

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



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Milton's Good News

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October- "At a Glance"

Looking back in October for Bethany, Bethany UMC still continued having Lessons for Life and Gathering of the Family of God Worship services with safety and health restrictions. Continued Leadership meetings every other Thursdays with Poole & Anderson. Bethany had special offerings, World Communion and Walk in the Spirit.

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise, give thanks to him and praise his name." Psalm 100:4

-Cheri Buss

Church Conference



This year's Church Conference will be on Sunday, November 1st at 1:30 pm at Watsontown UMC, 1318 8th St Dr, Watsontown PA. Please mark your calendars and you can pick up a packet at the meeting. Face masks are required.

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Leadership Team Report

The October Team meeting devotional reading was on Fear, which was led by Cindy Mohr with a reading from Genesis 15:1 "Do not be afraid".

Charge Conference coming up on Sunday, November 1st at Watsontown UMC and that masks are required. Pastor Bill reports we will be in different rooms for social distancing.

Pastor Bill shared that the work has begun, which scaffolding was going up for the roof job. Bids for demolishing the roof and replacement were sent out and demo work to begin the first week of November. As far as computers for office, things are almost completed. A monitor cable is needed yet and cloud storage setup needs to be done. New software program, PowerChurch was purchased and Computation will be installing on office computers soon.

Pastor Bill reported that the Worship Team decided not to have a Thanksgiving Eve Service this year. Also, we are invited to help decorate with West Milton congregation on Saturday, December 5th at 1:00 pm. There will be a Christmas Eve Candle Light / Communion Service on December 24th at 7:15 pm at West Milton UMC. This will be a combined service with Bethany and West Milton congregation.

Discussion was brought up regarding the Host's flowers if still available and available to the congregation. Yes, the flowers are still available along Center Street side, also Holly bushes, due to they will be gone so the construction team can repair church, which will start beginning of November.

Shelly mentioned on getting a vinyl banner to put on fence out front so community can follow the church's progress and to link this to our Face Book and Website page. Banner could simply state: Following our Church's rebuilding Progress on Face Book.

-Cheri Buss



From Pastor Bill's Study



Greetings to all,

Hopefully, as you read this the process of rebuilding the church has started or will soon be underway. Psalm 127:1a states that unless the Lord builds the house it's builders labor in vain. These words ring true as I wait for something to happen.

It has been almost a year and I want this to be done, but I try to rush the Lord says to slow down and to think about what you are doing. That has been the process so far as we try to think of what is our present need and what are some of the projected needs to come.

If we do not plan for the future then the future will pass us by. So the leadership team has been trying our best to plan and to forecast what the future will look like. Along with that, we have been stressing pray as we plan for the future. One aspect of our plans is the building of a nursery. Which may sound strange as most of our membership is past the childbearing years. My prayer is that as we rebuild the building we are also rebuilding the church. That is the people who make up those who will worship at Bethany. I am praying for the nursery to be full as well as the worship space and I believe in the power of prayer and if those who hear will listen then space will be well used.

November is also the month of Thanksgiving so I would like to purpose that people keep a list of what they are thankful for and look at it often as a reminder of not all things are bad. At the end of the month, I would like for people to look at their list and remember those thanks and to think of them often when things may not be going so great.

I will take this time to say thanks to all who wrote or spoke to me during pastor appreciation month. The cards and the gifts are a reminder of how great you are and how much thankful I am to be serving as your pastor.

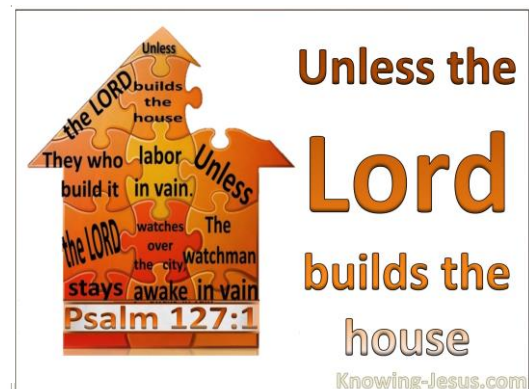
Just a quick reminder that once again we will be sponsoring an Angel Tree at the West Milton church to sponsor some of the families in the Milton area through the Salvation Army. Soon you will see the tags on the Christmas tree to help some of the families and some of our homebound during the Christmas season. If you can take a tag and help out then please do so.

