

Milton's Good News

March- "At a Glance"

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Looking back on March for Bethany, starting off with serving another Milton Harvest Community Dinner; finishing the Lenten study "I Am", Saying's of Jesus and Soup & The Word on Wednesdays. St. Patrick's Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner was held. An Easter Basket Giveaway preparations to be distributed on March 28th. A Seder Meal on March 29th and a Good Friday "Tenebrae" Service to take place on March 30th.

"But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved."

Ephesians 2:4-5 (NIV)

- Cheri Buss

Holy Week / Easter Schedule

This Easter Season, Holy Week Services will begin:

Thursday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m. Seder Meal

Friday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
[Tenebrae Service] Communion

Saturday, March 31st at Noon- 6:00 pm – Easter Prayer Vigil

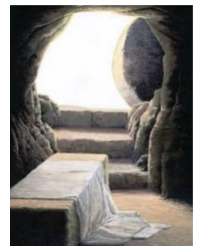
Sunday, April 1st "**Happy Easter**":

6:30 a.m. – Easter Sunrise Service / Breakfast / Communion
@ Parsonage

[Following this service will be a fellowship breakfast]

10:30 a.m. – Gathering of the Family of God Easter Service /
Communion

6:00 pm – Worship in Praise, Prayer & Song Easter Service /
Communion



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"Milton In Motion" Walk-a-thon / Health Fair

Milton Community with co-sponsors; T.I.M.E., Evangelical Hospital & the Standard Journal will be having a "Milton In Motion Walk-a-ton" at Hermani Park from 10:00 am – Noon on Saturday, April 28th.

Bethany UMC will open their doors for the community; supply bathrooms, playing of the organ / piano (by Merle Nicholas & Karen Heimbach) and give out Free hotdogs, popcorn & water.

Basic Health Screening - by Evangelical Hospital

(Watch for more information in your bulletins)



From Pastor Bill's Study

Greetings to all,

Years ago I heard a sermon entitled "Sunday is Coming". The pastor spoke on all of the happenings of Holy Week and the passion of Christ. The great range of emotions and the understandings of the people during the last week of Christ's life.

The range starts with the disciples advising Christ not to go to Jerusalem to the entering of the city in what we now know as Palm Sunday. The cleansing of the temple, the testing of Christ by the Pharisees, the Passover feast, the betrayal, the arrest, the trail, the crucifixion, and burial and the loneliness of Saturday.

It was a very busy week but as Christians, we know that Sunday is coming! In the midst of all of the unknown, we need to focus on what we do know. At sometime in our life, we are going to face the uncertainty of what is going to happen next. Each day will bring a new and different perspective of how much more can we stand. I do believe the only thing that kept Christ going was his focus on what was the love of the father to guide and protect him.

Our focus should be the same, we should focus on the promises of God and remember we are never alone no matter how lonely we feel. We have the focus of Easter as our guide.

Sunday is coming! No matter what we face on any other day we should know that Sunday and the resurrection are near! With the resurrection, we have the promise of newness and a fresh start. Christ won the victory and sin and death have been defeated.

The church should always focus on our worship and that every Sunday is an Easter morning where we see once again the risen Christ and the defeat of sin and death in our life. This gift is offered to all who honor God and our neighbor.

Jesus spoke to this in his reaction to the question of what was the greatest commandment. He answered in my analogy to Love God with everything you have and to love your neighbor as well.

With the political attention being held at the United Methodist church today there is too much focus on tolerance for all and no accountability for sin. It appears that we have forgotten the first part of loving God. We have been led to believe that because God loves us we can do anything we want without consequences.

Many may think I have a long list of what I am against, my belief is more based on what I am for. I am for the truth contained within the Bible and that we will be held accountable for our words and action either for or against the word of God.

There is a lot of talking going on about what the future of the church will be. For me, I am going to focus that Sunday is coming and God's will is going to be done. There may be some difficult times ahead and some decisions that will be needed to be made but the church of Christ will rise again and new life will begin. I pray you and I will be there to celebrate that greatest of all Easter blessings when Christ reappears and calls all his followers to join him in the greatest worship service we will ever attend.

Sundays coming!

