

**BETHANY UMC**

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**Sunday Worship:**

Gathering of the Family of God: 10:30 am  
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**Upper Room – Now Available**

March / April

**Announcements:**

**Dates to Remember:**

- March 2 - 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / Communion
- March 3 – 10:00 am – Bible Study
- March 5 – 10:00 am - Ash Wednesday Service @ Bethany UMC
- March 7 – World Day of Prayer
- March 9 – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent
- March 16 – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent
- March 23 – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent
- March 30 – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
11:45 am – March Birthday Celebrations
- April 6 - 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / Communion / 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent
- April 8 – 6:00 pm – Leadership Team Meeting.
- April 13 – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / Palm Sunday
- April 17 – 7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday @ St Andrew's UMC
- April 18 – 7:00 pm – Good Friday Tenebrae Service @ Bethany UMC
- April 20– 9:00 am – Easter Breakfast  
10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / Easter Sunday
- April 27 – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God  
11:45 am – April Birthday Celebrations

Every Sunday Worship (Gathering of the Family of God) at 10:30 am.  
Every Monday (Bible Study) at 10:00 am  
Wednesday's "Soup & The Word" From March 12<sup>th</sup> – April 16<sup>th</sup> at Noon @ 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian

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March / April  
2025

**Bethany United Methodist Church**

*"A Church with the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Milton"*



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**March & April 2025**

**Milton's Good News**

**February "At a Glance"**

Looking back in February for Bethany, Bible Study began a new study of forgiveness, based on the book "The Sunflower" by Simon Wiesenthal. **Huge Thank You to Dave & Joan Warburton & Pastor Travis** for taking care of the sidewalks this icy & snow season. End of the month we celebrate the February birthdays after church with cake and coffee.

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ." Ephesians 1:3 (NIV)* **-Cheri Buss**

\* Please send an Encouragement / Thank You Card to our beloved Pastor's Wife, Jessica.

**To Jessica; our beloved Pastor's Wife:**

For consistently supporting your husband spiritually, emotionally, and physically. **Thank you!**

For all of your sacrifices, both visible and invisible. **Thank you.!**

For your amazing smile and support you give to everyone. **Thank you!**

From your; Bethany Congregation and Staff, We Thank God for how you blessed each of us, you are a true blessing!! God's blessings to you!! P.S. Your desserts are so delicious!

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**PASTOR'S WIFE**  
APPRECIATION MONTH  
MARCH 1-31

**Thank You  
Jessica,**

**We all Love  
You!!!**

**Special points of interest:**

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**Ash Wednesday Service**



This year, Bethany UMC will have an Ash Wednesday Service here at Bethany UMC, on **March 5, 2025 at 10:00 am.**

**Holy Week**

**Sunday – April 13 – Palm Sunday**  
10:30 am Worship Service @ Bethany

**Thursday, April 17 – Maundy Service**  
7:00 pm @ St. Andrew's

**Friday, April 18 – Good Friday Tenebrae Service**  
7:00 pm @ Bethany UMC

**Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday (Happy Easter!!) @ Bethany**  
9:00 am – Easter Breakfast  
10:30 am – Worship Service "He has Risen, Risen Indeed!"





### From Pastor Travis's Study



### SPRING SPORTS



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

As we come into the month of March, I cannot help but get excited. Not only is it the month that I was born in (March 14), or that the ACC and NCAA basketball tournaments are soon here, or that baseball season is soon to start, I am also excited that Spring is almost here. I love the spring and summer seasons.

When I was younger, I could not wait for Spring to come. It meant that I could go outside and play with my friends. We could go outside for recess and play kickball. It meant that many of my evenings and Saturdays would be spent at or on a baseball field. I love the sound of a ball being hit by a baseball bat. It is a moment of pure excitement, and a lot of prayer. The prayer usually was "Dear Lord, don't let me mess this up."

Spring is so full of resurrection, growth, and life. Grass begins to turn green and grow again. The trees begin to blossom and grow again. Animals return from trying to stay warm. Those of us who hate the winter and cold begin to emerge from our homes again. Life just seems to get going again.

