

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



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Milton's Good News

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May – "At a Glance"

Looking back on May for Bethany, starting off with National Day of Prayer Service sponsored by Kingdom Kidz Puppet Ministry. A Visioning Meeting & Potluck Luncheon was held. Bethany helped serve at the Milton Harvest Community Dinner at St Andrews. A Bible Study (Book of Revelation) started on Tuesday mornings & Thursday evenings. A church Spring clean up & organization day was held. A free dinner & a movie was held. Ending May with Annual Conference held in Hershey PA.

[*The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost*] "When the day of **Pentecost** came, they were all together in one place." Acts 2:1

-Cheri Buss

10 Things You Should Know About Pentecost Sunday

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Pentecost Sunday falls this year on June 9th. But many people, including Christians, may not know why the day is special or what is celebrated. Unlike Easter and Christmas, when colorful eggs, Easter bunnies, Christmas trees and Santa Claus are harbingers of the upcoming Christian holidays, there are no such social markers by secular society ahead of Pentecost. For those who need a quick and basic understanding of what Pentecost Sunday is, below is listed 10 things you should know about the holiday.

1. Pentecost Sunday marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles.
2. Pentecost Sunday occurs 50 days after Easter.
3. The Bible records the Pentecost in Acts 2:1-13.
4. Pentecost comes 10 days after the Ascension of Jesus Christ.
5. Pentecost is also known as "the birthday of the Church".
6. Pentecost fulfills Jesus' promise to send the "Counselor" and "Spirit of Truth" in John 16:5-15.
7. Pentecost launches the large-scale spreading of the Gospel after Jesus' ascension. Acts 2:41 records that after Peter spoke to the crowd after receiving the Holy Spirit, some 3,000 people were baptized.
8. The Pentecostal movement derives its name from the New Testament event in Acts 2.
9. Jews also celebrate Pentecost, but not for the same reason as Christians. The celebration by Jews of Pentecost is to observe God giving the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai 50 days after the Exodus. The Pentecost in Jewish tradition takes place 50 days after Passover.
10. In Western Churches, Pentecost is usually represented with the color red, which symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit.





From Pastor Bill's Study



Greetings to all,

As I look out my office window I see something of a parable teaching Christ is offering me today. I think I will call it the Parable of the Bird Feeder.

As Jesus speaks I look and I see a bird feeder with sunflower seeds and a blanket of what some would call weeds taking over the little church garden next to my office window. My mind goes to Matthew 13:24-30 the story of the weeds.

When I see the garden I see a bunch of weeds but then I think about what is a weed? A weed can be simply something you did not plant but it comes up on its own. To a farmer it could simply be some corn growing in his wheat field. Both are useful plants but since they did not plant corn in the field it is now a weed.

There are many plants in this little garden space some have been planted and some were not but they are all there. I can also imagine that latter this summer there may be some sunflowers growing there as well as the birds have scattered the seeds as they visit the feeder.

So as Jesus is talking about all of this all I can see is a mess that needs more work than I have time to do. Then Jesus makes a point about how this is a picture of the church.

I scratch my head and say what do you mean? Then the idea hits me about what he is talking about.

The bird feeder is just like the church. When it was first put up there was no activity at the feeder. The seed was there but no birds were coming to get anything to eat. It went this way for about two months until a few birds found the feeder then they must have told their friends and as their friend showed up others saw the activity and came to see what was going on.

When they came they found they could receive food for their body and peace of mind that help was available to help them to be feed.

As the activity increased the weeds stated to move in. All around the feeder the ground is being covered with greenery that was never planted and to most it looks like a distraction but too the birds it is not a problem because they can raise above it to find what they need.

So it is with the church, we offer food to the lost soul but we are surrounded by a multitude of distractions that can keep us from finding the food we need. But if we rise up the food is still there. Likewise we can tell our friends of the abundance we know and can help others to find the food they need.

What we see as distractions are really those that have been planted by God around us so we can invite them to come to the feeder. What we see as weeds are useful plants but they are not where they need to be.

