

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



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Milton's Good News

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June – "At a Glance"

Looking back in June for Bethany, a beginning of transformations of Pastor Bill & Janet moving to Mifflintown and of the arrival of Pastor Travis & Jessica, Arabella & Elias. Continued Leadership meetings with Poole & Anderson took place. Construction team onsite, major work inside being done, painting, flooring, and kitchen appliances soon to be installed from storage. Community meals from Christ Evan Lutheran were back with a drive up / walk-up take-out meal.

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." (Romans 12:2 NIV)
Cheri Buss



"On Board" Meeting (Leadership / Congregation / Staff)

On Sunday, July 18th, after worship 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Bethany UMC Leadership Team, Staff, and Congregation will be meeting with Kim & Gary Shockley (Coordinator for Pathways of Spiritual Leadership) to successfully start a new pastor / church relationship with Pastor Travis. This is designed to maximize good communication practices, clarify a common ground on which to build relationships, and clearly state and agree upon expectations for starting well together. **[Note: Lunch will be provided, please sign up on the attendance form in the back of the sanctuary.]**

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Welcome Allhouse Family to Bethany's Family!..

Bethany UMC welcomes Pastor Travis, Jessica, Arabella and the newest member of their family, baby boy Elias, to Bethany's family!

Elias was born on May 25, 2021, congratulations on your newest family member!



We're
Getting
a New
Pastor



From Pastor Travis's Study

Grace to you and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who is the healer of our brokenness and light our world.

I would like to use this first entry in the newsletter as a way to introduce myself. I am Travis Allshouse, or Pastor Travis. My wife Jessica and I have been married for 10 years this month. Jessica is a teacher in Newport School District. We have two children. Our daughter Arabella, or Arie (pronounced Are-ee) is 5 years old. Arie loves babies, both real and plastic. She also loves reading and playing on her iPad. Our son Elias was born on May 25. He loves eating and sleeping.

Here are some things to know about me. I love reading and am an avid collector of books. I believe that one can never have too many books, much to the chagrin to Jessica. I am a fan of football and baseball. My favorite professional football team is the Steelers and my favorite baseball team is the Orioles. Above my love for the Steelers and the Orioles, however, is my love of Duke University athletics, especially football, baseball and basketball. It will be very common to see me in Duke t-shirts and hat.

My passion in ministry is to bring people to a loving relationship with Jesus, and into a community of believers. I believe that this can be done in many new and creative ways. It is my hope and prayer that we can create new ways of worship for new people here in Milton. We will do this by working together as a community and family. One thing that I sense is missing from people today is belonging. We have made our lives so individualistic that we no longer do things in community. Our journeys in faith are not meant to be done alone. We are not meant to do life alone. So, as a community let us expand our community.

Jess and I would love to thank you all for the kindness and welcome that you have shown to us in this time of transition. We especially want to thank you for the meals that were brought to us on the day of our move.

Pastor Travis



Leadership Reports...

All Committee/Leadership Reports need to be handed into the church office or pastor, by the second Sunday of each month. **For July they are due: Sunday, July 11th, 2021.** You can bring them into the church or email them to Pastor Travis at tallshouse@susumc.org. Thank You!

Worship Team "Gathering of the Family of God" Report

Here are the first two weeks of July's songs, Scriptures, and sermon titles. **Worship Team Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 6th at 1:00 pm at Bethany office.** Services held at West Milton UMC at 11:00 am.

July 4th - To God Be the Glory (98); America the Beautiful (696); My Country tis of Thee (697); This is a Day of New Beginnings (383); Isaiah 43 selected verses; *"This Is A Day Of New Beginnings"* / **Communion**

July 13th - God of Grace and God of Glory (577); Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (139); The Gift of Love (408); One Bread, One Body (620); 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 and Ephesians 4:1-6; *"We Are In This Together"*

Leadership Team / Lay Leader Report

Next Leadership Team Meeting: Tuesday, July 20th, 6:30 pm.

