

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



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Milton's Good News

May- "At a Glance"

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Looking back in May for Bethany, starting off with National Day of Prayer, where the Kingdom Kidz Puppets did a presentation via Facebook. Bethany UMC opened the worship service on May 10th "Mother's Day" and gave all the women some chocolate. We continued our social distancing and wearing of masks, was great to be able to worship together. The Annual Conference was rescheduled from May to October 3rd, 2020.

The Panther Pack items were picked up from St. Andrew's once again, and thank you all for donating. Thank you to all who donated to the burial fund for a woman in our community.

"Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security." Jeremiah 33:6 (NIV)

– Cheri Buss

Church's New Email Address...

Bethany church has a new email address, abit shorter so when giving it out it is not so long of an address. Can start using the new email now:

Bethany18office@gmail.com

Thank You!



Leadership Team (Church Update)....

Because of trying to maintain a safe environment and yet to do the business of the church the monthly Leadership meetings are going to be held when needed and those who are a part of the team will be notified when these will take place.

In order to keep the congregation up to date I will supply a quick overview of the state of the church. We will continue to meet at West Milton until the reconstruction of Bethany is completed enough for our safe worship. This may take a while with the stoppage of work because of the Insurance investigation and the shutdown of work. I am hopeful with the relaxation of the quarantine work may start up soon as there is still more demolition to take place and then the first priority is to replace the roof and seal the building. We are still in the planning stage for the new interior of the church and what that will be like.

The leadership team will try our best to keep everyone informed of progress as we go.

Thanks,
Pastor Bill

Next scheduled Leadership Team Meeting will be Tuesday, June 16th at 6:30 pm, if safe and healthy for all to attend.

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From Pastor Bill's Study

Greetings to all,

A term that I thought would never become a part of church life has so entered into the lexicon of today that it is driving me crazy. The term "social distancing" is one that I do not care if I ever hear it again.

Every part of church life and the life of a Christian is about relationship and fellowship. Gathering to share in praise and worship, the sharing of the Lord's Table, the care and comfort of those that are in need. Yet in the new normal of today we are told to stay away from each other, wash continually and especially after contact of anyone closer than six feet.

I feel we should be yelling at each other and have name tags that can be read from six feet away which say "unclean".

In some ways the church of today has made a great leap into the electronic age with all of the different ways in which the word of God is being presented today, but I also feel that we have lost about two thousand years of advancement in sharing the gospel. We have lost the personal affect of a personal God.

I know for me the daily devotion and the Sunday service I do on Face Book now does not feel the same as a person contact and seeing and feeling the reaction from the people.

I do pray that by June we will be able to get back to a personal contact system with church and Bible studies but only time will tell what we will be allowed to do and then how we are to do things.

The future at this time does not look the brightest as there is continual talk of prolonged use of masks and the gathering of groups to be limited by size of the number of people together at one time.

I pray for wisdom and discernment by those in power to make the right decisions. I also pray for the local and sole proprietor to be able to survive and recovery from the losses they have had to endure.

In and through it all I pray we never lose sight of it is still God in control and that if there is a lesson to be learned from this exposure to the Covid - 19 Virus we will soon learn and remember what that lesson will be. One I know is that we are leaning more on the studies of man more than we are the studies of God and how to control fear.

Now that the church has opened back up and the restrictions are being redefined I ask if possible that we support the local business men and women as much as we can to restore the local economy.

