

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



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# Milton's Good News

## September – "At a Glance"

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Looking back on September for Bethany, starting off with helping to serve at the Milton Harvest Community Dinner at St Andrews. Welcoming of our newest Bethany members, Edna Kobre and Thomas & Florence Young. Milton Harvest Festival took place with Block Party, POPS Concert, Arts & Crafts, Parade, and this year Bethany gave out Free water and Hot dogs to the community. Ending the month with another Free Dinner (Breakfast Style) with 39 attending and free movie "Facing the Giants", where 36 attended.

*"<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray continually, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)

-Cheri Buss

## Milton Bridge Walk....

### Milton Ministerium presents: "Milton Bridge Walk"

Hosted by Bethany United Methodist Church, Pastor Bill McNeal

Walk will start at First Presbyterian Church and goes to Milton Island State Park (where a prayer tent will be) then back to First Presbyterian Church.

**Date: Sunday, October 13, 2019**

Registration Time: 1:30 pm

Walk Time begins: 1:45 pm

Start & End Location: First Presbyterian Church – 47 Walnut St, Milton PA

Fee Donation: All proceeds will be divided between Milton HandUp & Milton Salvation Army

(Checks payable to: Milton Ministerium)

**For Walk: Registration/Sponsor Forms are located on the back table.**

**[Will need volunteers at the registration table, at Prayer Tent, and (Water Handlers) -passing out of water.]**

Please sign up to volunteer on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary.



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## Church Conference

This year's Church Conference will be on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at St. Andrew's UMC, 102 Lower Market St, Milton PA. Please mark your calendars and you can pick up a packet Sunday morning on November 17<sup>th</sup> in the back of the sanctuary, or at the meeting at 7:00 pm at St Andrew's UMC.



## From Pastor Bill's Study

Greetings to all,



The change of the weather has not yet happened as I begin to write this month's newsletter article. September is holding on to summer with all it has. The hot breath of September is but a gasp as the cooling of fall approaches.

When I look at my calendar for September I see all of the days that are already spoken for. I have several days I have had to set aside for retreats and conference activities and then there are days marked for church business, and then days for personal doctor and dentist visits. Each day so marked has meaning and purpose but how set are they? Am I so unflexible that each day has to be divided and set up by the hour and there can be no deviation from what is there? I pray I am not.

If that were the case then how could I account for the moments watching a sunrise or a sunset, the beauty of nature with the changing of the seasons. If and when we come to that point it is a call to remember as the old hymn says to take time to be holy, speak often with the Lord.

There are days when I need to remember that, the busyness of life takes over and I find myself at the end of the day wondering what have I done and accomplished today. If I have not taken time to reflect on how God has blessed me then I have not done a whole lot.

With the approach of fall we come into a time of harvest. The fruits of our labor or the labor of others will be seen all around us. The garden will be ending and the fruit trees will be giving up their fruit and the leaves will be on display for all to enjoy. Will we have the time to enjoy them? Will we take the time to enjoy them?

God has provided for us in many ways and far too many are not seen or enjoyed until it is too late. As the change of the season quickly approaches I pray we take a few minutes to enjoy the last of summer and to look forward to the coming of fall.

Mark your calendars now to take a day to just look around you and see the beauty that God has put before us and to remember that God is still in control and time will not change but in our rush of life, we might miss the glory provided for us.

Psalm 19 is worth reading and reflecting on as we ponder the glory of God and how we should review our days and think about the glory of God and the creation provided for us.

Raise your voice in praise and thank the Lord!

Psalm 19: 14

Praise the Lord,

*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 October they are due: Sunday, October 13th.** You can bring them into the church or email them to Pastor Bill at [pastorbill@gmail.com](mailto: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, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Here are October's songs, Scriptures, and sermon titles. **Next Worship Team meeting will be on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 PM.**

**October 6<sup>th</sup>** – Standing on the Promises (374); Down to the River to Pray (Insert); God of Grace and God of Glory (577); Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:8-12; *"Gospel"*; **Communion**

**October 13<sup>th</sup>** – O Jesus, I Have Promised (396); Down to the River to Pray (Insert); Lord of the Dance (261); Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; *"Remember"*

**October 20<sup>th</sup>** – O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (430); Down to the River to Pray (Insert); We Are the Church (558); Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 4:1-5; *"Proclaim"*

**October 27<sup>th</sup>** – He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought (128); Down to the River to Pray (Insert); Come, Christian, Join to Sing (158); Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8; *"Crown"*

## Pastor Appreciation Month – October

....Remember October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Please remember Pastor Bill in your prayers, send an encouraging letter/email/card or a gesture of appreciation!

Thank you, Pastor Bill, for your love for God's Church at Bethany, for your prayers, leadership, kindness, generosity, and your guidance; we thank you so much for everything you do from your congregation and staff here at Bethany!

