give that up when I had my knee replaced in 2015. After the operation, I started riding a bike so you may see me in the late afternoon or early Saturday mornings riding in the area.

N.O.W. Hear This!..... Next N.O.W. meeting will be on Tuesday, July 2nd, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

"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 300 children per week, of fruit cups and individual boxes of cereals, increased up from the 284 we've been targeting. Please bring in those items of the first of the month for **"Sharing the Table"**. **Next Food Collection Communion Dates: May 5th / June 2nd.**

Milton Harvest Community Dinner (St Andrew's UMC – 201 Lower Market St, Milton PA)

There will be a Milton Harvest Community Dinner on **Monday, May 13th, 2019** at 5:00 pm. Bethany will be in charge of serving and report at 4:45 pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

(Next Milton Harvest Community Dinners that Bethany will be serving is: June 3rd.)

Milton Community Dinner (Christ Evan Lutheran Church – 1125 Mahoning St, Milton PA)

There will be a Community Dinner on a **Sunday, June 9th, 2019** at 5:00 pm. Watch for more details.

Bethany's

Effort

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Health

"Washed Clean Kits"



BETH "Washed Clean Kits" (Hygiene Kits) Update:

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! **Items mostly needed are hand towels, deodorant, lotion, feminine products, and individual packets of tissues.**

Free Dinner & A Movie Night



Free Dinner and A Movie Night will be held on May 19th. Dinner starts at 5:00 pm with Soup, Hamburger BBQ/Sloppy Joes, chips, drink & dessert. Movie showing of "Moms' Night Out" will begin at 6:00 pm.

Invite your family & friends to this Free Event! All are welcome!



Visioning Meeting & Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, May 5th after church (11:45 am) Bethany will have a Visioning Meeting & Potluck Luncheon. Everyone is encourage to take part of this for the future of Bethany UMC. Please sign up for a dish to share on the back table.

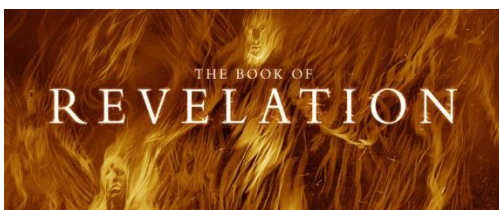


Vacation Bible School (June 2019)– Canceled

After much prayer we regret to inform everyone that there will be no Vacation Bible School this year, which was to be held at Christ Lutheran in June. We just do not have the volunteers needed to make it all work. Pray for next year and new ideas.

- Shelly Sholley (Bethany UMC) & Kay Dunn (Milton Lutheran Parish)

Bible Study (Book of Revelation)



Beginning on Tuesdays, May 14th, 2019, at 10:00 am and on Thursdays, May 16th, 2019, at 7:00 pm will be studying the Book of Revelation. (22 Weeks)

No sign up needed, just simply bring your Bible and chose your group on Tuesdays or Thursdays. All are welcome!

Milton's Good News

Lay Leader's Report

I received notice of my successful completion of the first of my four 6-week on-line courses toward certification in the field of spiritual formation. District knows of this, and Debbie Ackley has put it on my record.

The second course in the spiritual formation series, IFDC-210 entitled "Teaching Biblical Faith for Spiritual Formation", began on schedule on March 11. Its 6 weeks will technically be up on April 26, allowing for a Holy Week respite. At this point, I'm working to complete my assignments for Week 5. Since everyone (14 of us from all over the US) who enrolled in the first course did so with the intention of taking the whole four-part series, we all "know" each other from the last course, and our new friendships continue to grow. I find that to be making a subtle but positive difference in how we interact with each other in discussion postings.

The third course (IFDC-230, "The Ministry of Spiritual Direction and Companionship") has already been opened to registration and is set to begin on June 3. Due to personal (physical) considerations, I don't know that I'll be able to handle it at that time. But I have the freedom to ask the directors for new offering dates, and I'll lay in the required textbooks for it in anticipation of being in a position to engage it next time around.

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Rod Moore

Trustees Report

Although it's been fairly quiet regarding items requiring the Trustees attention, I thought I'd take this opportunity to provide the quarterly report of the Trustee's finances.

As you may be aware, the stock markets rebounded well in the first quarter of 2019, after a significant decline to end 2018. The following balances (rounded) are as of March 31, 2019:

- Hudock Capital Group - \$599,216 – an increase of almost \$32,000 from the last quarter – We needed to transfer \$15,000 from this account for current expenses in the first quarter.
- Prudential Investments - \$582,896 – an increase of a little over \$43,000 from last quarter – this is our 'in lieu of flood insurance' account.
- Prudential Investments – The Radenbush Trust - \$87,702– an increase of almost \$3,000 from last quarter.
- Prudential Investments - \$7,353 – an increase of approximately \$810 from the last quarter.
- BYN Mellon – The Butler Trust - \$209,024– an increase of approximately \$16,887 from the last quarter.

