

Bethany United Methodist Church
"Renewing the Church to change the World"



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Milton's Good News

July – "At a Glance"

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Looking back on June for Bethany, starting off with helping to set up and serve at the Milton Harvest Community Dinner at St Andrews. Ending the month with another Free Dinner (Picnic Style) and free movie "Fishes 'N Loaves: Heaven Sent". There was 34 guest attending the event and a good time was had by all.

"Therefore do not **worry** about tomorrow, for tomorrow will **worry** about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." Matthew 6:34 (NIV)
-Cheri Buss

The 8th Annual Milton Island Love Inc 5K Run/Walk

Milton Island Love Inc 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, August 17, 2019

Proceeds Support the Love INC Ministry

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

Must be received by August 2, 2019

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.

Course Description:

The entire race is held on the Milton State Park Island (between Milton-West Milton). The course is a cross country style course and not paved.

Send form with check, payable to Love Inc – Milton to: Love Inc-Milton, 102 Lower Market St, Milton PA 17847



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 +

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From Pastor Bill's Study

Greetings to all,

A part of my devotions today told the story of a man who had a friend visiting from Israel and after picking him up from the airport and as they drove home he stopped at McDonald's for a quick bite to eat. He drove up to the drive-thru and placed his order and then drove around to the pickup window to receive what had been ordered.

His Jewish gentleman friend started to get all emotional and began to sob. The man asked what was the problem that affected him so.

His friend replied how it moved him so when he spoke to a wall and then drove around and received from the wall just what he had asked for. He then went on to say they as a nation they had been speaking to a wall for centuries and they had never received as much as a hamburger from their wall.

A cute story but it begs me to ask is that how we feel at times when we offer our prayers to God as well. Do you feel that we are at times just speaking to the ceiling, floor, or wall? In Strongs Concordance there are by my count 550 reference pertaining to prayer and I do not see anywhere a reference to stopping our prayers.

What I see is a number of places where it says to begin all things with prayer. To maintain all things by vigilance in prayer. And to conclude all things with prayer.

In my way of thinking, this is a Biblical way to look at our lives. Through our prayers, we should seek God's direction. We are not called to rush ahead and then pray for God to catch-up. We are called to walk beside God or to let God lead as we go on our way. We are not to ask God to bless what we do but we should be doing what blesses God.

We should be checking our MAP (making all possible) and our GPS (God's positioning system) to make sure we are where we need to be, so we are of the best use for God and to reap the rewards of being where God wants us to be.

When we have finished what we are called to do we should be in the prayer of praise and thanksgiving for God seeing us through to the end.

If we are not seeing the results we want to see there may be the possibility God has said no, or wait, or ask in a way that brings God glory and not us.

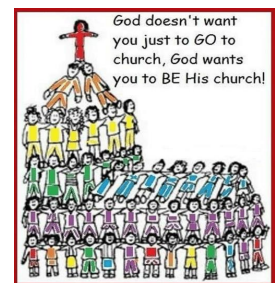
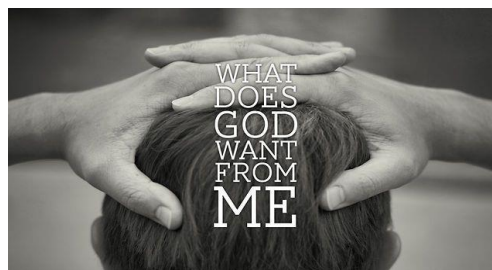
During the end of July and into August we will be going through a sermon series on both personal and church growth in our Spirituality. I will not be speaking on a strictly the policy of this is the way it has to be done. I will be speaking more on this has to be done if we and the church want to grow closer to God's plan for our lives and the life of the church.

Simply stated if we are not growing we are dying. I choose to live and I want you to live to your best potential as well. So plan on attending and invite others to see what it is that God wants us to do and to become.

Matthew 6: 10,

Our Prayer

Pastor Bill



Leadership Reports...

All Committee/Leadership Reports need to be handed into the church office or pastor, by the second Sunday of each month. **For August they are due: Sunday, August 11th.** You can bring them into the church or email them to Pastor Bill at pastorbill@gmail.com. Thank You!

