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**Sunday Worship:**

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

November / December

**Daily Bread – Now Available**

October / November / December

**Announcements:**

**Dates to Remember:**

[Tuesdays at 11:00 am – Bible Study / 1 Corinthians]

October 27<sup>th</sup> – 5 pm – 8 pm – Trick or Treat (Front St) Downtown Milton

October 29<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am – Pancake Breakfast/Oct Birthday Celebration

10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God

October 31<sup>st</sup> – 10 am – 11 am – Trick or Treat (Center St) YMCA Children

6 pm – 8 pm – Trick or Treat Milton Community

November 5<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / Communion

All Saints Sunday [Deadline for Thanksgiving in a Bag]

November 12 - – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God

[Deadline for Poinsettia orders]

November 19<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God

Thanksgiving Worship Service

3:00 pm – Annual Church Conference @ St Andrew's UMC

November 21<sup>st</sup> – 6:00 pm – Leadership Team Meeting

November 26<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God

[United Methodist Student Day – Special Offering]

11:45 am – Hanging of the Greens Luncheon & Nov birthday's and  
Decorate the church for Christmas Season



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November  
2023

**Bethany United Methodist Church**

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



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# Milton's Good News

## October– “At a Glance”

Looking back in October for Bethany, annual Coat Giveaway was held on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Hugh Thank You to Bob & Janet Fitch, Cindy Mohr, Rod Moore, Joan & Dave Warburton, Josh Bachorski, Betsy Blyer, Dorothy Hower, Kathryn Martin, Karen Heimbach, and Pastor Travis who helped with this ministry. Bethany UMC had their church family picnic with hamburgers & hot dogs, at the church, a great turnout. Ending the month with a Pancake Breakfast and October birthday celebrations. Thank you to Bob and Janet Fitch and all those who helped with the breakfast. This year we will hand out candy to Milton Community and the YMCA Children.

*“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.” Galatians 5:1 (NIV)* **-Cheri Buss**

## Church Conference



This year's Church Conference will be on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at St. Andrew's UMC, 102 Lower Market St, Milton PA. Please mark your calendars and packets will be available at the meeting.

## Thanksgiving Service



This year's Thanksgiving Service will be celebrated on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. (Regular Worship time)



A Thankful blessing that our Lord's love endures us forever and we can all worship our Lord Jesus Christ with one another and may you all have a blessed **Thanksgiving with all your loved ones!!!**  
**Happy Thanksgiving!!!**

## Veteran's Day

Happy Veteran's Day!  
Thank you all!



To all of those who have served and those who continue to serve - **We Thank You!** Thank you for your courage, dedication, sacrifice and hard work. And thanks to the Military Families for their support & sacrifice.

**Remember our Veterans & Families– November 11<sup>th</sup>!**

## Daylight Savings Time Ends – Turn Clocks Back



Daylight Savings Time Ends – Turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> before going to bed. Also change batteries in your smoke detectors.



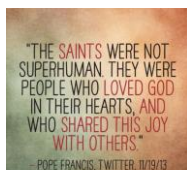
## From Pastor Travis's Study

rs and Brothers in Christ:

Grace to you and peace in the name of Jesus Christ



ler of our brokenness.



The month of November begins with a moment of celebration in the life of the church. The first day of November is All Saints Day and the first Sunday is known as All Saints Sunday. This is an opportunity for us as a church to remember all of the people who are members and regular attendees who have joined the Church Triumphant. It is also a time to remember those who are not members of our community who have gone onto glory. All Saints Day is considered a very holy day in the church. It is because of this holy day that we have the holiday of Halloween the night before.

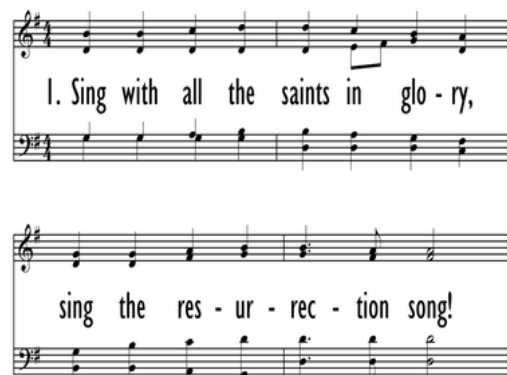
One of my favorite hymns for All Saints Sunday, or any time that we remember our saints, is "Sing with All the Saints in Glory." This is not just because I love to sing the tune of Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (both of these hymns use Beethoven's Ode to Joy as their tune). I love the first verse of the song that says, "Sing with all the saints in glory. Sing the resurrection song. Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong." Sin and death used to be a part of our story, and defined who we were as humans. Jesus changed that. Jesus conquered sin and death. So, now when we sing, or speak, of the resurrection we can speak as though they no longer exist. Because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ sin, death, and sorrow have been destroyed. We can now join all of the saints who have gone on before us in praise and worship of our God.

In this time of remembering our saints and joining in the praise and worship of God, I would like to encourage us this month to take time to think about all of those saints in our lives. Let us take time each day to thank God for all of those who have led us in our journey of faith to where we are now. They do not have to be in Heaven. They can still be alive. I would also like each and every one of us to consider how we can be a saint for somebody else. We know what others have done for us. Can we do the same for others? How can we be a guide as somebody else goes on their journey of faith?