From the McNeal household to yours may you have a month of many thanks and blessings to share.

Psalm 121

Know Hope,

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 November they are due: Sunday, November 8th, 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, October 13th. Here are November's songs, Scriptures, and sermon titles. **Next Worship Team meeting will be on Tuesday, ??? at 1:00 PM. We are now open for worship held at West Milton UMC at 11:00 am (Use masks & keep safety guidelines).**

November 1st (All Saints Day) – Rejoice in God's Saints (708); Holy Ground (2272); Hymn of Promise (707)
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Hosea 8:1-8; "Sow and Reap" / **Communion**

November 8th – Blessed Assurance (369); Holy Ground (2272); When We All Get to Heaven (701); Psalm 78:1-7; Hosea 9:7-9 "Retribution"

November 15th – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (103); Holy Ground (2272); Take My Life, and Let It Be (399); Psalm 123; Hosea 10:12-15; "Destruction"

November 22nd (Christ the King Sunday) – We Gather Together (131); Holy Ground (2272); Crown Him With Many Crowns (327); Psalm 100; Hosea 11:1-7; "God's Love"

November 29th (1st Sunday of Advent) – Great Is Thy Faithfulness (140); What Child Is This (219); It Came upon the Midnight Clear (218); Psalm 65; Hosea 12:9-14; "Peace"

Thanksgiving Service

This year's Thanksgiving Service will be celebrated on Sunday, November 22nd at 11:00 am. (Regular Worship time) at West Milton United Methodist Church.



A Thankful blessing that our Lord's love endures us forever and we can all worship our Lord Jesus Christ with one another and may you all have a blessed Thanksgiving with all your loved ones!!!

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Veteran's Day

To all of those who have served and those who continue to serve -
We Thank You!

Remember our Veterans – November 11th!



Decorate the Church (West Milton UMC)



This year for the Hanging of the Greens Bethany congregation can join in decorating the church along with West Milton UMC members on Saturday, December 5th at 1:00 pm at West Milton UMC for this Christmas season. For this years Christmas Eve Candle Light Service on December 24th, will be a combined service with Bethany and West Milton congregation at 7:15 pm at West Milton.

Thank You....

Dear Congregation of Bethany UMC: Thank you so much for your very generous donation of 7 tubs of food to the Panther Packs Ministry at St. Andrew's UMC. -Mary Richie, Treasurer St Andrew's UMC

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, 9 am -1 pm and Fri from 9 am – 12:30 pm.**



Next Food Collection Communion Dates: November 1st / December 6th

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

And

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. Looking into a takeout basis.

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.

Feed-A-Friend “Thanksgiving in a Bag”

Feed-A-Friend/“Thanksgiving in a Bag” (HandUp Foundation) (All donations will STAY LOCAL)

Ways you can help support this local cause: **You can fill more than one bag if you wish.**

1) Food Bags to be filled with 1 Stuffing mix, 1 can sweet potatoes/box of mashed potatoes, 1 can cranberry sauce, 1 can fruit, 1 can corn, 1 can green beans, 1 can/jar gravy, and 1 can 100% juice. Need food bags by: **November 1st, 2020.**

2) Monetary Donations collection by: **November 1st, 2020. (Purchasing Turkeys)**



Angel Tree....



Be an Angel to Someone for Christmas: Angel Tree

We will again be 'adopting' children to give them a joyous Holiday season. We will be getting 'Angel Tree' ornaments from The Salvation Army that will be placed on our Christmas tree for the taking. We will also again be hanging ornaments on the tree for our homebound members with needed/desired items. Watch for more information in your bulletins and December's Newsletter.

