

Milton's Good News

August- "At a Glance"

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Looking back on August for Bethany, another Community Dinner was held at Christ Lutheran Church. Special thanks for Mike Longenberger for grilling and all those who helped support the community dinner. A seminar "Simplified, Accountable Structure" was held at St. Andrew's UMC. A free movie night, "I Can Only Imagine" served with free popcorn for everyone.

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people."
Ephesians 1:18 (NIV)
- Cheri Buss

Milton Harvest Festival

42nd Annual Milton Harvest Festival - September 7-15, 2018

Milton, Pennsylvania — The **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 7-15, 2018** and enjoy these events & more:

Friday, Sept 7th – 6:30 pm – Tomato Bowl Football (Milton High School)
Black Panthers VS Mifflinburg Wildcats

Saturday, Sept 8th – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm – Arts & Crafts

Saturday, Sept 8th – 11:00 am - Concert in the Park "Milton Band" – (Lincoln Park-Milton)

Tuesday, Sept 11th – 6:00 pm – 911 Ceremony (Veterans Memorial Field)

Wednesday, Sept 12th – 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm – Block Party (Bound Ave)

Thursday, Sept 14th – 7:00 pm – Milton Pops Concert @ Milton High School

Saturday, Sept 15th – 9:00 am – 4:00 am – Arts & Crafts (Bethany Food Stand)

Saturday, Sept 15th – 10:00 am - 12:00 pm – Senior Health Fair @ Merle Phillips Park

Saturday, Sept 15th – 1:00 pm – Milton Harvest Festival Parade

Bethany members we are in need of your help for the food stand on Sept 15th, for setup, grilling, volunteers for stands & clean up. Please sign a time on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!



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From Pastor Bill's Study

Greetings to all,

Recently I and a few others attended a seminar dealing with the leadership of the church. The seminar was both informative and challenging at the same time. The information that was shared dealt with the way that churches deal with the Board and the selection of officers needed to run the church.

The idea of a minimum structure to lead the church is not new but the idea of the accountability of the Board has been added to the plan. The accountability is to Christ and to what goals for the year the church has set.

For many years there have been goals set by the pastor and the Board but nothing has changed because there was not any true plan to achieve those goals. The new plan of leadership is one of accountability not only for the pastor but it also involves the Leadership team but also everyone within the church.

My plan is to have a new system in place by January 01, 2019 so that we as a church will be able to start on a new path fulfilling our mission of making new disciples and our vision of "Changing the church to Change the world."

For that plan to take place a lot is going to have to happen within a short few months. I will need your help to make this work. First the church has to be behind the idea of changing the way we are doing things so that we can have a different result. The evidence of what has been taking place is clear and does not have a good future projected for Milton Bethany if change does not take place. The changes I am talking about are not radical but will have radical results if they are followed and the church is behind these changes.

I think the first thing that needs to take place is we need to nominate and elect leaders who will lead! By this I mean if you are asked to be a part of this structure of leadership then there will be certain parameters that will need to be in place. We must lead not just with our words but also with our action. Those chosen for leadership should be able to be accountable to certain standards of attendance in worship and the meetings, Spiritual growth through Biblical studies and personal devotions.

For this new idea to grow we will need twelve people who will commit three years to implement and sustain the growth of these ideas and the church as Christ envisioned it to be.

On the plus side this way of doing things should reduce the number of meetings per month and should make the meeting more productive. The waste of time and unproductive motions should also be reduced.

For the next few months there will be training and readings that will be presented for the purpose of education and exploitation of what will be undertaken by the leadership team as we know it.

I will be ordering the materials within the next few weeks and ask for your commitment to read and discuss these materials so that we will be ready to move into the new year with a new resolve to make Bethany a resurrected church with a clear purpose and plan to make new disciples for Christ. If anyone would like to start reading a head the books being used will be "*Mission Possible*" by Kay Kotan and "*Winning on Purpose*" by John Edward Kaiser. Both books are available in written form or as e-books on Kindle. Please let me know if you need one and what format you would like.

If you have an interest in seeing Bethany church being sustainable into the future then please pray and commit to being a part of this new form of leadership. Be ready to answer the question presented by Christ when asked "What have you done for my church?"

I pray we might all be ready to answer that we have put ourselves second and have made making new disciple for Him first in our lives.

Isaiah 6:8
Here I am,

Pastor Bill

Worship Team “Gathering of the Family of God” Report

The following is the work of the Worship Team which met on Tuesday, August 7th. Here are September'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.

