

**BETHANY UMC**

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

September / October

**Daily Bread – Now Available**

October / November / December

**Announcements:**

**Dates to Remember:**

[Tuesdays at 11:00 am – Bible Study / Acts]  
August 26<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am – 1:00 pm – Journey Ahead 2024 Planning Event  
August 27<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God  
11:45 AM – August's birthday celebrations with cake (Fellowship Hall)  
Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10:30 am - Gathering of the Family of God  
Panther Packs (Bring in fruit packs)  
"Sharing the Table" Communion  
Sept 4<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day (Office Closed)  
Sept 9<sup>th</sup> – 9 am – 4 pm – Milton Harvest Festival Arts & Crafts  
Sept 9<sup>th</sup> – 9 am – Pet Parade (Elm St)  
Sept 9<sup>th</sup> – 10 am – 4 pm – Milton Train Museum (Moose Bldg, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)  
Sept 10<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God  
Sept 10<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm – Harvest Festival Concert Milton Band @ Lutheran Church  
Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – 5 pm – 6 pm – Pumpkin Roll (Academy Ave to Locust St)  
Sept 12<sup>th</sup> – 5 pm – 6pm - Scarecrow Patch (Field by Moose)  
Sept 13<sup>th</sup> – 6 pm – 8 pm – Boogie on Bound, music by Family Ties (Bound Ave)  
Sept 14<sup>th</sup> – 10 am – Ronald Huff Life Celebration @ Bethany UMC  
Sept 14<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm – Harvest Festival POPS Concert @ St Andrew's UMC  
Sept 15<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm – Tomato Bowl Football Game (Milton HS Football Field)  
Sept 16<sup>th</sup> – 9 am – 4 pm – Milton Harvest Festival Arts & Crafts  
Sept 16<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am – Bethany Members passing out popcorn/water  
Sept 16<sup>th</sup> – 1 pm - Parade  
Sept 17<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God  
Sept 24<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God  
11:45 am – Sept's birthday celebrations with cake (Fellowship Hall)  
October 14<sup>th</sup> – 9 am – 1pm – Coat Giveaway



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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

## July / August– "At a Glance"

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Looking back in July/August for Bethany, started Bible Study in the Book of Acts on Tuesdays at 11:00 am. A wonderful time at the parsonage for Fireworks Fellowship, a **HUGE Thank You to Pastor Travis & Jessica** for opening up their home, dessert, and fellowship time. A new event for Bethany, to have a monthly birthday celebration for members at the end of each month with cake/coffee & fellowship after church service, was enthusiastic accepted.

*"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him." James 1:12 (NIV)*

-Cheri Buss

## Milton Harvest Festival Schedule

Milton, Pennsylvania — The 47<sup>th</sup> **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 9-16, 2023** and enjoy these events & more:

Saturday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm – Arts & Crafts

Saturday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup> –9:00 am – Pet Parade – (Elm Street)

Saturday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup> – 10 am – 4 pm – Milton Train Museum (Moose Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

Sunday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> –7:00 pm – Harvest Festival Concert "Milton Area Band" @ Milton Lutheran Church, Mahoning St.

Monday, Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – 5 pm – 6 pm - Pumpkin Roll (Academy to Locust St)

Tuesday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm – Scarecrow Patch (Field by the Moose)

Wednesday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup> – 6 pm – 8 pm - Boogie on Bound – Music by Family Ties (Bound Ave)

Thursday, Sept 14<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm – Harvest Pops Concert @ St Andrew's UMC

Friday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm – Tomato Bowl Football (Milton High School)  
Milton Black Panthers VS Mount Carmel Tornados

Saturday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am – 4:00 am – Arts & Crafts

Saturday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 am – Bethany UMC Popcorn & Water to parade attendees.

Saturday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 pm – Milton Harvest Festival Parade

**Bethany members** we will be making popcorn on **Sept 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am**. Need volunteers to help prepare and pass out popcorn, along with water to the parade attendees. If you would like to help, please call the church office at 570-742-9796. Thank you!