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Presented by _____

In loving memory of _____

In honor of _____

Mark choice of Color: Red Pink White

6 1/2" Poinsettias are \$8.00 each

Deadline for ordering: **Sunday, November 15th.** Please give your order with money to Shelly Sholley

Bethany UMC Current Expense Income September 2020 Reports:

Envelope Income To Date---2020							
		Current Expense	Reno	Benev. (Price Fund)	Miscell.	Weekly Total	Year To Date
September	6	\$690.00		\$15.00		\$705.00	\$28,785.00
	13	\$890.00		\$15.00		\$905.00	\$29,690.00
	20	\$1,125.00		\$100.00		\$1,225.00	\$30,915.00
	27	\$574.00		\$20.00		\$594.00	\$31,509.00

Plate Income To Date---2020						
		Plate	Known Givers	Benevolences (Price Fund)	Weekly Total	Year To Date
September	6					\$1,464.93
	13					\$1,464.93
	20		\$75.00			\$1,539.93
	27					\$1,539.93

Lessons For Life Income To Date---2020			
		Weekly Total	Year to Date
September	6	CANCELLED---- \$2.00	\$175.10
	13	\$8.00	\$183.10
	20	\$9.00	\$192.10
	27	\$10.00	\$202.10

Bethany UMC Miscellaneous Contributions 2020	
Office Computer Upgrade	
9/13/20--\$500.00	\$500.00
Jeff Specht Burial Fund Offering	
9/20/20--\$50.00	
9/27/20--\$590.00	\$640.00

Fire Rest. Fund Income To Date---2020—none for Sept.

Finance Report (September's Current Expenses In & Out):

Total Income Received: \$24,673

Total Expenses Paid Out: \$11,822

Average Attendance: 20

Bethany Fire Update: (Follow building progress on FaceBook)



Roof demo to start beginning of November and then the installing the new roof.

Total Income Received (Sept): \$223.87

Total Expenses Paid Out (Sept): \$39,918.36

Thank you letter was sent out to Richard Coup, who recently donated to the Fire Fund.



Our Prayer List.....

Paul Dunkleberger – Loss of his wife to cancer.
 Kathy Mahron – Health
 Red – Recovery from surgery
 Cheryl – Health / leg amputation
 Tom & Florence Y – Health
 Sarah H – Health / Recovery
 Judy C – Health / Back
 Ryan B (Friend of Shelly)– ATV accident
 Jamie Aurand Family. – Loss of his Aunt Virginia
 Those dealing with Cancer – Dan, Mandy, Terrie, Gary, David, Rita, Doug, Ann
 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.



Trustees Report...

Progress, although it feels like it's a very slow pace, is continuing toward the rebuilding of Bethany.

- The rescheduled Church Conference Meeting was held after Worship Service Sunday, September 14. At that time the unofficial vote from earlier became official in favor of Hemmler and Camayd Architects' Option 3A.
- The Leadership Team that is able continues to meet every other Thursday at 10:30 AM at West Milton UMC with representatives from Hemmler and Camayd Architects and Poole Anderson our Construction Manager.
- Entoguard Pest Control inspected the church to ensure that there was no remaining termite activity or any other pest problems present.
- We anticipate the roof structure removal and replacement will begin in November.

As reported earlier, the Leadership Team has embarked on a project to upgrade the office computer system, which includes the hardware, software, and internet service. Progress thus far includes:

- Approving the proposal from Computation to provide four new computers for the office, the equipment to network the office computers and the installation of the computers and network. Their work is progressing nicely and should be completed soon.
- Signed a three year contract with PennTeleData for much faster internet service with more capacity to expand to the church later. The contract also includes phone service for the office and it's less expensive than the service we were getting previously.
- The last step in the conversion will be to purchase and install the PowerChurch software. As its name implies, PowerChurch is specifically designed to manage church business. The goal is to convert to the new software for 2021.

