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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


Announcements:

Dates to Remember:

- Nov 3rd - 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / Communion / All Saint's Day
- Nov 4th – 10:00 am – Bible Study
- Nov 10th – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God
- Nov 13th – 6:00 pm – Church Conference @ St Andrew's UMC
- Nov 17th - 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God
- Nov 19th – 6:00 pm – Leadership Team Meeting
- Nov 23rd – 2:00 pm – Free Community Meal Sharing Christ's Love @ Bethany UMC
- Nov 24th – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / UM Student (Special Offering)
11:45 am – Nov Birthday Celebration
- Dec 1st – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / Communion
11:45 am – Hanging of the Greens Luncheon & Decorate the church

Every Sunday Worship (Gathering of the Family of God) at 10:30 am.
Every Monday at 10:00 am - Bible Study

Note: This past October the Leadership Team, due to we have hardly no coats and help, we are sorry to report Bethany will no longer be having the "Share the Warmth" Coat Giveaway. If a child would call we have a couple left and will give those out. New Ministry taking that place, will be working with the YMCA children for October and April.

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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"

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Looking back in October for Bethany, the Monday Bible Study's continued with studying Hebrews. The church gathered together for our beloved departed organist, Karen Heimbach's Celebration of Life Service & luncheon afterwards. We had a combined family church picnic with St. Andrew's with a good turnout. End of the month we celebrated the October birthdays after church with cake and coffee. Handed out candy & treats to 90 YMCA children, all dressed up in their costumes. **A huge thank you** to the congregation for the candy/treat donations and the help of Pastor Travis, Cindy Mohr, Rod Moore, and Linn Chesney for passing the treats out.

"Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many." Hebrews 11:14-15 (NIV)
- Cheri Buss



Veteran's Day



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 11th!

Special points of interest:

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Honoring our Fellow Veterans from Bethany

- Mike Longenberger – US Army
- Dave Warburton – US Navy
- James Masser – US Army
- Bob Fitch – R.O.T.C. Program (USMC Version)

We Thank You for your service, dedication and sacrifice!

(Note: If you have served and I don't have your information, 1st thank you for your service and please call the church office so I can add your name to our list of Veterans.)



Daylight Savings Time Ends – Turn Clocks Back



Daylight Savings Time Ends – Turn your clocks **back one hour** on **Saturday, November 2nd** before going to bed. Also change batteries in your smoke detectors.



From Pastor Travis's Study

Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Grace to you and peace in the name of Jesus Christ our savior and healer 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?

November is also the month when we take a moment to give thanks. So, I would like to take a moment to say thank you. I want to thank all of those who shared in our meal with St. Andrews. I would also like to thank all of those who helped with passing out Halloween Candy to the kids of the YMCA. I want to extend my thanks to those who are planning on helping with our Thanksgiving meal for the community. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!!

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.

The Best is Yet to Be,
Pastor Travis Allshouse



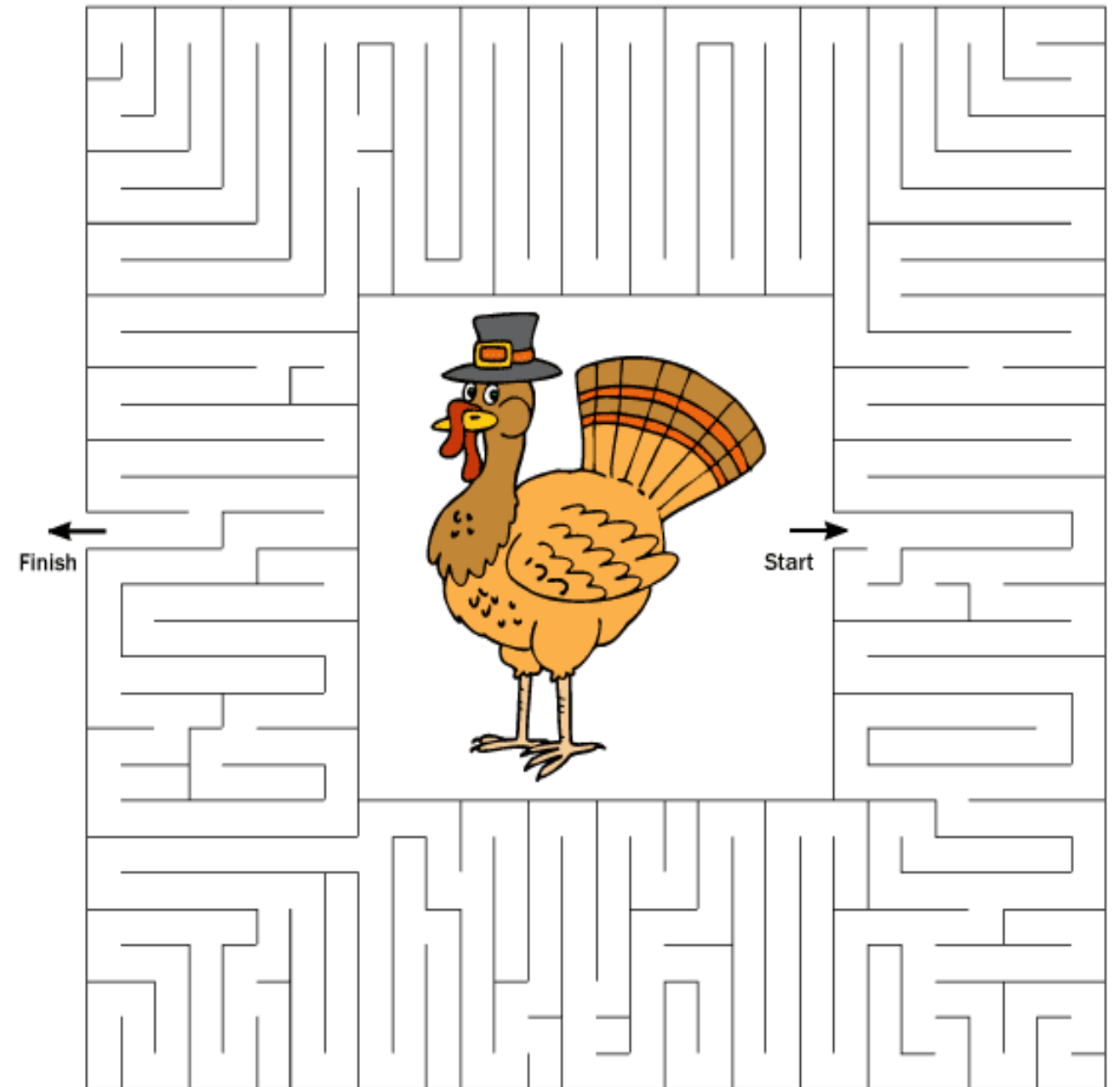
Leadership Reports...