As the spring and summer proceed into fall I know the weeds that are now in the garden are going to produce flowers and seeds that the birds will also use and so it is with the distractions in our lives. We can use them as a mission field to grow more Disciples of Christ. Our job is to keep the feeder full and invite any and all to share in what we have found

John 6:35
Be Feed,

Pastor Bill



Leadership Reports...

All Committee/Leadership Reports need to be handed into the church office or pastor, by the second Sunday of each month. **For June they are due: Sunday, June 9th.** 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 5th. Here are May's songs, Scriptures, and sermon titles. **Next Worship Team meeting will be on Tuesday, June 4th at 1:00 PM.**

June 2nd – Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (133); I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (2151); Great Is Thy Faithfulness (140); Psalm 97; Luke 16:19-31; *"Rich Man"*; **Communion**

June 9th (Pentecost) – Spirit Song (347); I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (2151); Steal Away Jesus (704); Psalm 104:24-34; Luke 18:1-8; *"The Judge"*

June 16th (Father's Day) – This Is My Father's World (144); I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (2151); Faith of Our Fathers (710); Psalm 8; Luke 18:9-14; *"The Price of Remission"* [Roderic Moore will be giving the message]

June 23rd – God Will Take Care of You (130); I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (2151); Give to the Winds Thy Fears (129); Psalm 42; Matthew 20:1-16; *"Laborers"*

June 30th – We Gather Together (131); I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (2151); Freely, Freely (389); Psalm 77:11-20; Luke 19:11-27; *"The Pounds"*

Leadership Team (Ad Board) Report....

The devotions that began the May Leadership Team meeting were based on Philippians 4: 8-9 titled Bloodhound with the theme of Finding God and then finding good. We looked at chapter 5 from the book *"The Necessary Nine"* and discussed the questions that were brought up from this reading. Do you challenge yourself to get better? What are you doing to learn? Are we answering the questions of today with the answers of yesterday?

One idea presented by Rich (Treasurer) was to look into a direct deposit of payroll to those who have accounts at Milton Savings and Loan. The report presented by Rich was reviewed and approved by the team.

An idea was presented to answer a solicitation from the Milton YMCA. This was discussed and it was approved to donate \$100.00 to The YMCA to help fund the cost to provide assistance for those who cannot afford their services.

The Harvest Festival is being considered this year if there are enough people who will help with this event. We will need eight volunteers to run this program if this total is met we will set the stand back up again. If we do not have the volunteers then we will not set up our stand.

New business was brought up to purchase some folding tables to facilitate the ease of working in the Elm Street area will prepping and clean up of the meals we have. This idea was discussed and approved. Tables will be purchased and placed in the Elm Street area.

Because of scheduling, there will not be a meeting for the month of June.

Thank You Bethany– Shares of Ministry 2018

Bethany United Methodist Church – THANK YOU – For Giving 100% for Shares of Ministry in 2018. By this support you enable the Denomination and the Susquehanna Conference to present the Gospel and minister to the needs of people in the name of Jesus Christ. – Bishop Jeremiah J Park

Bible Study (Book of Revelation)



Continuing on Tuesdays at 10:00 am and on Thursdays at 7:00 pm will be studying the Book of Revelation.

No sign up needed, just simply bring your Bible and chose your group on Tuesdays or Thursdays. All are welcome!

N.O.W. Hear This!..... Next N.O.W. meeting will be on Tuesday, July 2nd, 2019 at 7:00 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 300 children per week, of fruit cups and individual boxes of cereals, increased up from the 284 we've been targeting. Please bring in those items of the first of the month for **“Sharing the Table”**. **Next Food Collection Communion Dates: June 2nd / July 7th.**

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

There will be a Milton Harvest Community Dinner on **Monday, June 3rd, 2019** at 5:00 pm. Bethany will be in charge of serving and report at 4:45 pm. We may be asked to help setup at 2:00 pm in the summer months. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

(Next Milton Harvest Community Dinners that Bethany will be serving is: July 1st, August 5th) **NOTE:** Bethany will help on the first Monday of each month. During the summer months (July & August) we might need to offer additional help in setting up chairs/tables and meal prep at 2:00 pm. Watch for more information in your bulletin.

