

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



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Milton's Good News

June- "At a Glance"

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Looking back in June for Bethany, starting off with Bethany UMC continued worship service and on June 21st "Father's Day" all the men was given some chocolate. We entered Green phrase (June 12th) where 250 people can gather for worship. We continued our social distancing and wearing of masks, using an offering box and continue with safety and health restrictions.

The end of June, Tuesdays & Thursdays Bible Study on Proverbs started back up.

The Panther Pack items were picked up from St. Andrew's once again, and thank you all for donating.

"Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live." Psalm 146:1-2 (NIV)
– Cheri Buss

Happy moments,
Praise God.
Difficult moments,
Seek God.
Quiet moments,
Worship God.
Painful moments,
Trust God.
Every moment,
Thank God.

Leadership Team Report

The June meeting devotional was based on 1 Samuel 3:1-9, and gave rise to the question of what we make of our own dreams. An outstanding demonstrative example of living out a dream is the true story of a man who, some 35 years ago, determined to circumnavigate the world in his wheelchair, and be the first person ever to do that. Lesson: Everything begins with a dream. As Christians, we are called upon to help others join us in helping others. "What are our dreams for the future of our church, our community, and our world?", we're urged to ponder. And how will we try to accomplish them? Think of it this way (or remove that last "t" and think of it *His* way) – If we're not looking to the future, we're living in the past.

In light of recent upheavals in the broader economy and the obvious general effects of associated market fluctuations, the Team will soon consult with its investment firms with regard to whether the Bethany portfolios are "right for these times" or in need adjusting for optimal safety and return potential.

We are advised that Mellon Restoration is nearly finished removing the last of the fire-damaged walls and woodwork from the main sanctuary of the church. Once that's done, we'll be in position to have the roof repaired, starting with informed decisions about material types and cost parameters. What can be saved of the old roof is contingent upon the condition of the tiles still up there and on whether we need different sub-roofing for code purposes. Additionally, there is the recent dictum that the HVAC and electrical panels in the basement must be moved to at least first-floor locations per flood plane requirements. An added consideration is whether to install solar panels on the south side of the main sanctuary roof in an effort to reduce future heating costs. We have several choices of general contractor, and will soon engage at least some of them to estimate on renovating the church. Decisions will, perforce, need to be made in conjunction with the Hemmler architects, their engineers, and building code people.

Rod Moore

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From Pastor Bill's Study

Greetings to all,



In 1 John 4: 18-21 we read "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God", yet hates his brother he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loved God must also love his brother."

The world has evolved or fallen into a trap of fear. We are driven by fear and it controls all of our actions and reactions. I believe the verses quoted above are quite clear in their meaning and yet we still live in a world of fear.

In the midst of the Corona Virus we have been subjected to a loss of freedoms and privileges that have controlled us all in ways I would never have imagined. The loss of freedom of gathering for religious events yet the box stores have stayed open. I get the social distancing and trying to stop the spread of germs but that has been taken to whole new levels. The advent of hoarding cleaning supplies, paper products, and food items has brought about shortages and price controls beyond measure. What has driven all of this but the fear of catching the disease?

With all of the isolation there have been many bad side effects as suicides, and mental illness is on the rise along with domestic abuse of spouses and children. We have misplaced or lose the capacity to love and to socially engage without fear.

We are also in the midst of the George Floyd incident and all of the repercussions that have stemmed from the fear of one man against another. I do not know why the actions that took place happened but I can see, hear, and feel the reaction that has exploded across this nation. The fear that has been generated through what was to be a peaceful demonstration; fear was used as an intimidation to control the outcome of the event.

Because of fear we have learned to hate and have forgotten the lessons Christ has tried to teach us. We have forgotten or misplaced the value we place on human life and it has become to ease to then control and misuse what God has given us. That is the capacity to love.

Reread the beginning paragraph again and see and hear yourself the words about fear and love. How can we say we love God and hate in the same mind and breath. Also remember that Satan is the author of all lies and he has used that to instill fear into us all. Fear that has no place in our lives.

