

Milton's Good News

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July – “At a Glance”

The month of July we welcomed Reverend William McNeal and his wife, Janet, as our new pastor for Bethany United Methodist Church. A brunch meet & greet was held with a great turn out. The VBS “Hero Central” took place, as joining with Christ Evan Lutheran, which was a great turn out. Thank you to everyone who gave a helping hand.

- Cheri Buss

The 6th Annual Milton Island Love Inc 5K Run/Walk

Milton Island Love Inc 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, August 19, 2017

Proceeds Support the Love INC Ministry

Pre-registration \$15 for students 18 and under, \$20 individual, \$35 family

Must be received by August 4, 2017

Race day registration \$18 for students 18 and under, \$25 individual, \$40 family

Register online or pick up a form at the church.

Special points of interest:

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Course Description:

The entire race is held on the Milton State Park Island (between Milton-West Milton). The course is a cross country style course and not paved.
Address: 205 PA-642, Milton, PA 17847

Schedule of Events:

7:30 AM Registration begins; ends at 8:45 AM
9 AM Race begins

Registration:

By mail or online at:
www.parunners.com

Awards:

1st Overall male and female
1st, 2nd & 3rd by age group

Age Groups:

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| 14 and Under | 40-49 |
| 15-19 | 50-59 |
| 20-29 | 60+ |
| 30-39 | |



From Pastor Bill's Study

Greetings to all,

I begin my service to Bethany with the idea of looking ahead to how I can best serve the church and the community. For me to accomplish this I will need feedback to see where you are, where I am, and how we can meet to move ahead.

One thing I do know is that Christ called his disciples and had them leave what they were doing and to come and follow him. If we are to follow Christ we must be ready to do what Christ called us to do. We are to use the skills and gifts we have been provided to do our best for Christ.

Sometimes this is scary and sometimes it is just what we have been doing but in a new way. As we get to know each other we can find out what has been tried in the past, what ideas we have for the future and how we can work together to be where Christ wants us to be.

As a new pastor at this church, I know that I have several ideas that I would like to try here but I also know I need to get to know everyone first. I need to remember to be open to God's plans first and then we will go from there.

During the next several months if you have any thoughts or ideas on how to improve the way we do things please let me know. Also, if you have any ideas for a new ministry or how to improve a ministry we now have please let me know. If you would like some time to discuss any ideas please let me know and I will plan to schedule some time together. If we work together I believe we can both serve God and the people who need to be helped.

I would also like to thank everyone for the welcome you have given to me, my wife Janet, and to our family, as we become a member of your family. I thank the Trustees for all their work and time spent at the parsonage in preparation for our moving in. I want to thank everyone for all the food that was left in the refrigerator for us. Your thoughtfulness helped so much as we unpacked and sorted out what we needed to cook our meals.

We are and will be unpacking for a few more weeks as we sort and find space to fit all our stuff. I do know the boxes are less and the paths are getting wider so I know Janet is making progress and I am helping as I can.

In Genesis 12 is the story of Abram's call into a new land, will you join with me as we venture out and go to claim the territory God has promised to those who will follow him? I believe if we seek God first and follow our call there is nothing God can not do. Hang on as we start this adventure together.

Psalm 121

Our Help,

Pastor Bill

Worship Team Report

The following is the work of the Traditional Worship Team which met on Wednesday, July 12. Here are August's songs, Scriptures, and sermon titles.

August 6th – My Faith Looks Up to Thee (452); Faith of Our Fathers (710); Wonderful Words of Life (600); I Know Whom I Have Believed (714); Psalm 17:1-7, 15 (749); Romans 9:30-33; “Stumbling Over the Truth” by Roderic Moore, Lay Speaker

August 13th – We've a Story to Tell to the Nations (569); Give Thanks (2036); Just as I am, Without One Plea (357); Only Trust Him (337); Psalm 105:1-11 (828); Romans 10:9-15; “Good News” / **Communion**

August 20th – In Christ There Is No East or West (548); Standing on the Promises (374); Great Is Thy Faithfulness (140); Amazing Grace (378); Psalm 133 (850); Romans 11:1-6; “Grace, By Any Other Name” by Roderic Moore, Lay Speaker

August 27th – I Am Thine, O Lord (419); Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (361); Many Gifts, One Spirit (114); Onward, Christian Soldiers (575); Psalm 124 (846); Romans 12:1-8; “Transformed”

Word of Thanks.....

I do not know if I can say thanks enough times to say how our family has been blessed by the generous outpouring of support, prayers, and help as we transitioned into the parsonage and the church.

For all the work that was done at the parsonage before our arrival and ongoing. For the gifts of meals that were prepared and left in the refrigerator. For the welcome brunch and the great time, we had in meeting with you.

For myself, Janet, and Annie we say thank you and I pray we will be as big as blessing to you as you have been to us.

Pastor Bill

Contemporary Team Report

The following is the work of the Contemporary Worship Team which met on Wednesday, July 12. Here are August's songs, Scriptures, and sermon titles.