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Easter Blessings,

Pastor Bill

Worship Team “Gathering of the Family of God” Report

The following is the work of the Worship Team which met on Tuesday, March 6th. Here are April's songs, Scriptures, and sermon titles. To reach out to the unchurched the Traditional Worship Service will now be referred to as: Gathering of the Family of God.

Sunday School will now be referred to as: Lessons for Life.

April 1st (Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 am) – Morning Has Broken (145); Because He Lives (364); He Lives (310); Psalm 22 (Reading); Luke 22:55-62; *“Me, Too”* / **Communion**

April 1st (Easter Morning Service 10:30 am) – Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (302); Up from the Grave He Arose (322); He Lives (310); Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (Reading); Acts 13:32-41; *“Beware”* / **Communion**

April 8th – Breathe on Me, Breath of God (420); 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (462); Trust and Obey (467); Psalm 133 (850); Acts 14:8-10; *“Stand”*

April 15th – Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus (349); God of Grace and God of Glory (577); Just as I Am, Without One Plea (357); Psalm 4 (741); Acts 15:5-11; *“Grace”*

April 22nd – The Church's One Foundation (545); Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (381); The Gift of Love (408); Psalm 23 (754); Acts 16:25-31; *“What Must I Do”*

April 29th – They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love (2223); Bind Us Together (2226); Majesty, Worship His Majesty (176); Psalm 22:25-31 (752); Acts 17:10-15; *“Character”*

Worship Team “Worship in Praise, Prayer & Song” Report

The following is the work of the Worship Team which met on Tuesday, March 6th. Here are April's songs, Scriptures, and sermon titles. To reach out to the unchurched the Contemporary Worship Service will now be referred to as: Worship in Praise, Prayer & Song.

April 1st (Easter Evening Service) – Lamb of God; Above All; What a Beautiful Name; How Deep; Acts 13:32-41; *“Beware”* / **Communion**

April 8th – He Raised Me Up; Desert Song; Days of Elijah; Oceans; Acts 14:8-10; *“Stand”*

April 15th – Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone); Your Grace Is Enough; How Can It Be; Hear the Sound; Acts 15:5-11; *“Grace”*

April 22nd – Mighty to Save; Holy Spirit; Forgiven; By His Wounds; Acts 16:25-31; *“What Must I Do”*

April 29th – Even If; Great Are You, Lord; How You Love; Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord; Acts 17:10-15; *“Character”*



“Sharing the Table”

“Sharing the Table” 2018 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: April 1st / May 6th / June 3rd / July 1st

N.O.W. Committee (Mission Ministries)...

Milton Panther Packs Program (Mission: Monthly)

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 (Christ Evan Lutheran)

There will be a Community Dinner on a **Sunday, April 8th at 5:00 pm**. Watch for more information. Location: Christ Evan Lutheran Church. Community Dinners to feed low income people in need.

Planning meeting for Community Dinner will be held on Thursday, April 5th at 6:30 pm at Christ Evan Lutheran Church.

Milton Community Harvest Dinners (St. Andrew's UMC)

Bethany will be helping to serve at the Milton Community Harvest Dinner on **Monday, April 16th, 2018** at 4:45 pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary to help serve. Dinner starts at 5:00 pm.

Trustees.....

In case you haven't heard, the Borough of Milton has received a grant for a 'streetscape' project on Front Street from Broadway to Mahoning. Like the recent project on Broadway, there will be new sidewalks with a brick feature, new handicapped accessible curb cuts at the intersections, and new lighting and trees. The property owners affected were invited to stop by the Borough Office to review the project plans. Mike and Rod took advantage of the offer and were very impressed! According to the plans, in front of our church will be new sidewalk, a new street light and a tree. We were asked to sign a letter giving our permission for access to the property and approval for the project, which we did. It's anticipated the work will start very soon, maybe even before this newsletter goes to print, and be wrapped up in August. We assume there will be a period of time at some point during the project when the Front Street entrances will not be accessible. As we get more information we will pass it along.

Jamie Aurand, Chair

Lay Leader's Report

On the afternoon of Sunday, February 25, six of us from Bethany attended St. Paul's AME Church in Milton to join in their special observation of Black History Month. The packed sanctuary quickly became the scene of a joyous celebration of the lives and contributions of black citizens and leaders in our community, around our nation, and throughout the world. The time was right and the mood was high. As evidenced how? Well, in music. In stories. In fellowship. And in thanks to God for what we've all received. Emphasis on "all." Plus, if you've never seen quality (or any) tap dancing during a church service, you could have seen it then. We all came away with our spirits lifted almost out of sight. And to think that this is an annual experience out there.