May God Bless you in the days ahead. May we give God the glory for all of the saints in our lives, and join in the resurrection song that is being sung by both us in this life and all of those who are a part of the great cloud of witnesses.

Be Blessed so that you may be a blessing to others.

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 November they are due: Sunday, November 12<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

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MEMORIES  
POTATOES  
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SUPPER  
THANKSGIVING  
TURKEY

Happy Thanksgiving  
From Daily Dish  
Magazine



Gobble Gobble!



Bethany UMC Current Expense Income September 2023 Reports:



Financial Secretary's Report: September 2023							
Date	Offering Envelopes	Plate Offering	Free Will Offering	Memorial Fund	Winter Coat Drive	Hospitality Fund	Totals
9/03/23	\$556.00	\$15.00					\$571.00
9/10/23	\$746.00	\$20.00					\$766.00
9/17/23	\$3,041.00	\$6.00	\$108.81				\$3,155.81
9/24/23	\$1,116.00	\$20.00		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$1,836.00
Totals	\$5,459.00	\$61.00	\$108.81	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$6,328.81

Finance Report (September) Current Expenses In & Out):

September 2023

Total Income Received: \$6,330.29 includes (\$1.48 Interest) + \$10,000 (Transfer from Fire Fund) = \$16,328.81

Total Expenses Paid Out: \$13,860.05

Average Attendance: 21

**Fire Fund:** Income Received: \$11.37 (Interest)  
Total Expenses: \$10,000 to General Account  
**Balance \$132,011.24**

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

Next Bible Study....



Next Bible Study will be on Tuesday's, **from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm**, here at the Bethany UMC (Fellowship Hall). Studying 1 Corinthians

Advent Offering Envelope



Dear Bethany Family,

Advent starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. This year Advent starts on December 3, 2023. This is a time for preparation, anticipation and hope. We find ourselves in preparation for the Christmas season with all of its traditions and meanings. We anticipate the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. And we look with hope for the second coming of Christ.

In preparation for the Christmas season, many of us try to find the perfect gift in order to give to someone. This giving of gifts has become part of the season's tradition, much like the wise men bringing gifts for the Christ child. The joy of giving brings feelings of peace and comfort. Your Finance Committee would like you to prayerfully consider giving a gift to your Church. Your Advent offering can help ease our current expense needs and routine costs. Please use the enclosed Advent envelope to bring your gift to church on, or before, Christmas Sunday, or mail it to Bethany United Methodist Church, 18 Center Street, Milton, PA 17847.

We thank you in advance for your continued financial support.

May Hope, Joy and Peace be with you and your loved ones during this beautiful time of year. And may we continue to pray for God's love to warm the hearts and lives of all humankind.

Sincerely, Your Finance Committee

Leadership Team Report...

Two representatives of Prudential Financial visited with the Team at its regular meeting in October to review and discuss the status of the Pruco investment portfolios that belong to Bethany. The firm's overall strategy and its decisions on behalf of the church have resulted in both good capital stability and reasonable recent performance given the rocky behavior of the general economy in the past year or more. The Team approved Pruco to switch from short-term bonds to longer-term issues if and when price and interest conditions indicate that the time is right. Other than that, they will make no large-scale or categorical changes with regard to our holdings and will maintain a stance equating to "if it ain't broke don't fix it."

The Trustees have signed a contract with Hemmler-Camayd Architectural to create the design / engineering plans for the proposed awning over the Center Street church ramp, and those are being drawn up now. Nothing can proceed on either our request for grant funding for the project or the actual construction until the plans are completed and we have approved them.

The time is upon us to prepare the reports for our 2023 church conference, which is scheduled for 3:00 PM on Sunday, November 19 at St. Andrew's. To that end, the Team, at its October session, discussed and settled on the details for completing Conference Form 6, which deals with the Pastor's compensation and benefits for calendar 2024. This newsletter section is not the place to divulge the results of those deliberations, but it can be said without reservation that both the Team and the Pastor are very pleased with the outcome. Form 6, once ratified by the District, will become the written basis for the Pastor's salary, benefits, and allowances for 2024.

I've started a series of self-authored articles that are intended for posting to the Bethany website. As to their size - if they were printed on paper, they'd each be one page or less in length. They'll be accessible from a simple one-click "button" on the site's front page. The general idea of these pieces is to share unusual and thought-provoking bits of Christian-related material that are generally not "out front." Some will involve the Bible and some won't, but they'll all be fun to read. Just calling attention to it, because increasing Bethany's online presence is a goal of our Leadership.

