

BETHANY UMC

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Sunday Worship:

Gathering of the Family of God: 10:30 am
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Upper Room – Now Available

May / June

Announcements:

Dates to Remember:

May 1 – National Day of Prayer

May 4- 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / Communion /Ascension Sunday
[Native American – Special Offering]

May 10 – Noon – Allshouse Family Farwell Luncheon @ Bethany (Fellowship Hall)

May 11 – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / Happy Mother's Day

May 18 – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God

May 25 – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God

11:45 am – May Birthday Celebrations

May 29th – 31st – Annual Susquehanna Conference @ Wmspt

June 1 – 9:45 am – Cancer Survivor's Day / Donuts & Coffee (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / Communion

June 8 – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / Pentecost Sunday

June 15 – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / Happy Father's Day
[Peace with Justice – Special Offering]

June 17 – 6:00 pm – Leadership Team Meeting


June 22 - 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God

June 29 – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God

11:45 am – June Birthday Celebrations

Every Sunday Worship (Gathering of the Family of God) at 10:30 am.

No Summer Bible Studies at this time.

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Bethany United Methodist Church
“A Church with the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Milton”



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Milton's Good News

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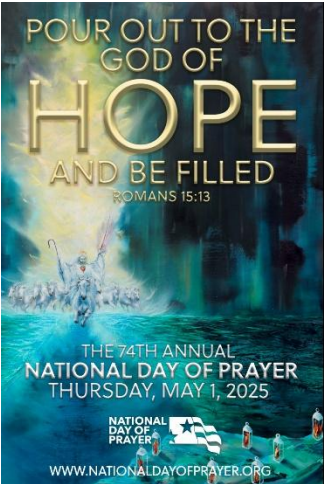
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March & April “At a Glance”

Looking back in March & April for Bethany, March started off with an Ash Wednesday Service at Bethany, World Day of Prayer and Time change. Lenten Season began and every Wednesday's Soup & The Word at 1st Presbyterian. April month was Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday Service at St Andrew's and Good Friday Service here at Bethany. Had a potluck Easter Breakfast before Easter Service. Honored member, Flora Price with a birthday cake to celebrate her 100th birthday. End of the months we celebrate the March & April's birthdays after church with cake and coffee.

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:1 NIV)
-Cheri Buss

National Day of Prayer -- May 1, 2025



"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13 NASB

Honoring Memorial Day



Monday, May 26th – Memorial Day

This Memorial Day we salute the brave men and women who served to protect our country.

Thank You and God bless!

[Church Office – Closed]



From Pastor Travis's Study

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace to you and peace in the name of Jesus our Risen Savior and Lord, and healer of our brokenness.

Like the great poet Geoffrey Chaucer once said "All good things must come to an end," so has my time with you all as your pastor. I want to thank you for the grace and love that you have shown to me and my family over these past four years. It has been a joy to watch and be a part of your growth as a church over these years. We may not have grown in number, but we grew in other ways. We grew together following hard years of COVID and a fire. We grew to learn how we can to the best of our abilities and gifts serve our community.

I have also grown in my ministry. You all have allowed me to seek education that will help me be better in pastoral care and visitation. I have been able to study and continue my education to continue toward my ultimate goal of becoming an Ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church. You were also brave enough to let me try new ways of worship one summer to see if could reach out more.

It has been a joy to see my family grow among you. You welcomed us and treated us as members of your family. Even those of you who are homebound, you always ask me how my Jess and the kids are doing (always by name). Arie was five years old and starting kindergarten when we moved here. Elias was not even two weeks old. Now Arie is nine and going into fourth grade and Elias is four. Jess is teaching in a place that she never thought that she ever would. She said she would never teach middle school (God had other plans).

As I close, there are not enough words to say how blessed I have been to be your pastor for these years.

And as always,

The Best is Yet to Be,

Pastor Travis



Leadership Reports...

All Committee/Leadership Reports need to be handed into the church office or pastor, by the second Sunday of each month. **For May & June they are due: Sunday, May 11th & June 8th, 2025.** You can bring them into the church or email them to Pastor Travis at tallshouse@susumc.org. Thank You!