September 2nd – Take My Life, and Let It Be (399); They'll Know We Are Christians (2223); Great Is Thy Faithfulness (140); Psalm 42:1-2, 6-9; Ephesians 1:3-10; “*Spiritual Blessings*” / **Communion**

September 9th – Trust and Obey (467); They'll Know We Are Christians (2223); Grace Greater than Our Sin (365); Psalm 125; Ephesians 2:4-10; “*Alive*”

September 16th – Standing on the Promises (374); They'll Know We Are Christians (2223); Take Time to Be Holy (395); Psalm 19; Ephesians 3:16-21; “*My Prayer*”

September 23rd – Blessed Assurance (369); They'll Know We Are Christians (2223); Jesus Calls Us (398); Psalm 1; Ephesians 4:25-32; “*Do Not*”

September 30th – He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought (128); They'll Know We Are Christians (2223); Be Thou My Vision (451); Psalm 124; Ephesians 5:8-17; “*The Light*”

Worship Team “Worship in Praise, Prayer & Song” Report

Discontinuation of the “Worship in Praise” (Contemporary) Service

It saddens our hearts to have to discontinue our “Worship in Praise, Prayer & Song” (Contemporary) Service Sunday evenings. With much prayer and discussion after receiving Megan's resignation, our Contemporary Worship Tech, and poor attendance it was decided to discontinue this service.

August 19th, 2018, was the last “Worship in Praise” (Contemporary) Service at 6:00 pm.

We wish Megan Snyder the best as she returns back to college and for her future plans. Thank you Megan for your dedications and all your hard work. God bless you!

“Simplified, Accountable Structure” Seminar Report....

On August twelfth, Jamie, Cindy, and I attended a workshop seminar on the “Simplified, Accountable Structure”. The class was listed as a five hour endurance test to try to teach church leaders a better way of the business of the church.

Lo and behold that was the theme but the five hours flew by, and by the time it finished I could have taken a few more hours. The teacher Kay Kotan is an adviser and employee of the Conference and she led an informative and useful event.

What I came away with as a short answer is that we need to restructure the way in which we go about the church's business. We need to focus on the first mission of the church of making disciples for Christ and then worry about the running of the building.

With the materials I cover in my letter to the church I lightly brushed on some of the concepts we need to adopt and put into practice. We need to set goals as a priority and then gear what we do to meet those goals. This is going to need strategic planning and accountability between the leadership team and congregation as we move forward to “**Know Christ and to make Him known**”.

Together we can accomplish many great and wonderful events for the glory of God and God will return the favor and do many great and wonderful things for us.

“Sharing the Table”

“Sharing the Table” 2018 Schedule (Sponsored by N.O.W. Committee)



“Sharing the Table” 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.

The first Sunday of the every month during Communion Service we will be collecting food.

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

N.O.W. Committee (Mission Ministries)...

Milton Panther Packs Program (Mission: Monthly “Sharing the Table”)

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”.

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. 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.



New Ministry (Ed Health 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” (A date and time to be set to assemble these kits to take to HandUp yet to be determined.)

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!!

Lay Leader's Report

The Bethany effort on behalf of the Milton Panther Packs program continues to be strong. On July 16 we took 480 fruit cups and 398 individual cereal boxes to St. Andrew's, which more than met our promised quota for June and for that far into July.

Bethany also showed its compassion by donating 211.00 to the Water for Tanzania campaign that the local Lutheran Parish ran in July in connection with VBS. This amount was matched out of the endowment funds of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, thereby doubling the total to 422.00.

As the summer Bible study on the Book of James came to an end, all the participants gave thanks to Pastor Bill for his astute leadership and his dedication to furthering our Christian insight. James' epistle is so thought-provoking and so applicable to our lives today that we pause to wonder how many other such riches await us in other in-depth studies of this same nature.

Leadership (Ad Board) Report....

We are pleased to state that Bethany's apportionments to Conference have been paid through August 2018. Significant money was made for the church over the first two-thirds of the calendar year by taking advantage of the permissible chance to stagger payments and letting the money grow in investments in the meantime. The rest of the year's apportionments obligation will be met at the end of 2018, so that we can realize similar growth over that four-month period as well. When all is said and done, we will have completed another year of 100 percent payment of apportionments and done it in the most efficacious way possible.

The church's QuickBooks accounting system is ready to be registered on the office desktop computer that has been dedicated solely to the use of the Treasurer. Once that happens, all Bethany financial files will be transferred to that device, and time conflicts on office equipment will be things of the past.

