

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

Volume 6, Issue 11

November 2019

Milton's Good News

October – "At a Glance"

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

From Pastor Bill	2
Worship Schedule	3
Trustees Report	3
N.O.W. Here This!	4
Leadership Team	5
Announcements	8

Looking back on October for Bethany, starting off with the "Share the Warmth" Coat & Beth Hygiene Giveaway, with a great many of families in need received warmth from Bethany. Also the helping to serve at the Milton Harvest Community Dinner at St Andrews and at Christ Lutheran. The conclusion of Revelation Bible Study. Then ending the month with another Free movie "Heaven is for Real", where 29 attended.

"Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."
Ephesians 5:20 (NIV)
-Cheri Buss

Daylight Saving Time Ends..

Daylight Savings Time ends, so don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on **November 2nd**.



Special points of interest:

- "At a Glance" (pg 1)
- Church Conference (pg 1)
- Hanging of the Greens (pg 1)
- Thanksgiving Service (pg 1)
- Leadership Reports (pg 2)
- "Sharing the Table" (pg 4)
- Feed-A-Feed (pg 4)
- Movie Night (pg 4)
- Angel Tree (pg 4)
- Events in the Area (pg 5)
- Remember Veterans (pg 5)
- Financial Stats (pg 6)
- Fun Page (pg 7)
- Poinsettia Flower Order Form (pg 7)

Church Conference



This year's Church Conference will be on Sunday, November 17th at 7:00 pm at St. Andrew's UMC, 102 Lower Market St, Milton PA. Please mark your calendars and you can pick up a packet Sunday morning on November 17th in the back of the sanctuary, or at the meeting at 7:00 pm at St Andrew's UMC.

Hanging of the Greens



Hanging of the Greens is scheduled for Sunday, November 24th after the morning worship with a fellowship meal together (which will be provided) and then to decorate the church for the Advent season.

Need volunteer Crew on Saturday, November 23rd at 9:00 am to help bring down boxes from the attic.

Thanksgiving Service

Bethany UMC will have a Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00 pm. A time to give Thanks to our Lord & Savior. "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"; so come out and join in to **Thank** our God; invite your family and friends, all are welcome!





From Pastor Bill's Study



Greetings to all,

Several times during the last few days I have been thinking about prayer. Not just the reciting of grace at a meal type of prayer but to open myself up and speak up and out about what is on my mind.

By a very rough count, the word prayer or any derivative of the word prayer are found in *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, more than 500 times. So I guess it is a rather important concept within the work of God.

Yet there are times when I feel prayer has become an afterthought or even worse not even thought of at all. I recently read in a devotion that, "If life is getting to busy you can save time by not doing a devotion or prayer time to help you manage what time you have." This note was signed by Satan.

In the past I have read many books dealing with prayer and the ways in which to pray but what it truly comes down to is spending time with God.

Bill Hybels wrote several years ago a nice little book on prayer titled "*Too Busy Not to Pray*". There is useful information in this small book about our prayer life and how to grow in our prayer life. I also recommend reading anything from EM Bounds, or Dutch Sheets. First and for most I recommend the Bible as a great source of study on prayer. If so lead you can use the verses in the Bible as a daily devotion and though starter on your prayers for the day.

After finishing the Revelation study I am more convinced of how much we as individuals and as the church need to be in prayer for our self and for those who need to know a personal relationship with Yahshua the Messiah.

I cannot think of a time in my life where prayer has not more relevant and needed. We need the help and hope of Christ more and more every day.

With all that has been happening in my family and in the life of the church I see more and more the attacks of evil in this world we now live in without my relationship with Christ I am not sure how I would make it.

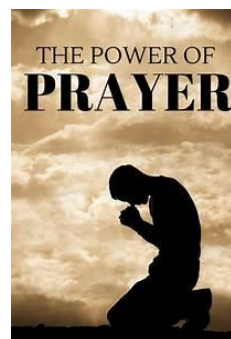
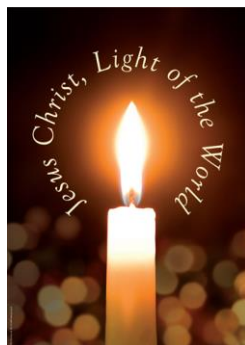
If Jesus is our hope then we should be in daily contact so we can fight off the pursuit of hopelessness. Without prayer I would be lost, with prayer I have a light to see my way.

