

Milton's Good News

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December – "At a Glance"

December started off with Cookie/Candy Sale. A huge thank you to all the ones who prepared the delicious treats & volunteered at the sale. Bethany UMC helped with Community Dinners at St. Andrew's and Christ Lutheran Churches.

Again this year we had an Angel Tree and gifts were purchased for area children for the Salvation Army along with gifts for our home bound members.

Poinsettia Flowers ordered and placed at the altar. Thank you Shelly Sholley for taking care of the flowers again this year.

A Christmas Eve Prayer Vigil will begin at Noon to 6 pm and a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service will take place, Sunday, Dec. 24th at 7:00 pm.

"We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." Romans 6:4 (NIV)
- Cheri Buss



Bethany UMC wishes you all a happy 2019 and prays that God will bless you all with good health and a love of Christ to share with one another!

A new Church Family Directory will be available and on the table in back of the sanctuary in January 2019, please let the office know of any corrections. Thank You!

Dismantling of the Greens / Luncheon

There will be a "Dismantling of the Greens / Luncheon" on Saturday, January 12th, 2019 at 9:00 am please come and help dismantle the Christmas decorations, put them away, and stay for a light luncheon.



From Pastor Bill's Study

Greetings to all,

First of all I want to thank everyone for a great 2018. When I think about all that has transpired through this last year I can reflect and see all that was accomplished. There were some setbacks and some changes that were not planned but we have continued to move forward in our faith journey.

I am sure in 2019 we will face many more changes and plans that will be changed but I look to God to guide us to where we need to be.

On that note on January 15th there will be a Bible study starting on the Book of Daniel. The morning study will be on Tuesdays at 10:00am and the evening study will be on Thursday s at 7:00pm. All are welcome to join either of the groups and the only study guide we will use will be the Bible you are most comfortable with. We will all learn together so do not be worried about not knowing enough to be a part of the group.

Starting in the New Year we will begin a new sermon series looking at the Parables of Jesus. We will look at the stories Jesus told to his disciples and to those gathered around him. Hopefully we also might find the meaning of what Jesus was trying to teach them that we still need to learn today.

One other new thing this year will be a Souper Bowl Party on February 2nd from 11:00am until 1:00pm where we will be offering a bowl of soup and a sandwich to anyone who would care to stop in and share a meal with us. Details are still being worked out but prepare to either help out during this event or to come and share a meal with our neighbors.

Also coming off of our study of "*Christmas is not Your Birthday*" are there any ideas you would want to pursue as a new mission for Bethany to undertake for 2019?

Beginning in January we are also going to begin our pilot program for our alternative accountable leadership program. Please check with the leadership guide to see if you are a part of this new leadership team and if not be ready to support those who are. (Located in the back of the sanctuary).

Looking forward to the New Year and trusting God to guide us along the way.

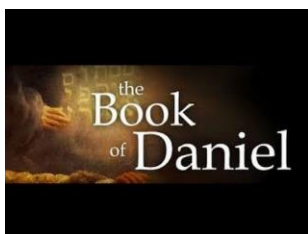
Jeremiah 31:31

All things new,

Pastor Bill



Bible Study



Beginning on Tuesday's, January 15th, 2019, at 10:00 am and on Thursday's, January 17th, 2019, at 7:00 pm will be studying the Book of Daniel.

Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary for this Bible Study.

Worship Team "Gathering of the Family of God" Report

The following is the work of the Worship Team which met on Tuesday, December 11th. Here are December's songs, Scriptures, and sermon titles.

January 6th – (Epiphany) Jesus Shall Reign (157); Carol of the Epiphany (2094); Here, I Am. Lord (593); Psalm 72:1-7; Luke 8:1-18; "Sower"; **Communion**

January 13th – (Baptism of the Lord) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (139); Carol of the Epiphany (2094); Stand By Me (512); Psalm 29; Matthew 13:24-30; "Weeds"

January 20th – Great Is Thy Faithfulness (140); Carol of the Epiphany (2094); Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (400); Psalm 36:5-10; Mark 4:26-29; "The Seed"

January 27th – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (110); Carol of the Epiphany (2094); The Kingdom of God (275); Psalm 19; Mark 4:30-34; "Mustard Seed"

Leadership Team (Ad Board) Report....

