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

March / April

**Announcements:**

**Dates to Remember:**

March 24<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / Palm Sunday  
March 27<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am – Candy to YMCA Children @ Bethany UMC  
March 29<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm – Good Friday Service @ Bethany UMC  
March 31<sup>st</sup> – 9:00 am – Easter Breakfast / March Birthday Celebrations  
10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / Easter Sunday / Communion  
April 7<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God  
April 8<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am – Bible Study –(Galatians) Begins  
April 14<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God  
Special Offering: Native American Sunday  
April 16<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm – Leadership Team Meeting  
April 21<sup>st</sup> – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God  
April 28<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God  
11:45 am – April Birthday Celebrations



Be still  
and know  
that I am  
*God*  
Psalm 46:10



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2024

**Bethany United Methodist Church**  
*“A Church with the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Milton”*



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**April 2024**

**Milton's Good News**

**March – “At a Glance”**

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Looking back in March for Bethany, Pastor's Wife Appreciation. Lenten Bible Study was completed. The Soup & The Word at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church on Wednesdays was completed. Resurrection Jelly Beans & Purity Chocolate Crosses were handed out to the YMCA Pre-Schoolers & Earlier Learning Children. **Thank you Cindy Mohr & Barb Huff** for putting the bags together, all those who helped pass out the bags, and for all who made contributions to the YMCA Outreach Ministry!. Ending the month with Easter Sunday; praising our Risen Lord, which we had an Easter Breakfast and celebration of March Birthdays. **Thank You Bob & Janet Fitch!**

*“That is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.” Romans 1:12 (NIV)*  
**- Cheri Buss**

**Why Studying the Bible (God's Words) Together?**

Most of us will already be convinced that studying the Bible on your own is foundational to the Christian life. But how important is it to do it *together*? Here are some benefits you may wish to consider:

**1) It follows Jesus' example**

Although Jesus preached often to large crowds, he chose to empower and prepare his followers for ministry in a small group setting. The early church continued with this discipleship model; Acts 2:42 tells us that first-generation believers met in homes and “devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship.”

**2) It directs us in wisdom**

The Bible is a roadmap for life! It contains ‘everything we need for life and godliness’ (2 Peter 1:3). Yet just as sometimes we need someone to help us read a map, we benefit from others' experience of digging deep in God's Word.

**3) It provides necessary encouragement**

Witnessing the faith of another believer encourages us to keep going when things get tough (Romans 1:12); gives us the opportunity to comfort those in trouble ‘with the comfort we ourselves have received from God (2 Cor 1:4); and enriches us as we hear how God has strengthened, guided and directed others throughout their lives.

**4) It keeps us accountable**

Every believer requires others to help them understand biblical truth and how to apply it. All of us need our knowledge sharpened, blind spots in our thinking corrected, and resistance to changes in our behavior challenged.

**5) It transforms our families, workplaces and communities**

When we study the Bible together, God promises to reveal Himself, to teach us how to obey Him, and to show us how to love one another. When we are changed to become more like Jesus, our family, workplaces and communities will be eternally impacted.

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## From Pastor Travis's Study

Brothers and Sisters,

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

I must confess to you that there is one part of the spring season that I do not like. I do not like the time change that takes place. I will be completely honest that I love the time change in the fall when I get one more hour of sleep, but I do not like losing that hour of sleep come spring time. I also do not like the uncertainty that comes with the changing of weather that comes in March and April. I do not like that one day it can be 70 degrees and the next day it will be 30 degrees. I just do not like drastic changes in my life.

I am such a creature of habit. When I find something that I like and I am comfortable with it I just stick with that thing. When I was a freshman in college I really liked the grilled cheese and fries that my school prepared, and it was the shortest line to get through. So, for the entire year I ate grilled cheese and fries for lunch. It was easy, comfortable, and I really liked it.

Unfortunately, this comfort and ease had a negative impact on my health. I gained weight. I found it harder to climb all the stairs that I had to in a day to get to my classes. I would arrive to my classes out of breath because of stairs.

