

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



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Milton's Good News

December – "At a Glance"

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Looking back on December for Bethany, starting off with the process of restoring the church after a fire at the end of November, which canceled our Thanksgiving Eve Service. Held a private communion & prayer service at St. Andrews UMC, which ended with a combine worship service. West Milton UMC opened the doors for Bethany to have worship there on Sunday's at 11:00 pm to keep Bethany Congregation all together. We still helped to serve at the Milton Harvest Community Dinner at St Andrews and supply desserts at the community dinner at Christ Lutheran. Bethany members bought gifts for children/Salvation Army and for our homebound members. A huge Thank You to Shelly and Cindy, for taking care of the Poinsettias. – Cheri Buss

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:4-7 (NIV)



Bethany UMC wishes you all a happy 2020 and prays that God will bless you all with good health and a love of Christ to share with one another!

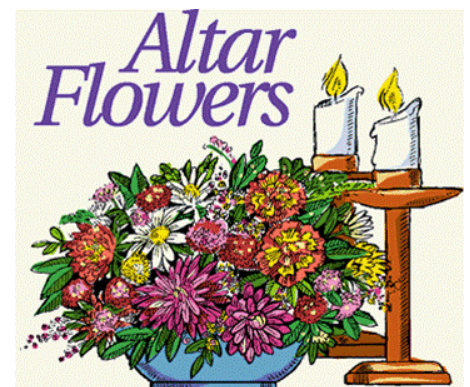
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Altar Flowers....

If you would like to put Altar Flowers on the altar table for Sunday's, please call the church office, Mon, Wed, Friday from 9 am to 1 pm on which Sunday you would like them for and information you wish to have in the bulletin. Please contact the office, at least two weeks in advance. You can purchase a basket of flowers and take over to West Milton UMC for the 11:00 am worship.

Note: All silk flower arrangements were lost in fire.





From Pastor Bill's Study

Greetings to all,

A new day, a new month, a New Year what will we do differently now that we will be given a new start? Every year we make resolutions to do things differently but we are creatures of habit and we too soon revert back to the old ways. When given a new chance are we ready to take it or are we just going to do the old things?

The church fire has been a tragedy that has caused a lot of rethinking of the ways in which we do things and how our routine has been changed. We worship in a different location at a different time but we are still worshipping together and that is the main thing.

In the last few weeks many decisions have had to be made as to what to keep and what to discard as the church is being cleaned in order to start the demolition of the old damaged areas and to begin the recreation of the new church building. I know that many more decisions will need to be made.

What I want us as the church to think about is how can we honor God with what we do? The best way is to ask God what he wants us to do. We are called to learn from the past but to prepare for the future. We are going to find ways to do what we need to do as a way of looking at who and what will the church be when our next generations come to worship.

As this letter started we are given a chance at something new and we must not think of what things used to be but we must be ready to take our best shot at grasping the new and what the newness will bring.

In the book of Ezra in the third chapter, it speaks of the rebuild of the altar in the destroyed Temple. Those of the old ways wept because it was not like it was, and the younger one shouted with joy because it was completed. In the midst of the worship, you could not tell one from the other for it all sounded the same as praise to God that they once again could offer their sacrifices to the God who cared for them.

I am sure that in the next year we are going to hear both wails of despair and shouts of joy but may they all blend together as we make the decisions need to praise God now and forevermore in the future.

We must never lose sight that we are building for those who have yet to worship at Bethany but will be in the generations to come.

To God be the Glory

Psalm 121

Our eyes are on you, Lord!

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 January they are due: Sunday, January 12th, 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, December 3rd. Here are January's songs, Scriptures, and sermon titles. **Next Worship Team meeting will be on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020 at 1:00 PM.**

January 5th – (Epiphany Sunday) Go Tell It on the Mountain (251); Jesus, Name above All Names (2071); We Are the Church (558); Psalm 147:12-20; Philippians 1:27-30; "*Happenings*"; **Communion**

January 12th – (Baptism of the Lord Sunday) Breathe on Me, Breath of God (420); Jesus, Name above All Names (2071); Spirit Song (347); Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Philippians 2:1-11; "*Like Minded*"

January 19th – Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (344); Jesus, Name above All Names (2071); Leaning On the Everlasting Arms (133); Psalm 40:1-11; Philippians 3:1-11; "*Confidence*"

January 26th – O Jesus, I Have Promised (396); Jesus, Name above All Names (2071); I Sing the Almighty Power of God (152); Psalm 27:1, 4-9; Philippians 4:10-13; "*Thanks*"

Leadership Team (Ad Board) Report....