The regular monthly Leadership Team meeting for June was canceled, but in a special gathering on June 13 the Team voted to have the Parish House roof and rain gutters replaced by Hillside Roofing of Allenwood. Hillside has already been sent a down payment on the job, which will provide the office building with metal roofing that has a 40-year guarantee. It only remains for the Team to select the colors of the material and for the roofers to tell us when they can start.

Meanwhile, Rod Moore reports that he has enrolled in an eleven-week on-line Wesley Lay Academy course that is planned to start on September 27. Completion of this offering by the Wilke Institute for Discipleship will satisfy Rod's requirement to support his Lay Speaker Certification for another three years (2022 – 2025). The Lewisburg District office has confirmed that this elective course is eligible as a qualifier, and the Director of District Lay Servant Ministries is aware of Rod's impending engagement with it.

Rod was more than glad to take the Bethany pulpit on Sunday, June 20 following the last service given by Pastor Bull McNeal on June 13. Gary Anspach, a former member and Lay Speaker for the church is giving the sermon on June 27, and on July 4 Pastor Travis Allshouse, our newly-appointed ecclesial leader, will take charge of our collective worship.

By the time you're reading this, a new signature card will have been completed for Bethany which reassigns signatory authorizations on church checks and inter-account transfers at Milton Savings Bank. This is a move made necessary by the departure of Pastor McNeal, the arrival of Pastor Allshouse, and the need to realign and streamline signer eligibility.

Rod was extremely pleased to be able to host two high-level officers from the United Lutheran Seminary on June 7. The visitors were Rev. Dr. Guy Erwin, the Seminary's President, and Rev. Dr. Martin Otto Zimmann, Director of Church Relations. These fine gentlemen and good friends were able to tour the inside of the rapidly-progressing "new Bethany", and they were quite impressed with what they saw.

We were so very pleased that our own Megan Snyder became an honors graduate of Lycoming College in recent days. It's hard to believe how quickly her four years at Lycoming passed, but what a wonderful time it was for her and her mother Amy, her grandmother Linn Chesney, all her friends, and all of her church family. Megan has been invited to grace the walls of the renovated church's nursery with artistry of her own choosing, and we'll be anxious to see what she does when the opportunity comes.

Rod Moore

Thank You Notes....



Dear Bethany friends: On behalf of the local camp of the Gideons International, please accept our sincere thank you for your recent gift for the work of distributing the Word of God. Your gift of \$706.00 will provide 141 Bibles or 470 copies of the New Testament we pass out in schools. May a living Lord continue to grant His grace, mercy, and peace to all who worship at Bethany UMC. Have a great day as you let your light shine to all those you meet. People need the Lord. Sincerely, John Marshall, Gideons International

A special **Thank You** to all those who donated to the Pastor's Pantry. Was so greatly appreciated and made the Allshouse's feel welcomed!

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



"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 350 children per week, of fruit cups and individual boxes of cereals. **Also in need of plastic grocery bags.** Please bring in those items of the first of the month for "Sharing the Table" or into the office Mon, Wed, 9 am -1 pm and Fri from 9 am – 12:30 pm.



Next Food Collection Communion Dates: July 4th / August 1st

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

Sponsored by Bucknell University

Monday's Milton Harvest Community Meals are back! These will be pick up only meals on Monday's from 5:00 pm – 5:45 pm at St Andrew's UMC – Parking lot.

Walk-in or drive-through only to pick up meals in the parking lot.

[Don't need volunteers, at this time]

Committee Dinner's are back (Milton Parish Christ Evan Lutheran)

Next Committee Dinner will be on **August 8th at 5:00 pm**, a drive-up/walk-up basis operating once again out of Milton Lutheran Parish's Christ Evangelical Lutheran facility and also planning a drop-off delivery service for Milton Towers & Milton Developmental Services!!!

