

Bethany United Methodist Church
"A Church with a Heart of Christ in the Heart of Milton"



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Milton's Good News

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September – "At a Glance"

Looking back in September for Bethany, the Milton Harvest Festival was in action this year with arts/craft, band, and children events, in which, Bethany gave tours of the new building. Huge **Thank You** for all those who helped be our tour guides and with Messy Church.

Messy Church was introduced on both Saturday's with an overall good turnout.

Entoguard was back for quarterly visits for pest control.

The new chairs for the fellowship hall were delivered.

"Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God."
Psalm 146:5 NIV

-Cheri Buss

Consecration Sunday Service



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Consecration Sunday Service will be held on **Sunday, October 3rd, 2021** at 10:30 am – 12:00 pm, here at Bethany UMC with Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi for the consecration of the new building, World Communion and a baptism.

Come celebrate with us what the Lord has done! Join Susquehanna Conference Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, Rev Dr Gary Weaver, Rev Dr Thomas Salsgiver, and our own Reverend Travis Allshouse.

October 3 is also World Communion Sunday. What better time to celebrate what God has done for us?

Hope you all can be part of this blessed service.



From Pastor Travis's Study



Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace to you and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:

It has been an exciting month here at Bethany UMC. We had two days of showing off our new church and inviting people into the church. We did this during the fall festival on the Saturday craft fairs. Thank you to all of those who signed up and helped during these events. This reminded me how important face to face conversations are, and how important it is to invite somebody to church personally one on one. Statistics show that a person is more likely to come to church if they know somebody there, and are personally invited. The gimmicks and blanket invitations on social media, mailers, or advertisements do not work anymore. People are looking for relationships and those begin one on one.

We also introduced "Messy Church" to the community as they toured the church. We are excited to announce that "Messy Church" will begin on Saturday, October 16th at 10am. If you are unsure of what Messy Church is here is a brief description. Messy Church is meant to meet people where they are at in their lives. Sometimes people feel that their lives are too messy to come to church, and that they need to get their lives on track before they can come to church or approach God. This is the exact opposite of what Jesus teaches us. Messy Church is a fresh expression of church that is aimed at meeting people in the messiness of their lives. It is also a way to show everybody that church can be fun and not stuffy. In Messy Church, we can show that it is okay to be loud, to move around, and yes, even be a little messy. Messy Church is not just for children, and is not a sole attempt to start a children's ministry, or youth group. It is for families to come and worship God together in a new way. Messy Church is also not a place where parents can drop their kids off to go and run errands. An adult is required to be with a child during Messy Church.

If you are as excited for this new adventure in ministry as I am, please see me or I will be calling on you to help us with Messy Church. We need help in three areas. We are looking to have some breakfast items available for people to eat as we fellowship, we need help leading the crafts and talking with everybody, and we need help in leading the worship time. Please, Please, Please, join us in this new adventure.

Finally, I am excited to share with you that one of our new bishops for the Susquehanna Conference will be joining us for a day of deconsecrating Bethany UMC, World Communion Sunday, and Baptizing Elias, my son. This will be on October 3, at 10:30 am. Please come and Join us for this exciting day.

Well, friends as you can see we have been busy and will continue to be so in the coming month.

Through our busy-ness let us remember that we can do nothing without Christ. As Paul tells us it is not me, but Christ who is in me. Galatians 2:20

Let us also remember God's promise to Abraham that we have been blessed so that we can be a blessing. Genesis 12:2

And finally, Brothers and Sister, THE BEST IS YET TO BE.

Pastor Travis

Come and
join us for:



Leadership Reports...

All Committee/Leadership Reports need to be handed into the church office or pastor, by the second Sunday of each month. **For October they are due: Sunday, October 10, 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

Next Worship Team Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 1:00 pm

October 3rd (Consecration Sunday/World Communion/Baptism) - Communion

Messy Church.....



Bethany will start having Messy Church on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 10:00 am. Messy Church is a form of church for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality. Please contact Pastor Travis for ways you can help out with this new ministry.

Greeters Needed.....