There is no Leadership Team report since Leadership Team did not meet in December. **Next Leadership Team meeting will be on Tuesday, January 21st, 2020.**

Bethany November 26th Fire Update:

In the last few weeks, there has been a lot going on with the fire recovery at Milton Bethany. Contractors have been in for the last two weeks cleaning up the aftermath of the fire. The most damage was caused by smoke and water.

All of the floors had to be scraped and the loose insulation had to be removed, and then everything had to be sorted as to what could be saved and what had to be thrown away. Many hard decisions had to be made but some items were beyond repair and cleaning.

All of the pews were removed except for those under the debris field. These are being refinished and stored until we are ready for them.

The ceilings and side walls are being removed and what was discovered was there was a lot of insect damage under the plaster so all of the sidewalls will need to be replaced.

We are also having to deal with the damage to the organ and what steps we are going to have to take to repair or to replace what we have.

Pray for the church leadership as we make the decisions needed to create a new Worship space.

Needing your prayers,
Pastor Bill

Thank You Letters to all those below who donated to the Fire Fund:

Mooresburg UMC, Hendricson UMC, Mooresburg Presbyterian, Joseph & Linda Brzostowski, Cherie Boyer, Nancy Brown, Milesburg UMC, Patricia Engle, Larry & Theresa Clark, Wesley UMC, Mary & Duane Baer, Hepburn Baptist Church, John & Susan Tonzetich, Stanley & Ann Share, Yelena Share, Crystal Gnidovec, Askam UMC, George & Suella Barto, Judy Carl, East Salem UMC Journey Class, Mifflinburg UMC, Washington Presbyterian Church, and some Anonymous givers.

Bethany thanks all those who contributed to the Fire Fund.

Total of Donation as of Dec 20th: \$2,924.00 (Fire Fund)

N.O.W. Hear This! Next N.O.W. Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7th at 6:30 pm, Bethany office.

“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: Jan 5th / Feb 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, January 6, 2020** at 5:00 pm. Bethany will need volunteers to help with serving at 4:45 pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

(Next Milton Harvest Community Dinners that Bethany is helping with are: Feb 3rd, March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th).

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

There will be a Community Dinner on a **Sunday, February 9th, 2020 at 5:00 pm**. Watch for more information in the bulletin.

Planning Meeting for Community Dinner will be on January 9th at 6:30 pm at Christ Lutheran Church.

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



Bible Study

A Bible Study on “Book of Proverbs” will start on Tuesday's & Thursday's for 2020. Starting on Tuesday, January 7th, 2020 at 10:00 am, held at Thereasa Hinderlitters (Can carpool just meet at Bethany Office by 9:45 am) and starting on Thursday, January 9th, 2020 at 7:00 pm, held at Bethany's church office.

Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary for this Bible Study or call the church office. (See Cindy Mohr for sign up sheet).

2020 Leadership Team.....

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020

Leadership Team - Accountable to the Charge Conference

Leadership Team- The leadership team meets at least quarterly. In the course of a year, it shall: 1) give temporal oversight to the total organization of the local church; 2) establish objectives and adopt goals for the congregation; 3) determine policy; 4) receive reports, give review and authorization to plans of action from its sub-committees; 5) fill vacancies among the elected officers between Charge Conferences; 7) review the membership of the local church; and 8) maintain and support the United Methodist Connection. Members of the Leadership Team will fill all or the older committees and the duties of those committees. Members are as follows:

Cindy Mohr, Chair

James Aurand

Roderick Moore

James Masser

Robert Fitch

David Warburton

Shelly Sholley

Dorothy Hower

Mike Longenberger

Richard Krebs

All subcommittees will be filled with those gifted with the talents need within the church.

(Keep Bethany's Leadership Team in pray all year long).