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

There will be a Community Dinner on a **Sunday, June 9th, 2019 at 5:00 pm**. Bethany is not responsible for any menu items or servers but everyone is encouraged to come out and fellowship with the guests.

Planning Meeting will be on May 30th at 6:30 pm at Christ Lutheran.

Bethany's

Effort

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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! **Items mostly needed are hand towels, deodorant, lotion, feminine products, and individual packets of tissues.**

Free Movie Night



Free Movie Night will be held on June 23rd, with the showing of “Fireproof” will begin at 6:00 pm.

A heroic fireman (Kirk Cameron) in a failing marriage takes up his father's challenge to be part of a 40-day experiment designed to teach both husband and wife the real meaning of commitment.

Invite your family & friends to this Free Event! All are welcome!

Last Month's (May 19th) Update: Free Dinner and A Movie “Moms' Night Out” was a great success and had 41 attenders. Thank you all for helping & supporting this ministry outreach!



Milton Harvest Festival Bethany Stand this year??????



Bethany members time to think about if Bethany will be able to have a food stand this year at the Milton Harvest Festival Parade Day, September 21st, 2019, so we need **at least 8 volunteers** to make this happened. Help with setup, grilling, volunteers for stands & clean up. Last year we were unable to have it due to lack of volunteers. Please let Pastor Bill or Shelly know if you can volunteer to see if this can take place this year and start planning. (See sign up sheet in sanctuary Thank you!



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Lay Leader's Report

I received notice of my successful completion of the second of my four 6-week on-line courses toward certification in the field of spiritual formation. District has been informed of this and made record of it.

On April 26 I assisted a team of volunteers from Kids Around The World when they gained the permission of our Leadership Team to use the Bethany kitchen facilities to make what turned out to be a rather massive quantity of pot pie for a fundraiser of theirs. Everything about the production of the food went well, and reports back on the fundraising results were excellent. The KATW people stand in great appreciation for our help, and we can look forward to working with them again in the near future.

We thank Janet McNeal for providing us with yet another intensely meaningful Maundy Thursday service during this year's Holy Week. We're also grateful for the great commitment of our congregants to the Easter Saturday Prayer Vigil, for the beautiful Easter Day Sunrise service and following breakfast that took place at the Parsonage, and for Pastor Bill's powerful offerings on Good Friday and Easter morning.

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Rod Moore

Events Happening in the Area

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

May 29th – June 1st, 2019 – Milton Lions Club Annual Carnival at Brown Avenue Park, Milton PA

Sunday, June 2, 2019 – 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm - Guatemala Missions BBQ Fundraiser & Soccer Game. Location at India Park, 539 Industrial Park Rd, Milton PA. Soccer game starts at 1:30 pm. Benefits the Guatemala playground mission trip. Pulled Pork Sandwich - \$4.00; Macaroni & Cheese - \$2.00; Baked Beans \$2.00; Corn on the Cob \$2.00; Water - \$1.00; Meals to Go - \$10.00. Contact: durussell2@gmail.com or 570-594-7449 for more information.

Sunday, June 16, 2019 – 12:30 pm – Kingdom Kidz Puppet Dinner Theater. Dinner is free (Donations Accepted) Program to follow dinner at 1:15 pm. (Located at 11 E. 3rd St, Watsontown PA) Bring the family, all invited!

Vacation Bible School (June 2019)– Canceled

After much prayer we regret to inform everyone that there will be no Vacation Bible School this year, which was to be held at Christ Lutheran in June. We just do not have the volunteers needed to make it all work. Pray for next year and new ideas.

- Shelly Sholley (Bethany UMC) & Kay Dunn (Milton Lutheran Parish)

Milton Community Pool

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The Milton Community Pool opens in early June, with last year's donations the bathhouses and the concession stand were improved and painted.

Please consider a tax deductible donation payable to Milton Borough Community Pool to keep our membership & daily fees at last year's level. Thank you for your support in 2018 and 2019!

(See Milton Pool envelopes are in the back of the sanctuary, to help our community pool.)



