

# Milton's Good News

## May- "At a Glance"

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Looking back on May for Bethany, Milton Ministerium (sponsored by Kingdom Kidz Puppets) held a community National Day of Prayer at Bethany UMC due to the rain, Bishop walk/run was held at Wesley Forest, another community dinner Bethany UMC helped severed at St. Andrew's UMC. Our Mother's, Grandmother's & nurturing women were honored on Mother's Day.

## Vacation Bible School.....

It is again time for us to be thinking about VBS. We are again joining Milton Lutheran Parish to bring the stories of the Bible, fun and excitement to all children of our community. We are hoping each one of you will start praying to learn where God is leading you to volunteer. We always need help the week of VBS and in the weeks before- decorating, gathering of supplies and food. We are hoping to have it in July 16-20, 2018 from 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM at Christ Evan Lutheran Church. Please pray for our committee organizing VBS. the children of the community that will benefit and what you can do to help by working with your community to further the word of God. Anything you can do either big or small will be greatly appreciated. **June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm VBS Team Meeting at Christ Lutheran.**

Shelly, Kay, & Krista



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### Vacation Bible School (Sponsored by Bethany UMC & the Milton Lutheran Parish)

**Dates:** July 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Time:** 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

**Location:** Christ Lutheran Church, 1125 Mahoning St, Milton PA 17847

Lead kids on an exciting white-water rafting adventure with *Cokesbury's 2018 VBS: Rolling River Rampage!* Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God and learn that Jesus is with us all the time, even in rough water rapids. Along the river, children discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything.

Contact the church office (570) 742-9796 to sign up your child/children or through the website: [www: bethanyumc-miltonpa.org](http://www.bethanyumc-miltonpa.org) (Children & Youth Page – VBS)



## From Pastor Bill's Study

Greetings to all,

Having just celebrated the "National Day of Prayer" the idea of prayer is fresh on my mind. When ever you talk to someone about prayer there are several options that quickly come to mind that people use to answer the question of prayer.

We are called as followers of Christ to have an active prayer life. As to what constitutes activity in prayer is very subjective. We might have a morning devotion time that contains some prayer time, we might do our devotions at night before going to bed. For some it is a short sentence or two before eating a meal, if we are in a group setting.

I have heard quite a few say that they are too busy to pray. If that might be your answer then I suggest you read a book by Bill Hybels titled "*To Busy NOT to Pray.*" This book helps to establish and to maintain an active prayer life. One is drawn into the realization of how much we need prayer in our lives and in the lives and activities of the world around us.

Another book that I found very helpful is the one by Jim Cymbala titled "*Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire.*" This book talks of the influence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the church and of the people. Mr. Cymbala is the lead pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle.

Either of these book would be a good read or even a study on prayer. If there is any interest we can do it as a group study or you can do it as an individual study.

I know that in the next couple of months there is a call for the churches to pray for direction as to the future of our Bishops and delegates as a special Conference has been called to consider the options presented by the Bishops in the "Way Forward".

One thing that must be stated there is only one wrong way to pray and that is in not praying. The simplest way to describe prayer is just to remember it is just a conversation with a friend. A way to share what is happening in our lives and in our souls. This then to grow into an open discussion with you talking and listening to where the Holy Spirit leads you.

If you need some motivation to prayer then just look at your hand. Use your fingers to lead you to prayer. Look at your thumb and consider this is the strongest digit on your hand. Give thanks for all the strong things in your life, like home, family, or relationships that support you. Then look at your index finger, this is the pointing finger. Pray for those people and things that guide and help you in your life. Next look at your middle finger, the tallest finger. Pray for all the people who have leadership positions in the world. Next comes the ring finger, the weakest of the fingers. Pray for those who are poor, the weak, the helpless, hungry, sick or in mourning. If there is a wedding or engagement ring on the finger remember to pray for your spouse or fiancée. Next is the little finger, the smallest and last finger on your hand. Use this to remember to pray for yourself.

There are several ways this prayer can be translated by the important thing to remember is that this is just a tool to start your prayer life. It is not the only way but just a way to begin to pray.