This happens in other aspects of our lives as well. We just finished the season of Lent, and are currently in the season of Eastertide. Lent is a way for us to realize that our lives are always changing and sometimes we have to step out of our comfort zones. It reminds us that we must trust God and turn everything over to Him, even our comfort and ease.

When things change how do we handle it? Do we get angry and leave the situation? Do we resist the change at all costs? Do we try to get rid of the one who made the changes?

The good news about Lent is that through the discomfort and sacrifice that we must make, we know that Easter comes. Easter tells us that through the uncertainty of our lives, through our discomfort, even our suffering, that God through Jesus and the Holy Spirit is with us. He is walking beside us and guiding us. He is our certainty even in death. When the outcome of death was uncertain, Christ came and changed that. He showed us that even death will not separate us from God.

Let us go faithfully into this next phase of our lives and life of our church knowing that God, who raised Jesus up from the dead, is with us always.

May God Bless you in the days ahead.

The Best is yet to Be,

Pastor Travis



## Leadership Reports...

All Committee/Leadership Reports need to be handed into the church office or pastor, by the second Sunday of each month. **For April they are due: Sunday, April 14, 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

# April Showers

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April Fool's Day  
Beginning  
Chocolate  
Green  
Planting  
Spring

Aries  
Bloom  
Earth Day  
Grow  
Plow  
Sun

Baseball  
Bunny  
Easter  
Jellybeans  
Puddles  
Taurus

Basket  
Chicks  
Flowers  
Jokes  
Showers  
Warmer Weather



## Bethany UMC Current Expense Income February 2024 Reports:

### Financial Secretary's Report: February 2024

Date	Offering Envelopes	Plate Offering	Overpayment Reimburse	Initial Offering	Lessons for Life Offering	Lenten Offering	Easter Flowers	Totals
02/04/24	\$1,356.00	\$20.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50.00	\$0	\$1,426.00
02/11/24	\$516.00	\$15.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$531.00
02/18/24	\$3,527.00	\$0	\$15.89	\$2.00	\$30.00	\$2,007.00	\$0	\$5,581.89
02/25/24	\$664.00	\$35.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200.00	\$50.00	\$949.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$6,063.00</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>	<b>\$15.89</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$2,257.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$8,487.89</b>

### February 2024

Total Income Received: \$8,487.89 + \$1.54 (Interest) + \$10,000 (Transfer from Fire Fund) = \$18,489.43

Total Expenses Paid Out: \$20,250.22

Average Attendance: 20

**Fire Fund:** Income Received:\$5.71 (Interest)

Total Expenses: (2) Invoices (Creative Landscapes) + \$10,000 to General Account = \$11,397.00

**Balance \$72,608.00**



## Bob's famous Clam Chowder Recipe.....

### Ingredients:

4 cans (6.5 oz.) Snow's chopped clams; drain and reserve juice  
 ¼ lb. salt pork, diced 1/4" (cuts easier if frozen)  
 1 medium yellow onion, finely diced  
 1 bunch celery hearts, finely diced, discard white end  
 2-1/2 lbs. white Maine potatoes, peeled, cut into ½ inch cubes  
 ½ tsp. salt  
 1 small bay leaf

1 qt. Half & Half  
 ½ stick of butter  
 1 bottle clam juice (8 oz.)  
 1/3 cup all purpose flour

½ tsp. white pepper  
 1/8 tsp. dried thyme

**Directions:** (This recipe is half the one demonstrated in the video) In 6 quart or larger stainless pot, gently brown the salt pork bits over low heat, until golden. Do not allow fat to smoke or burn. Remove pork crisps with slotted spoon and set aside, leaving fat in pot. Sauté the onions and celery in the fat until most water has evaporated. Stir frequently. Remove all contents from pot and set aside. Melt butter in pot, then add flour, stirring to make a thick, smooth roux, scraping pan with flat wooden spatula. More butter may be added if roux gets too thick. Do not allow roux to brown. Remove from heat to allow pot to cool for a minute; then add the reserved clam juice and the bottled clam juice and whisk into the roux until blended. Return to heat and combine celery and onions to pot. Add Half & Half. Use an immersion blender wand to reduce the celery and onions to a smooth consistency. This wand really works! <https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07...> Add potatoes, salt and pepper, bay leaf, and thyme. If needed, add just enough water or more clam juice to barely cover potatoes during cooking. Simmer potatoes gently over medium low heat, stirring often, until tender, about 20 minutes. Be sure to scrape bottom of pot frequently with wooden spatula to prevent sticking. Add clams and pork bits (optional), and heat gently over medium heat, stirring often, until almost boiling.