One of my prayers is that you also will see the need for prayer and God will light up your world as well.

Psalms 55:17

Praise the Lord,

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 November they are due: Sunday, November 10th.** 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, September 3rd. Here are October's songs, Scriptures, and sermon titles. **Next Worship Team meeting will be on Tuesday, December 3rd at 1:00 PM.**

November 3rd – (All Saints Day) Blest Be the Tie That Binds (557); I've Got Peace Like a River (2145); Take My Life, and Let It Be (399); Psalm 119:117-144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4; *“Give Thanks”*;
Communion

November 10th – Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (196); I've Got Peace Like a River (2145); Are ye Able (530); Psalm 145:1-5; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5; *“Are You Ready”*

November 17th – I Want a Principle Within (410); I've Got Peace Like a River (2145); Marching to Zion (733); Isaiah 12; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; *“Imitators”*

November 24th – Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (301); I've Got Peace Like a River (2145); All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (155); Jeremiah 23:1-6; Colossians 1:11-20; *“Strength”*

November 27th – (Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00 pm) Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (694); What a Friend We Have in Jesus (526); Let All Things Now Living (2008); Psalm 100; John 6:25-35; *“Thanksh”*

Trustees Report...

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

Recently the Leadership Team approved Quick Dry Express to clean the carpets in the Sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall/Large Sunday School Room and the Elm Street Lounge at a cost of \$450. The cleaning has been completed and the carpets look much better.

In other news, the Leadership Team approved landscaping work around the church and Parish House. A proposal was received from Shaffer Landscaping in the amount of \$2,597.84. After discussion the Leadership Team recommended asking the landscape company who had done the work the previous year for a proposal. They declined because they were too busy. Therefore we approved the proposal from Shaffer's. The work has been completed and the shrubbery and grounds look very nice again.

Also, the annual Parsonage inspection was completed by Cindy Mohr and me on October 17. As usual since the McNeals have been living there, we found the house to be in very good condition. We noted a few minor items that should be addressed prior to a new Pastor moving in.

Another calendar quarter has passed, which means it's time for the quarterly report of the Trustee's finances.

The following balances (rounded) are as of September 30:

- Hudock Capital Group - \$582,062 – a decrease of \$7,365 from the last quarter – We needed to transfer \$15,000 from this account for current expenses in the third quarter.
- Prudential Investments - \$604,917 – an increase of approximately \$3,500 from the last quarter – this is our 'in lieu of flood insurance' account.
- Prudential Investments – The Radenbush Trust - \$92,654 – an increase of a little over \$2,100 from last quarter.
- Prudential Investments - \$8,154 – an increase of \$573 from the last quarter.
- BYN Mellon – The Butler Trust – The quarterly statement had not arrived prior to the newsletter deadline. This balance will be reported at a later date.

Submitted by Jamie Aurand, Trustee chair

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

Next N.O.W. Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12th at 7:00 pm.

"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: Nov 3rd / Dec 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, November 4, 2019** at 5:00 pm. Bethany will need volunteers to help with serving at 4:45 pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

(Next Milton Harvest Community Dinners that Bethany is helping with are: Dec 2nd).

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

There will be a Community Dinner on a **Sunday, December 8th, 2019 at 5:00 pm.** Bethany will need volunteers for setup at (3 PM) and supply desserts. Please watch for more information in the bulletin.

Bethany's

Effort

Toward

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.**

Feed-A-Friend/"Thanksgiving in a Bag"....



Feed-A-Friend/"Thanksgiving in a Bag" (HandUp Foundation) (All donations will STAY LOCAL)

Ways you can help support this local cause: **You can fill more than one bag if you wish.**

1) Food Bags to be filled with 1 Stuffing mix, 1 can sweet potatoes/box of mashed potatoes, 1 can cranberry sauce, 1 can fruit, 1 can corn, 1 can green beans, 1 can/jar gravy, and 1 can 100% juice. Need food bags by: **November 10th, 2019.**

2) Monetary Donations collection by: **November 10th, 2019. (Purchasing Turkeys)**

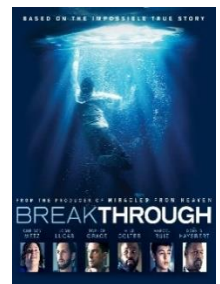
(The food bags can be displayed in the table/crate in front of the sanctuary or in the fellowship room).