Next Web Meeting: Thursday, July 8th at 7:00 pm



Community Dinner Ministry June 13, 2021 Re-Launch Report

On Sunday, June 13th, 2021, the Milton Community Dinner Ministry very successfully re-launched our Community Dinners as drive-up/take-out from the Christ Lutheran Church/St. Paul's UCC location on Mahoning Street and also delivery service to The Milton Towers. Several volunteers from The Milton Lutheran Parish, St. Paul's UCC, St. Paul's AME Church, and myself as the sole volunteer from Bethany (and the 'Defacto Chair' of the Ministry) worked in harmony to prepare, package, deliver, and transport a total of 150 meals to food insecure members of the community and volunteers. Excess/leftover meals and food items were delivered to the Milton Developmental Services facility at Arch & Walnut to be enjoyed by the 35 residents there, which they were extremely grateful for. For our next meal, we are adding the residents there to our delivery rotation as well, as like the residents of the Towers, they do not have transportation to our location.

Special thanks to Sharon Foust, Dorothy Hower, & Shelly Sholley for donating croutons and salad dressing. The remainder of the supplies and salad fixings were purchased with money from The Price Hardship Fund due to lack of food donations from the congregation. I mention this because in order for our church to best participate in this ministry, it requires congregational participation in the form of either donations of food or money toward the purchase of the food/supplies, and most importantly, volunteer time commitments.

Our next meal will take place on Sunday, August 8, 2021 at 5:00pm and will again be offered as drive-up & delivery. In the past, Bethany has taken the Lead on this meal providing hamburgers, hot dogs, and rolls, however, at this time we are discussing serving hamburger BBQ as the main entrée for convenience of preparation, however, this will be discussed at our next Planning Committee Web Meeting which is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 8th, 2021 at 7:00pm. I will share the meeting link when details are firmed up. Other meal dates for this year are October 10, 2021 and December 5, 2021. I hope you will prayerfully consider participating in this important ministry that is so vital to our Community, especially in these times where so many struggle financially and with food insecurity.

Shelly Sholley
Chair, N.O.W. Committee

Secret Prayer Pal – Update



End of June 2021, your Secret Prayer Pal will be revealed and for those who would like to take part, fill out the slip of paper in the back of the sanctuary to participate in and place in basket. **Will draw your new secret prayer pal the first Sunday, July 4th.** Forms will be available in your bulletin or by calling the church office (570-742-9796).

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Bethany UMC Current Expense Income May 2021 Reports:

05/02/2021 - Sunday

Offering Envelopes \$1,644.00
 Native American Ministries Sun \$195.00
 Price Hardship Fund \$30.00
 Plate \$300.00
Pastor's Retirement Lunch \$570.00
Total for 05/02/2021 \$2,739.00



05/09/2021 - Sunday

Offering Envelopes \$668.00
 Native American Ministries Sun \$10.00
 Price Hardship Fund \$15.00
 Plate \$1.00
 Pastor's Retirement Lunch \$872.58
Fire Restoration Known Givers \$200.00
Total for 05/09/2021 \$1,766.58

05/16/2021 - Sunday

Offering Envelopes \$797.00
 Price Hardship Fund \$20.00
 Pastor's Retirement Lunch \$25.00
Gideon International Donation \$510.00
Total for 05/16/2021 \$1,352.00

05/23/2021 - Sunday

Offering Envelopes \$656.00
 Loose Change to Make a Chang \$87.89
Plate 21.00
Total for 05/23/2021 \$764.89

05/30/2021 - Sunday

Offering Envelopes \$712.00
 Price Hardship Fund \$15.00
 Plate \$27.00
Pastor's Retirement Lunch \$230.00
Total for 05/30/2021 \$984.00

Total Contributions \$7,606.47



Finance Report (May Current Expenses In & Out):

Total Income Received: \$5,551

Total Expenses Paid Out: \$22,161

Average Attendance: 21

Bethany Fire Update: (Follow building progress on FaceBook & Website)



Inside painting on walls, plumbing, bathrooms, flooring, ceiling, electrical, and outside ramp into church work being done.

Total Income Received (May): \$333,114 / Balance: \$772,064

Total Expenses Paid Out (May): \$421,568



Trustees Report

As reported last month the Treasurer projected that we'd need another \$10,000 in early June to meet our current expenses. The funds were transferred to the general checking account during the first week in June. In addition, at the June Leadership Team meeting it was decided that we would soon need the funds that were invested with Hudock Capital from the first insurance proceeds check we received after the fire. The whole balance (approximately \$350,000) was transferred to the fire restoration account at Milton Savings.