Psalm 121

Know Hope,

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 June they are due: Sunday, June 14, 2020.** 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 3rd. Here are May's songs, Scriptures, and sermon titles. **Next Worship Team meeting will be on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2020 at 1:00 PM. We are now open for worship held at West Milton UMC at 11:00 am (Use masks & keep safety guidelines).**

June 7th (Trinity Sunday) – Come, Thou Almighty King (61); Make Me a Servant (2176); How Firm a Foundation (529); Psalm 8; Hebrews 8:7-13; "Covenant" / **Communion (3 special offerings: UMCOR, Native American, Peace with Justice)**

June 14th – Blessed Assurance (359); Make Me a Servant (2176); Freely, Freely (389); Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Hebrews 9:11-15; "New Covenant"

June 21st (Father's Day) – The Lord's Prayer (271); Make Me a Servant (2176); I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (2129); Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Hebrews 10:19-25; "Persevere"

June 28th – Be Still, My Soul (534); Make Me a Servant (2176); Trust and Obey (467); Psalm 13; Hebrews 11:1-2, 13-16; "Faith"

Trustees Report...

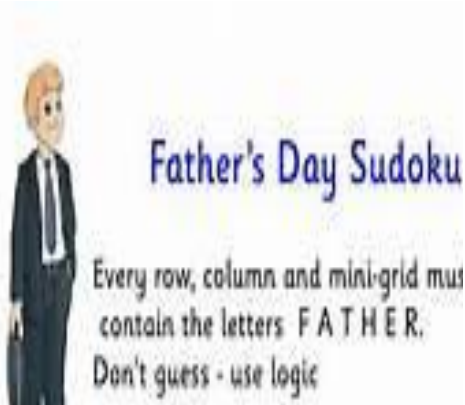
Other than the decisions made during the special meeting of the Leadership Team last month, it's been pretty quiet in the Trustee world. It is time for the quarterly report of the Trustee's finances. Unless you've been living off the grid during the pandemic, you know the stock market has been very volatile over the last couple months. Overall there has been a pretty significant decline in our investments.

The following balances (rounded) are as of March 31:

- Hudock Capital Group (Pershing) - \$595,561 – a decrease of \$89,857 from the last quarter – We needed to transfer \$20,000 from this account for current expenses in February.
- Hudock Capital Group (Pershing) – Fire Insurance Fund - \$332,650 – we opened this account with \$450,000 of the initial proceeds from the insurance claim and since withdrew \$120,000 to pay for some of the clean-up/demolition.
- Prudential Investments - \$530,537 – a decrease of \$99,260 from the last quarter – this is our 'in lieu of flood insurance' account.
- Prudential Investments – The Radenbush Trust - \$90,657 – a decrease of \$2,231 from last quarter.
- Prudential Investments - \$7,087 – a decrease of \$1,226 from the last quarter.
- BYN Mellon – The Butler Trust – \$176,415 – a decrease of \$38,657 which includes the quarterly disbursement of \$2,625 which helps with current expenses.

Submitted by Jamie Aurand, Trustee chair

Happy Father's Day – Fun Page



Sunday, June 21st

To all the men out there who raised, nurtured, and adopted God's children, bless you and have a wonderful Father's Day!

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. Bethany UMC will be in charge of providing to as many as 350 children per week, of fruit cups and individual boxes of cereals. **Also in need of plastic grocery bags.** Please bring in those items of the first of the month for **"Sharing the Table"** or into the office Mon, Wed, Fri from 9 am – 1 pm.



Next Food Collection Communion Dates: June 7th / July 5th

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

There will **not** be any Milton Harvest Community Dinners for June, per Sarah Wochele, Bucknell. Sarah will let us know if they can start back up.

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

There will **not** be a Community Dinner that was scheduled for **June 14th**.

Bethany's
Effort
Toward
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

Toasty Toes Sock Ministry....

We have launched a new ongoing ministry here at Bethany. The "Toasty Toes Sock Ministry" will provide new socks to those in need. Socks will be handed out at both of the Community Dinners that we serve and assist with and at Milton Towers and other limited income housing projects in town. We are collecting pairs of new socks in all sizes & genders from infants to adults. Please deposit socks in the laundry basket at the front of the sanctuary on any Sunday.



Our Prayer List.....

Coronavirus- Elderly, children, healthcare field, workers, children & safety, Graduates / Schools

Elva S (Jamie's Aunt) – Continued prayers for health.