Pastor Bill announces that this year's Lewisburg District Church Conference will be held at St. Andrew's at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 4. At that meeting we will declare our accomplishments for 2018 and make known our 2019 governance structure, goals, and plans.

Rod Moore

N.O.W. Report..

The N.O.W. Committee had a meeting on July 22nd after worship service to discuss the following:

- 1) **Church Picnic** – It was decided that there will not be a church picnic this year.
 - 2) **Milton Harvest Festival and Food Stand on Sept. 15th** – There is a sign-up sheet in the church so we can determine volunteers and if there is enough interest to run a food stand again this year on Sept 15th. If we do not have the people to run the stand than we will not proceed with this project. If we get enough people to help we will proceed and an items list for donation will be posted.
 - 3) **Share The Warmth Coat Giveaway**
Our annual Share The Warmth Coat Giveaway will be held on Saturdays Oct. 13th & 20th. There will be more details to follow and sign-up sheets for volunteers and donations of goodies for the Fellowship Table. We will be producing flyers for you to take to distribute/hang up to get the word out to the community. St. Andrew's has already reached out to us to donate blankets to be given at this event. We are accepting new or gently-used coats, hats, scarves, gloves, warm clothing, blankets, and shoes. If you find yourself cleaning out your closets, please bring them to the church or the office. We always have a great need for children's items. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please see Shelly or Pastor Bill. Thank you in advance for your support of this important mission for the community.
 - 4) **VBS Mission Project update**
The total amount we collected between the 3 churches and the children for the VBS Mission project, Water for Tanzania all together was \$503.36. Christ Evangelical Lutheran's endowment committee & Council approved a matching donation, so the total amount being sent in will be \$1,006.72. What a great representation of God's work through this mission!!!
 - 5) **Movie Night**
Our first Movie Night's showing of "I Can Only Imagine" was well very much attended! Thanks to everyone who came out, to Dave & Joan Warburton for lending us the movie to screen and to Pastor Bill & Janet for the yummy popcorn! We are planning on scheduling these regularly. If there is a movie you'd like us to show, please let Pastor Bill or Shelly know!
 - 6) **Community Dinner**
On August 12th, Bethany provided hamburgers and hot dogs for the Community Dinner which served 140 guests plus about 20 volunteers. Thanks as always to "Grill Master Mike" Longenberger for working his usual flame-broiled deliciousness magic! The next meal will be held on October 14th for which Bethany is responsible for garlic bread. The Planning meeting for this is one will be held on Thursday, Oct. 4th at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church at 6:30 PM for those who would like to attend.
 - 7) **Hygiene Kits** – There is still discussion as to a name for this ministry but for now it is called "Ed Health Kits" Please see the update information on Page 4 for how we plan on distributing these ongoing kits.
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Bethany UMC Current Expense Income July 2018 Reports:

Envelope Income To Date---2018

		Envelopes	Reno.	Benev. (Price Fund)	Weekly Total	YTD
July	1	\$653.00		\$15.00	\$668.00	\$20,886.00
	8	\$823.00		\$30.00	\$853.00	\$21,739.00
	15	\$888.00		\$3.00	\$891.00	\$22,630.00
	22	\$731.00		\$20.00	\$751.00	\$23,381.00
	29	\$661.00		\$40.00	\$701.00	\$24,082.00

Plate Income To Date---2018

		Plate	Benev.	Weekly Total	YTD
July	1	\$332.00		\$332.00	\$2,344.00
	8	\$45.00		\$45.00	\$2,389.00
	15	\$55.00		\$55.00	\$2,444.00
	22	\$60.00		\$60.00	\$2,504.00
	29	\$11.00		\$11.00	\$2,515.00

Sunday School Income To Date--2018

		Weekly Total	YTD
July	1	\$8.00	\$350.00
	8	\$18.75	\$368.75
	15	\$13.00	\$381.75
	22	\$11.00	\$392.75
	29	\$13.00	\$405.75

Bethany UMC Miscellaneous Contributions 2018

Susquehanna Conference Pastor's Salary Reimbursement
07/15/18-----\$1,000.00
Worship Planner Reimbursement
07/22/18-----\$20.00
07/29/18-----\$40.00
Water for Tanzania VBS Mission Project
07/22/18-----\$211.00

Butler Trust Contributions 2018

January 7, 2018----\$2,625.00
April 8, 2018----\$2,625.00
July 8, 2018----\$2,625.00

