

Milton's Good News

May- "At a Glance"

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The VBS Surf Shack Adult Bible Study began to prepare volunteers for this 2016 VBS Surf Shack beginning on June 20th through June 24th. This 5 week study was offered at two different times, one in the evening on Wednesdays and one in the morning on Thursdays.

.....Pot luck dinner for the congregation was held on Friday, May 20th and an invite for everyone to come out and sing favorite hymns and contemporary praise songs.

—Cheri Buss

"A devotion from the Pastor's desk..."

LUKEWARM PEOPLE will serve God and others, but there are limits to how far they will go or how much time, money, and energy they are willing to give.

— Francis Chan

"All these [commandments] I have kept since I was a boy," he said. When Jesus heard this, he said to him, 'You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked at him and said, 'How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God'" ([Luke 18:21-25](#)).

We all have limits, the human body can truly only do so much, but there is a difference between limiting yourself and your bodies limits. A lukewarm person will codify and qualify and condition how much they are willing to give. They do not want to give to help certain people or certain situations. They expect something in return. They claim to be too tired or too drained or too busy, when in reality they simply want to go and do something else. Jesus does not always ask us to give Him everything rather to be willing to give Him everything and on the occasions that He does ask for it, a lukewarm person will not be willing to give it. Are you someone who can and does go beyond the normal call of duty. Have you made sacrifices for Jesus or simply been inconvenienced by Him? This is the question you have to ask yourself when determining how on fire for Jesus you are. Lukewarm persons do not inspire faith, they struggle to bring others to faith and to make disciples of others because they are failing to disciple themselves. May we all be "on fire" Christians and allow the power of the Holy Spirit to work through us.

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Contemporary Worship Report

The Contemporary Worship Team met on May 11th to select the songs and themes for the month of June as well as discuss future ideas for the service. We are excited to continue to engage in such a great time of worship together. Here's a look at what is coming up for the month of June! We hope that you will join us for great worship and fellowship!

June 4 – **Kindergarten**; You Are My King (Amazing Love); Enough; Everything I Need; Give it All Away; We Give You Thanks; Indescribable; Love is Here; *1 Kings 17:8-16*; “*Sharing What You Have*”

June 12 – **Debt**; Forgiveness, Your Grace is Enough; Jesus Friend of Sinners; Forgiven; I am Set Free; Jesus Messiah; Redeemed; *Luke 7:36-8:3*; “*Debt Forgiveness*”

June 18 – **Struggles**; Break Every Chain; God With Us; I am Free; Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone); Christ be All Around Me; Desert Song; You are My All in All; *Luke 8:26-39*; “*Chasing Away the Demons*”

June 25 – **Doug from UP**; Lead Me to the Cross; I Will Follow; No Turning Back; You Raise Me Up; Called Me Higher; Famous One; We Are Blessed; *Luke 9:51-62*; “*Oh, Look! A Squirrel!*”

Joint Worship in the Park & Picnic

Come out to Brown Ave Park in Milton on June 19th at 10:30 am for a Joint Community Worship and picnic experience. This service is with Bethany UMC, Christ Evan Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, and United in Christ Lutheran Churches.

There will be a cookout following the service.



Worship



Picnic

Traditional Worship Team Report

The following is the work of the Traditional Worship Team which met on Tuesday, May 3rd. Here are June's songs, Scriptures, and sermon titles.

June 5th – It's Me, It's Me, O Lord (352); Give to the Winds Thy Fears (129); When the Poor Ones (434); This Is a Day of New Beginnings (383); *1 Kings 17:8-16*, “*Abundance in Scarcity*”; **Communion**

June 12th – Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast (339); He Touched Me (367); Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy (340); My Faith Looks Up to Thee (452); *Psalms 5, Luke 7:36-8:3*, “*Seeing the Saint in the Sinner*”

June 19th – **Father's Day** (This service will be held at Brown Ave. Park with Christ Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, and United in Christ Lutheran Churches and have a cookout following service) – In Christ There Is No East or West (548); Days of Elijah (3186); Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) (3104); Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (361); *Psalms 42, 1 Kings 19:1-15a*, “*Great Power in Small Voices*”

June 26th – I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (2129); Just a Closer Walk with Thee (2158); Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (402); O Jesus, I Have Promised (396); *Psalms 77, Luke 9:51-62*, “*No Turning Back*”