Thank you, Janet, for your love for God's Church at Bethany, your creativity in decorating the church, and for your support to your husband, Bill; we thank you so much from all of us here at Bethany!



## Thank You...

Dear Pastor Bill & Bethany Congregation: Thank you for your support of the Panther Packs ministry here at St Andrew's UMC. The large amount of cereal and fruit cups is very much appreciated. It has been a blessing to have you join us for this valuable ministry. God's work, done God's way, will never lack God's supply.

Sincerely, Mary Richie, Financial Secretary St Andrew's UMC

## Member New Address...



WE'VE  
MOVED!

Please change Bill & Patti Scott's address and phone number, the Scott's have moved.

Bill & Patti Scott  
712 Baker St  
Lewisburg PA 17837  
570-524-0096

## N.O.W. Hear This!.....

**Next N.O.W. Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 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: Oct 6<sup>th</sup> / Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

There will be a Milton Harvest Community Dinner on **Monday, October 7, 2019** at 5:00 pm. Bethany will need volunteers to help with serving at 4:45 pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

(Next Milton Harvest Community Dinners that Bethany is helping with are: Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, and Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>).

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

There will be a Community Dinner on a **Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019** at 5:00 pm. Watch for more details.

A planning meeting for the Community Dinner will be held on Thursday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm at Christ Lutheran.

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"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.**

**We're once again going to have our B.E.T.H. Washed Clean Kits available for anyone in need at the "Share the Warmth" Coat Giveaway on October 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.**

## "Share the Warmth" Coat Giveaway



Our long standing tradition of the "Share the Warmth" Coat Ministry will be on **October 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

If you're doing end of summer clean-out of your closets, we accept coats/hats/scarves & warm clothing and blankets all year for the Mission. Always looking for all sizes of children's coats.

Please bring in your donations to the church, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 am- 1 pm. or at the Sunday Worship Service at 10:15 am.

**Need volunteers** to help set up and the day of coat giveaway and looking for people to make some, cookies, brownies, snacks for the Fellowship Table. **Please sign up!**

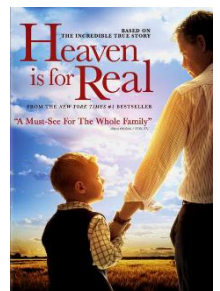
## Free Movie Night



Free Movie Night will be held on October 20, 2019, at 6:00 pm with the showing of "Heaven is for Real".

Heaven Is for Real is the true story of the 4-year old son of a small-town Nebraska pastor who, during emergency surgery, slips from consciousness and enters heaven. When he awakes, he recounts his experiences on the other side.

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



## Leadership Team (Ad Board) Report....

The devotions that began the September Leadership Team meeting were based on Matthew 20:20-28 and centered on the notion of "comparisons." We've all been compared with others, or we've compared others. Under almost any such circumstance, a person begins to think that if they haven't been, or can't be, on a par with someone else, it might not be worth trying to become "better." Then it gets to be an excuse to be less than we could be, or less than what God intends us to be. Consider, too, that "comparison" didn't do much for the mindsets of the disciples, who were hearing a woman essentially ask Jesus to make her sons His favored ones. Not surprisingly, the disciples grew angry with those young men for asking for special privileges. But Jesus knew how destructive comparisons like that could be, and, in His consummate mastery over human confusion, He said, simply, this – "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave." And He added, "Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many". Those statements are the ultimate takeaway of this devotion - because, through it, we are reminded that God doesn't "play favorites", and that He doesn't wait to love us until we've reached a certain standard. We are *us*. He loves *us*. Not a hypothetical "us" – *US*. All, each, and regardless

We will shortly produce a church budget for 2020, which will entail coming up with a more efficient system of spending categorization.

We have received and posted a one-year renewal of the PA food-establishment registration for our downstairs kitchen.

We have accepted a very reasonable bid on dry-cleaning all of Bethany's carpeting, and we're looking to bring in a landscaping business to do maintenance on the church shrubbery.

Rod Moore

## Lay Leader's Report

One thing a Lay leader can do for the people he represents is share his / her interesting Christian findings. In that spirit, here's a comparison of two versions of the close of 1 Corinthians 13, showing the interesting evolution of its language over the ages. The first is from a manuscript that Adam Clarke (early 19<sup>th</sup> century Bible commentator) claimed in his day to be the oldest English version of this Scripture in existence. Second is the same passage from today's New International Version.