Due to Leadership Team (Ad Board) not meeting in December there is no report. Next Leadership Team (Ad Board) meeting is scheduled Tuesday, January 15th at 7:00 pm. Finance will meet at 6:30 pm on January 15th.

Lay Leader's Report

Those of us who attended the recent Bible study on the Books of 1 and 2 Peter were rewarded with a great number of new insights, as Pastor Bill used a verse-by-verse approach to carefully mine the many spiritual and life-informing riches of those two general letters. We anticipate a similar value-added experience when we take up the 12-chapter Book of Daniel in January.

The Bethany organ was given its annual pre-Christmas tuning on December 11 and is in top condition for the foreseeable future. This is functional good news, as our organ, a Moller creation, is quite well known to local players, instrument aficionados, and technicians as one of the best church organs in the entire Susquehanna Valley.

But there's more to tell.

We were fortunate to have skilled performers at the Moller keyboard over its whole life, and Merle Nicholas, certainly one of the best of them, recently brought us some packets of technical and special performance information, specifications, and blueprints that document the history and construction of the organ.

This is an extremely valuable collection of material that we will archive in the safest of places, and we thank Merle for his thoughtfulness in making these artifacts available to Bethany.

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Rod Moore

2019 Altar Flower Sign Up Chart....

The 2019 Altar Flower Sign Up Chart is now up and you can sign up for the Sundays you wish to put in Altar Flowers. You can contact Charlene's Petal Talk, 200 N Arch St, Milton at 570-490-9597 or any other florist 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).



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 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 6th / Feb 3rd.**

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 21st, 2019** at 5:00 pm. Bethany will be in charge of serving and report at 4:45 pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

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

There will be a Community Dinner on a **Sunday, February 10th, 2019** at 5:00 pm. Watch for more details.

Bethany's

Effort

Toward

Health

"Washed Clean Kits"



BETH "Washed Clean Kits" (Hygiene Kits) Update:

We delivered 20 BETH Washed Clean kits to the HandUp women's shelter and also handed out many of the items to guests coming to the Coat Giveaway, which is awesome, but has depleted our supplies.

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, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, feminine products, and individual packets of tissues.**

Secret Prayer Pal

If you would like to be someone's secret prayer pal throughout the year of 2019; (to pray for them, send them encouraging notes & birthday cards in secret) here is how you can get involved.

End of December 2018, your Secret Prayer Pal will be revealed and for those who would like to take part in this next year for 2019, there will be a slip of paper in the back of the sanctuary to participate in, simply fill it out and place in basket.

Drawing will be Sunday, December 30th for your new 2019 Secret Prayer Pal.



Souper Bowl

Bethany UMC will be having a "Souper Bowl Community Meal" on February 2nd from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Watch for more details and how you can help serve the community.

Movie Night



Free Movie Night will be held on January 20th at 6:00 pm with the showing of "War Room" a compelling drama with humor and heart that explores the power that prayer can have on marriages, parenting, careers, friendships, and every other area of our lives.

Refreshment will be provided, invite your family & friends!

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Events Happening in the Area

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

December 31st – 10:00 pm – Watch Night Service held at AME Church, 232 Willow St, Milton PA. Pastor Bill and AME Pastor will be leading this service and refreshments to follow service. All are welcome to attend!

February 2nd, 2019– 1:00 pm – Securing & Protecting Our House of Worship (3-Hour Seminar packed with info! Instructed by a retired FBI Unit Chief / Volunteer Firefighter, with over 30 years experience. Will be held at Christ Wesleyan Church. (See Flyer) (Snow date: Feb. 9th)

Wish to become a Member of Bethany UMC

Pastor Bill will be conducting a membership class soon and a celebration in February, if you would like to be a member of Bethany UMC, please get in touch with Pastor Bill, as soon as possible, by phone 570-742-9796 or email: pastorbill@gmail.com.