Worship Team "Gathering of the Family of God" Report

The following is the work of the Worship Team which met on Tuesday, June 4th. Here are August's songs, Scriptures, and sermon titles. **Next Worship Team meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3rd at 1:00 PM.**

August 4th – O Worship the King (73); Change My Heart, O God (2152); A Charge to Keep I Have (413); Psalm 51; Proverbs 3:5-9; *"Trust"*; **Communion**

August 11th – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (103); Change My Heart, O God (2152); O Jesus, I Have Promised (396); Psalm 52; Philippians 2:5-11; *"Obedience"*

August 18th – Where He Leads Me (388); Change My Heart, O God (2152); Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling (348); Psalm 107:1-9; Jeremiah 30:12-17b; *"Healthy"*

August 25th – Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (361); Change My Heart, O God (2152); O Young and Fearless Prophet (444); Psalm 15; John 15:1-8; *"Grow On"*

Leadership Team (Ad Board) Report....

Leadership Team meeting on July 16th was opened by devotions, which was lead by James Masser from "Dear Lord They Want Me To Do Devotions" on the topic of changes.

Jamie updated that the Trustees are in the process of looking into upgrading the sink in the Elm Street Lounge to a larger sink.

.....Nancy Wagner resigned on July 7th as our newest Sexton position. She did an outstanding job and will be missed. Nancy thanks Bethany for the opportunity, but is just too hard for her at this time dealing with her grief of her husband. We wish her well and pray for God to give her peace and strength as she goes through this grieving process.

Pastor mentioned he is talking to someone about the Sexton position and if she declines offer we will again begin searching for a new one whether it is an individual or investigating hiring a cleaning service.

Went over things from the N.O.W. events (Please see Page 4 for the N.O.W. Hear This!, for information).

No 'new business' brought up by anyone.

Next Leadership Team meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 20th at 6:30 pm.**

HandUp Foundation Needs.....

Here are some needs the HandUp Foundation is looking for:

Volunteers in the Thrift Store (Sorting donations, cashier, answering phones, cleaning, donation pick up).

Volunteers in the Recycling Center (Processing materials that are donated).

Volunteers in the Food Bank (Receiving & sorting donations, stocking shelves, helping on food bank days).

Volunteers for Home Sweet Home (Any home repair skills).

Volunteers for Vehicles to Work (Donating vehicles or offer automobile mechanic services).

Volunteers for Renewed Home Women's Home (Spend time with the women, offer in-home meals with family, teach a hobby/skill, biblical teaching, and evening shifts & asleep overnight coverage).

Volunteers in the Administrative/Clerical (Grant writing, fund-raising, answering phones.).

As you can see there are numerous ways to support the HandUp Foundation. We appreciate any financial support or investment of your time.

[Please see Doug Diven's (President of HandUp) full letter on the bulletin board.]

N.O.W. Hear This!...

Next N.O.W. Committee meeting is on **Tues. Sept 3rd at 7:00 pm**. Please prayerfully consider joining us!!!

"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. As of July 18th, we needed 80 cereal boxes & 220 fruit cups to meet our July commitment to the program. We are going to begin tracking these on a weekly basis, so watch for posted signs with updates each week on how many we need to meet our goal!

If every member attending service would bring one 12-pack of fruit and at least one 8-pack of cereal boxes (2 would be better because 1 puts us 52 boxes shy of our commitment) each month, we would meet our commitment. Please prayerfully consider donating to help keep up our success donating to this wonderful ministry providing weekend meals for at last count close to 300 children in the Milton School District. Please bring in those items of the first of the month for **"Sharing the Table"**.

Next Food Collection Communion Dates: Aug 4th / Sept 1st

Milton Harvest Community Dinner (St Andrew's UMC – 201 Lower Market St, Milton PA)

There will be a Milton Harvest Community Dinner on **Monday, August 5th, 2019** at 5:00 pm. Bethany will need volunteers to help with setup at 2:30 pm and volunteers to help with serving at 4:45 pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary. **[Note: During Summer months we will need to help Setup (2:30 pm) and Serve (4:45 pm).]**

(Next Milton Harvest Community Dinners that Bethany is helping with are: Sept 9th, Oct 7th, Nov 4th, and Dec 2nd).

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

There will be a Community Dinner on a **Sunday, August 11th, 2019 at 5:00 pm**. Bethany is providing hamburgers, hot dogs, and rolls for this event. Due to the Lutheran Parish's annual Backpack Giveaway and the Kingdom Kidz performance, we are anticipating 200 people in attendance! Special thanks to church members who donated \$283.00 towards the Kingdom Kidz performance! Come on down to either lend a hand or just Fellowship with other members of the community and enjoy the show!