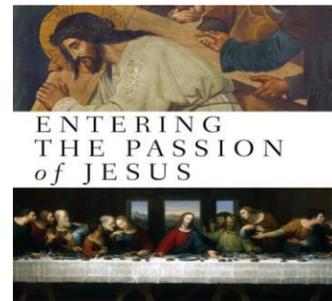
This is also the season that we celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Lent and Easter are almost upon us. This is a time for us to reflect on our need for salvation and healing from our sins. It is a time for us to give thanks to God for His love in offering that healing and salvation through Christ. It is a time for us to give thanks for Christ's resurrection and conquering of death. We are told by Paul in Romans 6:23 that "the wages of sin is death. But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

So, as we enter into the season of Lent, here are some things that we are going to be looking at. Our Sermon Series for Lent will be "Entering the Passion of Jesus." This series asks us to picture ourselves in the story of Jesus' last week. Have you ever taken the time to picture yourself in these holy moments? For many of us we like to skip over Holy Week. We go from Palm Sunday to Easter Day, often forgetting the events that take place in between. For many of us, we like the days of celebration and not the days of mourning. This year we are going to picture ourselves in all of the days of Jesus' Passion and not just Easter. Please join us in person or online at youtube.com (search Bethany UMC Milton).

May God Bless you all in the days to come.

And, remember: The Best Is Yet to Be!!!

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 March they are due: Sunday, March 9, 2025. For April they are due: Sunday, April 13, 2025.** You can bring them into the church or email them to Pastor Travis at [tallshouse@susumc.org](mailto:tallshouse@susumc.org). Thank You!

### Fun Page

## Easter Word Search

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CROWN  
LAMB  
PRAYER  
RESURRECTION  
SON

CHURCH  
FAITH  
MARY  
REDEMPTION  
RISEN  
SUNDAY

CROSS  
JESUS  
MIRACLE  
REJOICE  
SAVIOR  
TOMB



### Bethany UMC Current Expense Income January 2025 Reports:

**Financial Secretary's Report: January 2025**

Date	Offering Envelopes	Plate Offering	Initial Offering	Community Meal	Price Fund	Butler Trust	Totals
01/05/25	\$502.00	\$15.00	\$0	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$0	\$597.00
01/12/25	\$383.00	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$0	\$30.00	\$0	\$458.00
01/19/25	----	----	----	----	----	\$0	No Worship
01/26/25	\$845.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$0	\$65.00	\$0	\$980.00
01/27/25	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,265.43	\$1,265.43
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,730.00</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>	<b>\$1,265.43</b>	<b>\$3,300.43</b>



### Finance Report (December Current Expenses In & Out):

**January 2025**

Total Income Received: \$3,300.43 + (Bank Interest \$1.02) + (Transfer from Investments \$15,000) = \$18,301.45

Total Expenses Paid Out: \$21,110.81

Average Attendance: 19

### Newsletter Note:

Bethany Congregation, you will notice that your newsletter has two months together (March / April).

Bethany will now be publishing every other month newsletters from this time on. **Thank You!**



**Begins, Wednesday, March 5, 2025.**



### Lenten Offering....

Ash Wednesday starts the first day of Lent, which then ends on Holy Saturday. This 40-day journey called Lent is a wonderful opportunity to grow in your faith. As you are observing Lent and journeying on your spiritual path, we hope that you use the enclosed Lenten envelope to bring your special giving to your church on or before Easter Sunday or mail to:

**Bethany United Methodist Church  
Attn: Financial Secretary, Bob Fitch  
18 Center Street, Milton, PA 17847**



### Trustees Report

This is the first month in a very long time that the Trustees have virtually nothing to report. The only thing that happened recently that was Trustee related was the completion of the back flow preventer test by the plumber. It functioned properly and the plumber submitted the report online.

Note: We've had to pull \$35,000 from the investments since the beginning of the year. That's much higher than in the past.

