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Gathering of the Family of God: 10:30 am  
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**Upper Room – Now Available**


September / October

**Announcements:**

**Dates to Remember:**

- Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / Communion
- Oct 7<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am – Bible Study
- Oct 13<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God
- Oct 15<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm – Leadership Team Meeting
- Oct 19<sup>th</sup> – 9 am – 4 pm – Refresh Event @ First UMC, Muncy PA
- Oct 20<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God  
1:00 pm – Combined Church Family Picnic (Bethany & St Andrews) @ St Andrews
- Oct 27<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God  
11:45 am – Oct Birthday Celebrations Fellowship
- Oct 31<sup>st</sup> - 10:00 am – Passing candy to the YMCA Children
- Nov 13<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm – Annual Church Conference @ St Andrew's UMC, Milton

*Every Sunday Worship (Gathering of the Family of God) at 10:30 am.*  
*Every Monday at 10:00 am - Bible Study*

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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**

**September “At a Glance”**

Looking back in September for Bethany, Milton Harvest Festival began with Arts & Crafts, concerts, music, events, and parade, along with Bethany handing out several Free water bottles & popcorn with church info on them. A huge **Thank You** to **Dorothy Hower, Kathryn Martin, Rod Moore, Mike Longenberger, Dave Warburton, James Shields, Arie Allshouse, and Pastor Travis** for helping with this ministry. End of the month we celebrated the September birthdays after church with cake and coffee.

*“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.” Ephesians 1:3 (NIV) - Cheri Buss*

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**Pastor Appreciation Month**

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

Thank you, Pastor Travis, for your love for God's Church at Bethany, for leadership, for your vision, and for your prayers, kindness, generosity, and your guidance! We thank you so much for everything you do for the flock from your congregation and staff here at Bethany!



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**Church Conference**



This year's Church Conference will be on **Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at St. Andrew's UMC, 102 Lower Market St, Milton PA.** Please mark your calendars and packets will be available at the meeting.



### From Pastor Travis's Study

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Grace to you and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

When I was a student at Albright College, I had a friend who was a Philosophy major. We laughed at him quite a bit for this decision in his life, but it was also interesting to hear about the topics that they were discussing in classes. One year during finals he told us that for one of his classes the final consisted of just one word. The final was just one word and one question mark only. That question was "why?". My friend said that there were students, himself included, who filled up numerous test booklets answering this one simple question. Then he said there was one student who answered the question with a question of just two words. This student answered the question with "why not?". I am not sure how this worked out for this student, and I am sure that this story is one that gets told in all philosophy circles and probably has never happened.

These questions of "why" and "why not" are often ones that I think about. Why or why not should I do something? Why or why not should I care about that? Why or why not should I eat that container of Ben and Jerry's Ice-cream? We are often faced with these questions. Why? Why not?

This is the same for us in the church. Why do we exist? Why do we do these things? Why not do something else? Why? Why not?

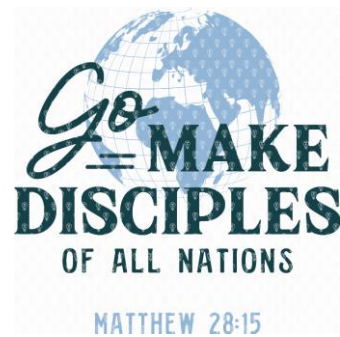
I have recently read a book entitled Witness Your Why by Jeremy Scott. In this book the question of Why is asked and then it tells us to make the answer to that answer the center of all that we do. Why does the church exist? Jesus calls us in Matthew 28 to go into the world and make disciples. This is also the mission of the United Methodist Church. It is our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This is our Why. This is what makes us who we are. We are then called to go and to share with others that why.

Often times in the church we get stuck in the What and How of church life. What are we going to do? And, how are we going to do it? I want us to start to think about Why? What is our WHY? Is our WHY at the center of who we are? Why or Why not?

May God Bless you in the days ahead so that you may be a blessing to others.

And always remember The Best Is Yet To Be!

