

# Milton's Good News

## June- "At a Glance"

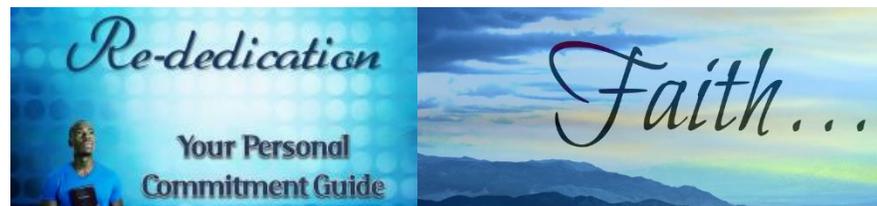
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Looking back on June for Bethany, Pastor Bill and Rod returned from the Susquehanna Annual Conference in Hershey. A Baccalaureate Service was held at Revival Tabernacle and a guest speaker from Gideon shared his testimony and a love offering was taken. A Community Dinner was held at Christ Lutheran Church. Our Father's, Grandfather's & nurturing men were honored on Father's Day.



## Christmas in July "Rededicating our Faith"



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**Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>** here at Bethany is having a Christmas in July "Rededicating our Faith" Sunday. Come and sing those Christmas tunes and rededicate your faith to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Has agendas been taking you from worshipping our Lord? Has ups and downs of life's struggles torn you away? Do you find yourself wanting to get back to the church and worship our Lord? If yes, then this is the perfect time to reboot your spirituality and come celebrate our Lord together on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am (Traditional setting) or at 6:00 pm (Contemporary setting).

We welcome you back with open arms and the love of Christ!! Let us join in a faith journey to forever last with our Lord & Savior! May we come together as one unity before our Lord! Let us worship Him together!!!!

So, see you on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am or 6:00 pm for a time of singing those favorite Christmas tunes & rededicating ourselves to our Lord & Savior!



## From Pastor Bill's Study

Greetings to all,

Like everyone else I keep asking myself where has the month gone. I believe most of this spring has been spent on the seat of the lawnmower as the grass has had a good start with all of the rain and sunshine that may and June have provided.

I also have to remember when I spread "weed and feed" on the lawn and I guess it has worked and it has definitely feed the grass and promoted new growth.

As I ponder that statement I am wondering how has your spring gone? Have you feed your soul enough to get you through the summer to come? Summer is noted as a time of declining attendance because of vacations and other activities that happen and church attendance takes a turn toward lower numbers of attendance.

Starting in July there is going to be a Bible study on the Book of James. These classes will be held on Tuesday mornings at ten o'clock and on Thursday nights at seven o'clock. All are welcome to attend and to feed your soul for the summer months ahead.

In my riding around on the lawnmower I have time to think and ponder the ways of life and to consider what is God trying to teach me. Something of note has been on a neighbor's mailbox there have been two balloons tied to their box. Each morning as I go out to get the paper I notice that they are deflated and laying at the end of their strings touching the grass. By the time I leave the house the sun has come up and those balloons are starting to refill and as floating above the grass. When I come home the balloons are flying at the end of their strings fully inflated and proclaiming to all that is a graduate living at that address.

I see this as an example of life. When we are in darkness and in the middle of the night fear and doubt cause us to withdraw and we lose our ability to rise above that which hold us back.

When we start to feel the warmth of the Son we begin to have hope again and start to rise up above that which tries to control us. The longer we are in the light of Christ the more we can soar above that which tries to hold us back. We can continue to gain new height until we come under the affects of those who try to tell us we cannot continue.

If we listen to the world we will never be able to raise up to the full potential of all Christ has for our lives. But when we listen and follow Christ we can soar until we do reach our full potential.

I look at those balloons and think to myself who am I listening to, the world or Christ? I pray all of you are listening to Christ and in following the Spirits leading you are getting everything you can out of this life.

If you are not sure then our summer Bible study would be a good place to start to listen for the voice of Christ and to raise up to see where Christ will lead you.

Romans 8:11  
Raise up!

*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, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Here are July’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.