- Bob Fitch

## Leadership Team Report...

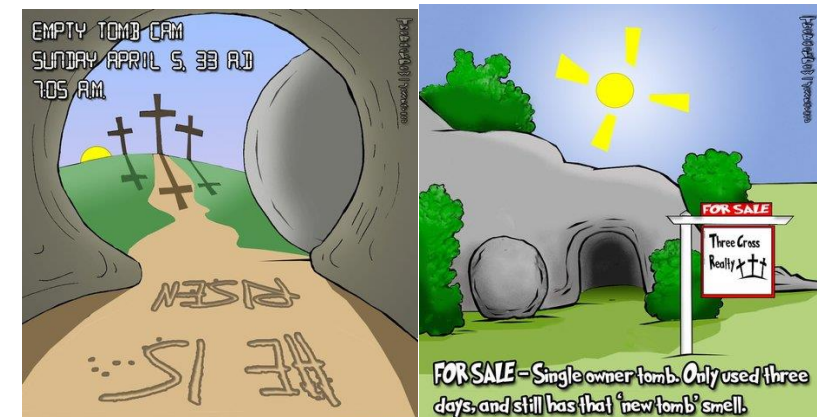
The problem of the damaged handrailing and steps in front of the church goes on at an excruciatingly slow pace of solution. The insurance and police details are inexplicably hard to come by, incomplete, and rather convoluted, and they change with every phone call and contact. Suffice it here to say that it will definitely be a long time before the matter is settled and restoration is complete. On the positive side of it, we will soon be removing the accident detritus that has been an eyesore (if not something of a hazard) in the area of the north steps, the entrance to the south ramp, and the sidewalk nearest the building.

The Hemmler architectural engineer who's working to provide us with drawings and cost figures for constructing an awning over the church's north side entry ramp expects to be ready with discussable information within a few weeks.

The loudspeaker that we plan to use to augment and improve the sound in the Fellowship area is ordered.

The Milton Cluster Lenten Bible study than began on the Monday after Ash Wednesday ended on March 18. Bethany will take up its own new study starting on April 8. We're staying with the Monday 10 AM format, and the next subject will be the Book of Galatians.

Rod Moore



## April Worship Schedule

SUNDAY MORNING  
**WORSHIP**  
 SCHEDULE

**Sunday, April 7** – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God  
 [Note: **No Communion**, since we just had last Sunday for Easter]

**Sunday, April 14** – 10:30 am Gathering of the Family of God  
**Native American (Special Offering)**

**Sunday, April 21** – 10:30 am - Gathering of the Family of God

**Sunday, April 28** – 10:30 am - Gathering of the Family of God  
**11:45 am – April 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!!

**Update:** Jessica Allshouse has been delivering these items to her school and has blessed children with them. Thank you Jessica and everyone for your contributions!

### 2024 Altar Flower Sign Up Chart....

The 2024 Altar Flower Sign Up Chart is now on the table in the Fellowship Hall, which you can sign up for the Sundays you wish to put in Altar Flowers. If you wish to put in fresh flowers, contact Charlene's Petal Talk, 200 N Arch St, Milton at 570-490-9597 or use one of the silk flowers from our church. **Please let Cheri, Administrative Assistant** know what you wish for the bulletin and also what flowers you will be using (Florist you called or silk flowers). Thank You!



### Event in the Area.....

**Hospice of Evangelical Volunteer Training** – Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. at Hospice of Evangelical, 235 Hospital Dr, Lewisburg PA. Fee: **Free**

For more information or to request an application, call the Volunteer Liaison at 570-522-2955.