Submitted by Jamie Aurand



### Spring forward



**Daylight Saving Time begins – Turn those clocks forward one-hour Saturday night, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025; before turning into bed.**

### March / April Worship Schedule



**Sunday, March 2** – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / **Communion**

**Wednesday, March 5** – 10:00 am – Ash Wednesday @ **Bethany UMC**

**Sunday, March 9** – 10:30 am Gathering of the Family of God / 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

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**Sunday, April 6** – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / **Communion** / 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

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**Thursday, April 17** – 7:00 pm – **Maundy Service @ St. Andrew's UMC (Pastor Travis leading)**

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10:30 am Gathering of the Family of God / **Easter Sunday "Happy Easter"**

**Sunday, April 27** - 10:30 am Gathering of the Family of God  
**11:45 am – April Birthday Celebrations**



## 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:**

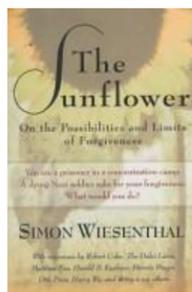
Soap/shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand/body lotion, feminine products. The small individual, hotel-sized bottles are preferred but any donations are welcomed!

We thank you in advance for your support of this exciting ministry!!

### Bible Study News.....



Bible Study every Monday at 10:00 am.  
A study of forgiveness, based on the book "The Sunflower" by Simon Wiesenthal.  
All are welcomed!



### Soup & The Word



**Soup & The Word**  
Wednesday Weekly Lenten Luncheons  
First Presbyterian Church 47 Walnut Street, Milton PA  
*Begins Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at Noon*

For many years now, the churches of Milton have come together during Lent to provide both physical and spiritual food for the flock. The luncheon meetings will be held at **First Presbyterian Church** of Milton, located at 47 Walnut St., with a large parking lot on Upper Market St. behind the church. These six free luncheons, held at noon, are open to the public. All are invited to share delicious homemade soup and warm Christian fellowship. A message is provided each week by a local pastor. **The Theme this year is Living Hope.**

**Dates:**

March 12<sup>th</sup> / March 19<sup>th</sup> / March 26<sup>th</sup> / April 2<sup>nd</sup> / April 9<sup>th</sup> / April 16<sup>th</sup>

March 12	Speaker: Kingdom Kidz	Soup: Kingdom Kidz
March 19	Speaker: Freedom Life Church Pastor(s)	Soup: Freedom Life Church
March 26	Speaker: Pastor Doug Diven	Soup: New Hope
April 2	Speaker: Pastor Brian Johnson	Soup: First Baptist Church
April 9	Speaker: Rev Tab Pastor(s)	Soup: Rev Tab
April 16	Speaker: Ryan Brosious	Soup: Narrow Way Church

## Leadership Team Report.....

Present: Cindy Mohr, David Warburton, Mike Longenberger, Dorothy Hower, Jamie Aurand, and Pastor Travis Allshouse

Discussion was held of who should be signatories for bank accounts and investments due to the death of Rod Moore. It was decided that we should keep everything as it is.

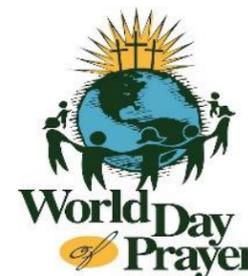
Pastor Travis is waiting to hear from the District Superintendent about how we are to proceed with replacing Rod Moore as our delegate to Annual Conference. This may require a called church conference since this was a church conference action. There will be more details to follow about next steps.

A new dishwasher was purchased and installed at the parsonage. The dishwasher that was in the house was 30 years old. Pastor Travis was five years old when it was installed, just for context.

A discussion was held, and it has been decided, that the office space that Rod used in the Parish House shall be named the Rod Moore Conference Room. We plan to put a conference table and chairs in there where we can meet.

It has been decided that we will be having Leadership Team Meetings every other month instead of every month. **Our next meeting will be April 8, 2025.** This was shifted a week to avoid conflicting with Holy Week.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pastor Travis Allshouse



March 7, 2025  
World Day of Prayer

## Our Prayer List.....

Concerns:  
The Family of Gerald Greenly – Gerald passed away.  
Arie – Illness with the flu and for family to stay healthy.  
Kate Moser – Fell, hurt her shoulder & nose, now in nursing home to recover.  
Florence Young – Now on hospice care.  
Mary Lou – Healing she received and to continue her with prayers of healing.  
Judy C – Healing and continued prayers for strength.  
The lost lives from the planes & helicopter crashes this week. Mourn of the loss of all the loved ones involved in the planes and on the ground in Philadelphia.  
**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, Bob F, James M, Dave W, Mike L, Dorothy, Pastor Travis.