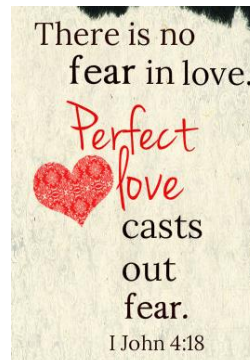
We should have respect for what could happen and be aware of our surroundings but we should not be so controlled that it limits our feelings of love for one another.

Respect God and loves as we are loved by God.

Psalm 121

Know Hope,

Pastor Bill



let your
faith
BEBIGGER
than your fear.

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 12, 2020.** 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, March 3rd. Here are July's songs, Scriptures, and sermon titles. **Next Worship Team meeting will be on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 1:00 PM. We are now open for worship held at West Milton UMC at 11:00 am (Use masks & keep safety guidelines).**

July 5th – Be Thou My Vision (451); Just a Closer Walk with Thee (2158); What A Friend We Have in Jesus (526); Psalm 45:10-17; Hebrews 12:14-17; *"Holy Living"* / **Communion**

July 12th – Hymn of Promise (707); Just a Closer Walk with Thee (2158); Let There Be Peace on Earth (431); Psalm 25; Hebrews 13:1-7; *"No Fear"*

July 19th – The Church's One Foundation (546); Just a Closer Walk with Thee (2158); Nearer, My God, to Thee (528); Psalm 139:1-12; Philippians 1:27-30; *"Worthy Manner"*

July 26th – Seek Ye First (405); Just a Closer Walk with Thee (2158); Since Jesus Came into My Heart (2140); Psalm 84; Philippians 2:5-11; *"Humility"*

Trustees Report...

As you might expect, most of the Trustee related items this month pertain to the cleanup and restoration of the church:

- We were hopeful that Emery Organ Company would dismantle and refurbish our wonderful pipe organ for use in another church at no cost to us. As it turns out they provided a quote of \$13,000 to dismantle and salvage the organ, while it would cost only \$5,000 to dismantle and scrap the organ using the company who has done the rest of the demolition thus far. Based on the response from the Leadership Team via email poll, we will be scraping the organ. There was some discussion about saving some parts from salvage to incorporate into the new design of the church or make mementos for church members. Pastor Bill will look into that with the demo/restoration company.
- Representatives from Hemmler & Camayd Architects were at the church May 13 to begin their field survey which will eventually produce a set of 'as built' architectural drawings for us to use as we plan the restoration.
- We received the remainder of the funds from the insurance claim - \$2,640,677.64. Due to interest rates on secure short term investments being close to 0%, the funds have been deposited into our Fire Restoration Account at Milton Savings Bank.

In other Trustee related news, the air conditioning systems at both the Parsonage and the Parish House have been serviced for the upcoming summer at a cost of \$125 and \$160 respectively.

Submitted by Jamie Aurand, Trustee chair

Fun time, Color Time...



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, Fri from 9 am – 1 pm.**



Next Food Collection Communion Dates: July 5th / August 2nd

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

There will **not** be any Milton Harvest Community Dinners for July, per Sarah Wochele, Bucknell. Sarah will let us know if they can start back up. Maybe at the end of July can offer takeout meals, which Sarah is looking into.

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

The Community Dinners are postponed until further notice due to the covid 19.

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

Toasty Toes Sock Ministry....

We have launched a new ongoing ministry here at Bethany. The “Toasty Toes Sock Ministry” will provide new socks to those in need. Socks will be handed out at both of the Community Dinners that we serve and assist with and at Milton Towers and other limited income housing projects in town. We are collecting pairs of new socks in all sizes & genders from infants to adults. Please deposit socks in the laundry basket at the front of the sanctuary on any Sunday.



Our Prayer List.....

Jeff S. – Health	Tom Y. - Health
Eddie G. – Health	Patti S - Health
Rich H – Health	Sharon F - Health
Richard W – Recovery / Health	Covid 19 / Elderly / Nursing Homes
Shelly S & Jamie A.– Employment	President / Country / Riots
Those who lost loved ones.	
Those dealing with Cancer – Dan, Mandy, Terrie, Gary, David	
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 Bill.	