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 10, 2024.** You can bring them into the church or email them to Pastor Travis at tallshouse@susumc.org. Thank You!



Fun Page

NOVEMBER



Bethany UMC Current Expense Income September 2024 Reports:



Financial Secretary's Report: September 2024

Date	Offering Envelopes	Plate Offering	Altar Flowers	Harvest Free Will	Fuel/Cool Fund	Price Fund	Totals
9/01/24	\$513.00	\$26.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$539.00
9/08/24	\$543.00	\$15.00	\$52.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$610.00
9/15/24	\$3,513.00	\$1.40	\$0	\$43.00	\$0	\$0	\$3,557.40
9/22/24	\$733.00	\$5.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$738.00
9/29/24	\$798.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10.00	\$60	\$868.00
Totals	\$6,100.00	\$47.40	\$52.00	\$43.00	\$10.00	\$60	\$6,312.40

Finance Report (September Current Expenses In & Out):

September 2024

Total Income Received: 6,312.40 + (\$3.45 interest) = **Balance: \$6,315.85**

Total Expenses Paid Out: \$15,526.06

Average Attendance: 19

Fire Fund: Income Received: \$1.12 (Interest)
Total Expenses: \$0 - **Balance \$14,139.67**



November Worship Schedule

SUNDAY MORNING
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE



Sunday, Nov 3 – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / **Communion**

Sunday, Nov 10– 10:30 am Gathering of the Family of God

Sunday, Nov 17 – 10:30 am - Gathering of the Family of God

Sunday, Nov 24 – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / UM Student (**Special Offering**)
11:45 am – Nov Birthday Celebrations
(Linn Chesney, Ruth Sampsell, and Jessica Allshouse)

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 1, 2024. 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

Trustees Report

Trustee items in process or completed:

- The contractor with Lezzer Lumber replaced the doors and windows at the parsonage the week of October 7. The wood underneath the patio door in the dining room was rotted. The contractor replaced the rotting wood. The Allshouse family reports they did an excellent job on the installation, the house is less drafty and the temperature throughout the house is more consistent.
- Regarding utilities, I switched the electricity supplier for the church to PPL, as there are no better longer term deals for electric supply at this time. We were recently notified that the contract for the gas supply in the Parish House expires on December 9. With the Leadership Team's permission, I will research the market for gas supply and enter into a new contract with a supplier.
- As most of you likely noticed, there is now a piano in the front of the church next to the organ. It was recently tuned in the hopes that we can find someone to play for our Worship Services.
- We have been notified that our cleaning supply company, Clarkson Chemical is going out of business. The salesperson from Clarkson has moved to a company called Americhem, Inc. We will be getting our supplies from Americhem moving forward.
- Entoguard performed their quarterly pest control visit on October 11.
- Special thanks to Cheri, who always remembers to order the floral arrangement in honor of Lyman and Mary James anniversary in October. We are thankful for the James estate bequest. Without it we would not be able to continue to meet our expense needs.