Way Forward Meeting

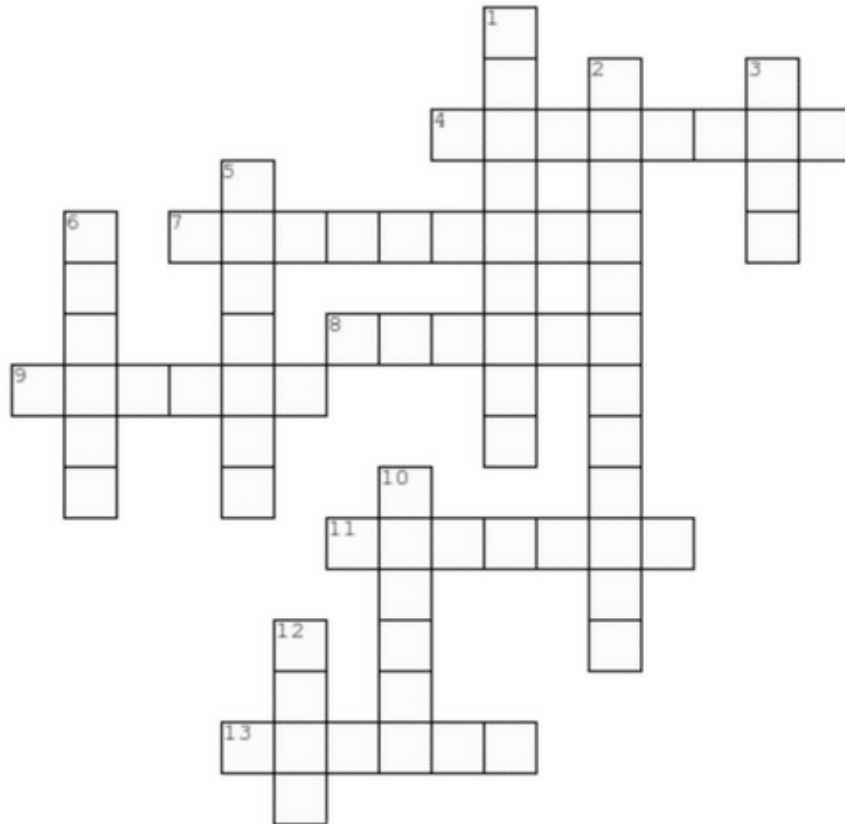
An invitation for United Methodist Laity and Clergy. Sessions include opening devotions by the District Superintendent, a briefing on the Commission on a Way Forward report, and time for Q&A.

Saturday, September 15th at 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm
 Lewisburg District at:
 Watsontown UMC, 1319 8th Street Dr
 Watsontown PA 17777

Fun Page



Fall Crossword


**Across**

- 4. Jewish Holiday, Rosh _____
- 7. Scary Holiday
- 8. Fall from oak trees
- 9. Change colors
- 11. For carving and pie
- 13. Color

Down

- 1. Used to frighten birds
- 2. Feast Holiday
- 3. Tool to clean the grass of leaves
- 5. Marks the end of the growing season
- 6. Squirrel
- 10. Another name for Fall
- 12. Grows on stalks

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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 September]

Sept 2nd - 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / “Sharing the Table” Communion
 Sept 2nd – 12:15 pm – N.O.W. Committee Meeting
 Sept 2nd – 2:00 pm – Rockwell Communion
 Sept 3rd – Labor Day (Office Closed)
 Sept 4th – 8:30 am – Milton Ministerium @ Revival Tabernacle
 Sept 4th – 7:00 pm –Worship Teams Meeting
 Sept 8th – 9 am -4 pm – Milton Harvest Festival Crafts
 Sept 11th – 7:00 pm – PSPRC
 Sept 12th – 6 pm – 9 pm – Milton Block Party @ Bound Ave
 Sept 13th – 7:00 pm – Milton POPS Concert @ Milton High School
 Sept 15th – 9 am – 4 pm – Milton Harvest Festival Crafts (Bethany Food Stand)
 Sept 15th – 1:00 pm – Milton Harvest Parade
 Sept 15th – 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm – Way Forward Meeting @ Watsontown UMC
 Sept 18th – 6:30 pm – Leadership Team (Ad Board)
 Sept 23rd – 6:00 pm – Movie Night at Bethany UMC
 Sept 25th – Noon – Riverwoods Auxiliary Luncheon @ Riverwoods
 Oct 4th – 6:30 pm – Planning Meeting for Community Dinners @ Christ Lutheran
 Oct 13th – (TBA) – Share the Warmth Coat Giveaway
 Oct 14th – 5:00 pm – Community Dinner @ Christ Lutheran
 Oct 20th – (TBA) – Share the Warmth Coat Giveaway

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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