

Milton's Good News

July- "At a Glance"

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Looking back on July for Bethany, a Bible Study of "The Book of James" was held on Tuesday & Thursdays, VBS "Rolling River Rampage" was held at Christ Lutheran Church with a nice turnout. End of the month Bethany had a "Christmas in July – Rededication to Faith" Sunday.

"Are you hurting? Pray. Do you feel great? Sing. Are you sick? Call the church leaders together to pray and anoint you with oil in the name of the Master. Believing-prayer will heal you, and Jesus will put you on your feet. And if you've sinned, you'll be forgiven—healed inside and out." (James 13-15) The Message

- Cheri Buss



Movie Night

Free Movie Night on Thursday, August 16th at 6:00 pm, here at Bethany UMC, Milton PA.

Come out and see "I Can Only Imagine", a touching story with so many messages of forgiveness, hope, inspiration, family, and you are sure to cry.

Free popcorn provided – invite your family & friends, all are welcome!



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Seminar – Calling all Board Members..

SEMINAR "Alternative Minimum Structure": All Board Members of the Church!

For Churches of all sizes !!! If your church would like to simplify the ways decisions are made, be more flexible and efficient in its structure, and free up more people to do the ministry of the church, check this out.

When: **Sunday, August 12, 2018**

Where: **St Andrew's UMC**, 102 Lower Market St, Milton PA 17847

Time: 2:00pm—7:00pm

Cost: \$8.00 Seminar – Lunch provided. (Either the church or Pastor Bill will pay for all who want to attend.). No money will be taken at the door.

Registration: - **Please let Pastor Bill know if you wish to attend.**

Seminar brought to you by: Kay Kotan and Equipping Vital Congregations



From Pastor Bill's Study

Greetings to all,

While doing my devotions this morning I came across a story that intrigued me so I thought I would share it with you. It is a story that speaks to the nature of Christ and his connection to the Jewish faith.

It deals with the story of triangles and one of their meanings in conveying a word picture to help us understand the connection of God to us through Jesus the Christ. The meaning of Passover is also interwoven into the story along with the picture of Christ on the cross. Both events center on the breaking of slavery and the beginning of freedom for those who will accept the freedom offer through God and through Christ.

The first symbol is that of the doorways of those who heard the call of Moses to anoint their door post so the angel of death would see this symbol and pass over that house. The door post and the lintel to form a triangle pointing from the people up toward God.



They were looking up, seeking help from God to remove the burden of slavery and the promises of God for land given to Abraham. When they sought God's ways their prayers were answered and they were set free that night as the angel of death moved through the land. Those who trusted in God were set free.

When Christ died as a sacrifice for us during Passover his blood was also placed upon the doorway to heaven in the shape of a cross and there were three points of contact with his blood. With his hands and feet he formed another triangle.



This time the symbol is one of God looking upon the needs of the people and Christ offering himself to set us free from the slavery of sin and the start of the journey toward the promised land of heaven.

When we place these two triangles overlapping each other we come up with the symbol of the Star of David.



This symbol is one that unites the people of this earth reaching up to God for help in meeting their needs of freedom from sin and death. It also represents the symbol of God reaching down to the people in offering them the freedom they need the most. That is freedom from sin and the reuniting of God with the people and the people with God.

As Christians when we partake of Communion it is a uniting of these two principals, our need of salvation and that need being met in Christ.

We must never forget we are a Judeo Christian religion as we draw from the spring of Judaism to water the tree of Christianity. We cannot forget our past if we are going to live into the future.

*"From our past will come the future: what it holds a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see." **

Isaiah 53:5

Our needs are met,

Pastor Bill

*Hymn of Promise (707 UM Hymnal)

Worship Team “Gathering of the Family of God” Report

The following is the work of the Worship Team which met on Tuesday, July 10th. Here are August’s songs, Scriptures, and sermon titles. To reach out to the unchurched the Traditional Worship Service will now be referred to as:

Gathering of the Family of God.

Sunday School will now be referred to as: Lessons for Life.