Free Meal & A Matinee Movie



Free Meal and A Matinee Movie will be held on **November 17, 2019.** Meal at 2:00 pm and Movie at 3:00 pm with the showing of "Breakthrough". Synopsis When Joyce Smith's fourteen-year-old son John fell through an icy Missouri lake one winter morning, she and her family had seemingly lost everything. At the hospital, John lay lifeless for more than sixty minutes. But Joyce was not ready to give up on her son. She mustered all her faith and strength into one force and cried out to God in a loud voice to save him.

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



Angel Tree



Be an Angel to Someone for Christmas: Angel Tree

We will again be 'adopting' children to give them a joyous Holiday season. We will be getting 'Angel Tree' ornaments from The Salvation Army that will be placed on our Christmas tree for the taking. We will also again be hanging ornaments on the tree for our homebound members with needed/desired items. Watch for more information in your bulletins and December's Newsletter.

Milton's Good News

Leadership Team (Ad Board) Report....

The devotions that began the October Leadership Team meeting centered on the concept of contentment, and on Proverbs 17:22. We may wonder what makes us content to live as we do, considering all that life throws at us – but it helps to remember that it's not what we lack, but what we have that counts. A strong faith, coupled with daily prayer, can give us the peace we seek. If we believe in a God who loves us, the troubles of this world aren't so scary. We are secure because God is our security, and we draw contentment from the trust we put in Him. There is strength in knowing that God placed us on earth to serve Him, because that gives us purpose. While worry, self-pity and despair can all be (and so often are) a part of living, the key is how we respond to the cards we're dealt.

With those thoughts fresh on our minds, we shared some things that bring us contentment. Family and close friends, certainly, and, very often, life's simpler things. But there's also contentment in knowing that we've done good and produced value. Or in helping others. Or in morning devotions. Or in learning and creating. Even in relaxation. The list goes on, as they say, reminding us that many, many things can lead to contentment. If we let them.

The inspector from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture recently paid our church a visit and basically told us that as long as we're not using our kitchen to prepare foods for public sale, the DoA doesn't need to license us. So we're free to use our facility for in-church purposes, and we still have our initial certification. But if we ever want to use the kitchen commercially, we'll need to be inspected again.

T. Ross has been engaged to check the sanctuary window nearest to the Head Usher's station, said area having shown considerable evidence of interior framework and wall damage from insects. Work is under way.

We are considering whether we need new sound equipment for the main sanctuary, because we're having an increasing number of problems with the present setup. Susquehanna Valley Sound and Video will be enlisted to give us a proposal for a whole new system.

Bethany's Contemporary sanctuary will again be used by the Salvation Army to conduct its bicycle giveaway closer to Christmas.

The Coat Giveaway that we conducted earlier in October goes on, in the sense that we're still filling "orders" for items requested but not then available.

Rod Moore

Events Happening in the Area

Saturday, November 2nd at 10:00 am – 11:30 am - Evangelical Community Hospital Hospice will have a "Coping with the Holidays" at 235 Hospital Drive, Lewisburg. A panel discussion designed to help those who have lost a loved one cope during the holiday season. Program, with refreshments is free and open to the public. Call 570-522-2550 for more information.

November 7th, 8th, 9th at 7:00 pm, November 9th & 10th at 2:00 pm – Beauty and the Beast (Broadway Musical) at Christ Wesleyan, 363 Stamm Rd, Milton PA 17847. Get tickets at Well Read Bookstore, Adults: \$15.00, Seniors (65+) \$12.00, Children (Ages 0-12) \$10.00.

Veteran's Day

To all of those who have served and those who continue to serve -
We Thank You!

Remember our Veterans – November 11th!