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## From Pastor Travis's Study



Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As summer ends I have been thinking about the different ways that we mark our years. We mark our years by specific dates or events, and not just the start of a new year on January 1<sup>st</sup>. One of those major marks of a year has occurred. It is the start of a new school year. With the start of a new school year a new phase in the life of the church has also begun. It is in the fall that we start to see people returning to church after a summer of travels and other adventures. People begin to look for activities to do with their families that are indoors because of the changes in weather. The fall and winter seasons offer great opportunities to church that we can use.

One thing that I try to do each year around this time is to reflect on the year so far, and to look forward to the next few months of the year. What has been good in my life? What has gone well in my job/family? What has not been so good? What changes do I need to make? These are questions that I reflect on.

Then I look at my ministry as your pastor and the work of the church. We have officially been back in the church building for one year since the rebuilding project has concluded. It is a good time for us as a church to reflect on this year, and on what we need to do in the future. So, I ask you to reflect with me. What has been good in this year for us a church? What has gone well? What has not been so good for us? What changes do we need to make?

Beyond these questions, however, I want to ask us some deeper questions. What is the purpose of Bethany United Methodist Church? Have we been living up to and into that purpose? If the church were not to exist, would anybody notice? Would anybody care that this church was no longer here? What would people say about Bethany UMC? These questions help us to figure out how we are doing as a church called by God in this specific time and place. I invite you to think about all of the questions posed in this newsletter and share your response with me.

The leadership team, and anybody else who is interested, will be meeting on August 26 to do a planning day. This will be a full day devoted to planning our upcoming year with activities and worship ideas, our goals, and our priorities. The questions above will help guide our conversations that day in our discernments. We ask for your help in this process. This is an open event to all those who call Bethany UMC their church.

May God Shine His love and grace on each and every one of us as we look forward to the coming year and all the possibilities that God will open to us in the future.

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 September they are due: Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.** 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

# FALL

<b>3 letters</b>	<b>4 letters</b>	<b>5 letters</b>	<b>6 letters</b>	<b>7 letters</b>	<b>8 letters</b>	<b>9 letters</b>
tea	cozy	acorn	chilly	blanket	football	scarecrow
web	crow	birds	jacket	bonfire	November	September
yarn	fall	brisk	season	flannel	pumpkins	sunflower
	leaf	crops	spider	foliage	squirrel	
	pile	frost	squash	hayride		
	rain	wheat		migrate		
	soup			October		
				tractor		

**Tree Valley Academy**

## Bethany UMC Current Expense Income June/July 2023 Reports:



### Financial Secretary's Report: June 2023

Date	Offering Envelopes	Plate Offering	Peace with Justice	Totals
6/04/23	\$557.00	\$17.00	\$100.00	\$674.00
6/11/23	\$733.00	\$69.00	\$20.00	\$822.00
6/18/23	\$3,015.00	\$35.00	\$0	\$3,050.00
6/25/23	\$752.00	\$36.00	\$0	\$788.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$5,057.00</b>	<b>\$157.00</b>	<b>\$120.00</b>	<b>\$5,334.00</b>

### Financial Secretary's Report: July 2023

Date	Offering Envelopes	Plate Offering	Butler Trust Fund	Totals
7/02/23	\$764.00	\$6.00	\$0	\$770.00
7/09/23	\$688.00	\$15.00	\$0	\$703.00
7/16/23	\$3,108.00	\$10.00	\$0	\$3,118.00
7/23/23	\$733.00	\$13.00	\$0	\$746.00
7/30/23	\$760.00	\$11.00	\$0	\$771.00
7/31/23	\$1,000.00	\$0	\$1,265.43	\$2,265.43
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$7,053.00</b>	<b>\$55.00</b>	<b>\$1,265.43</b>	<b>\$8,373.43</b>

*In the spirit of giving,  
we thank you for  
your generosity!*

## Finance Report (June/July Current Expenses In & Out):

### June 2023

Total Income Received: \$5,335.28 + \$10,000 (Transfer from Fire Fund) + \$1.28) Interest = \$15,336.56