Florence Y. & Tom Y. –Health

Patti S. – Health / Recovery

Bill S. - Recovery

Jim Masser & Family – Loss of sister, Pauline Cameron

David (Karen's friend) – Cancer

Terri H. – PetScan / Cancer

Gary (Friend of Janet) – Cancer

Dan A (Janet's brother) – Health / Cancer / Recovery

Mandy (Jim's friend) – Cancer

Bethany Congregation & reopening business / churches.

Bethany UMC Restoration

Leadership Team: Cindy, James A, Rod, Shelly, Bob F, James M, Dick K, Dave W, Mike L, Dorothy, Pastor Bill.



Thank You Note.....



Pastor and Members of Bethany UMC: I thank you so much for all the calls and cards you sent me during my time of loss they were truly appreciated.

- God bless you all, Flora Price

Bethany UMC Current Expense Income April 2020 Reports:

Envelope Income To Date---2020

		Current Expense	Reno	Benev. (Price Fund)	Miscell.	Weekly Total	Year To Date
April	5	\$832.00		\$7.00		\$839.00	\$10,656.00
	12	\$943.00		\$107.00		\$1,050.00	\$11,706.00
	19	\$440.00		\$16.00		\$456.00	\$12,162.00
	26	\$1,332.00		\$7.00		\$1,339.00	\$13,501.00

Plate Income To Date---2020

		Plate	Known Givers	Benevolences (Price Fund)	Weekly Total	Year To Date
April	5	CANCELLED				\$470.00
	12	CANCELLED	\$300.00		\$300.00	\$770.00
	19	CANCELLED				\$770.00
	26	CANCELLED				\$770.00

Lessons For Life Income To Date---2020

		Weekly Total	Year To Date
April	5	CANCELLED	\$103.10
	12	CANCELLED --\$6.00	\$109.10
	19	CANCELLED	\$109.10
	26	CANCELLED --\$25.00	\$134.10

Bethany UMC Miscellaneous Contributions 2020

Lenten Offering	
4/5/20--\$20.00	
4/26/20--\$100.00	\$2,300.00
Easter Flower Dedications	
3/1/20--\$26.00	
3/8/20--\$25.00	
3/15/20--\$17.00	
4/12/20—ALL FUNDS MOVED TO PRICE HARDSHIP FUND	\$68.00



Finance Report (April's Current Expenses In & Out):

Total Income Received: \$11,623.00
 Total Expenses Paid Out: \$10,249.68

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Sunday Worship:

**[Held at West Milton UMC
310 High St
West Milton PA]**

Lessons for Life: 10:00 am
Gathering of the Family of God: 11:00 am

PASTOR BILL

670 Stamm Rd
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pastorbill@gmail.com

Upper Room – Now Available

May / June

Daily Bread – Now Available

June / July / August

Announcements:**Dates to Remember:**

June 2nd – 10:00 am - Bible Study "Proverbs" @ West Milton UMC
June 4th – 7:00 pm - Bible Study "Proverbs" @ West Milton UMC
June 7th – 11:00 am – Gathering of the Family of God / "Sharing the Table"
Communion (Special Offerings: Peace/UMCOR/Native American)
June 7th – 2:00 pm – Rockwell Communion (If opened)
June 16th – 6:30 pm – Leadership Team (Finance & Ad Board)
June 21st – Happy Father's Day
June 23rd – Noon – Riverwoods Auxiliary @ Riverwoods) (If opened)
July 14th – 1:00 pm - Worship Team Meeting

Rockwell Bible Study: 9:00 am every Thursday at Rockwell (If opened)

Bible Study "Proverbs": 10:00 am every Tuesday @ West Milton UMC

Bible Study "Proverbs": 7:00 pm every Thursday @ West Milton UMC

Lessons for Life: 10:00 am every Sunday morning.

Gathering of the Family of God: 11:00 am every Sunday morning.



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