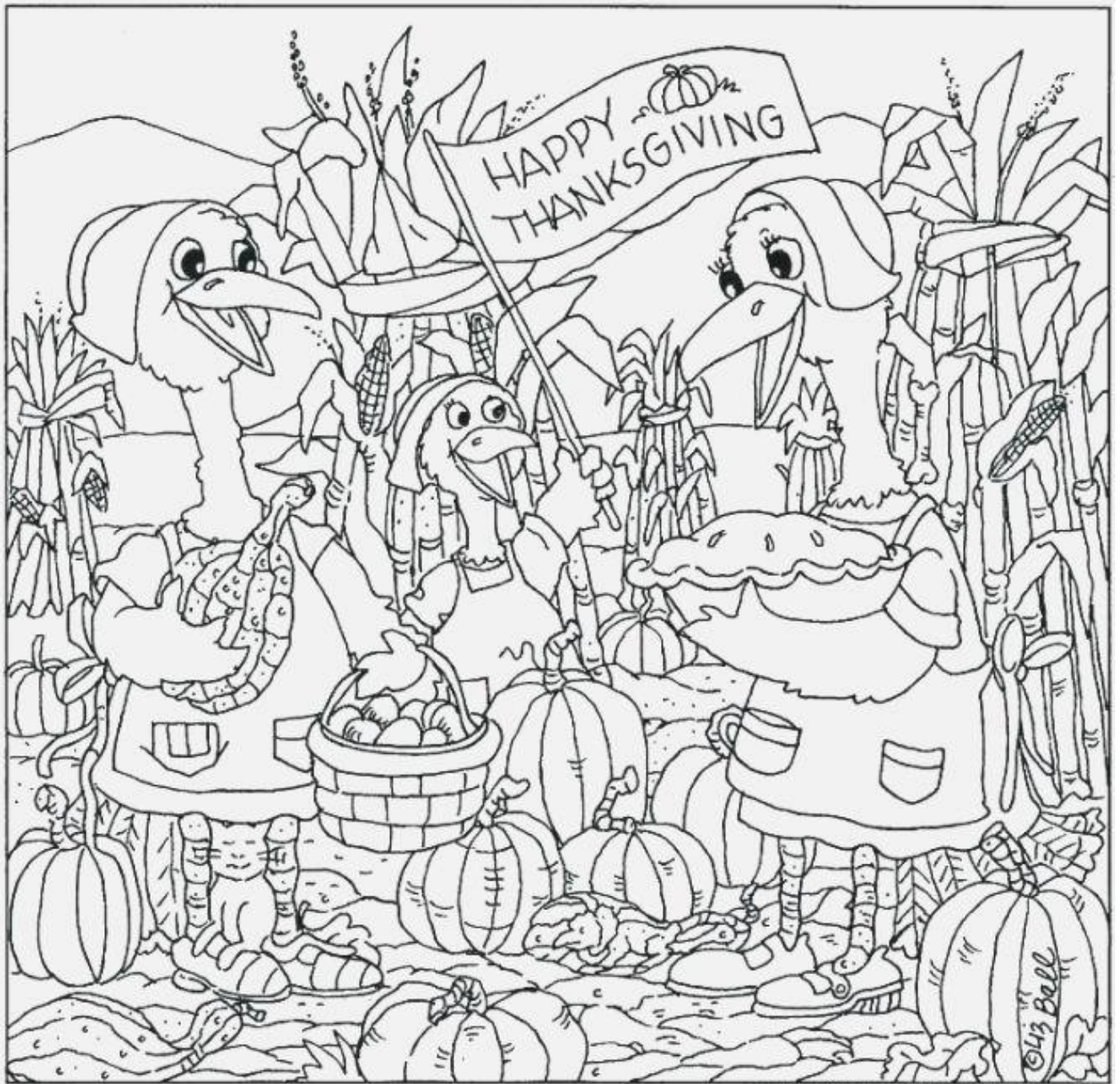
The Trustee Chair and the Leadership Team Chair recently conducted the annual Parsonage Inspection as required by the Conference. The only item of note is that the roof will probably need replaced relatively soon. As usual, the McNeal's continue to take excellent care of the house and grounds.