OE Verses 8-13:- *Forsothe of the party we ban knowen: and of partye prophecien. Forsothe whenne that schal cum to that is perfit: that thing that is of partye schal be avoydid. Whenne I was a litil chiilde: I spake as a litil chiilde. I understode as a litil chiilde: I thoughte as a litil child. Forsothe whenne I was a maad a mam: I avoydid tho thingis that weren of a litil child. Forsothe we seen now bi a moror in dercness: thanne forsothe face to face. Nowe I know of partye: thanne forsothe I schal know and as I am knowen. Nowe forsothe dwellen feith hoope charite. These three: forsothe the more of hem is charite*

NIV Verses 8-13: *For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

Charite. Charity. Love. Same thing. Think about it.

Rod Moore

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## Bethany UMC Current Expense Income August 2019 Reports:

### Envelope Income To Date---2019

		Current Expense	Reno	Benev. (Price Fund)	Miscell.	Weekly Total	Year To Date
August	4	\$1,025.00				\$1,025.00	\$27,534.00
	11	\$748.00		\$7.00		\$755.00	\$28,289.00
	18	\$627.00		\$100.00		\$727.00	\$29,016.00
	25	\$1,012.00		\$4.00		\$1,016.00	\$30,032.00

### Plate Income To Date---2019

		Current Exp.		Weekly Total	Year To Date
August	4	\$31.00		\$31.00	\$1,750.35
	11	\$10.00		\$10.00	\$1,760.35
	18	\$33.00		\$33.00	\$1,793.35
	25	\$33.00		\$33.00	\$1,826.35

### Lessons For Life Income To Date---2019

		Weekly Total	Year To Date
August	4	\$14.00	\$421.00
	11	\$8.65	\$429.65
	18	\$12.35	\$442.00
	25	\$32.00	\$474.00

### Bethany UMC Miscellaneous Contributions 2019

Wedding Rental Deposits	Year To Date
7/28/19-Craig/Bradley--\$200.00	
8/13/19-Craig/Bradley check return- <b>-\$200.00</b>	
8/13/19-Craig/Bradley deposit---\$275.00	\$475.00
<b>Salvation Army Loose Change to Make a Change</b>	
8/11/19--\$38.44	\$38.44
<b>Copier use Donation</b>	
8/18/19--\$5.00	\$5.00

## Finance Report (August's Expenses In & Out:

Total Income Received: \$20,070

Total Expenses Paid Out: \$32,926

Total Attendance for the month of August: 32



## Fire & Ice Campaign....

It is that time again, this fall, I would like you to prayerfully consider making a contribution to **Fire & Ice**. Your contribution will assist in heating and cooling the church as needed for all of our various ministries in the name of Christ and continue to offset the cost of the new system. It will also provide you one more opportunity to share the many blessings God has offered you in your life, to act in faith and also to experience the spiritual growth that comes from giving. .

An envelope is provided, but if mailing this to Bethany it will need to be put in a larger envelope, per post office. Mail to: Bethany UMC, 18 Center St, Milton PA, 17847.

Thank You, in advance for helping Bethany UMC!!

## Fun Page

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## Hidden Pictures®

## Playing in the Leaves

By Leslie Franz



In the big picture, find these objects.



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fish



saltshaker



carrot



clothespin



cat



spoon



duck



hammer



chick



dinosaur



frog



rabbit



golf club



cow

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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**

September / October

**Daily Bread – Now Available**

October / November / December

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

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

October 1<sup>st</sup> – Noon - Milton Ministerium @ First Presbyterian

October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6:30 pm – Planning Mtg for Community Dinners @ Christ Lutheran

October 5<sup>th</sup> – 9 am – 1 pm – “Share the Warmth” Coat Giveaway / BETH Kits

Oct 6<sup>th</sup> - 10:15 am – Gathering of the Family of God / “Sharing the Table” Communion

October 6<sup>th</sup> – 10:15 am – World Communion Sunday (Special Offering)

October 6<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 pm – Rockwell Communion

October 7<sup>th</sup> – 4:45 pm – (Servers) Milton Harvest Community Dinner @ St Andrew's

October 12<sup>th</sup> – 9 am – 1 pm - “Share the Warmth” Coat Giveaway / BETH Kits

October 13<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 pm – Milton Bridge Walk @ First Presbyterian (Hosted by Bethany)

October 13<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 pm – Community Dinner @ Christ Lutheran

October 15<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm – Leadership Team (Finance & Ad Board)

October 20<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm – Free Movie Night “Heaven is for Real”

October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Noon – Riverwoods Auxiliary @ Riverwoods

November 17<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm – Charge Conference @ St Andrew's UMC

November 24<sup>th</sup> – Hanging of the Greens & fellowship meal

Bible Study (Book of Revelation): 10:00 am every Tuesday (Last meeting on Oct 8<sup>th</sup>)

Bible Study (Book of Revelation): 7:00 pm every Thursday (Last meeting on Oct 10<sup>th</sup>)

*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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