Bethany is in need of more greeters (Center Street Door and Front Street Entrance). Please sign up or let Pastor Travis or office know you can help out. (Sheet located on front right-side window)

Leadership Team Report

A representative of Prudential Investments briefed the Team on the status of the Bethany portfolio that they manage and that has been designated by the church as its means of self-insurance in case of flooding. Changes that we had approved the last time we met with Pruco – increased investments in technology issues and the addition of a small amount of gold to the portfolio - have worked out nicely. Returns have, on the whole, been healthy. Prudential's most immediate concern with the overall market is the strong potential for interest rates to rise, which would have the concomitant effect of lowering bond prices. In our case, that would tend to devalue a significant portion of the fixed-income sector of our investments. This is addressable by our managers, and, in fact, the balance change to be described next is a simultaneous move to do that and improve our portfolio's equity growth in the long term. We decided, therefore, to tweak our investment balance toward somewhat higher risk in order to try for better returns without significantly reducing safety. Right now, our Pruco portfolio is at 45% conservative / 55% aggressive, but, following some discussion, and acting in part on the counsel of the representative, the Team voted to change the risk profile from 45 conservative / 55 aggressive to 40 conservative / 60 aggressive.

We are going to investigate what is legally stated and allowed to be done with the principal and proceeds of the Raudenbush Trust. The goal is to see if we can turn that money more toward the general benefit of the church without violating the usage stipulations of the Raudenbush family at the Fund's inception. The fund is very old, so a statute of limitations as to its originally prescribed uses may apply.

The Team agreed on the color of the mat needed for the Center Street inside entryway. The ash gray color for it was accepted by unanimous voice vote (Dorothy moving, Mike seconding).

Of special note is that the ongoing church-wide loose change collection will henceforth be directed to supporting the Community Meals that we help sponsor rather than to the Salvation Army.

We need to begin considering how and when we will manage this year's Hanging of the Greens.

A recently-discovered development is that plaster is falling from the walls and ceilings on the 2nd floor of the Parish House, and there's a need to address that as soon as possible. One looming question is whether those areas have asbestos from early construction.

Rod Moore

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

N.O.W. Meeting on Tuesday, November 9th at 1:00 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 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: October 3rd / November 7th



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 (St Paul's UCC) NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Next Committee Dinner will be on **October 10th at 5:00 pm**, a drive-up/walk-up only. Location: St Paul's UCC, 1125 Mahoning St, Milton PA. And also planning a drop-off delivery service for Milton Towers & Milton Developmental Services!!! Bethany is in charge of dinner rolls & applesauce. Please help to provide food donations on the sign-up sheet. Deadline: Friday, Oct 8th at Noon.

Community Meal Ministry Meeting on Thursday, September 30th at 7:00 pm, at St Paul's UCC

Thank You Notes:

Thank you everyone for the cards, prayers, and calls during Richard's illness and his passing. They were extremely encouraging and much appreciated. -Shirley Wesner

I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, prayers, and calls I have received during my chemo treatments. They were encouraging and very much appreciated. God bless you all! - Cindy Mohr

“Share the Warmth” Coat Giveaway



Our long standing tradition of the “Share the Warmth” Coat Ministry this year will be a call in need basis to provide coats to those in need. If you know anyone in need for a coat, please have them call the church office with sizing and we will check for availability.

If you're doing end of summer clean-out of your closets, we accept coats/hats/scarves & and in great need is children's coats for the Mission.

Please bring in your donations to the church, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 am- Noon. or at the Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am.

Bethany UMC Current Expense Income August 2021 Reports:

08/01/2021 - Sunday

Offering Envelopes 625.00

Plate 26.00

Total for 08/01/2021 \$651.00

08/08/2021 - Sunday

Offering Envelopes 440.00

Plate 40.00

Catalyst Funds Settlement 264.35

Total for 08/08/2021 \$744.35

08/15/2021 - Sunday

Offering Envelopes 630.00

Price Hardship Fund 65.00

Plate 53.00

Total for 08/15/2021 \$748.00

08/22/2021 - Sunday

Offering Envelopes 850.00

Price Hardship Fund 10.00

Plate 237.00

Total for 08/22/2021 \$1,097.00

08/29/2021 - Sunday

Offering Envelopes 420.00

Price Hardship Fund 10.00

Plate 49.00

Total for 08/29/2021 \$479.00

Total Contributions \$3,719.35



Finance Report (August Current Expenses In & Out):