Pastor Travis Allshouse

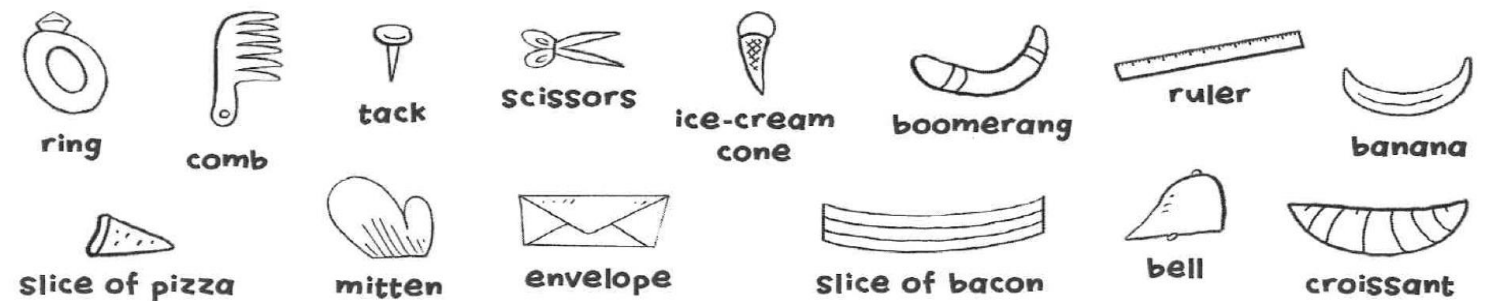


### Leadership Reports...

All Committee/Leadership Reports need to be handed into the church office or pastor, by the second Sunday of each month. **For October they are due: Sunday, October 13, 2024.** You can bring them into the church or email them to Pastor Travis at [tallshouse@susumc.org](mailto:tallshouse@susumc.org). Thank You!



### Fun Page



Share your kid's colorful creations with #MyHighlightsKid for the chance to be featured on our Social Media!

## Bethany UMC Current Expense Income August 2024 Reports:



### Financial Secretary's Report: August 2024

Date	Offering Envelopes	Plate Offering	Altar Flowers	Totals
8/04/24	\$518.00	\$11.00	\$0	\$529.00
8/11/24	\$583.00	\$16.00	\$42.00	\$641.00
8/18/24	\$3,813.00	\$15.00	\$0	\$3,828.00
8/25/24	\$670.00	\$28.00	\$0	\$698.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$5,584.00</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>	<b>\$42.00</b>	<b>\$5,696.00</b>

## Finance Report (August Current Expenses In & Out):

### August 2024

Total Income Received: \$5,696.00 + (\$6,659.18 interest) + (\$50,000 Mifflinburg CD) = **Balance: \$62,355.18**

Total Expenses Paid Out: \$34,230.65

Average Attendance: 18

**Fire Fund:** Income Received: \$1.20 (Interest)  
Total Expenses: \$0 - **Balance \$14,138.55**



## Fuel & Cool Campaign....

It is that time again, this fall, I would like you to prayerfully consider making a contribution to **Fuel & Cool (aka 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!!



**Fuel**

**&**



**Cool**

## TRICK OR Treat Event – Candy needed.



Once again, Bethany UMC will have a table set up outside (Office Porch) to hand out candy for Halloween YMCA children on Thursday, Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, in the morning. Please bring in candy and/or snacks (Soft mini bars, mini cookies, crackers -No hard candy) to donate to this event.

**Due date: Sunday, Oct 27.**

Also will **need volunteers to pass candy** out that Thursday morning (9am – 12 pm) on Oct 31, 2024.

Please let the office know if you can help out passing candy out.

## Looking at months ahead.....



**Daylight Savings Time – November 3<sup>rd</sup>** (Turning clocks back one hour on Sat. Night Nov 2nd)

**Church Annual Conference – November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm @ St Andrew's UMC**

**Feed-A-Friend/"Thanksgiving in a Bag – Nov.** (In discussion on who to deliver them to.)

**Decking the Halls for Christmas Season "Hanging of the Greens" – November 24<sup>th</sup>** [Watch for more information in your bulletin for either a breakfast or luncheon that day.]

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – December 1, 2024**

**Angel Tree (Salvation Army Children)**

## Trustees Report

It's a very short report this month. Trustee items in process:

- The contract with Lezzer Lumber to replace most of the windows and two doors at the parsonage was signed and a deposit of \$10,000 was paid toward the total cost of \$19,825. There is an eight to ten week lead time to get them in, so we're hopeful the project will be completed in late October or early November.
- The contract for electricity supply for the church expires on September 21. There are no long term deals at this time with better pricing than PPL's current price to compare of 9.237/kwh, so I will be switching the supplier to PPL. There is an early cancelation penalty on the current contract, so I will be calling PPL to make the switch very close to the end of the current contract, so we don't incur a penalty.
- The parsonage inspection report has been completed and is ready to be presented at our Annual Conference.

Submitted by Jamie Aurand

## Loss of our dear Church Members: Lenora, Thomas, & Karen.....

**Lenora Russell** went with our Lord and Savior on August 20, 2024. Lenora was a member of Bethany UMC Congregation of 60 years. She helped in various events and worked on different committees for the church. Prayers for the whole Russell Family.

**Thomas Young** went with our Lord and Savior on Friday, August 30, 2024. Thomas was a member of Bethany UMC Congregation for 5 years. Before moving into a nursing home, Thomas helped with transportation to home bound members to doctor appointments. Prayers for his wife, Florence and the whole Young Family.

**Karen Heimbach** went with our Lord and Savior on Monday, September 23, 2024. Karen passed away in the ICU Geisinger Hospital. Karen was Bethany's Organist for 27 years. Karen filled in as Church Administrative Assistant from 2012 - 2013. She helped in various events at the church, help labeling items for the office, and was on the money counter team. She was a member for 47 years. Prayers for her mother, Sarah and the whole Heimbach family. Karen and her gifted talent playing the piano and organ for Bethany will be truly missed!

"Blessed are those that mourn, for they will be comforted."