**July 1<sup>st</sup>** - Abide with Me (700); I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (2151); This Is My Song (437); Psalm 130; Acts 26:19-29; “Except for These Chains” – Message by Roderic Moore

**July 8<sup>th</sup>** – Living for Jesus (2149); I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (2151); How Great Thou Art (77); Psalm 48:1-8; Acts 27:21-26; “Safe Ground” / **Communion**

**July 15<sup>th</sup>** – Rejoice, the Lord Is King (715); I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (2151); Victory in Jesus (370); Psalm 24; Acts 28:1-6; “What I Saw”

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>** – The Church’s One Foundation (545); I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (2151); Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (381); Psalm 89:1-6; Galatians 1:6-10; “One Gospel”

**July 29<sup>th</sup> – (Christmas in July/Rededicating our Faith Sunday)** – It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (218); There’s a Song in the Air (249); Silent Night, Holy Night (239); Go, Tell It on the Mountain (251); Psalm 14; Galatians 2:15-21; “Saved by Faith”

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

The following is the work of the Worship Team which met on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Here are July’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.

**July 1<sup>st</sup>** - God Bless the USA; Come To the Table; Washed By the Water; How Great Is Our God; - Message by Dave Gehrum

**July 8<sup>th</sup>** – I Will Rise; Eye of the Storm; Hidden; Words of Life; Acts 27:21-26; “Safe Ground” / **Communion**

**July 15<sup>th</sup>** – Give Me Your Eyes; Praise You In the Storm; Holy Spirit; Blessed Be Your Name; Acts 28:1-6; “What I Saw”

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>** – How He Loves; Better Is One Day; One Thing Remains; Glorious Day; Galatians 1:6-10; “One Gospel”

**July 29<sup>th</sup> – (Christmas in July/Rededicating our Faith Sunday)** – Jesus, Messiah; Mary, Did You Know?; How Deep the Father’s Love; When Love Was Born; Galatians 2:15-21; “Saved by Faith”



## “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: July 8<sup>th</sup> / August 5<sup>th</sup> / Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> / Oct 7<sup>th</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, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.** Bethany will be providing the hot dogs, hamburgers, and rolls. Watch for sign up sheets. Location: Christ Evan Lutheran Church

**Community Dinner Planning Meeting** is scheduled for Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm at Christ Evan. 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

Pastor Bill and I attended the Susquehanna Annual Conference at Hershey from May 31 through June 2. My report as Bethany's Lay Member is now available to all church members and all interested parties.

I've chosen to take a very intense but extremely rewarding advanced online Lay Ministries course in Biblical Interpretation in satisfaction of a District requirement that Lay Speakers recertify in such a way every three years.

The Gideons International were very pleased and thankful for our hospitality and our accommodating spirit as one of their local wing members gave the sermon here on June 3 while I led us through the rest of the service. The Gideons and Bethany have become mutual friends and favorites of one another, and praise be for that. By way of further pulpit information, I have agreed to conduct both the Traditional and Contemporary services at Bethany on Sunday, July 1, as Pastor Bill takes some vacation.

## Ad Board Report

Bethany's traditional Sunday morning services will be augmented through the month of July with the recitation of the Pledge to the Christian Flag.

Starting in July and continuing forward, the Sunday morning Call to Worship will be replaced by a tandem reading and opening prayer by the Pastor, obviating the need for a standing responsive.

The Board voted its approval of a Bethany donation of \$100 to the HandUp Foundation to help them with the establishment of their new home for abused women. The home will occupy an existing Milton structure located near the former Rhodes Mill.

We are currently positioning some funds in preparation for paying the first half of our 2018 Conference apportionments.

No Leadership Team (Finance Committee / Ad Board) meeting is scheduled in July. The next regular meeting will be on August 21. Any business that compels the team's attention during that hiatus will be conducted on an ad hoc basis, by phone, by e-mail, or by special gathering.

Rod Moore

## Vacation Bible School.....



**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 (Dinner provided)

**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)

**July 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am – VBS Decorating @ Christ Lutheran Church**

**(Volunteers Needed for VBS)** Looking for volunteers, please see Shelly Sholley or Pastor Bill to let them know you can help with VBS.

## Events Happening in the Area

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

**Evangelical Community Hospital Hospice Volunteer Training** – September 11-12, 2018 at 8:30 am – 4:00 pm at Hospice of Evangelical, 235 Hospital Dr, Lewisburg PA. For more information or to request an application, call the Volunteer Liaison at 570-522-2955.