### Bible Study – Mondays



Bible Study will begin on **Monday, April 8, at 10:00 am**, studying Galatians. Bible Study will be on Monday's at 10:00 am.

### YMCA Children's Ministry

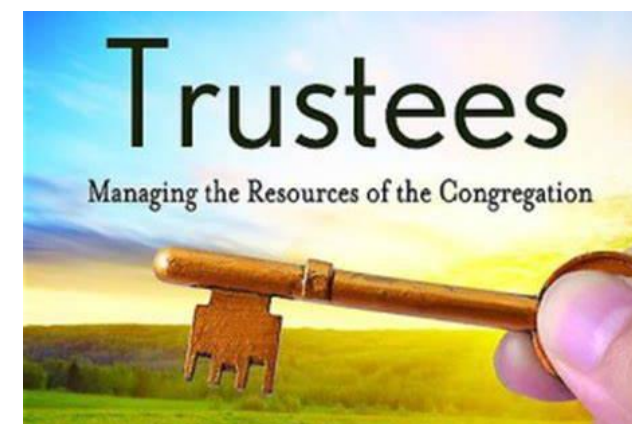
Bethany UMC has passed out candy to the Milton YMCA Preschoolers & Early Learning Children this past Halloween, which was a great success. Then the Milton YMCA Children made Bethany UMC a thank you note and Valentine's Day Card. So, for this Easter it was discussed to get resurrection jelly beans (having the Easter Story) and purity chocolate crosses to them as well. The YMCA Children's Program has very appreciated on how Bethany UMC wanted to do something for the children. So, this Easter on Wednesday, March 27 at 10:00 am, the children will walk by and Bethany UMC will pass out the bagged candy to them all. A total of 85 children will get the Easter Story of our Risen Lord! Total cost of this Outreach Children's Ministry was \$246.33. The Loose Change went towards this ministry. A special Thank you to Cindy Mohr for ordering the chocolate and a huge Thank you to Cindy & Barb Huff who put the candy bags together. Thank You All who helped pass out candy and apart of this ministry! God bless our Children!

## Trustees Report

A short report this month. Trustee items completed or in process:

- We received the bill from the plumber for the backflow preventer testing in the amount of \$298.00.
- Entoguard completed their quarterly pest control treatment on March 8.
- The washer and dryer at the parsonage was in need of repair or replacement. Dan of Dan's Appliance attempted to repair the machines, but the repairs were short lived. The Allshouses were given approval to order new machines, which have been delivered and installed.
- We're still working on the repairs to the north Front Street entrance to the church. Pastor Travis contacted the insurance company regarding the payment of \$2,011.18. He was told our deductible was \$2,500, which is why the check was only for approximately \$2,000. Poole Anderson was contacted. They offered to provide a proposal to repair the concrete and replace the railing. Their proposal to complete the project is \$8,973.00. I've contacted Zartman Construction to get another proposal. They are currently working on it. If we are going to try to get additional funds from the insurance company, they will likely require more than one quote.

Submitted by Jamie Aurand



### Our Prayer List.....

Concerns:

Ronald Mohr (Lindsay's friend) – Heart attack, prayers for recovery & healing.

Dorothy (Jamie's Mom) – In rehab, set back, prayers for healing & strength.

Jamie's Aunt – In hospital, recovering from a fall.

Jim Masser's sister, Lois Hook passed away on March 1, 2024.

Jessica's student went into Foster Care.

Chelsie– Unspoken needs.

Diane (Jess's Aunt)- No more pain, passed away, prayers for the family.

Lindsay – Continued prayers for health concerns.

Texas wild fires and all those lives & homes lost.

Guidance to our Community Leaders & Bethany UMC

Family/friends with Cancer: Rita S., Anna P, Florence Y, Mandy (Jim's friend); Rita (Karen's relative);

Kenny (Sally's friend). Alicia (Sally); Dot (Judy's neighbor); Denny (Travis' Uncle); Bonnie R; Randy;

Dale R (Sally's friend), Tim (Friends of Allshouse).

Leaders / State / Nation / Church / Country / Israel / Ukraine / Gun violence

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