Church Cancellation ? / Tune into WGRC 91.3



Due to unpredicted weather patterns of winter storms, please have your radio tuned into WGRC 91.3 to find out if church services would be canceled due to winter weather.

Bethany UMC Current Expense Income November 2019 Reports:

Envelope Income To Date---2019

		Current Expense	Reno	Benev. (Price Fund)	Miscell	Weekly Total	Year To Date
November	3	\$1,069.00		\$6.00	.	\$1,075.00	\$38,940.00
	10	\$622.00				\$622.00	\$39,562.00
	17	\$702.00				\$702.00	\$40,264.00
	24	\$675.00		\$10.00		\$685.00	\$40,949.00

Plate Income To Date---2019

		Current Exp.		Weekly Total	Year To Date
November	3	\$1.00		\$1.00	\$2,076.80
	10	\$57.00		\$57.00	\$2,133.80
	17	\$115.76		\$115.76	\$2,249.56
	24	\$6.44		\$6.44	\$2,256.00

Lessons For Life Income To Date---2019

		Weekly Total	Year To Date
November	3	\$13.00	\$600.00
	10	\$11.00	\$611.00
	17	\$13.00	\$624.00
	24	\$14.00	\$638.00

Bethany UMC Special UM Sunday Contributions 2019

United Methodist Student Day---11/24/2019
11/24/19---\$205.00

Bethany UMC Miscellaneous Contributions 2019

	Year To Date
Salvation Army Loose Change to Make a Change Collection	
11/24/19--\$25.00	\$63.44
Fire & Ice Campaign	
11/10/19--\$100.00	
11/17/19-\$5.00	\$3,180.00
Poinsettia Dedications	
11/3/19-\$37.50	
11/10/19-\$7.50	
11/17/19-\$37.50	
11/24/19-\$82.50	\$165.00
Feed-A-Friend	
11/10/19-\$203.00*****TALLIED BUT NOT DEPOSITED IN ACCT—GIVEN DIRECTLY TO HAND-UP*****	\$203.00
Our Daily Bread Publication Offering	
11/3/19-\$20.00	\$42.00

Finance Report (November's Expenses In & Out):

Total Income Received: \$3,836
 Total Expenses Paid Out: \$7,276

Total Attendance for the month of November: 35

Fun Page

WINTER WORD SEARCH



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See how many of these words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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| 1. Snow | 5. Shovel | 9. Slippery | 13. Scarf |
| 2. Snowman | 6. Cold | 10. Slide | 14. Hat |
| 3. Winter | 7. Freezing | 11. Sledding | 15. Earmuffs |
| 4. Weather | 8. Snowflake | 12. Skating | 16. Mittens |

Announcements:

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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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570-246-5830 (Home)
pastorbill@gmail.com

Upper Room – Now Available

January / February

Daily Bread – Now Available

January / February / March

Dates to Remember:

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

December 24 – Noon – 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Prayer Vigil

December 24th – 7:00 pm – Christmas Eve Service (Communion & Candlelight)

December 25th – Merry Christmas (Office closed)

January 1st – Happy New Year! (Office closed)

January 5th – 10:00 am – Lessons for Life (Sunday School)

January 5th - 11:00 am – Gathering of the Family of God / “Sharing the Table” Communion

January 5th – 2:00 pm – Rockwell Communion

January 6th – 4:45 pm – (Servers) Milton Harvest Community Dinner @ St Andrew’s

January 7th – 8:30 am - Milton Ministerium @ Baptist Church

January 7th – 10:00 am – Bible Study “Proverbs” Begins @ Thereasa’s home

January 7th – 6:30 pm – N.O.W. Meeting (Bethany office)

January 9th – 6:30 pm – Planning Meeting Cmty Dinners @ Christ Lutheran

January 9th – 7:00 pm – Bible Study “Proverbs” Begins @ Bethany Office

January 21st – 6:30 pm – Leadership Team (Finance / Ad Board)

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

Bible Study: 10:00 am every Tuesday @ Thereasa’s home (Starting Jan. 7th)

Bible Study: 7:00 pm every Thursday @ Bethany Office (Starting Jan 9th)

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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