As we've passed the end of another calendar quarter, it's time to provide a report of the financial assets of the church. The following balances (rounded) are as of September 30 (unless noted otherwise):

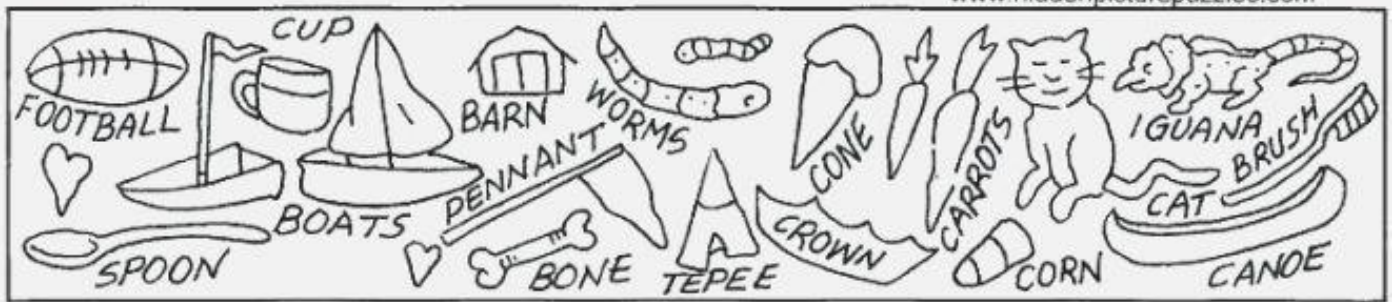
- Hudock Capital Group (Pershing) - \$552,737 – an increase of \$7,972 from the last quarter – We needed to transfer \$20,000 from this account for current expenses in September.
- Hudock Capital Group (Pershing) – Fire Insurance Fund - \$332,695 – virtually unchanged in the last quarter. These funds are invested in secure government backed treasuries which are currently gaining very little interest.
- Prudential Investments - \$629,220 – an increase of \$28,064 from the last quarter – this is our 'in lieu of flood insurance' account.
- Prudential Investments – The Radenbush Trust - \$97,023 – an increase of \$1,353 from last quarter.
- Prudential Investments - \$8,088 – an increase of \$406 from the last quarter
- BYN Mellon – The Butler Trust – \$209,855 – an increase of \$9,077 which includes the quarterly disbursement of \$2,625 which helps with current expenses.
- Milton Savings Bank – Fire Restoration Fund – Current Balance (Oct. 5) - \$2,610,970

Submitted by Jamie Aurand, Trustee chair

Fun Page



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Sunday Worship:

[Held at West Milton UMC
310 High St

West Milton PA]

Lessons for Life: 10:00 am

Gathering of the Family of God: 11:00 am

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Upper Room – Now Available

November / December

Daily Bread – Now Available

October / November / December

Announcements:**Dates to Remember:**

Nov 1st – 1:30 pm - Church Conference @ Watsontown UMC

Nov 1st – 10:00 am – Lessons for Life (Sunday School)

11:00 am – Gathering of the Family of God / All Saint's Day

“Sharing the Table / Panther Packs” / Communion

Nov 2nd – 10:00 am - Bible Study “Book of Acts” @ West Milton UMC

Nov 3rd – 7:00 pm - Bible Study “Book of Acts” @ Bethany UMC/Office

Nov 11th – Happy Veteran's Day!!! We Thank You!!!

Nov 12th 10:30 am - Leadership Team W Poole Anderson @ West Milton UMC

Nov 17th – 6:30 pm – Leadership Team (Finance & Ad Board) @ West Milton UMC

Nov 22nd – 11:00 am – Thanksgiving Service

Nov 24th – Happy Thanksgiving Day!!!

Nov 25th (Office Closed) Adm Asst out of office

Nov 29th – 10:00 am – 1st Sunday of Advent

Hanging of the Greens @ West Milton UMC with Fellowship Meal

Bible Study “Book of Acts”: 10:00 am every Tuesday @ West Milton UMC

Bible Study “Book of Acts”: 7:00 pm every Wednesday @ Bethany UMC/Office

Lessons for Life (Sunday School): 10:00 am every Sunday morning.

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



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