Philippians 4: 4-7

By prayer and petition,

*Pastor Bill*

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## Worship Team “Gathering of the Family of God” Report

The following is the work of the Worship Team which met on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Here are June's songs, Scriptures, and sermon titles. To reach out to the unchurched the Traditional Worship Service will now be referred to as: Gathering of the Family of God.

Sunday School will now be referred to as: Lessons for Life.

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Lord of the Dance (261); God the Sculptor of the Mountains (2060); Be Thou My Vision (451); Psalm 139:1-6 (854); Acts 22:6-16; “Testimony” (Gideon Presentation by Ronald Lahr)

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** – My Hope Is Built (368); God the Sculptor of the Mountains (2060); Rise Up, O Men of God (576); Psalm 138 (853); Acts 23:6-11; / **Communion**

**June 17<sup>th</sup> – (Father's Day)** Here I Am, Lord (593); God the Sculptor of the Mountains (2060); Faith of Our Fathers (710); Psalm 20 (Reading); Acts 24:24-26; “*Faith*”

**June 24<sup>th</sup>** – Are Ye Able (530); God the Sculptor of the Mountains (2060); A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (110); Psalm 9:1-10 (Reading); Acts 25:1-12; “*Championship Finger-Pointing*” – led by Roderic Moore

## Worship Team “Worship in Praise, Prayer & Song” Report

The following is the work of the Worship Team which met on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Here are June's songs, Scriptures, and sermon titles. To reach out to the unchurched the Contemporary Worship Service will now be referred to as: Worship in Praise, Prayer & Song.

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>** – - Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone); Come to the Table; All Who Are Thirsty; He Reigns; Acts 22:6-16 “Testimony” – led by Janet McNeal

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** – One Thing Remains; Love Never Fails; All the People Said Amen; I Will Rise; Acts 23:6-11; “*Laws*” / **Communion**

**June 17<sup>th</sup> – (Father's Day)** Even If; Better is One Day; How Deep is the Father's Love for Us; You Raise Me Up; Acts 24:24-26; “*Faith*”

**June 24<sup>th</sup>** – Ten Thousand Reasons; I Need a Miracle; I Can Only Imagine; Indescribable; Acts 25:1-12; “*Championship Finger-Pointing*” – led by Roderic Moore

## Bible Study...”Book of James”

Beginning on Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 10: 00 am and one on Thursday June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, Pastor Bill will have a Bible Study “Book of James” throughout July on Tuesdays (10:00 am) and Thursdays (7:00 pm). Sign up sheets are in the back of the sanctuary or call the church office (570) 742-9796 and bring your Bibles.



## Thank You.....

My Dearest Bethany Family: Thanks to everyone for prayers, cards, phone calls, food sent home from congregational meals, teaching Sunday School, and the prayer vigil. You are Blessings to me. The love you have shown while I was sick is very much appreciated.

Love in Christ,

-Sharon Foust

Thank you all for your prayers, cards, and visits. So very much appreciated.

– Kathy Martin

## “Sharing the Table”

“Sharing the Table” 2018 Schedule (Sponsored by N.O.W. Committee)



“Sharing the Table” is a way you can help this important ministry to feed the children in the Milton School District elementary schools which is currently providing weekend meal packs for 266 elementary children.

The first Sunday of the every month during Communion Service we will be collecting food.

Next Food Collection Communion Dates: June 10<sup>th</sup> / July 1<sup>st</sup> / August 5<sup>th</sup> / Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>

## N.O.W. Committee (Mission Ministries)...

### Milton Panther Packs Program (Mission: Monthly “Sharing the Table”)

Bethany UMC will be in charge of providing 288 Fruit Cups, which equals 24 donations of a 12 pack of fruit cup for each month and individual cereal packs (generally comes in 8-packs) Please bring in those items of the first of the month for “Share the Table” now, due to the Hand-Up Food Pantry's current overabundant blessings.