Here is the quarterly report of the financial assets of the Trustees. The following balances (rounded) are as of September 30 (unless noted otherwise):

- Hudock Capital Group (Pershing) - \$393,167 – an increase of \$23,842 from the last quarter.
- Prudential Investments - \$863,981 – an increase of \$42,651 from the last quarter – this is our 'in lieu of flood insurance' account.
- Prudential Investments – The Raudenbush Account - \$88,545 – an increase of \$4,223 from last quarter.
- Prudential Investments - \$12,426 – an increase of \$1,855 from the last quarter
- BNY Mellon – The Butler Trust – \$247,285 – an increase of \$9,867. We received two disbursements of \$1,265 during the quarter.
- Milton Savings Bank – Fire Restoration Fund – Current Balance (Oct. 4) - \$14,140– a decrease of \$23,482 from the last quarter. We've been using funds from the account for current expenses and special projects.
- Mifflinburg Bank CD - \$100,000 plus interest at 4.5%.

Submitted by Jamie Aurand

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 3rd**. 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!!

Bible Study for the Fall



Bible Study is on every Monday at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be studying Hebrews and James.

All are welcome! [Every Monday at 10:00 am]

Free Thanksgiving Meal Sharing Christ's Love



Bethany UMC will open our kitchen up to a Free community Thanksgiving Meal Sharing Christ's Love on **Saturday, November 23rd at 2:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

Welcome to everyone! The menu will be, roast turkey breast, mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, sage stuffing (filling), French cut green bean, Parker House roll & butter, and pumpkin pie. Beverages will be coffee, tea, ice water, and milk.

[Note: This community meal will take place of the "Thanksgiving-in-a-bag". How you can help is by donations of dinner rolls and pumpkin pie. Also you can sponsor a meal for \$5.00 for those in need in the community.] Watch for more details.....

Thanksgiving Service



This year's Thanksgiving Service will be celebrated on Sunday, November 24th 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!!!



"Hanging of the Greens" Decorate the Church



This year for "Hanging of the Greens" to decorate the church for Bethany will be on Sunday, December 1, 2024; at 11:45 am. After worship we will have a luncheon and then we decorate the church for Christmas Season.

A sign up sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall. Thank You!

Leadership Team Report...

Most recently, the Team established the dates and times for Bethany's Thanksgiving meal and Advent decorating and luncheon events, the details of which appear elsewhere in this newsletter. In addition, some matters were discussed that need further elucidation before they can be widely broadcast. Consequently, I'm making this a very short Leadership report, instead taking the opportunity to sneak in the following Bible study lesson.

Bible Study Lesson – By Rod

Assiduous readers of Scripture will have noted that the same story about Jesus may appear in more than one of the three synoptic Gospels, sometimes in all of them. Such is the case with the narrative about the Lord's encounter with "the rich man", which is told in Matthew 19:16-30, Mark 10:17-31, and Luke 18:18-30 in versions that, while very similar, have significant differences in places - differences that spur some interesting thoughts.

First, it's notable that all of these accounts defer identifying the man approaching Jesus as "rich", or otherwise well off, until the end of the episode. What meanest this? It meanest that we should focus on their conversation before we consider the social circumstances attending it. In asking his initial question, our friend exhibits the same mixture of egocentrism and shallow thinking that has hindered most of humanity since the beginning of the species – a belief that self-selected moralities, good deeds, and upright intentions will open heaven's door all by themselves, that we need only to find out whether the key to Paradise goes in the lock tooth side up or tooth side down. Our pal wants to know what specific thing he needs to do (as if he were looking to learn Ralph Kramden's secret Raccoon Club handshake) in order to "inherit" eternal life (hoping for a no-obligations guarantee).

In Matthew, when Jesus tells the man that if he wants to "enter into life" he must keep the commandments, what's the reply? "Which ones?" Wow, like they're a shopping list. But observe that, in this account, unlike those of Mark and Luke, Jesus adds "love your neighbor" to his short list of the original commandments. This is important to what the Lord wanted to reinforce, remembering that he said he did not come to abolish the law, but to uphold it, and that the "love of neighbor" edict was (and is) an addition, not a substitution. At any rate, Jesus has given this fellow (and, implicitly, countless future spiritually hobbled people) a shock treatment, and Mark calls it just that (10:22).

We'd like to imagine this man "post-shock", eventually rethinking his position and making good things happen for others in God's name. But who knows? That's one of the Bible's best features – leaving some things for our own minds to flesh out. So contrast and compare – can't hurt, might help.

Rod Moore

Our Prayer List.....

Concerns:

Charles Aurand (Jamie's Uncle) – Continued prayers, Charles is in Hospice Care
Elwood C – Recovering for carpal tunnel surgery.

The Family & Friends of Karen Heimbach – Karen passed away Sept 23, 2024.

Prayers for Sarah as she grieves her daughter's death.

Jeff - As he mourns of death of his girlfriend, Karen.

Thereasa H –Prayers for her health & recovery.

All those affected by the Hurricanes and their losses and damages.

Family/friends with Cancer: Rita S, Anna P, Florence Y, Tim C (Friends of Allshouse); Dot (Judy's neighbor); Kenny (Sally's friend). Alicia (Sally); Dale R (Sally's friend).

Leadership Team: Cindy, Jamie A, Rod, Bob F, James M, Dave W, Mike L, Dorothy, Pastor Travis.