Submitted by Jamie Aurand

Spring Cleanup Work Day.....



Spring Clean Up & Organization Day will be on **Saturday, May 18th** starting at 9:00 am – noon. Need all hands on deck to help clean and organize church.



Thank You Notes....

Dear Bethany Family & Pastor: I thank you for all the prayers. God is Great and I thank Him for the healing power. Amen!
-Edith Getz

To the Pastor & Members of Bethany: Pastor & Members of St Paul AME Church wish to express our appreciation for the invitation to the St Patty's Day dinner & movie. The meal was delicious and the fellowship was enjoyed by everyone.
-Rev. Anthony Vieney and Congregation

Bethany UMC Current Expense Income March 2019 Reports:

Envelope Income To Date---2019

		Envelopes	Reno.	Benev. (Price Fund)	Weekly Total	YTD
March	3	\$842.00		\$3.00		\$845.00
	10	\$439.00		\$5.00		\$444.00
	17	\$1,264.00		\$40.00		\$1,304.00
	24	\$787.00				\$787.00
	31	\$1,060.00		\$5.00	\$1,065.00	\$11,541.00

Plate Income To Date---2019

		Plate	Benev.	Weekly Total	YTD
March	3	\$11.00		\$11.00	\$263.75
	10	\$30.25		\$30.25	\$294.00
	17	\$36.00		\$36.00	\$330.00
	24	\$110.00		\$110.00	\$440.00
	31	\$30.00		\$30.00	\$470.00

Lessons For Life Income To Date---2019

		Weekly Total	YTD
March	3	\$12.00	\$139.75
	10	\$12.25	\$152.00
	17	\$17.00	\$169.00
	24	\$9.00	\$178.00
	31	\$11.00	\$189.00

Bethany UMC Special UM Sunday Contributions 2019

UMCOR Sunday—03/31/2019

3/31/19---\$3,215.00

Bethany UMC Miscellaneous Contributions 2019

Our Daily Bread Publication Offering
3/3/19---\$8.00
Lenten Offering
3/10/19---\$20.00
3/17/19---\$22.00
3/31/19---\$2,010.00
Easter Flower Dedications
3/10/19---\$20.00
3/17/19---\$71.00
3/24/19---\$9.00
3/31/19---\$54.00
Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner Donation
3/24/19---\$10.00

Events Happening in the Area

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

Saturday, May 11, 2019 – Walk/Run/Ride 4 Life (Sponsored by Corner of Hope) at Knoebels Amusement Resort Pavilion U in Elysburg, PA. Registration: 9:00 am and Walk/Run/Ride starts at 10:00 am. Free Hot Dog Lunch at 11:00 am and Door Prize Drawing at 11:30 am. (Sponsor Pledge Forms are on the back table in the sanctuary).