August 5th - The Church’s One Foundation (545); Change My Heart, O God (2152); Grace Greater than Our Sin (365); Psalm 51:1-12; Galatians 3:10-14; “*Law or Grace*” / **Communion**

August 12th – When We All Get to Heaven (701); Change My Heart, O God (2152); Let There Be Peace on Earth (431); Psalm 130; Galatians 4:1-7; “*Heirs*”

August 19th - Be Thou My Vision (451); Change My Heart, O God (2152); O Spirit of the Living God (539) which will be sung to the tune of 218, “It Came upon the Midnight Clear.”; Psalm 111; Galatians 5:16-21; “*Flesh*”

August 26th – Wonderful Words of Life (600); Change My Heart, O God (2152); Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (103); Psalm 84:1-7; Galatians 6:1-10; “*Burdens*”

Worship Team “Worship in Praise, Prayer & Song” Report

The following is the work of the Worship Team which met on Tuesday, July 10th. Here are August’s songs, Scriptures, and sermon titles. To reach out to the unchurched the Contemporary Worship Service will now be referred to as: Worship in Praise, Prayer & Song.

August 5th – Hello My Name Is; Come To The Table; Your Grace Is Enough; Grace Like A Wave; Galatians 3:10-14; “*Law or Grace*” / **Communion**

August 12th – (NOTE: Canceled this evening service due to Seminar going on.)

August 19th – Come, Now Is the Time; Love, Take Me Over; Give Me Your Eyes; Keep Making Me; Galatians 5:16-21; “*Flesh*”

August 26th – Let It Rise; Come As You Are; Trading My Sorrows; Your Grace Is Enough; Galatians 6:1-10; “*Burdens*”

The 7th Annual Milton Island Love Inc 5K Run/Walk

Milton Island Love Inc 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, August 18, 2018

Proceeds Support the Love INC Ministry

Pre-registration \$15 for students 18 and under, \$20 individual, \$35 family

Must be received by August 3, 2018

Race day registration \$18 for students 18 and under, \$25 individual, \$40 family

Register online at www.falconracetiming.com or pick up a form at the church.



Schedule of Events:

7:30 am – Registration begins – ends at 8:45 am
9:00 am – Race begins

Awards:

1st Overall male and female
1st, 2nd, & 3rd by age group

Age Groups:

14 and Under	40 -49
15 – 19	50 – 59
20 – 29	60 +
30 -39	

“Sharing the Table”

“Sharing the Table” 2018 Schedule (Sponsored by N.O.W. Committee)



“Sharing the Table” is a way you can help this important ministry to feed the children in the Milton School District elementary schools which is currently providing weekend meal packs for 272 elementary children.

The first Sunday of the every month during Communion Service we will be collecting food.

Next Food Collection Communion Dates: August 5th / Sept 2nd / Oct 7th / Nov 4th

N.O.W. Committee (Mission Ministries)...

Milton Panther Packs Program (Mission: Monthly “Sharing the Table”)

Bethany UMC will be in charge of providing 288 Fruit Cups, which equals 24 donations of a 12 pack of fruit cup for each month and individual cereal packs (generally comes in 8-packs) Please bring in those items of the first of the month for “Share the Table” now, due to the Hand-Up Food Pantry's current overabundant blessings.

Milton Community Dinner (Christ Evan Lutheran)

There will be a Community Dinner on a **Sunday, August 12th at 5:00 pm.** Bethany will be providing the hot dogs, hamburgers, and rolls. Location: Christ Evan Lutheran Church

Community Dinner Planning Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 2nd at 6:30 pm at Christ Evan. Lutheran Church.



**Hygiene
Kits
Needed**

New Ministry (so new we don't have a catchy name for it yet!!)

Bethany is proud and excited to announce we are launching a personal hygiene packs ministry for members of our community! This will be an ongoing ministry and we hope to kick-off our first distribution in August or September. Watch for new bins in the sanctuaries.

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!

We thank you in advance for your support of this exciting new ministry!!