There was a lot of work around the parsonage prior to and during the move out of the McNeals and the Allshouse family moving in. The roof, gutters and downspouts were replaced, and the flooring in the laundry room and one of the bathrooms was replaced prior to the McNeals moving out. After the McNeals moved out, and before the Allshouse family moved in, the staff of Servpro performed a thorough cleaning, shampooed the carpets, cleaned the ductwork and performed a disinfectant fogging of the entire house.

The Leadership Team has been discussing the need to replace the roof, gutters and downspouts on the Parish House. We received three proposals. At a special meeting of the Leadership Team following worship service on June 13, it was decided to approve the lowest cost proposal (\$20,724), which was from Hillside Roofing, the same company that replaced the roof on the parsonage. The roof will be a metal roof. The Leadership Team will need to choose a color for the roofing material. Hillside Roofing said the job will probably be scheduled for some time in August.

Submitted by Jamie Aurand

Our Prayer List.....

Shirley & Wesner Family – Richard passed away June 13th.

Cindy M – Cindy's cancer treatments / Health

Debbie (Connie's sister) – Cancer and treatments

Jeff S (Jamie's nephew) – Health / diabetes

Richard W – Stroke / Now in Riverwoods Nursing Home

Patti & Bill S – Health

Florence Y – Cancer/Health, in Bloomsburg rehab & Thomas Y – Health / Afib

David W - Retirement

Judy C - Health

Terrie & Todd H – Health (Wound) / Continue prayers for recovery.

Rockman family (Shelly's friend)

Tom (Shelly's uncle) Health / In hospital and for his wife, Donna.

David (Karen's friend) Health

Tina Reed - Death

Community Meals / Shootings

Those dealing with Cancer – Cindy, Florence, Thomas, Dan, Mandy, Terrie, Gary, David, Rita, Doug, Debbie, Shirley, Debbie

Bethany Congregation / Restoration & reopening business / Churches.

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

Praise: Sarah Heimbach is now living closer at the Watsontown Nursing & Rehabilitation, 245 E 8th St, Room 1A, Watsontown PA 17777.



Janet Mc – Broken foot

Kati M – Kidney/ Health

Fun Page



July Fourth Word Search



ADAMS
AMERICA
BARBECUE
COLONIES
CONGRESS
DECLARATION
EQUALITY
FIREWORKS

FOURTH
FREEDOM
HOTDOGS
INDEPENDENCE
JEFFERSON
JULY
LIBERTY

NATION
PARADE
REVOLUTION
RIGHTS
STATES
THIRTEEN
UNITED

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Sunday Worship:

[Held at West Milton UMC
310 High St
West Milton PA]

Gathering of the Family of God: 11:00 am

PASTOR TRAVIS

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tallshouse@susumc.org

Upper Room – Now Available

July / August

Daily Bread – Now Available

June / July / August

Announcements:**Dates to Remember:**

[We will not be meeting for Lesson for Life (Sunday School) until further notice.]

July 4th – 11:00 am — Gathering of the Family of God

**“Sharing the Table” Panther Packs / Communion
Happy Independence Day!**

July 4th – 2:00 pm – Rockwell Communion

July 6th – 1:00 pm – Worship Team Meeting (Bethany office)

July 8th – 10:30 am – Leadership Team W Poole Anderson

July 8th – 7:00 pm – Web Planning Committee Meals Meeting

July 18th – 12:00 pm – “On Board” Meeting w Congregation @ West Milton UMC

July 20th – 6:30 pm – Leadership Team (Ad Board / Finance) @ West Milton UMC

July 22nd - 10:30 am - Leadership Team W Poole Anderson

August 8th – 5:00 pm – Community Dinner (Drive-Up) @ Christ Lutheran

Gathering of the Family of God: 11:00 am every Sunday morning.



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