Ad Board Report

Trinity and Christ Evangelical Lutheran Churches will both join Bethany to conduct VBS 2018. Great news.

We are extremely pleased that when we open our church to visitors during the April 28 – 29 series of local events, Merle Nicholas and Karen Heimbach will be playing together on Bethany's keyboard instruments. Additionally, our church will have free hot dogs and drinks available.

The Board has unanimously approved of Bethany joining in the financial support of the Milton Ministerium. This will help the organization in its growing multi-denominational efforts to benefit our community.

Pastor Bill described to the Board the most recent decisions by the Council of Bishops in connection with the United Methodist Commission on the denomination's "Way Forward". It now appears that UM churches will be offered two options for the future where matters of social impact are concerned. But neither involves strictly enforcing the Book of Discipline (BOD). Pastor, however, offers another possibility, that of Bethany joining the Wesley Covenant Association (WCA), which is an organization that brings together UMC's that have the common desire to strictly adhere to the BOD as written and enforce its stipulations wherever necessary. The Board will obtain more information on the WCA.

Rod Moore

Miles for Missions Walk/Run-A-Thon

Miles for Missions: Walk/Run-A-Thon to Benefit Bishop's Partners In Mission. Join Bishop Jeremiah Park and DS Larry Leland on Saturday, **May 5th, 2018** at **Wesley Forest Camp & Retreat Center**.

Registrations: 10:00 am (At picnic pavilion)

Walk/Run: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Free picnic lunch to follow.

100% of the donations will go to Bishop's Partners in Mission to support: Imagine No Malaria and Mission Central

To receive a sponsorship form please contact the church office at 570-742-9796 or pick up in the back of the main sanctuary.



Events Happening in the Area

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

Susquehanna Valley CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) 5K Walk / Run – Saturday, April 7th at 945 am at Lewisburg Area Recreation Park. Can donate to this event by going to website: SusquehannaValleyCASA.com or contact church office for a form to mail in. (Mission to advocate for abused & neglected children in the court system.)

Hospice of Evangelical "Remembrance Service" – Sunday, April 15th at 2:00 pm at St. John's United Church of Christ, 1050 Buffalo Rd, Lewisburg. Hospice of Evangelical invites you, your family & friend to attend a nondenominational remembrance service to celebrate the lives of loved ones who died between February 1, 2017 – January 31, 2018. Any questions, please contact the Hospice office at 570-522-2550.

Navigate – Creating Discipleship Pathways – April 28th, 2018 at Lewisburg High School. Topics: Discipleship Development to Leadership Development & Ministry Alignment for Discipleship. Register at susumc.org/navigate (Early bird pricing until February 28th: \$39.00 individual - \$30.00 per person for groups of 4 or more.)

Bethany UMC Current Expense Income February 2018 Reports:

BUMC Current Expense Income- February 2018

Envelope Income To Date---2018

February	4	\$566.00		\$35.00	\$601.00	\$4,030.00
	11	\$808.00		\$5.00	\$813.00	\$4,843.00
	18	\$845.00		\$75.00	\$920.00	\$5,763.00
	25	\$649.00		\$30.00	\$679.00	\$6,442.00

Plate Income To Date---2018

February	4	\$40.00		\$40.00	\$594.00
	11	\$22.00		\$22.00	\$616.00
	18	\$45.00		\$45.00	\$661.00
	25	\$73.00		\$73.00	\$734.00

Sunday School Income To Date---2018

February	4	\$29.00		\$88.00
	11	\$14.00		\$102.00
	18	\$9.00		\$111.00
	25	\$12.00		\$123.00

Contemporary Worship Income To Date---2018

February	4	CXLD-snow				
	11	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$110.00	\$580.00
	18	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$105.00	\$685.00
	25	\$60.00	\$40.00		\$100.00	\$785.00

Bethany UMC Miscellaneous Contributions 2018

Initial Offering
1/07/18--\$11.00
1/14/18--\$7.00
1/21/18--\$8.00
2/04/18--\$1.00
Advent Offering
1/14/18--\$100.00
Lenten Offering
1/28/18--\$3.00
2/4/18--\$65.00
2/11/18--\$30.00
2/18/18--\$2,040.00
2/25/18--\$25.00
Conference Pastoral Grant
2/4/18--\$1,500.00
Salvation Army Collection(Ash Wednesday Offering)
2/18/18--\$187.00

Thank You.....