Fun Page



Summer Word Search



SUMMER	G	A	R	D	E	N	Y	S	M	B	M	T	O	L	S
SUNSHINE	N	I	A	R	M	E	L	E	S	E	E	R	W	O	U
SWIM	U	C	I	N	C	I	P	E	A	S	I	A	M	S	N
BOAT	L	M	L	I	N	O	I	T	A	C	A	V	R	P	S
CAMP	P	O	P	S	I	C	L	E	Q	L	D	E	K	I	H
HIKE	U	I	P	E	C	A	M	P	I	O	O	L	F	C	I
GARDEN	Y	T	N	S	R	E	T	L	M	D	N	T	R	E	N
PLAY	P	W	N	S	O	E	P	A	T	G	N	E	D	X	E
BEACH	A	U	G	R	I	A	D	Y	B	O	A	Y	A	T	E
JULY	R	L	J	U	L	Y	G	R	S	A	S	O	U	P	A
AUGUST	K	E	F	G	L	C	E	A	T	H	I	R	G	A	S
PARK	B	A	L	Y	P	A	E	N	O	C	R	E	U	R	D
PICNIC	S	H	O	R	T	S	O	O	H	A	E	H	S	H	R
POPSICLE	U	Y	P	E	M	N	O	S	A	E	S	S	T	D	E
ICE CREAM	C	H	E	T	A	M	C	L	Y	B	G	M	R	E	S
SHORTS	X	L	A	O	V	Z	R	C	O	J	B	R	I	N	S
DRESS	F	O	S	E	M	A	E	R	C	E	C	I	O	W	L
TRAVEL	B	L	O	S	S	U	M	M	E	R	W	B	M	O	S
VACATION															
SEASON															

Bethany UMC Current Expense Income February & March 2025

Financial Secretary's Report: February 2025

Date	Offering Envelopes	Plate Offering	Memorial Fund	Price Fund	Totals
02/02/25	\$540.00	\$34.00	\$100.00	\$0	\$674.00
02/09/25	-----	-----	-----	-----	No Worship
02/16 & 02/23/25	\$1,075.00	\$5.00	\$0	\$70.00	\$1,150.00
Totals	\$1,615.00	\$39.00	\$100.00	\$70.00	\$1,824.00



Financial Secretary's Report: March 2025

Date	Offering Envelopes	Plate Offering	Lenten Offering	Price Fund	Pastor's Wife Apr.	Totals
03/02/25	\$645.00	\$5.00	\$100.00	\$35.00	\$0	\$785.00
03/09/25	\$370.00	\$10.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$380.00
03/16/25	\$991.00	\$0	\$0	\$35.00	\$0	\$1,026.00
03/23/25	\$435.00	\$28.00	\$0	\$0	\$5.00	\$468.00
03/30/25	\$550.00	\$15.00	\$0	\$1,035.00	\$20.00	\$1,620.00
Totals	\$2,991.00	\$58.00	\$100.00	\$1,105.00	\$25.00	\$4,279.00

Finance Report (February & March Current Expenses In & Out):

February 2025

Total Income Received: \$1,824.00 + (Bank Interest \$1.05) + (Transfer from Investments \$20,000) = \$21,825.05

Total Expenses Paid Out: \$19,299.32

Average Attendance: 13

March 2025

Total Income Received: \$4,279.00 + (Bank Interest \$1.01) + (Transfer from Investments \$10,000) = \$14,280.01

Total Expenses Paid Out: \$16,558.25

Average Attendance: 17

Cancer Survivor Day.....



Sunday, June 1, 2025 is National Cancer Survivors Day and Bethany wants to honor our members surviving with cancer:

**Cindy Mohr
Anna Pyle
Rita Sanford
Barbara Huff
James Masser
Florence Young
Shirley Wesner**

Come to church early on June 1st at 9:45 am, for some Donuts and Coffee to honor our Cancer Survivors.

Trustees Report



Trustee items in process or completed:

- All exterior locks for the church and Parish House have been changed and keys were distributed to those authorized to have a key.
- The license to allow us to serve food from our kitchen was recently renewed. The renewal is for 18 months.
- The inside handicapped accessible door has been repaired and is functioning properly again. Please note that there are signs posted for push and pull so that the door is not forced in the wrong direction if opened manually.
- A new dishwasher was recently purchased for the parsonage.
- Our contracts with our electric supplier for the church and the Parish House expired in March. There were no competitive contract terms from any other suppliers, so both accounts were switched to the PPL default rate, until contracts with more favorable terms are available.

Those of you that have been watching the financial markets know the markets took a significant downturn recently and have been quite volatile. Here is the quarterly report of the financial assets of the Trustees. The following balances (rounded) are as of March 31:

- Hudock Capital Group (Pershing) - \$344,371 – a decrease of \$43,262 from the last quarter. We utilized \$45,000 from this account for current expenses in the first quarter.
- Prudential Investments - \$854,691 – a decrease of \$6,573 from the last quarter – this is our ‘in lieu of flood insurance’ account. Because this account has grown significantly since we started with \$500,000, we will likely start to draw some funds from it for current expenses instead of relying on the other account all the time.
- Prudential Investments – The Raudenbush Account - \$88,389 – a decrease of \$298 from last quarter.
- BNY Mellon – The Butler Trust – \$237,753 – a decrease of \$7,167. We received a disbursement of \$1,265 during the quarter.
- Mifflinburg Bank CD - \$100,000 plus interest at 4.5%