Lay Leader's Report

My recent completion of a two-week District-sanctioned online Lay Ministry course on Biblical interpretation assures my continuing certification as a Lay Speaker.

I conducted the full Traditional service at Bethany on Sunday, July 1 and led that evening's Contemporary service while guest speaker Dave Gehrum of Watsonstown UMC gave the sermon.

On June 28 the workers charged with the renewal of Milton's Front Street were treated to a free lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, side dishes and beverages provided by Bethany and the T.I.M.E. organization as a “thank you” for the wonderful job they've been doing. The men were very happy with that gesture, with many of them saying that they rarely even get acknowledged by locals for their efforts, let alone in such a giving spirit. We salute Mike Longenberger for advancing the idea and doing the cooking, and we give an appreciative nod to the people of T.I.M.E. for their assistance with the preparations.

Trustees....

As reported in the June newsletter, the Trustees approved replacing the Front Street entrance doors. We have chosen the door design and approved the shop drawings submitted by Baut Studios. Although we don't have a definitive date for the installation, hopefully the new doors will be installed in time for the Harvest Festival.

Another project we are working on includes lighting in several areas. We are hoping to brighten the lighting in the Front Street entrances and the 'tunnel' from the sanctuary to the sacristy. We are also looking into updating the exterior lights which light the stained glass windows at night.

I'd like to take this opportunity to provide a quarterly report of the Trustees finances. The following balances (rounded) are as of June 30, 2018:

- Hudock Capital Group - \$658,847 – a decrease of approximately \$23,500 from the last quarter – Although we went through a period earlier in the year when it was not necessary to draw from this account to fund the deficit in current expenses, we had to start drawing out \$10,000 per month for that purpose again the past quarter.
- Prudential Investments - \$564,623 – An increase of approximately \$5,500 from last quarter – this is our 'in lieu of flood insurance' account.
- Prudential Investments - \$83,831 – The Radenbush Trust – a decrease of approximately \$500 from last quarter.
- Prudential Investments - \$6,487 – An increase of approximately \$275 from the last quarter.
- BYN Mellon - \$219,306 – The Butler Trust – a decrease of approximately \$730 from the last quarter, but this includes the normal quarterly withdrawal of \$2,625, which was deposited in the checking account for current expenses.

Vacation Bible School Update



Vacation Bible School (Sponsored by Bethany UMC & the Milton Lutheran Parish)

Our partnership with the Milton Lutheran Parish for this year's Rolling River Rampage VBS 2018 was a huge success!!! All told we helped 14 children learn about God during this fun, educational, & rewarding week--8 of whom signed up thru Bethany. (Which is impressive since we currently have no children attending!)

This year's mission project was 'Kids Empowering Kids-Water for Tanzania'. Milton Lutheran Parish submitted a request to their Endowment Committee to have all donations collected at the churches and from the children matched. Thanks all who donated to this mission project! Stay tuned for a final total on how much we collectively donated to this important project!!

ENORMOUS thanks to Sharon Foust, Karen Heimbach, Janet McNeal, Rod Moore, Dave Warburton, & Joan Warburton for sharing their time & talents to help with decorating, music, crafts, Bible Storytelling, and on the kitchen crew!

A Special Thanks to Shelly Sholley for all her dedication, coordination, and help of planning this year's VBS.



Bethany UMC Current Expense Income June 2018 Reports:

BUMC Current Expense Income- June 2018

Envelope Income To Date--2018

		Envelopes	Reno.	Benev. (Price Fund)	Weekly Total	YTD
June	3	\$588.00		\$10.00	\$598.00	\$17,559.00
	10	\$1,003.00		\$30.00	\$1,033.00	\$18,592.00
	17	\$751.00			\$751.00	\$19,343.00
	24	\$875.00		\$10.00	\$875.00	\$20,218.00

Plate Income To Date--2018

		Plate	Benev.	Weekly Total	YTD
June	3	\$68.00		\$68.00	\$1,829.00
	10	\$64.00		\$64.00	\$1,893.00
	17	\$53.00		\$53.00	\$1,946.00
	24	\$66.00		\$66.00	\$2,012.00