Bethany UMC Current Expense Income September 2019 Reports:

Envelope Income To Date---2019

		Current Expense	Reno	Benev. (Price Fund)	Miscell.	Weekly Total	Year To Date
September	1	\$854.00		\$15.00		\$869.00	\$30,901.00
	8	\$1,334.00		\$66.00		\$1,400.00	\$32,301.00
	15	\$754.00		\$4.00		\$758.00	\$33,059.00
	22	\$688.00		\$6.00		\$694.00	\$33,753.00
	29	\$1,026.00		\$6.00		\$1,032.00	\$34,785.00

Plate Income To Date---2019

		Current Exp.		Weekly Total	Year To Date
September	1	\$28.00		\$28.00	\$1,854.35
	8	\$33.45		\$33.45	\$1,887.80
	15	\$36.00		\$36.00	\$1,923.80
	22	\$2.00		\$2.00	\$1,925.80
	29	\$20.00		\$20.00	\$1,945.80

Lessons For Life Income To Date---2019

		Weekly Total	Year To Date
September	1	\$14.00	\$488.00
	8	\$14.00	\$502.00
	15	\$12.00	\$514.00
	22	\$7.00	\$521.00
	29	\$15.00	\$536.00

Bethany UMC Miscellaneous Contributions 2019

	Year To Date
Copier use Donation	
9/22/19--\$2.00	\$7.00
Harvest Festival Stand Donations	
9/22/19--\$41.00	\$41.00
Fire & Ice Campaign	
9/29/19--\$75.00	\$75.00

Finance Report (September's Expenses In & Out:

Total Income Received: \$5,056

Total Expenses Paid Out: \$10,632

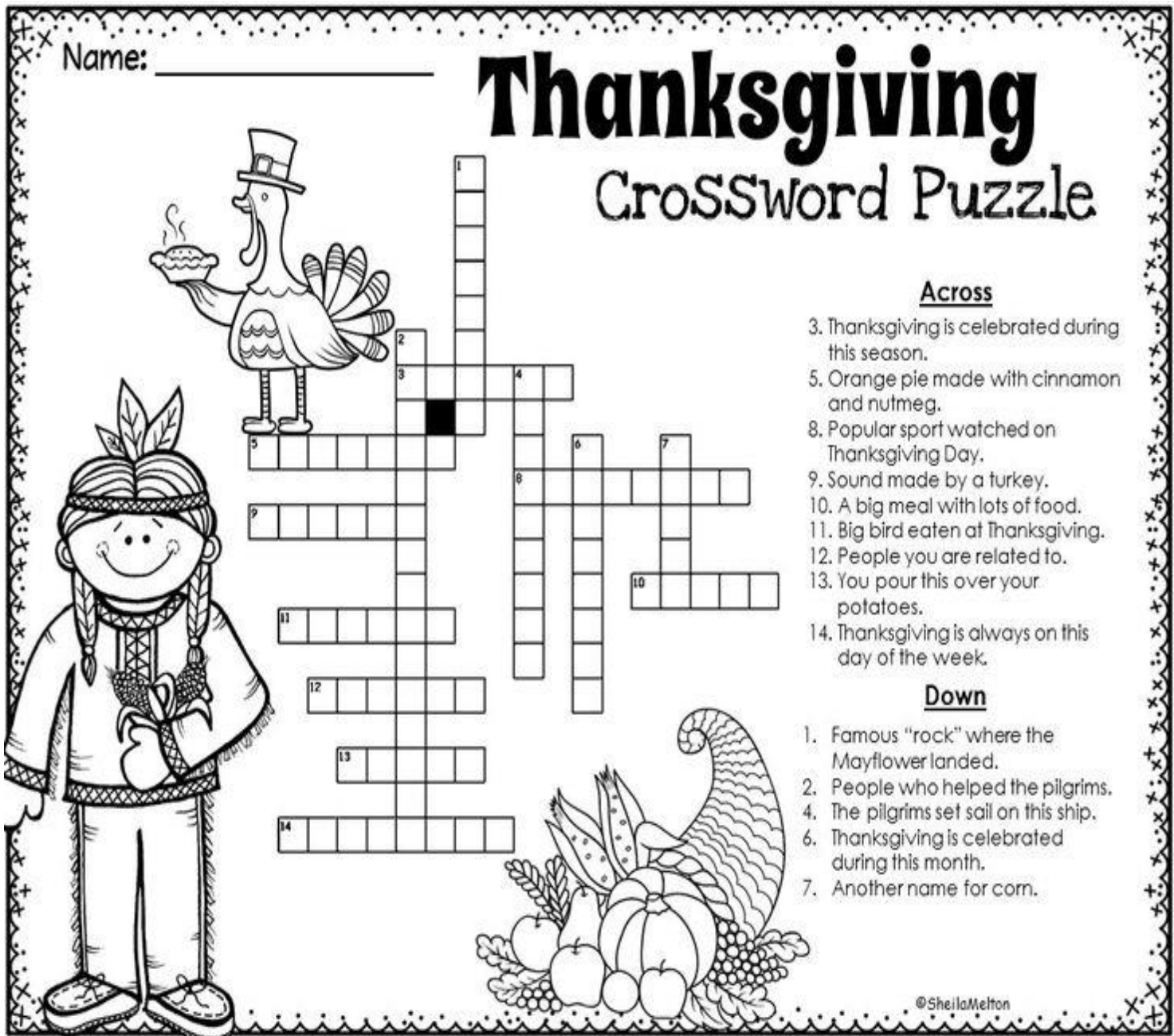


Total Attendance for the month of September: 34

Fun Page

Name: _____

Thanksgiving Crossword Puzzle



Across

- Thanksgiving is celebrated during this season.
- Orange pie made with cinnamon and nutmeg.
- Popular sport watched on Thanksgiving Day.
- Sound made by a turkey.
- A big meal with lots of food.
- Big bird eaten at Thanksgiving.
- People you are related to.
- You pour this over your potatoes.
- Thanksgiving is always on this day of the week.

Down

- Famous "rock" where the Mayflower landed.
- People who helped the pilgrims.
- The pilgrims set sail on this ship.
- Thanksgiving is celebrated during this month.
- Another name for corn.

©Sheila Melton

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 1/2" Poinsettias are \$7.50 each

Deadline for ordering: **Sunday, November 24th**. Please give your order with money to Shelly Sholley

BETHANY UMC

107 S. Front St.
Milton, PA 17847
(570) 742-9796

miltonbethanyumcoffice@gmail.com

Website:

bethanyumc-miltonpa.org

Sunday Worship:

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

PASTOR BILL

670 Stamm Rd
Milton, PA 17847
717-968-3500 (Cell)
570-246-5830 (Home)
pastorbill@gmail.com

Upper Room – Now Available

November / December

Daily Bread – Now Available

October / November / December

Announcements:**Dates to Remember:**

[Note: No regular scheduled Trustees Meeting for this month of November]
Nov 3rd - 10:15 am – Gathering of the Family of God / “Sharing the Table” Communion
November 3rd – 10:15 am – All Saints Sunday
November 3rd – 2:00 pm – Rockwell Communion
November 4th – 4:45 pm – (Servers) Milton Harvest Community Dinner @ St Andrew's
November 5th – 8:30 am - Milton Ministerium @ Community Mennonite Fellowship
November 10th – 10:15 am – Deadline for Turkey Donations & Food Bag
Nov 10th – 6:00 pm – Milton Ministerium Thanksgiving Concert @ Cmty Mennonite
November 11th – Happy Veterans Day – THANK YOU!!!
November 12th – 7:00 pm – N.O.W. Meeting
November 17th – 2:00 – Free Community Meal
November 17th – 3:00 pm – Free Matinee Movie “Breakthrough”
November 17th – 7:00 pm – Charge Conference @ St Andrew's UMC
November 19th – 6:30 pm – Leadership Team (Finance & Ad Board)
November 23rd – 9:00 am – Volunteer Crew (Boxes down from attic)
November 24th – 10:15 am – UM Student Day (Special Offering Sunday)
November 24th – 11:45 am - Hanging of the Greens & fellowship meal / Poinsettia orders due
November 27th – 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Service
November 28th – Happy Thanksgiving Day!

Rockwell Bible Study: 9:00 am every Thursday at Rockwell. (Except Nov 28th)

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

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



A Thankful blessing that 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!!!



BETHANY UMC OFFICE
18 CENTER ST
MILTON, PA 17847

Nov
2019