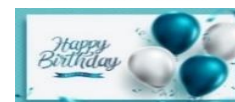
MATTHEW 5:4



## Event in the Area....

October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – (9am – 5pm) and October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – (9am -Noon) – Church Rummage & Soup Sale at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, Walnut St, Milton. Soup Sale \$6 Quart and \$3 Pint.

## October Worship Schedule



**Sunday, Oct 6 – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / Communion**

**Sunday, Oct 13– 10:30 am** Gathering of the Family of God

**Sunday, Oct 20 – 10:30 am -** Gathering of the Family of God

**Sunday, Oct 27 – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God**  
**11:45 am – Oct Birthday Celebrations**

## 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!!

### Bible Study for the Fall



Bible Study is on every Monday at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be studying Hebrews and James.

All are welcome! [Every Monday at 10:00 am]

### Combined Church Family Picnic....



Bethany UMC & St. Andrew's UMC together will be having a combined Church Family Picnic on **Sunday, October 20, 2024** at 1:00 pm at St. Andrew's UMC.

Bethany UMC will be providing the desserts. St. Andrew's will be providing the side dishes. Both churches will pay for the burgers/buns.

Please sign up to attend picnic and dessert you wish to share.

### Refresh Your Innovation



**Saturday, October 19, 2024 (9 am - 4:00 pm)**

**First UMC**  
602 S. Market Street  
Muncy, PA 17756

**Registration fee: \$10/person**  
**See Pastor Travis to sign up.**

*Do you desire to innovate, but struggle to know where to begin? Does your church need to adapt and think outside the box? Refresh your innovation is for you!*

During this hybrid event, you will have the opportunity to hear from and interact with **Rev. Dr. Candace Lewis**, *President-Dean of Gammon Theological Seminary*, **Paul Nixon**, *President of Epicenter Group*, and **Luke Edwards**, *Associate Director of Church Development* in the Western NC Conference. All the presenters will be zooming in so **you can choose to attend fully online or register to attend an in-person gathering at a host church in each of our districts.**

We encourage you to bring a team as collaborative think-tank time will be built into the schedule of this event.

### October Birthday Celebration.(October 27, 2024)

Stay after church to help celebrate members month of October Birthdays on Sunday, October 27, 2024 at 11:45 am with some cupcakes and fellowship.

Members celebrating October birthdays are Richard Krebs, James Shields, Jeff Warburton, Joan Warburton, Jim Masser, and Rich Handy.



## Leadership Team Report...

The church's handouts of free popcorn and bottled water during the Milton Harvest Festival parade went well. We weren't looking for donations, but we provided for the possibility and ended up collecting enough to more than offset the rental fee for the popping machine and the cost of the water. This was a demonstration of grace by the passers-by that we served. And we thank those Bethany members who helped set up for, conduct, and disassemble after the event. More grace.

We will give candy to the YMCA day care kids again this year. There will be a sign-up for those members wishing to donate candy, and the YMCA will be contacted to get the OK and settle on the timing.

The nature of what we can do for the 2024 Feed-A-Friend initiative is seriously affected by what happened with it in 2023, when our Thanksgiving-In-A-Bag food collections ended up going to the attendees of HandUp Foundation's in-house church instead of being distributed to the larger community. We're still cogitating on what we could do instead, but we're leaning toward our own preparation of a communal seasonal meal on the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day. Related to that is the fact that we'd like to have a fellowship meal of our own in connected with Hanging of the Greens. Minds will be made up on all of this shortly, with appropriate details being announced on a timely basis.

As our Church Conference date draws near, the Team has set the Pastor's salary for 2025. The District gets a specific form from us requesting approval of the decided figure. This newsletter is not the pace to divulge such sensitive and personal information, but we can say here that Pastor Allshouse will be raised to a well-deserved and cost-of-living-effective rate of compensation commensurate with both his performance on the job and his needs apart from it.

Rod Moore

## Our Prayer List.....

Concerns:

The Family of Karen Heimbach – Karen passed away Sept 23, 2024.  
Elwood C – Not feeling well.

Bob F– Recovering from his latest surgery.

Jay B – Collapsed & resuscitated, now recovering, praise God.

The Family of Thomas Young – Tom passed away Aug. 30, 2024.

Prayers for Florence as she grieves her husband's death.

Florence Y –Health concerns and medical care.

The Family of Jamie Aurand (Jamie's Aunt) – Mary passed away.

The Family of Lenora Russell – Lenora passed away Aug 20, 2024.

Thereasa H – In Riverwoods for rehab /prayers for her health & recovery.

Edith G – In nursing home, prayers to regain her strength.

Allhouse Family – Prayers as they grieve the loss of their family dog.

Shikellamy School District for their contract negotiations.

All teachers & students going back to school.

**Family/friends with Cancer:** Rita S, Anna P, Florence Y, Tim C (Friends of Allshouse); Rita (Karen's relative); Dot (Judy's neighbor); Kenny (Sally's friend). Alicia (Sally); Dale R (Sally's friend); Rose (Judy's friend).

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

Joy: Sarah H – Recovering and doing well.