Bethany's

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Health

"Washed Clean Kits"



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

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, deodorant, lotion, feminine products, and individual packets of tissues. (Watch for more information to help volunteer for this):**

We're once again going to have our B.E.T.H. Washed Clean Kits available for anyone in need at the **"Share the Warmth" Coat Giveaway on October 5th & 12th**.

Free Movie Night



Free Movie Night will be held on August 18, 2019. Movie at 6:00 pm with the showing of "Faith Like Potatoes". Based on a true story, this inspiring drama centers on white farmer Angus Buchan, who -- weary of the conflict in Zambia -- moves his family to South Africa, where they try to transform a bare plot of land into a working farm.

Invite your family & friends to this Free Event! All are welcome!

Our other upcoming movies are "Facing the Giants" in September where we will again do a 'Dinner & A Movie' for the Community with soup and sandwiches and "Heaven Is For Real" for October.



Milton Harvest Festival Bethany Stand is On (Update)...



We will be having a stand on Milton Harvest Festival Parade Day on Saturday, Sept. 21st. We are unsure yet whether it will be a 'sale' stand or a Community Outreach where we give food/drink to the community. Bob Fitch is chairing the event and has some great ideas up his sleeve, so stay tuned for more info from him about this. Bob reported we are still in need of volunteers to help with setup and tear down (clean up). If you can help out please contact Bob Fitch at 845-239-1318. Watch for more information.



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Trustees Report....

There are a few items of interest to report from the Trustees this month.

As part of its overall upgrading of the system of providing electricity in the region, PPL has replaced the meters on the church, Parish House and parsonage. Around the same time, the electronic water meter on the outside the Parish House failed and had to be replaced by PAWC.

In other news, Myers Pipe Organ Service recently tuned the organ. In addition, we received a request from Amanda Craig and Josh Bradley to use Bethany for their wedding on March 28, 2020. Finally, there was finally enough dry weather for Driveway Sealcoating Services to complete the job of sealing the driveway at the parsonage.

I thought I'd take this opportunity to provide the quarterly report of the Trustee's finances.

As you may be aware, the stock markets had a rough period early in the second quarter, but bounced back pretty nicely at the end. The following balances (rounded) are as of June 30:

- Hudock Capital Group - \$589,427 – a decrease of almost \$10,000 from the last quarter – We needed to transfer \$25,000 from this account for current expenses in the second quarter.
- Prudential Investments - \$601,413 – an increase of a little over \$18,500 from last quarter – this is our 'in lieu of flood insurance' account.
- Prudential Investments – The Radenbush Trust - \$90,540– an increase of a little over \$2,800 from last quarter.
- Prudential Investments - \$7,581 – an increase of over \$200 from the last quarter.
- BYN Mellon – The Butler Trust - \$211,785 – an increase of a little over \$2,750 from last quarter - there was a disbursement of \$2,625 during the quarter, which was used for current expenses.

Submitted by, Jamie Aurand

New Hire – Sexton...

Bethany UMC has a new Sexton, so let us welcome Dorinda (Dee) Young.

Dee started her first day at Bethany UMC on July 26th, 2019. Below is her bio:

Hi, I'm Dorinda, you can call me Dee. I'm married to Tim Young and we live here in Milton. We have no children, but we have 4 furry children. I work for Milton School District in the cafeteria at Baugher Elementary. Glad to be working here as your sexton.



Thank You Note...

Dear Pastor Bill & Bethany Congregation: Thank you for your support of the Panther Packs ministry here at St. Andrew's UMC. The large amount of cereal and fruit cups is very appreciated. God's work, done God's way, will never lack God's supply.

-Mary Richie, Financial Secretary, St Andrew's UMC

Events Happening in the Area

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

August 25th – Noon – 3:00 pm – Block Party Giveaway- a gift to our community! First Presbyterian Church, 47 Walnut St. Milton, with free lunch, entertainment, snow cones, produce and food giveaways, lots of games, prizes, bouncy house, balloon man and rides. Rain or shine. All are welcome, everything is free- really! Parking lot on Upper Market St.