Sunday School Income To Date--2018

		Weekly Total	YTD
June	3	\$6.00	\$295.00
	10	\$13.00	\$308.00
	17	\$21.00	\$329.00
	24	\$13.00	\$342.00

Bethany UMC Miscellaneous Contributions 2018

Vacation Bible School Puppet Sponsorship
06/24/18-----\$37.00

Events Happening in the Area

[Please see the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary for more details on these events]

Community Blood Drive – Wednesday, August 1st from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Christ Lutheran Church, 1125 Mahoning St, Milton PA.

Kingdom Kidz – Wendy's Fundraiser – Monday, August 6th from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm (Thanks for your support).

AGAPE Palooza! – Saturday, August 25th, 2018 at 11:00 am – 6:00 pm at Bloomsburg Town Park. Food Vendors, Crafters, Free Entertainment, Free children activities, and Silent Auction.

Thank You Notes...

Dear Bethany UMC: We at HandUp Foundation would like to express our unwavering gratitude for the support given to our ministry fundraised for Renewed Hope for Women. Your donation will be used to continue HandUp Foundations work in our community. Because of your support, we can continue helping women in need of our services. Donations from caring people like yourself, helps us to continue in the work God has placed on our hearts.
- In His Service, Patti Snyder (Director of Renewed Hope / Hand Up)

Dear Bethany UMC: Thank you for your card and well wishes! I am blessed and humbled by all the love and support I have received. I am on the mends and grateful to be considered part of your loving community.
- Lynn Pierson

Dear Bethany UCM: Thank you for your support of the Panther Packs Program ministry here at St. Andrew's UMC. You are an answer to prayer! We now have all of the Milton School District Elementary Schools and in Sept. will start feeding more than 272 children lunches for the weekends.
-Mary Richie, St Andrew's UMC

Fun Page

Fruits of the Spirit

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Find these words:

FAITH

GENTLENESS

GOODNESS

JOY

LONG SUFFERING

LOVE

MEEKNESS

TEMPERANCE

PEACE

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Sunday Worship:

Lessons for Life: 9:00 am

Gathering of the Family of God: 10:30 am

Worship in Praise, Prayer & Song: 6:00 pm

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Announcements:**Dates to Remember:**

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

[Note: No Leadership/Ad Board Reports in this August Newsletter, due to them Not meeting in July]

July 29th – (Both Services) – “Christmas In July – Rededication to Faith” Sunday
July 31st – 10:00 am – Bible Study “Book of James”
August 2nd – 6:30 am – Planning Mtg for Community Dinners @ Christ Lutheran
August 2nd – 7:00 pm – Bible Study “Book of James”
August 4th - Landis Wedding (Held at Bethany UMC - ONLY if inclement weather)
August 5th - 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / “Sharing the Table” Communion
August 5th – 2:00 pm – Rockwell Communion
August 5th – 6:00 pm –Worship in Praise, Prayer & Song / Communion
August 7th – 7:00 pm –Worship Teams Meeting
August 12th – 2 pm – 7 pm – Seminar @ St Andrew’s UMC, Milton
August 12th – 5:00 pm – Community Dinner @ Christ Lutheran
August 16th – 6:00 pm – Movie Night “I Can Only Imagine”
August 18th – 9:00 am – Love Inc 5K Run/Walk @ Milton State Park Island
August 21st – 6:30 pm – Leadership Team (Ad Board)
Sept 8th & 15th – 9 am – 4 pm - Harvest Festival
Sept 15th – 1:00 pm – Milton Harvest Parade
Sept 15th – 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm – Way Forward Meeting @ Watsontown UMC

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

Lessons for Life: 9:00 am every Sunday morning.

Gathering of the Family of God: 10:30 am every Sunday morning.

Worship in Praise, Prayer & Song: 6:00 pm every Sunday evening. (No service 8/12)



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