Trustees' Report

Although the Trustees did not meet in May, our work continues. Based on the discussion amongst the Trustees and feedback from the congregation, we've asked the architect to draw up plans for the following: cover the dirt floor under the sanctuary with concrete to prevent it from turning to mud when we have water in the basement; create a men's and a lady's handicapped accessible restroom in the area they were previously; construct the shell of what may be the kitchen in the future, with 'roughed in' plumbing; and renovate the restroom in the in the Chapel/Elm Street Lounge to make it handicapped acceptable. To make this restroom handicapped accessible the small kitchenette area will need to be reconfigured. Because we need to have a useable restroom, the logical progression of construction will be to construct the restrooms in the basement first, then renovate the restroom that is in the Chapel/Elm Street Lounge. The next step for the Trustees will be to review the architect's plans before they are submitted to the Code Enforcement Officer for approval.

Submitted by Jamie Aurand

Vacation Bible School.....

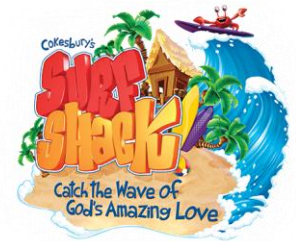
This years Vacation Bible School theme is "Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love"

Grab your surfboard and head to the beach to Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love at Surf Shack 2016 VBS! Kids get 'amped' to learn God Creates, Helps, Loves, Calms, and Sends. On this ride, kids *Remember that the Lord is great and awesome!* (Nehemiah 4:14b CEB)

Date/Time: June 20th through June 24th from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

Register your child and as a volunteer online at www.bethanyumc-miltonpa.org (Under Children & Youth tab) or call the church office at 570-742-9796.

Watch for more details on how you can help out with this years Vacation Bible School.



Special "Thank You" to all the Mom's & Dad's.....



Bethany UMC wishes to all the Mothers and Fathers, who brought children into the world and also all those who adopted children, a special thank you for loving God's children. To wish you all a blessed day and wonderful Mother's Day (celebrated on May 8th) and Father's Day (celebrates on June 19th)!

Happy Mother's Day and Happy Father's Day to you all!!!!

Christian Education Committee....

Christian Education shall continue to prepare for Vacation Bible School. This year we will also receive help from some of the teens from the Jungle who will help shepherd the kids and perform the Biblical Storytelling part of VBS under the direction of Shelly Sholley. There will be no summer Bible Study, but we will resume short studies this Fall.

Missions/Outreach Committee...

Milton Panther Packs Program (New Mission: Monthly)

Bethany UMC Mission Committee and St Andrew's UMC will be looking to expand the Milton Panther Packs Program to help provide weekend food items for elementary students in need in the Milton Area School District.

Bethany UMC will be in charge of providing 120 Fruit Cups, which equals ten donations of a 12 pack of fruit cup for each month.

Please bring in your (12 pack) of Fruit Cup and place in the box located in the back of the sanctuary.

Milton Community Dinner

There will be a Community Dinner combine with worship and picnic on June 19th at 10:30 a.m. at Brown Park Ave, Milton. Community Dinners are between Bethany UMC, Christ Evan. Lutheran, Trinity Evan. Lutheran, United in Christ Lutheran, and HandUp Foundation to feed low income people in need.

"Sharing the Table"



"Sharing the Table" 2016 Schedule

(Sponsored by Mission/Outreach Ministries)

"Sharing the Table" is a way you can help those in need every month by bringing in canned goods and non-perishable food items for the local food bank.

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

Next Food Collection / Communion Dates: June 5th / July 3rd / August 7th / September 4th

Lay Leader's Report

I conducted the full Sunday Traditional services at Bethany on April 24 and May 15, composing the sermons and the devotional flyers for the following weekdays on both occasions. My Bethany preaching schedule for the foreseeable future has been reset. As it now stands, I'll take responsibility for the full Traditional Sunday services of May 29, July 3, and July 10.

I led Thursday evening Bible study sessions at the Rockwell Assisted Living Center on April 21 and 28, Pastor being indisposed at those times.

We're working to finalize a list of incidental items that we'll need for the various parts of the upcoming Vacation Bible School. Meanwhile, six church members have engaged in the pre-VBS "Surf Shack" adult Bible study for VBS volunteers, and I'm alternating class leadership duties with the Pastor,

Pastor Damien and I attended the May 1 farewell service at Wesleyan UMC Bloomsburg for outgoing District Superintendent Tom Salsgiver.

Pastor Damien and I made visits to several of our homebound members over the last several weeks, and it's my great pleasure to report for both of us that all of those wonderful folks are doing well.