### Milton Community Dinner (Christ Evan Lutheran)

There will be a Community Dinner on a **Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm**. Bethany will be in charge of setting up (3:00 pm) for this meal and providing desserts. On Friday, **June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm will be a Dessert Prep Fellowship at Bethany** for the Dinner. Please sign up to help in the back of the sanctuary. Location: Christ Evan Lutheran Church

**Planning Community Dinner Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm** at Christ Lutheran Church.



**Hygiene  
Kits  
Needed**

**New Ministry** (so new we don't have a catchy name for it yet!!)

Bethany is proud and excited to announce we are launching a personal hygiene packs ministry for members of our community! This will be an ongoing ministry and we hope to kick-off our first distribution in August or September. Watch for new bins in the sanctuaries.

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!

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

## Lay Leader's Report

Bethany became the venue for the Milton Ministerium's observation of the May 3<sup>rd</sup> National Day of Prayer when weather prevented holding the event at Lincoln Park. About 20 people attended the service, which featured a fine performance by the Kingdom Kidz Puppet Ministry team, litany-style prayers, and Bible readings appropriate to the occasion. Six people represented Bethany, three of whom were readers, and at the end of the evening all attendees gathered with joined hands to offer individual oral prayers to God for the good of our community, our nation, and the needful world we live in.

The books are arriving that I need to read before I schedule my next online course in support of my status as a Certified Lay Speaker. I have asked the curriculum directors to notify me of new dates for each of the two offerings with which those books are associated, but I'll most likely choose to take one this year and the other in 2019, the order depending on my personal evaluations of the preparation materials.

## Ad Board Report

The Board notes, with great pleasure, the recent completion of the consolidation of the church's local bank accounts and the concomitant streamlining and simplification that it brings to the conduct of Bethany's routine financial business. Because of these measures, we will enjoy greatly increased efficiency in making payments, tracking income and expenses, reporting, and internal auditing.

We have been very successful in meeting our commitments to the newly expanded Milton Panther Packs program, lately delivering even more than we promised. The Panther Packs effort is now fully geared to the provision of nutritionally advantageous meals to the elementary students of the entire Milton rea School District, and our Share the Table ministry is also suitably expanded and accordingly repurposed to assist it. St. Andrew's UMC is coordinating the program, and is stockpiling what we donate now so that the kids' all-too-short summer vacations can be followed by new weekend food bags when school resumes.

Pastor Bill has been engaged to take part in Milton High School's June 3 baccalaureate ceremonies, and his wife Janet will conduct that evening's Worship in Praise, Prayer and Song service in his stead.

Rod Moore

## Trustees Report

A few years ago the Trustees considered replacing the entrance doors on Front Street. At that time we felt there were several other priorities which needed more immediate attention, so the door replacement project was put on the back burner. Recently, we were reminded that for many of our current parishioners and guests, it's difficult for them to navigate their way through the heavy doors. Therefore, at a recent meeting, the Trustees approved replacing the Front Street entrance doors. They chose The Baut Studios for the project, due to the fine work they did on refurbishing the stained glass windows, installing the protective glass, and the replacement of the Center Street entrance door. It's anticipated the doors will be installed in two to three months.

I'd like to take this opportunity to provide a quarterly report of the Trustees finances. The following balances (rounded) are as of March 31, 2018:

Note: All account values decreased due to downturn in the stock market during the first quarter of 2018.

- Hudock Capital Group - \$682,333 – a decrease of approximately \$8,900 from the end of the year – Although this is the account we've drawn from in the past for renovations, and to fund the deficit in current expenses, that was not necessary during the first quarter.
  - Prudential Investments - \$559,101 – a decrease of approximately \$3,800 from the end of the year – As stated in previous reports, this account was set up with an initial investment of \$500,000 in lieu of flood insurance, to repair any flood related damages we may have in the future.
  - Prudential Investments - \$84,322 – The Radenbush Trust – a decrease of approximately \$1,100 from the end of the year.
  - Prudential Investments - \$6,451 – A decrease of approximately \$237 from the end of the year.
  - BYN Mellon - \$220,039 – The Butler Trust – a decrease of \$1,376 from the end of the year.
  - Milton Savings Bank - Enduring Memorial Fund – This account was closed recently and the funds were transferred to the general checking account as part of the overall consolidation of accounts recently approved by the Ad Board.
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## Bethany UMC Current Expense Income April 2018 Reports:

### BUMC Current Expense Income- April 2018

#### Envelope Income To Date---2018

April	1	\$794.00		\$45.00	\$839.00	\$10,507.00
	8	\$707.00		\$10.00	\$717.00	\$11,224.00
	15	\$726.00		\$20.00	\$746.00	\$11,970.00
	22	\$700.00		\$55.00	\$755.00	\$12,725.00
	29	\$1,113.00		\$40.00	\$1,153.00	\$13,878.00

#### Plate Income To Date---2018

April	1	\$108.00		\$108.00	\$1,016.00
	8	\$77.00		\$77.00	\$1,093.00
	15	\$62.00		\$62.00	\$1,155.00
	22	\$54.00		\$54.00	\$1,209.00
	29	\$72.00		\$72.00	\$1,281.00

#### Sunday School Income To Date---2018

April	1	\$5.00		\$192.00
	8	\$17.00		\$209.00
	15	\$14.00		\$223.00
	22	\$13.00		\$236.00
	29	\$12.00		\$248.00

### Bethany UMC Miscellaneous Contributions 2018

<b>Lenten Offering</b>
4/1/18--\$70.00
<b>Trustees General Checking Account Closeout</b>
4/29/18--\$2,107.23
<b>Enduring Memorial Fund Account Closeout</b>
4/29/18--\$6,559.13
<b>Renovations Account Closeout</b>
4/29/18--\$3,169.73

### Bethany UMC Special UM Sunday Contributions 2018

<b>Native American Sunday—04/15/2018</b>
4/15/18---\$160.00

## Events Happening in the Area

[Please see the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary for more details on these events]

**Kingdom Kidz Inc** – Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup> – Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Fundraiser selling homemade French Fries from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Milton Lions Carnival, Brown Ave Park. Come support the Kingdom Kidz Puppets.

Fun Page



Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

To all the men out there who raised, nurtured, and adopted God's children, bless you and have a wonderful Father's Day!

# Father's Day Crossword Puzzle

**Across**

- 2. Dad drives me to school in his \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. My dad goes to \_\_\_\_\_ every day from 9am to 5pm.
- 6. My dad loves to watch \_\_\_\_\_ on TV.
- 8. I love my daddy and my daddy \_\_\_\_\_ me.
- 9. My dad's mom is my \_\_\_\_\_.

**Down**

- 1. My dad's dad is my \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. When I misbehave my dad \_\_\_\_\_ me.
- 5. If I am in danger my father will \_\_\_\_\_ me.
- 7. When we watch TV my daddy hogs the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9. My father likes to work out at the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10. Another name for father.

## Announcements:

### Dates to Remember:

[Note: No regular scheduled Trustees Meeting for this month of June]

May 28<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day (Office closed)

May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Susquehanna Annual Conference @ Hershey Lodge

May 31<sup>st</sup> - 6:30 pm – Planning Community Dinner Meeting @ Christ Lutheran

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10:30 am – Gideon Presentation

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00 pm - Bacculaureate Service @ Revival Tabernacle

June 5<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm – Worship Teams Meeting

June 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm – Dessert Prep Fellowship @ Bethany

June 10<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / “Sharing the Table” Communion

June 10<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 pm – Rockwell Communion

June 10<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm –Worship in Praise, Prayer & Song / Communion

June 10<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 pm – Community Dinner @ Christ Evan Lutheran

June 12<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm – PSPRC Meeting

June 17<sup>th</sup> – Happy Father’s Day

June 19<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm – Leadership Team (All Committee Chairs/Ad Board)

June 26<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am – Bible Study “Book of James”

June 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm – Bible Study “Book of James”

July 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm – VBS @ Christ Lutheran Church

*Rockwell Bible Study: 9:00 am every Thursday at Rockwell. (Except June 21<sup>st</sup>)*

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

*Gathering of the Family of God: 10:30 am every Sunday morning.*

*Worship in Praise, Prayer & Song: 6:00 pm every Sunday evening.*

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#### Sunday Worship:

Lessons for Life: 9:00 am  
Gathering of the Family of God: 10:30 am  
Worship in Praise, Prayer & Song: 6:00 pm

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