August 6th – Come Now is the Time to Worship; Word of God Speak; We Walk by Faith; Redeemed; Romans 9:30-33; by Dave Gehrum, Lay Servant

August 13th – Spirit Speaks; Famous One; I Could Sing of Your Love Forever; Reason to Sing; Romans 10:9-15; “Good News” / **Communion**

August 20th – Good, Good Father; Mighty to Save; Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone); Your Grace is Enough; Romans 11:1-6; by Dave Gehrum, Lay Servant

August 27th – Hold Us Together; Sea of Faces; He is With Us; All the Poor Powerless; Romans 12:1-8; “Transformed”

“Sharing the Table”



“Sharing the Table” 2017 Schedule (Sponsored by Mission/Outreach Ministries)

“**Sharing the Table**” is a way you can help those in need every month by bringing in canned goods and non-perishable food items for the local food bank.

The first Sunday of the every month during Communion Service we will be collecting food.

Next Food Collection Communion Dates: August 13th / September 3rd / October 1st

Missions/Outreach Committee...

Milton Panther Packs Program (New Mission: Monthly)

Bethany UMC Mission Committee and St Andrew's UMC will be looking to expand the Milton Panther Packs Program to help provide weekend food items for elementary students in need in the Milton Area School District.

Bethany UMC will be in charge of providing 120 Fruit Cups, which equals ten donations of a 12 pack of fruit cup for each month.

Please bring in your (12 pack) of Fruit Cup and place in the box located in the back of the sanctuary.

Milton Community Dinner (Christ Evan Lutheran)

There will be a Community Dinner on a **Sunday, August 13th at 5:00 pm**. Location: Christ Evan Lutheran Church. This will be a picnic style meal and looking for servers, please sign up on the sheet located in the back of the sanctuary.

Community Dinners are between Bethany UMC, Christ Evan. Lutheran, Trinity Evan. Lutheran, United in Christ Lutheran, and New Hope Ministry Center HandUp Foundation to feed low income people in need.

Planning meeting for Community Dinner will be held on **August, 3rd at 6:30 pm** at Christ Evan Lutheran.

Milton Community Harvest Dinners (St. Andrew's UMC)

Bethany will be help serve at the Milton Community Harvest Dinner on **Monday, August 14th at 4:45 pm**. Please sign up at the church to help serve. Dinner starts at 5:00 pm.

Events Happening in the Area

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

Milton Island Love Inc 5K Run/Walk – Saturday, August 19th at 7:30 am – 8:45 am Registration, race starts at 9:00 am. Location at the Milton State Park Island. Pre-registration \$15.00 for students 18 and under, \$20.00 individual and \$35.00 family. Register by August 4th. Register online at: www.parunners.com or pick up a form at the church.

Evangelical Hospital Hospice Volunteer Training – September 11 & 12, 2017 from 9 am – 3 pm. Fee: Free. For more information or to request an application, call the Volunteer Liaison at 570-522-2955.

Life After Loss – Hospice of Evangelical - Wednesdays, September 20th – October 25, 2017 from 1 – 3 pm. Fee: \$20.00 non-refundable. Learn coping techniques to deal with grief and loss. Pre-registration is requested by Sept. 15. To register call Hospice of Evangelical at 570-522-2157.

Ad Board Report

Ad Board did not meet in July. Next Ad Board meeting will be August, 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Trustees' Report.....

Although the Trustees took a break from meeting in July, there were still lots of things happening. We are finally headed down the home stretch on the church renovations! The new stair treads and tile are installed at the entrance from Center Street. The kitchen is almost complete. There are a few more electrical outlets which need installed. After that it will need a thorough cleaning prior to the required inspection.

In the Parish House, the installation of the air conditioning system couldn't have come at a better time! The finishing of what will be Pastor Bill's office had a setback last month as the workers noticed the floors they had jacked up earlier were settling again. After some more shoring up from the basement below, work continued on the office. The drywall is hung and the finishing work should begin soon. We are anxiously awaiting the installation of the new front door and the new doors for the stairway and the new restroom.

Thanks to lots of prayers, careful planning, and a great team effort, the transition of the parsonage occupants from Pastor Damien to Pastor Bill and Janet went fairly smoothly. The time in between the moves allowed for the interior and exterior of the house to be painted and the house was thoroughly cleaned (including the interior of the ducts). The only item that wasn't purchased and installed prior to the McNeal's arrival was a new refrigerator, which has been taken care of since. All things considered, it was a relatively smooth transition. The Trustees hope the McNeals are settling in well, and feeling 'at home' in their new home.

Next Trustees' meeting will be August, 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Jamie Aurand

Lay Leader's Report

I conducted the full Traditional worship service at Bethany on Sunday, June 25, as Pastor Damien worked to complete his transition from Milton to Towanda. The sermon at that night's Contemporary service was more than ably delivered by Dave Gehrum of Watsontown UMC. (Our good friend Dave has become our "evening guest speaker" of choice because of the effectiveness and memorable nature of his unique messages.) On a related note, I've agreed to substitute for Pastor Bill to conduct our Traditional services when he takes vacation days on the Sundays of August 6 and August 20, and Dave has been asked to speak at both (or at least one) of those two Contemporaries.