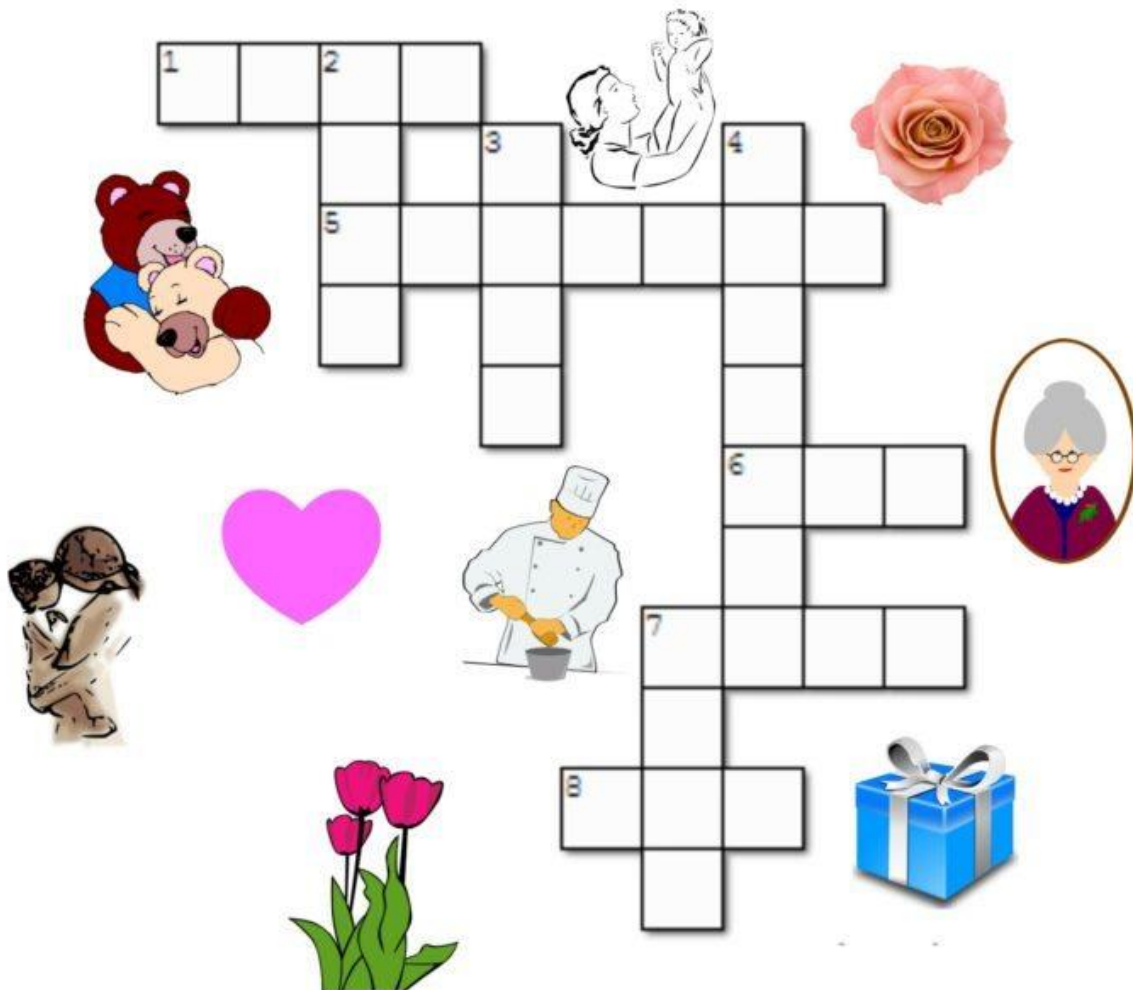
Friday, May 17th, 2019 at 6:30 pm (Doors open at 6:00 pm) JMeg Ministries presents: John Tibbs in concert. Located at The Outlet, at Christ Wesleyan Church, Milton PA. \$5.00 General Admission at the door. \$4.00 tickets for all veterans. For more information visit jmegministries.com.

Fun Page

Sunday, May 12th

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

Mother's Day Crossword Puzzle

**Across**

1. I love ____ and kisses from my mom.
5. Mom plants ____ in her garden
6. Happy Mother's ____.
7. I will make my mom a Mother's Day ____.
8. ____ is short for mother.

Down

2. This is another word for a present.
3. I ____ my mom.
4. I call my mom's mom and my dad's mom ____.
7. My mom is a great _____. I love everything she makes.

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Sunday Worship:

Lessons for Life: 9:00 am
Gathering of the Family of God: 10:15 am

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Upper Room – Now Available

May / June

Daily Bread – Now Available

June / July / August

Announcements:**Dates to Remember:**

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

April 28th – 6:00 pm – Free Movie Night “An Interview with God”

May 2nd – 6:00 pm – Kingdom Kidz Puppets National Day of Prayer @ Bethany

May 5th – 10:15 am – Gathering of the Family of God / “Sharing the Table” Communion

May 5th – 10:15 am – Native American Ministries (Special Offering)

May 5th – 11:45 am – Visioning Meeting & Potluck Luncheon

May 5th – 2:00 pm – Rockwell Communion

May 7th – 8:30 am – Milton Ministerium @ 1st Presbyterian

May 12th – Happy Mother’s Day

May 13th – 4:45 pm – Milton Harvest Community Dinner @ St Andrew’s

May 14th – 10:00 am – Bible Study (Book of Revelation) Tuesday group begins

May 16th – 7:00 pm - Bible Study (Book of Revelation) Thursday group begins

May 18th – 9:00 am – Bethany Church Spring Clean Up & Organization Day

May 19th – 5:00 pm – Free Dinner Night

May 19th – 6:00 pm – Free Movie Night “Moms’ Night Out”

May 21st – 6:30 pm – Leadership Team (Finance & Ad Board)

May 27th – Memorial Day (Office Closed)

May 28th – Noon – Riverwoods Auxiliary Luncheon @ Riverwoods, Marlow Hall

May 30th – June 1st (Annual Conference) @ Hershey Lodge

Bible Study (Book of Revelation): 10:00 am every Tuesday, begins May 14th

Bible Study (Book of Revelation): 7:00 pm every Thursday, begins May 16th

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: 10:15 am every Sunday morning.



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