Praise:

Cheri's new granddaughter, Kinsley and test results came back good, no spine issues.

Thank You Notes.....



Dear Congregation of Bethany UMC: Thank you so much for your very generous donation of 8 bins of food to the Panther Packs Ministry at St Andrew's UMC.

- Dave Miller, Coordinator & Mary Richie, Treasurer (St Andrew's UMC)

Dear friends at Bethany UMC: The Gideons International would like to thank you for your gift of \$100.00. It will provide approximately 20 Bibles or 72 Testaments. – John Marshal, Gideons

Bethany UMC Current Expense Income May 2020 Reports:

Envelope Income To Date---2020

		Current Expense	Reno	Benev. (Price Fund)	Miscell .	Weekly Total	Year To Date
May	3	\$443.00		\$50.00		\$493.00	\$13,994.00
	10	\$1,232.00		\$7.00		\$1,239.00	\$15,233.00
	17	\$930.00				\$930.00	\$16,163.00
	24	\$675.00				\$675.00	\$16,838.00
	31	\$750.00		\$55.00		\$805.00	\$17,643.00

Plate Income To Date---2020

		Plate	Known Givers	Benevolences (Price Fund)	Weekly Total	Year To Date
May	3	CANCELLED				\$770.00
	10	\$20.00			\$20.00	\$790.00
	17	\$10.00			\$10.00	\$800.00
	24	\$50.00			\$50.00	\$850.00
	31					\$850.00

Lessons For Life Income To Date---2020

		Weekly Total	Year To Date
May	3	CANCELLED --\$8.00	\$142.10
	10	CANCELLED	\$142.10
	17	CANCELLED	\$142.10
	24	CANCELLED	\$142.10
	31	CANCELLED	\$142.10

Bethany UMC Miscellaneous Contributions 2020

Burial Fund Offering		
5/3/20-\$50.00***MOVING FROM PRICE FUND 5/11/20		
5/10/20--\$125.00		
5/17/20--\$450.00		\$625.00

Fire Restoration Fund Income To Date---2020

May				
	3	\$695.81	\$695.81	\$18,305.78
	10			\$18,305.78
	17	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$18,555.78
	24			\$18,555.78
	31			\$18,555.78

Finance Report (May's Current Expenses In & Out)

Total Income Received: \$4,393.00
 Total Expenses Paid Out: \$7,071.00
 Average Attendance: 15



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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 BILL

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

Upper Room – Now Available

July / August

Daily Bread – Now Available

July / August / September

Announcements:

Note: Lessons for Life (Sunday School) Will Hopefully resume in the Fall, watch for updates.

Dates to Remember:

June 30th – 10:00 am - Bible Study “Proverbs” @ West Milton UMC

July 2nd – 7:00 pm - Bible Study “Proverbs” @ West Milton UMC

**July 5th – 11:00 am – Gathering of the Family of God / Communion
“Sharing the Tale / Panther Packs”**

July 5th – 2:00 pm – Rockwell Communion (If opened)

July 14th – 1:00 pm - Worship Team Meeting

July 21st – 6:30 pm – Leadership Team (Finance & Ad Board)

Oct 3rd – Annual Conference @ Williamsport Community Arts

**Oct 11th – 1:30 pm – Milton Bridge Walk (Sponsored by Milton Ministerium)
Hosted by Bethany UMC @First Presbyterian Church**

Rockwell Bible Study: 9:00 am every Thursday at Rockwell

Bible Study “Proverbs”: 10:00 am every Tuesday @ West Milton UMC

Bible Study “Proverbs”: 7:00 pm every Thursday @ West Milton UMC

Lessons for Life: 10:00 am every Sunday morning.

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

Church's New Email Address...

Bethany church has a new email address, shorter so when giving it out it is not so long of an address. Can start using the new email now:

Bethany18office@gmail.com

Thank You!



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