2019 Leadership Team.....

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019

Leadership Team - Accountable to the Charge Conference

The Leadership Team meets on a Monthly basis. 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 are as follows:

Chair of Leadership Team	Cynthia Mohr
Vice Chair	Selected by the Committee
Recording Secretary	Roderic Moore
Lay Leader	Roderic Moore
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Roderic Moore
Alternate Lay Member	Janet McNeal
Chair of Trustees	James Aurand
Chair of Pastor/Parish Relations Committee	Roderic Moore
Finance Chair	Leadership Team
Treasurer	Edward Coup
Financial Secretary	Shelly Sholley
Nurture, Outreach & Witness Chair	Shelly Sholley
Worship Ministries Coordinator	Pastor

Note: Copies of complete list of Leadership Team and committee members are on the back table in the sanctuary for those who wish to have a copy.

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. Thank You!



Bethany UMC Current Expense Income November 2018 Reports:

Envelope Income To Date---2018

		Envelopes	Reno.	Benev. (Price Fund)	Weekly Total	YTD
November	4	\$846.00		\$30.00	\$876.00	\$35,953.00
	11	\$825.00		\$20.00	\$845.00	\$36,978.00
	18	\$700.00		\$5.00	\$705.00	\$37,683.00
	25	\$715.00			\$715.00	\$38,398.00

Plate Income To Date---2018

		Plate	Benev.	Weekly Total	YTD
November	4	\$2.00		\$2.00	\$3,146.00
	11	\$65.00		\$65.00	\$3,211.00
	18	\$85.50		\$85.50	\$3,296.50
	25	\$114.00		\$114.00	\$3,410.50

Life Lessons Income To Date---2018

		Weekly Total	YTD
November	4	\$13.05	\$574.00
	11	\$13.00	\$587.00
	18	\$11.00	\$598.00
	25	\$11.00	\$609.00

Bethany UMC Special UM Sunday Contributions 2018

United Methodist Student Day---11/25/2017
11/25/18---\$285.00

Bethany UMC Miscellaneous Contributions 2018

Fire & Ice Campaign
11/4/18-----\$100.00
11/11/18-----\$100.00
Poinsettia Dedications
11/4/18-----\$87.00
11/11/18-----\$26.00
11/18/18-----\$55.50
11/25/18-----\$6.50
Feed-A-Friend
11/11/18-----\$79.82
Advent Offering
11/25/18-----\$85.00

Thank You Notes...

To Bethany UMC Congregation: Thank you so much for the cookies and fudge. It is delicious and very much appreciated.

Blessings, Ed Coup & Cheri Buss

Fun Page

Winter Word Search

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chilly
fireplace
frost
hibernate
hot chocolate
migrate

penguin
polar bear
snowflake
snowman
white
winter

BETHANY UMC

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Sunday Worship:

Lessons for Life: 9:00 am
Gathering of the Family of God: 10:30 am

PASTOR BILL

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Upper Room – Now Available

January / February

Daily Bread – Now Available

January / February / March

Announcements:**Dates to Remember:**

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

Dec 30th – 10:30 am – [Drawing for 2019 Secret Prayer Pal]

Dec 31st – 10:00 pm – Watch Night Service @ AME Church

Jan 1st – New Years Day (Happy New Year)

Jan 6th – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / “Sharing the Table” Communion

Jan 6th – 2:00 pm – Rockwell Communion

Jan 8th – 7:00 pm – N.O.W. Meeting

Jan 12th – 9:00 am – Dismantling of the Greens / Luncheon

Jan 15th – 6:30 pm – Leadership Team (Ad Board)

Jan 20th – 6:00 pm – Free Movie Night “War Room”

Jan 21st – 4:45 pm – Milton Harvest Community Dinner at St. Andrew’s

Feb 2nd – 11:00 am – 1:00 pm – Souper Bowl Community Meal @ Bethany UMC

Feb 2nd – 1:00 pm – Securing & Protecting our House of Worship Seminar @

Christ Wesleyan

Bible Study “Book of Daniel”: 10:00 am every Tuesday (Beginning on January 15th)

Bible Study “Book of Daniel”: 7:00 pm every Thursday (Beginning on January 17th)

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.



Happy New Year! Let us start this year off with hearts of Christ and sharing Christ’s love with one another!



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