## Bethany UMC Current Expense Income May 2018 Reports:

### BUMC Current Expense Income- May 2018

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

May	6	\$685.00		\$20.00	\$705.00	\$14,583.00
	13	\$937.00		\$35.00	\$972.00	\$15,555.00
	20	\$493.00		\$25.00	\$518.00	\$16,073.00
	27	\$853.00		\$35.00	\$888.00	\$16,961.00

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

May	6	\$80.00		\$80.00	\$1,361.00
	13	\$335.00		\$335.00	\$1,696.00
	20	\$25.00		\$25.00	\$1,721.00
	27	\$40.00		\$40.00	\$1,761.00

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

May	6	\$12.00		\$259.00
	13	\$8.00		\$267.00
	20	\$12.00		\$279.00
	27	\$10.00		\$289.00

### Bethany UMC Miscellaneous Contributions 2018

<b>United Methodist Women's Account #0125002348 Closeout</b>
05/06/18--\$1,031.98
<b>United Methodist Women's Account #0125002381 Closeout</b>
05/06/18--\$1,815.84
<b>United Methodist Women's Account #0100004513 Closeout</b>
05/06/18--\$319.30

### Bethany UMC Special UM Sunday Contributions 2018

<b>Peace With Justice Sunday---05/27/2018</b>
5/27/18---\$119.00

## Congratulation to the Graduate....



Congratulations to the below graduate:

**Christy Hicks** - Master's Degree in Education from LaSalle University in Philadelphia with a 4.0 GPA. She is the daughter of Pastor Bill and Janet McNeal. She is married to Sgt. Timothy Hicks (Lower Paxton Twp. Police Department) and they have 3 sons; Jacob, Joshua and Garrett.

She is employed full time as a kindergarten teacher by Commonwealth Connections Charter School.

If we missed any graduates, we are very sorry and please let the office know so we can congratulate them.

## Thank You...

Dear Bethany UMC – On behalf of the Union County Gideons, thank you for the opportunity on Sunday June 3, 2018 to present the Gideon ministry. It was a joy for me to be a part of the service. I want to express my sincere thanks to you and your congregation for your support of the Lord's work. The funds that were given in the amount of \$76.00 is tangible evidence of the love your people have for making the Word of God available to those who otherwise may not have a copy. This will enable 63 Testaments to be purchased and placed.

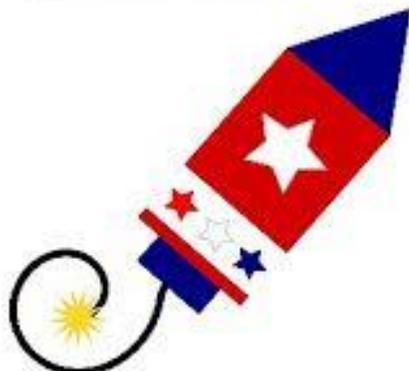
Thank you again for the privilege of representing the Gideons in your church.

– In Christ's Love, Ron Lahr

## Fun Page

# 4th of July

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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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**Upper Room – Now Available**

July / August

**Daily Bread – Now Available**

July / August / September

**Announcements:****Dates to Remember:**

[Note: No regular scheduled Trustees Meeting for this month of July]  
(Note: No regular scheduled Leadership Team (Ad Board) for this month of July)

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

June 26<sup>th</sup> – Noon – Riverwoods Auxiliary @ Riverwoods

June 28<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm – VBS Meeting @ Christ Lutheran Church

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

July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day “Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July” (Office closed)

July 8<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / “Sharing the Table” Communion

July 8<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 pm – Rockwell Communion

July 8<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm –Worship in Praise, Prayer & Song / Communion

July 10<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm –Worship Teams Meeting

July 14<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 am – VBS Decorating @ Christ Lutheran Church

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

August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6:30 am – Planning Mtg for Community Dinners @ Christ Lutheran

August 4<sup>th</sup> - Landis Wedding (Held at Bethany UMC - ONLY if inclement weather)

August 12<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 pm – Community Dinner @ Christ Lutheran

....Bible Study “Book of James: 10:00 am every Tuesday. (No July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting)

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

*Bible Study “Book of James: 7:00 pm every Thursday.*

*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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