Total Expenses Paid Out: \$16,647.52

Average Attendance: 26

**Fire Fund:** Income Received: \$14.00 (Interest)

Total Expenses: \$10,000 to General Account) **Balance \$168,973**

### July 2023

Total Income Received: \$8,374.62 includes (\$1.19 Interest) + \$12,000 (Transfer from Fire Fund) = \$20,374.62

Total Expenses Paid Out: \$15,080.93

Average Attendance: 23

**Fire Fund:** Income Received: \$13.53 (Interest)

Total Expenses: \$12,000 to General Account) **Balance \$156,986.72**

## Loss of our dear Brother-in-Christ, Ronald Huff



Ronald Huff went with our Lord and Savior on Wednesday, August 2, 2023. Ron was part of Bethany UMC Congregation of 50+ years. Ron recently repaired the Lord's Altar Table, was involved with clean ups, donations, served dinners, and many other various projects for the church. Ron was a devoted husband to Barb for 55 years. Prayers for Barb and for the whole family, Ron will be sadly missed.

**Life Celebration Services for Ron Huff will be at Bethany UMC on Thursday, September 14, 2023.**

**Visitation at 10:00 am, Life Celebration Service at 11:00 am and luncheon following the service.**

## Thank You Note....



Dear Pastor Travis & Bethany Congregation:

**Thank you** for the cards, calls and prayers extended to our family during this difficult time. The love and support of our church family have meant so much to us. **-The Ron Huff Family**

## Leadership Team Report...

The church has received an estimate from Hemmler-Camayd (HC) for installing a weather-protective awning over the ramp to the Center Street entryway. The estimate includes design, engineering, job-bidding, and construction administration costs. This is progress, although we have had little success to date in finding someone to do the actual work. We will have HC proceed with the planning. In addition we will seek a grant to help with the costs. Note that this is not as simple a project as it might seem – there are considerations of the age and historic nature of the church.

As approved at a recent Team meeting, new landscaping will soon proceed at the Parsonage, pending the signing of contractual documents and the provision of a down payment to the chosen firm, Creative Landscapes. That firm is also being engaged to see to periodic care and maintenance of what they install. On a related matter, we will also approach Creative Landscapes to tend to the shrubbery in the area north of Bethany and to the west of the Parish House.

We are asking St. Andrew's about the chances of using their pavilion to hold a church picnic. We will report on a date for that later on, whether it's at that location or not.

The Team has approved Lezzer Door to repair several problems that currently exist with various Bethany church doors.

Bethany will host this year's "Ugly Sweater" event, which is being coordinated through the Milton Winter Fest committee. Details will ensue once the office learns more about it from the organizers.

The improvement of Bethany's sound system awaits input from 3 vendors as to proposed equipment changes. The aim is to simplify things and make them more or less intuitive for members to operate. To that end, we are urging the contacted parties to give us their proposals as soon as possible.

Rod Moore

## September Worship Schedule

**Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God



Communion will be offered  
Bring in fruit for "Panther Packs"



**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** – 10:30 am Gathering of the Family of God

**Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** – 10:30 am Gathering of the Family of God

**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** – 10:30 am Gathering of the Family of God  
11:45 am – Sept. Birthday Celebration with Cake (Fellowship Hall)

## Event in the Area....

Hospice of Evangelical Volunteer Training, **Thursday, September 14, 2023 – 8:30 am – 4 pm and Friday, September 15, 2023 – 9:00 am – Noon.** Fee: **FREE** Hospice of Evangelical, 235 Hospital Dr, Lewisburg PA. For more information or to request an application, call the Volunteer Liaison at 570-522-2955. [Must attend both days of training. COVID-19 vaccination required to volunteer.

## 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. **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, 9 am -1 pm and Fri from 9 am – 12:30 pm.**

**Next Food Collection Communion Dates: September 3<sup>rd</sup> / October 1<sup>st</sup> / November 5<sup>th</sup>**



## Church Picnic....



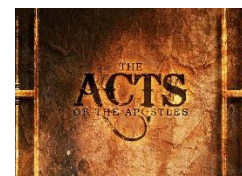
Bethany UMC will be having a Church Picnic sometime, hopeful in September, 2023. Waiting for conformation on a location stop, so keep watch for more information in your bulletins and/or Church Website / Facebook.