Submitted by Jamie Aurand

May / June Worship Schedule

SUNDAY MORNING
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE



**Sunday, May 4 – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / Communion
Native American – Special Offering**

Sunday, May 11 – 10:30 am Gathering of the Family of God / Happy Mother's Day

Sunday, May 18– 10:30 am - Gathering of the Family of God

**Sunday, May 25 – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God
11:45 am – May Birthday Celebrations**

Sunday, June 1 – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / Communion / Cancer Survivor Day

Sunday, June 8 - 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God / Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, June 15 - 10:30 am Gathering of the Family of God / Happy Father's Day

Peace with Justice – Special Offering

Sunday, June 22 – 10:30 am – Gathering of the Family of God

Sunday, June 29 - 10:30 am Gathering of the Family of God

11:45 am – April Birthday Celebrations



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

Hygiene Kits Ministry...



Bethany UMC is proud and excited to announce that we are collecting items again for personal hygiene packs ministry for children in our schools and community!
Please put into the bins in the Fellowship Hall.

The items that we are accepting for the packs are:

Soap/shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand/body lotion, feminine products. The small individual, hotel-sized bottles are preferred but any donations are welcomed!

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

Updating the 2025 Bethany UMC Family Directory



Updating the 2025 Bethany UMC Family Directory, so please verify the church has your correct address / phone numbers / email address / birthday and /or wedding anniversaries. You can review the sample in the Fellowship Hall on the table and /or call the office at 570-742-9796. **Will print this directory in July.**

Thank you!

Farewell Luncheon to the Allshouse Family

Let us send off Pastor Travis, Jess, Arie & Elias, with a Farewell Luncheon on **Saturday, May 10, 2025** at Bethany UMC (Fellowship Hall - catered by the La Primavera Italiano Ristorante) at **12:00 pm**; wishing them all well and support as Pastor Travis moves into his next congregations in Northumberland.

Each guest attending (except the Pastor's family) will be responsible for their own bills. Cost is \$23.50 Per Person (Checks payable to Bethany UMC-Pastor Retirement). Italian meal will include: Bruschetta, bread & butter, Garden Salad (with house or ranch dressing), Rigatoni with sauce, Chicken Piccata, and a mini cannoli for dessert. **Please sign up on the sheet (Fellowship Hall) so we can give the restaurant a total count of guests by Sunday, May 4th. Thank you!**

Bethany UMC and Staff, will miss you deeply. We thank the Allshouse Family for these past 4 years of leadership, ministry, prayers, support, and love.

God bless you all in your next journey!

-Bethany UMC Congregation and Staff

Honoring our Dearest Member, Flora Price's 100th Birthday



Our dearest member, Flora Price, turned 100 years old on April 20, 2025. Bethany showered her with a cake, cards, candy, and love. Flora is a member of Bethany for 87 years (or you could say 100 years, since she was here as a baby and baptized here) and counting. Flora brings many blessings to Bethany UMC. **We love you, Flora!**

We wish Flora well with joy and happiness!

Leadership Team Report.....

Minutes for April 8, 2025 – Leadership Team Meeting

Present: Pastor Travis, Jamie Aurand, Dave Warburton, Mike Longenberger, Jim Masser, Dorothy Hower, Cindy Mohr, Bob Fitch

The leadership team gave a gift to Dave and family for their hard work with snow removal this winter. Thank you Warburton family!!!!

A discussion was held on how to signify the naming of the Rod Moore Conference Room in the Parish House. Bob made a motion to purchase a bronze memorial plaque to be placed in conference room. Dorothy seconded. Unanimous pass.

It was also discussed to look into purchasing 12 better chairs for the conference room.

Cancer survivor breakfast coffee and doughnuts will be on June 1st.

Cindy told the leadership team that she will be taking care of the Mother's and Father's Days candies.

It was discussed that the sound system is not suitable to run without somebody who really knows how to run it. At this point, Pastor Travis is the only one who knows how to operate the system completely. It was suggested to revisit the possibility of simplifying the system since Pastor Travis has been reassigned. Jamie will contact Gerry Bogart to redo sound system.

Next meeting June 17, 2025

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Travis Allshouse



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



Our Prayer List.....

Concerns:

Kathryn M – Recovery and health.

Bethany UMC in this time of transition of pastoral changes.

Elwood P – Health

Anna P – Cancer treatments / health.

Judy C – Health / Vertigo

Florence Young – Now on hospice care.

Family/friends with Cancer: Rita S, Anna P, Florence Y, Tim C (Friends of Allshouse); Dot (Judy's neighbor); Kenny (Sally's friend). Alicia (Sally); Dale R (Sally's friend).

Leadership Team: Cindy, Jamie A, Bob F, James M, Dave W, Mike L, Dorothy, Pastor Travis.