September 10th & 11th – 8:30 am – 4:00 pm - Evangelical Community Hospital Hospice Volunteer Training at 235 Hospital Drive, Lewisburg. Fee: FREE For more information or to request an application, call the Volunteer Liaison at 570-522-2955.

Bethany UMC Current Expense Income June 2019 Reports:

Envelope Income To Date---2019

		Current Expense	Reno	Benev. (Price Fund)	Miscell.	Weekly Total	Year To Date
June	2	\$484.00				\$484.00	\$19,469.00
	9	\$800.00				\$800.00	\$20,269.00
	16	\$898.00		\$3.00		\$992.00	\$21,261.00
	23	\$867.00				\$867.00	\$22,128.00
	30	\$862.00		\$5.00		\$867.00	\$22,995.00

Plate Income To Date---2019

		Current Exp.		Weekly Total	Year To Date
June	2	\$20.00		\$20.00	\$1,183.00
	9	\$20.00		\$20.00	\$1,203.00
	16	\$20.00		\$20.00	\$1,223.00
	23	\$37.00		\$37.00	\$1,260.00
	30	\$235.00		\$235.00	\$1,495.00

Lessons For Life Income To Date---2019

		Weekly Total	Year To Date
June	2	\$16.00	\$304.00
	9	\$11.00	\$315.00
	16	\$14.00	\$329.00
	23	\$17.00	\$346.00
	30	\$12.00	\$358.00

Bethany UMC Special UM Sunday Contributions 2019

Peace With Justice Sunday---6/16/2019
6/16/19---\$100.00
6/23/19---\$25.00

Bethany UMC Miscellaneous Contributions 2019

Kingdom Kidz Special Offering	YTD
6/2/19--\$25.00	
6/9/19--\$23.00	
6/16/19--\$220.00	\$283.00
Milton Community Pool Offering	
6/16/19--\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

Finance Report (June's Expenses In & Out)...

Total Income Received:	\$9,820
Total Expenses Paid Out:	\$12,030.56



Total Attendance for the month of June:

Total average attendance: 35

Fun Page

SUMMER ROAD TRIP WORD SEARCH

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Car
 Red Sea
 Drive-Thru
 Manna
 Rest Stop
 Grandparent's
 Campground
 Beach
 Commandments
 Promise Land



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Sunday Worship:

Lessons for Life: 9:00 am
Gathering of the Family of God: 10:15 am

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Upper Room – Now Available

September / October

Daily Bread – Now Available

September / October / November

Announcements:**Dates to Remember:**

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

[Shelly, Financial Secretary will be out of office from July 26th – August 4th]

[Cheri, Administrative Assistant will be out of office from August 2nd – 7th]

[Pastor will be out of office from August 12th -16th]

August 1st – 6:30 pm – Planning Meeting Community Dinners @ Christ Lutheran

August 5th – 2:30 pm – (SetUp) Milton Harvest Community Dinner @ St Andrew's

August 5th – 4:45 pm – (Servers) Milton Harvest Community Dinner @ St Andrew's

August 7th - 10:15 am – Gathering of the Family of God / "Sharing the Table" Communion

August 7th – 2:00 pm – Rockwell Communion

August 11th – 5:00 pm – Community Dinner @ Christ Lutheran

August 17th – 9:00 am – Milton Island Love Inc 5K Run/Walk @ Milton State Park Island

August 18th – 6:00 pm – Free Movie Night "Faith Like Potatoes"

August 20th – 6:30 pm – Leadership Team (Finance & Ad Board)

August 25th – Noon – 3:00 pm – Block Party Giveaway @ 1st Presbyterian Church

September 15th – 5:00 pm – Free Dinner (Soup & Sandwiches)

September 15th – 6:00 pm ' Free Movie "Facing the Giants"

September 21st – Milton Harvest Festival Food Stand

October 5th – "Share the Warmth" Coat Giveaway

October 12th – Share the Warmth" Coat Giveaway

October 13th – 1:30 pm – Milton Bridge Walk (Sponsored by Milton Ministerium)

Bible Study (Book of Revelation): 10:00 am every Tuesday (Not meeting on Aug 13)

Bible Study (Book of Revelation): 7:00 pm every Thursday (Not meeting on Aug 15)

Rockwell Bible Study: 9:00 am every Thursday at Rockwell. (Not meeting on Aug 15)

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

Gathering of the Family of God: 10:15 am every Sunday morning.



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