## Monthly Birthday Fellowship....



Bethany UMC will have a monthly Birthday Fellowship, following worship service on Sunday, September 24, 2023. Stay for coffee and cake / cupcakes. Celebrating September birthdays are: Sara Bachorski, Jonathan Fidler, Jamie Aurand and Chelsie Hauck. If you do not see your name, please call the church office, so you can be added to our birthday list.

## Summer Bible Study....



Summer Bible Study (**The Book of Acts**) will be on Tuesday's, **from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm**, here at the Bethany UMC (Fellowship Hall).

## “Share the Warmth” Coat Giveaway



Our long-standing tradition of the “Share the Warmth” Coat Ministry will be on Saturday, **October 14<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. **At this time we only need children's sizes coats and Adult XL & XXX Large Sizes.**

Please bring in your donations to the church, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 am- 1 pm. or at the Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am. **Will need volunteers** to help set up and the day of coat giveaway. Please call the office (570-742-9796) if you can help out! Thank You!!!!

## Updated 2023 Bethany UMC Directory...



The new updated 2023 Bethany UMC Directory is now available. Please pick up your copy in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

## Trustees Report

Trustee items completed or in process:

- The annual Parsonage Inspection has been completed. Only normal wear was noted in the house. Carpet will need replaced in the next few years. There is a bathroom faucet that needs replaced. The landscaping is overgrown and in need of refreshing.
- To address the landscaping at the Parsonage, Creative Landscapes and Shaylor's Ponds and Patios were contacted to provide proposals for all new landscaping. At a recent special meeting, the Leadership Team approved to move forward with the project with Creative Landscapes.
- Thanks to the Warburton brothers, the lid to the septic tank at the parsonage was uncovered. Stahlneckers subsequently pumped the tank and submitted the report to the township as required every few years.
- As we were still waiting for someone from Poole Anderson to install the closer on the restroom door in the kitchen and there were problems with other doors, I contacted Leezer Commercial Door to come look at the problems. They have provided a proposal to work on all three entrance doors in the church, the inside handicapped door, the restroom door in the kitchen, and the rear entrance to the Parish House. The Leadership Team will discuss the proposal and decide if they want to move forward at their upcoming meeting.
- Monitronics recently completed their annual inspection of the video surveillance system at the church and found it in proper working order.

Here is the quarterly report of the financial assets of the Trustees. The following balances (rounded) are as of June 30 (unless noted otherwise):

- Hudock Capital Group (Pershing) - \$335,931 – an increase of \$6,995 from the last quarter. Although not making any withdrawals this quarter, we used \$40,000 for expenses earlier this year.
- Prudential Investments - \$721,406 – an increase of \$25,325 from the last quarter – this is our ‘in lieu of flood insurance’ account.
- Prudential Investments – The Raudenbush Account - \$74,729 – an increase of \$2,379 from last quarter.
- Prudential Investments - \$9,631 – a decrease of \$8 from the last quarter
- BNY Mellon – The Butler Trust – \$215,354 – an increase of \$6,235. We received the quarterly disbursement of \$1,265, which was deposited for current expense needs.
- Milton Savings Bank – Fire Restoration Fund – Current Balance (July 5) - \$168,973 – a decrease of \$184,966 from the last quarter. We took \$150,000 from this account and established a 15-month CD at Mifflinburg bank paying 3.5% interest. Additionally, we used some of the funds from the account for current expenses.

Submitted by Jamie Aurand

## Our Prayer List.....

Concerns:

Barb Huff & Family – Ron passed away suddenly, Aug 2, 2023.

Louise Ritter (Judy's sister) – Fell, prayers for recovery.

Edith Getz – Recovery from stroke.

Rita – Finished cancer treatments, prayers as she waits for test results.

James S. – Job employment

Prayers for the World and hearts of people to find peace & love of Christ. Those who lost loved ones.

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); Russ W; Bonnie R; Randy;

Joyce (Karen's friend); Dale R (Sally's friend).

Leaders / State / Nation / Church / Country / Ukraine / Gun violence / Canada and California wild fires / Flooding

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