Rod Moore

November Worship Schedule

SUNDAY MORNING  
**WORSHIP**  
SCHEDULE

**Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God – All Saints Sunday  
Communion will be offered  
[Deadline for Thanksgiving in a Bag]  
**Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>** – 10:30 am Gathering of the Family of God  
[Deadline for Poinsettias Flowers]  
**Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** – 10:30 am Gathering of the Family of God  
Thanksgiving Service  
**Sunday, November 26** – 10:30 am Gathering of the Family of God  
[UM Student Day – Special Offering]  
11:45 am – Hanging of the Greens Luncheon & November Birthday  
Cake Celebration and Decorating the Church

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Presented by \_\_\_\_\_

In loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Mark choice of Color: ☐ Red ☐ Pink ☐ White

6" Poinsettias are \$10.00 each

Deadline for ordering: **Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**. Please give your order with money to church office.

## 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!!

### Feed-A-Friend “Thanksgiving in a Bag”



**Feed-A-Friend/“Thanksgiving in a Bag”** (HandUp Foundation) (All donations will STAY LOCAL)

Ways you can help support this local cause: **You can fill more than one bag if you wish.**

Food Bags to be filled with 1 Stuffing mix, 1 can sweet potatoes/box of mashed potatoes, 1 can cranberry sauce, 1 can fruit, 1 can corn, 1 can green beans, 1 can/jar gravy, and 1 can 100% juice.

Need food bags and/or Monetary Donations for turkeys by: **November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

### “Hanging of the Greens” Decorate the Church & Birthday Celebrations



This year for “Hanging of the Greens” to decorate the church for Bethany will be on Sunday, November 26, 2023, at 11:45 am. A luncheon and celebrating November’s birthdays are: Linn Chesney, Ruth Sampsell, Jessica Allshouse, & Dorothy Aurand. Then we decorate the church for Christmas Season.



### Event in the Area....



**The Sound of Music** (Music by Richard Rodgers, Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, Book by Howard Lindsay & Russel Crouse)

Directed by Ryan Brosious | **November 9-12, 2023**

At Christ Wesleyan, 363 Stamm Rd, Milton PA 17847

**Performances**

Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm & 7:00pm

Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm

**Ticket Prices**

Adults - \$20 Senior (65+) - \$15 Child (0-12) - \$12

**Tickets can be purchased in advance online or at the door prior to performances.**

**(All online ticket orders will need to either be printed tickets or shown on a mobile device at the door of the performance.) All seating is reserved.**

## Trustees Report

There was some significant progress on Trustee related items in the last month. Items completed or in process:

- Creative Landscapes completed the landscaping project at the Parsonage during the first week of October. All who have checked out the work feel they did a very nice job.
- There was a special Leadership Team meeting to review the proposal from Creative Landscapes for all new landscaping at the church. The Leadership Team approved moving forward with the project. The work should be able to be completed this fall. Like the project at the Parsonage, we chose the unlimited guarantee, which includes spring cleaning the landscaping, edging the beds, and completing any necessary trimming. They also fertilize the plants and spray them to control insects and disease and will replace anything that dies.
- Leezer Commercial Door has completed their work on several items related to doors around the church and Parish House. It included; adjusting the glass handicapped accessible door, installing a closer and adjusting the restroom door in the kitchen, repairing the latch on the Center Street entrance, and repairing the panic hardware on the rear exit of the Parish House. Although we had hoped they would be able to install new weather stripping on the Front Street entrance doors, they could not due to the way the doors were installed. They adjusted the doors and existing weather stripping to help with the problem as much as possible.
- The contract with Hemmler and Camayd Architects to design a roof over the ramp at the Center Street entrance has been signed and the architects have begun their design work.

Here is the quarterly report of the financial assets of the Trustees. Overall stocks were down in the third quarter. The following balances (rounded) are as of September 30 (unless noted otherwise):

- Hudock Capital Group (Pershing) - \$327,848 – a decrease of \$8,083 from the last quarter.
- Prudential Investments - \$699,551 – a decrease of \$21,855 from the last quarter – this is our ‘in lieu of flood insurance’ account.
- Prudential Investments – The Raudenbush Account - \$73,068 – a decrease of \$1,661 from last quarter.
- Prudential Investments - \$8,895 – a decrease of \$736 from the last quarter
- BNY Mellon – The Butler Trust – \$208,334 – a decrease of \$7,020. We received the quarterly disbursement of \$1,265, which was deposited for current expense needs.
- Milton Savings Bank – Fire Restoration Fund – Current Balance (October 5) - \$132,011 – a decrease of \$36,962 from the last quarter. We’ve been using some of the funds from the account for current expenses and the special projects.
- Mifflinburg Bank CD - \$150,000 plus interest at 3.5%.

Submitted by Jamie Aurand

## Our Prayer List.....

Concerns:

Israel – Mourn the loss / Peace & safety those caught in the middle of war.

Judy’s Neighbor & Jeff Jr – Both with sickness, healing.

Dottie (Warburton’s Aunt) – Surgery & recovery.

Family of Max Engle (17 yr old) Jersey Shore High School football player passed away from head injury at the game.

Shirley Wesner – Continued prayers for healing.

Louise Ritter (Judy’s sister) – Continued prayers for recovery.

Guidance to our Community Leaders & Bethany UMC

Family/friends with Cancer: 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), Tim (Friends of Allshouse).

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.

Joys:

Rita S – Healing / Cancer Free – Praise the Lord!

Jimmy – New employment