We had a very special Ascension Day service at the Parsonage on May 5, during which we celebrated the post-resurrection return of the Lord to Heaven by setting off Chinese lanterns that rose into the gray evening sky and finally disappeared in the distance as joyful little testaments to the holy event itself.

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Congregational Life

Congregational Life Committee met on Sunday, May 15th at 11:30 am. Plans were made for the Pot Luck and Worship in Song / Hymn Sing. Calvin and Karen went over music selections.

At this time no future meeting date scheduled.

Joan Warburton, Chair

Altar Stewards Needed.....

Bethany is in need for more Altar Stewards! Prayerfully consider on giving a little of your time to help out with this ministry. Looking for volunteers for the months of **June, August, October, & December**. Please contact the church office (570-742-9796) to sign up.

God bless and Thank you for your act of servanthood.

Events Happening in the Area.....

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

Evangelical Hospice "Flea Market" – Friday, June 10th from 7:00 am – 6:00 pm and Saturday, June 11th from 7:00 am – 1:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, Route 45, just west of Lewisburg) \$8.00 per bag (Bag provided and refreshments available for purchase). Donation Drop off – Thursday, June 9th from 7:00 am -4:00 pm.

Albright Care Services 100 Years Celebration – August 4 -7, 2016 (Save the Date)

Ad Board

The Eastern Conference of the United Methodist Church (ECUMC) has published, on its web site, that, beginning July 1, 2016, "all prospective volunteers in PA who will have direct contact with minors in churches must provide, in advance, a child abuse clearance from the state Dept. of Human Services and a criminal background check from the State Police, both as required by the Child Protective Services Law." Normally the fees for each of those would be \$10, but ECUMC says that the state has announced that the \$10 fees will be waived for volunteers beginning July 25. These certifications are now state prerequisites for working with children, and they operate correlatively with the UMC Safe Sanctuaries policy. It means that our church's child-contacting volunteers must have the two state certifications *and also* go through UMC Safe Sanctuaries training, but there is relief in the form of the two state fee waivers after July 25. We will continue to watch for further information. .

By Board approval, Bethany will close its doors on Sunday, June 19 while the outdoor combined-church community service / picnic is going on at Milton's Brown Avenue Park (10:30 AM start). This will allow any and all of our church members to attend that special event. Pastor Damien will be the presiding clergy person at Brown Avenue, and our own Karen Heimbach and Calvin Hoffman will provide the music for the occasion.

PSPRC has created a Vacation Request Form and a Pay Issuance Timing Schedule for the use and benefit of our paid employees and our Treasurer.

Note: There will **not** be a meeting in June for Finance and Ad Board, due to VBS. Finance and Ad Board will resume in July.

Rod Moore

Announcements

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Saturday Worship:

Contemporary Service: 6:30 pm

Sunday Worship:

Traditional Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:00 am

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Dates to Remember:

Pastor Damien on Vacation – Sunday, May 29th – Saturday, June 4th
May 30th – Memorial Day – Office closed – No Disciple I
June 1st – 6:00 pm – Surf Shack Adult Bible Study
June 1st – 7:00 pm – Trustees Committee
June 2nd – 11:00 am – Surf Shack Adult Bible Study
June 4th – 6:30 pm – Contemporary Worship / Communion
June 5th – 10:30 am - Traditional Worship "Sharing the Table/Communion"
June 5th – 3:00 pm – Rockwell Communion
June 7th – 6:30 pm – Traditional Worship Team @ Parsonage
June 8th – 7:00 pm – Contemporary Worship Team
June 8th – 11th – Annual Conference @ Messiah College
June 14th – 7:00 pm – PSPRC
June 15th – 6:30 pm – Christian Ed Committee
June 18th - Noon – 5:30 pm – Prayer Vigil
June 19th – 10:30 am – Community Worship & Picnic @ Brown Park Ave
June 19th – Happy Father's Day!
June 20th – June 24th - 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm – VBS Surf Shack
June 23rd – 2:30 pm - Rockwell Bible Study
Pastor Damien on Vacation – Monday, June 27th – Sunday, July 10th

No Finance and Ad Board in June, due to VBS Week

Disciple I Bible Study: 6:00 pm every Monday (Except June 20th – Disciple I off)

Rockwell Bible Study: 6:30 pm every Thursday @ Rockwell. (No meeting on June 9th)

Praise Band Practice: 7:00 pm every Thursday. (Except June 23rd)

Contemporary Worship Services: 6:30 pm every Saturday.



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