Total Income Received: \$3,736.00

Total Expenses Paid Out: \$7,872.00

Average Attendance: 31

Fire Fund: (August)

Total Income Received: \$143.00

Total Expensed Paid Out: \$41,041.00

Balance: \$181,827

Trustees Report

We are getting acclimated to the new Bethany. While it's a beautiful and functional space, we are still working through a few things that need to be adjusted, repaired, etc. The inspectors conducting the final walk through inspection for the occupancy permit pointed out some items that needed to be changed or added. The architect and contractor are currently either making the changes or are researching the appropriate requirements to see if we have any wiggle room. In addition, some of the exterior doors need adjusted and the sound system needs some tweaking. The refrigerator and freezer in the kitchen were not operating properly, probably from being in storage so long, so a technician from K&D Factory Service came and made the necessary adjustments and repairs.

In addition, we are still missing or need to purchase some additional furniture and equipment. The chairs for the Fellowship Hall have not arrived (thanks to St. Andrew's for loaning us some to use). Susquehanna Fire Equipment, when recently inspecting our fire extinguishers, recommended a Class K extinguisher for the kitchen, which was approved for purchase. On a recent rainy Sunday morning it became apparent we need a mat inside the Center Street entrance. Clarkson Chemical, who we purchased our mats from previously, has measured the area and left a catalog for the Leadership Team to review and choose from. Now that we will soon have cooler temperatures, Shelly recently pointed out that we don't have coat racks and umbrella stands at the entrances. Those will need purchased.

There is still quite a lot of non-salvageable items and material in the basement that will need to be carried out and put in a dumpster. If anyone knows of a Scout Troop or Church Youth Group that is looking for a service project, this would be a good one!

The Leadership Team had an informative presentation from John at Hudock Capital prior to our August meeting. This month, Greg from Prudential will provide an update regarding our investments at 6:00 PM prior to our regularly scheduled meeting on September 21.

I spoke with Ben from Hillside Roofing earlier this month. He said it would still be a couple more weeks until they can start on the Parish House roof. Hopefully the project will be able to be completed this month.

Submitted by Jamie Aurand

Our Prayer List.....

Cindy M – Cindy's cancer treatments / Surgery on Oct 6th
 Kathy M – Brain aneurism / Recovery from Surgery, Sept 27th
 Peggy S – Fell / Health
 Bob F - Health
 Edith G - Health
 Judy C - Heath
 Debbie (Connie's sister) – Cancer and treatments
 Jeff S (Jamie's nephew) – Health / diabetes
 Patti & Bill S – Health

Florence Y – Cancer/Health & Thomas Y – Health / Afib (Both in Bloomsburg Nursing Home)
 Terrie H – Recovery from illness & Todd H – Health (Wound) / Continue prayers for recovery.

Katy M – Kidney/ Health
 David (Karen's friend) Health
 Community Meals / Covid

Those dealing with Cancer – Cindy, Florence, Thomas, Mandy, Terrie, David, Rita, Debby, Shirley, Debbie, Mark
 Leadership Team: Cindy, James A, Rod, Shelly, Bob F, James M, Dick K, Dave W, Mike L, Dorothy, Pastor Travis.



Fun Page

Our Spiritual Compass

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. John 16:13a (NIV)

Based on John 16:12-15 (NIV)



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Sunday Worship:

Lessons for Life: 9:00 am
Gathering of the Family of God: 10:30 am

PASTOR TRAVIS

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Upper Room – Now Available

September / October

Daily Bread – Now Available

September / October / November

Announcements:

Dates to Remember:

October 3rd – 9:00 am – Lesson for Life (Sunday School)

October 3rd - 10:30 am — Consecration Sunday Service W Bishop KoiKoi

“Sharing the Table” Panther Packs / Communion / Baptism

October 5th – 1:00 pm – Worship Team Meeting

October 10th – 5:00 pm – Community Dinner (Drive-Up) @ St Paul's UCC

October 16th – 10:00 am – Messy Church

October 19th – 6:30 pm – Leadership Team (Ad Board / Finance) @ Fellowship Hall

December 12th – Noon – Charge Conference @ Bethany

Lessons for Life (Sunday School): 9:00 am

Gathering of the Family of God: 10:30 am



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