Bethany Directory Correction

Correction of address in the Bethany Directory, for John Packer: Correct Address (Apartment) from C-5 to C-6: John Packer, 133 JPM Road, Apt. C-6, Lewisburg PA 17837

Bethany UMC Current Expense Income April 2019 Reports:

Envelope Income To Date---2019

		Current Expense	Reno.	Benev. (Price Fund)	Miscell.	Weekly Total	Year To Date
April	7	\$871.00		\$63.00		\$934.00	\$12,478.00
	14	\$1,043.00		\$40.00		\$1,083.00	\$13,561.00
	21	\$855.00		\$5.00		\$860.00	\$14,421.00
	28	\$997.00		\$10.00		\$1,007.00	\$15,428.00

Plate Income To Date---2019

April	7	\$22.00		\$22.00	\$492.00
	14	\$40.00		\$40.00	\$532.00
	21	\$211.00		\$211.00	\$743.00
	28	\$130.00		\$130.00	\$873.00

Lessons For Life Income To Date---2019

		Weekly Total	YTD
April	7	\$11.00	\$200.00
	14	\$11.00	\$211.00
	21	\$4.00	\$215.00
	28	\$12.00	\$227.00

Bethany UMC Miscellaneous Contributions 2019

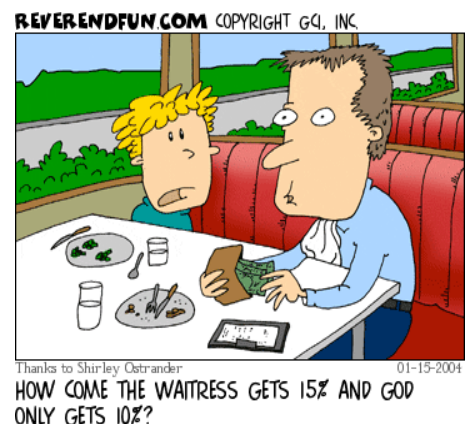
Washed Clean Hygiene Kit Ministry	YTD
4/28/19---\$10.00	\$90.00
Lenten Offering	
4/14/19---\$100.00	
4/21/19---\$5.00	\$2,157.00
Easter Flower Dedications	
4/7/19---\$48.00	
4/28/19-\$22.47 (Church Discount Reimb. from Flower Tent)	\$224.47
Wedding Rental Deposits	
4/7/19-Benner/Wagner--\$200.00	\$200.00

Special Offering for June – Kingdom Kidz



Bethany is having a special offering for the month of June for the Kingdom Kidz entertainment for the August Community dinner, so all of the churches are taking up special offerings to defray the cost. Enclosed in this June's newsletter will be a special offering envelope to help support the Kingdom Kidz Puppet Ministry. Thank You!!!

Deadline for this offering will be June 30th.



Fun Page

Happy Father's Day

Sunday, June 16th

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 Word Search



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Sunday Worship:

Lessons for Life: 9:00 am
Gathering of the Family of God: 10:15 am

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Upper Room – Now Available

May / June

Daily Bread – Now Available

June / July / August

Announcements:**Dates to Remember:**

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

No Leadership Team Meeting for this month of June.

May 28th – Noon – Riverwoods Auxiliary Luncheon @ Riverwoods, Marlow Hall

May 30th – June 1st (Annual Conference) @ Hershey Lodge

May 30th – 6:30 pm – Planning Meeting for dinners @ Christ Lutheran

June 2nd - 10:15 am – Gathering of the Family of God / "Sharing the Table" Communion

June 2nd – 2:00 pm – Rockwell Communion

June 3rd – 4:45 pm – Milton Harvest Community Dinner @ St Andrew's

June 4th – Noon– Milton Ministerium @ Bethany UMC

June 4th – 1:00 pm – Worship Team

June 9th – 5:00 pm – Community Dinner @ Christ Lutheran Church

June 16th – Happy Father's Day

June 16th – 10:15 am – Peace with Justice Sunday (Special Offering)

June 23rd – 6:00 pm – Free Movie Night "Fireproof"

June 30th (Deadline for special offering "Kingdom Kidz Puppets")

Bible Study (Book of Revelation): 10:00 am every Tuesday, (Not meeting on June 18)

Bible Study (Book of Revelation): 7:00 pm every Thursday

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

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

Gathering of the Family of God: 10:15 am every Sunday morning.



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