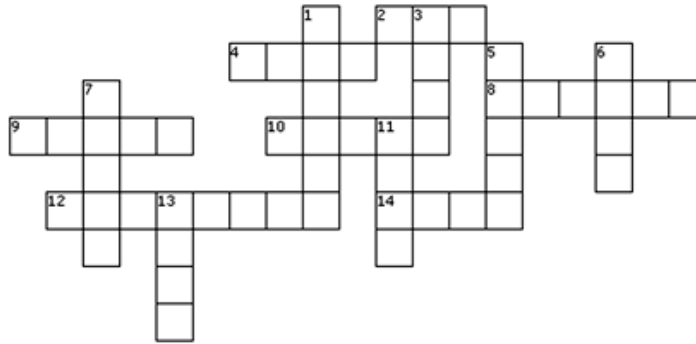
Bethany UMC: Thank you everyone for their cards & prayers, while I was in the hospital. A special thank you to Pastor Bill for his prayers and visits. It was very much appreciated.

–Shirley Wesner

Fun Page

He is not here. He has risen!

Words taken from John 20:1-18 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. To shed tears
4. The opposite of alive
8. A heavenly being
9. The thing that covered the entrance to Jesus'tomb
10. The color that is the opposite of black
12. A person who takes care of plants and flowers
14. The name of the woman who discovered Jesus' empty tomb

DOWN

1. The male parent
3. Return to an upright position after lying down; to return from the dead
5. The opposite of late
6. A period of seven days
7. An adult female person
11. A place where someone is buried; another name for grave
13. The opposite of light

Words Used

early	angels	gardener	rise
week	white	Mary	dead
dark	woman	tomb	
stone	cry	father	

Teach Our Daughters/ Sons...

We need to teach our daughters to distinguish between:

- a man who flatters her
- and a man who compliments her,
- a man who spends money on her
- and a man who invests in her,
- a man who views her as property
- and a man who views her properly,
- a man who lusts after her
- and a man who loves her,
- a man who believes he's a gift to women
- and a man who believes she's a gift to him.

And then we need to teach our sons
To be that kind of man.



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Sunday Worship:

Lessons for Life: 9:00 am
Gathering of the Family of God: 10:30 am
Worship in Praise, Prayer & Song: 6:00 pm

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Upper Room – Now Available

May / June

Daily Bread – Now Available

March / April / May

Announcements:**Dates to Remember:**

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

March 25th – (Palm Sunday) and Deadline for candy/basket/donations

March 27th – Noon – Riverwoods Auxiliary Luncheon @ Riverwoods

March 28th – 9:00 am – Easter Basket Giveaway @ HandUp

March 28th - Noon – Soup & The Word @ First Presbyterian Church

March 29th – 7:00 pm – Seder Meal

March 30th – 7:00 pm – Good Friday Tenebrae Service

March 31st – Noon – 6:00 pm – Easter Prayer Vigil

April 1st – 6:30 am – Easter Sunrise Service @ Parsonage (Breakfast following)

April 1st - 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / “Sharing the Table” Communion

April 1st – 2:00 pm – Rockwell Communion

April 1st – 6:00 pm –Worship in Praise, Prayer & Song / Communion

April 3rd – 7:00 pm –Worship Teams Meeting

April 5th – 6:30 pm – Planning Meeting for Community Dinners @ Christ Lutheran

April 15th (Both Services) Native American Ministries Special Offering Sunday

April 15th – Noon – N.O.W. Committee

April 16th - 4:45 pm – Milton Harvest Dinner @ St Andrew's UMC

April 17th – 6:30 pm - Finance

April 17th – 7:00 pm – Ad Board

April 28th – 10:00 am – Noon – Milton In Motion / Health Fair “Bethany -Open House”

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.

Worship in Praise, Prayer & Song: 6:00 pm every Sunday evening.



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