The Crossroads of Life Prison Faith Community in central Illinois reports that they have received the second of the two shipments of basic toiletries kits that I sponsored earlier this year. Those are all going to the Logan Correctional Center for Women in Lincoln, IL in response to the pressing need for personal care necessities for new prison arrivals. I plan to approach Crossroads again soon to find out if that program could use more support to come behind the first groups of kits and to check on their supply of Bibles for the prison.

I'd like to report some happy news on behalf of all of the staff and volunteer workers at Bethany who use the Parish House offices. We are now in our renovated quarters, and we have air conditioning. Praise be on both counts, and even though work continues in that area – both by construction teams and in terms of our own adjustments - we're already so much better off in terms of space and comfort as to heighten our efficiencies and gladden our hearts to unprecedented levels.

Bi-Annual Income-Bethany UMC 2017 - January-end-of-June:

CURRENT EXPENSES ACCOUNT

ENVELOPE INCOME TO DATE

Current Expenses: \$20,182.00
 Price Hardship Fund: \$ 265.00
 Envelope Total: \$20,447.00

PLATE INCOME TO DATE--\$2,938.57
 SUNDAY SCHOOL INCOME TO DATE--\$228.45
 BUTLER TRUST CONTRIBUTIONS--TOTAL=\$7,875.00

BETHANY UMC UNITED METHODIST SPECIAL SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS:

Human Relations Sunday—01/15/2017----TOTAL=\$113.00
 UMCOR Sunday—03/26/2017---TOTAL=\$3,130.00
 Native American Sunday—04/30/2017--TOTAL=\$143.00
 Peace With Justice Sunday---06/11/2017--TOTAL=\$132.00

Bethany UMC Miscellaneous Contributions 2017

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| Initial Offering | |
| 1/01/17---\$24.00 | |
| 1/08/17--\$7.00 | |
| 1/15/17--\$3.00 | |
| 3/19/17--\$1.00 | |
| 3/19/17--\$1.00 | Total=\$36.00 |
| Advent Offering | |
| 1/01/17---\$50.00 | Total=\$50.00 |
| Ignite the Fire Campaign | |
| 1/08/17--\$5.00 | Total=\$5.00 |
| Thomas Bennage Missionary Offering | |
| 2/05/17--\$278.00(+ \$100.00 check written directly to Thomas) | |
| 2/12/17-\$25.00 | Total=\$303.00 |
| Bible Study Book Reimbursements | |
| 2/05/17--\$8.00 | Total=\$8.00 |
| Lenten Offering | |
| 3/05/17--\$640.00 | |
| 3/12/17---\$20.00 | |
| 3/19/17--\$10.00 | |
| 3/26/17--\$25.00 | |
| 4/23/17--\$50.00 | Total=\$745.00 |
| Easter Egg Hunt Prize Sponsorship | |
| 3/19/17--\$13.00 | Total=\$13.00 |
| Pastor's Continuing Ed Reimbursement Return(Damien Brooks) | |
| 5/14/17--\$20.00 | Total=\$20.00 |
| VBS Materials Reimbursement | |
| 7/2/17--\$179.50 | Total=\$170.00 |

Trustees Memorial Fund Receipts 2017

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| March 29, 2017 |
| In Memory of Barney Price---\$125.00 |

Fun Page

The Apostles

Find the name of all the apostles hidden
in the puzzle below.

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Andrew
Bartholomew
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James Alpheus
John
Judas
Matthew
Matthias
Philip
Simon
Simon Peter
Thaddeus
Thomas

*This includes the 12
original apostles
and the one selected
to take Judas' place.*

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Sunday Worship:

Sunday School: 9:00 am
Traditional Service: 10:30 am
Contemporary Service: 6:00 pm

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Announcements:

Updating Birthday and Wedding Anniversary List, please give the information to the church office. (Forms are in the back of the sanctuary). Thank You!

Dates to Remember:

August 2nd – 7:00 pm – Trustees

August 3rd – 6:30 pm – Planning Meeting for Community Dinners @ Christ Evan Lutheran

August 8th - 7:00 pm – PSPRC

August 9th – 7:00 pm – Traditional & Contemporary Worship Teams @ Bethany

August 13th – 10:30 am – “Sharing the Table” Food donations / Communion

August 13th – 3:00 pm – Rockwell Communion

August 13th – 5:00 pm – Community Dinner @ Christ Evan Lutheran

August 13th – 6:00 pm – Contemporary Worship Service / Communion

August 14th – 4:45 pm – Milton Harvest Dinner (Servers) @ St Andrew's UMC

August 14th – Aug. 18th – (Cheri, Adm Asst will be on vacation.)

August 15th – 6:30 pm – Finance

August 15th – 7:00 pm – Ad Board

August 16th – 7:00 pm – Missions/Outreach Committee

August 18th – August 21st (Pastor Bill will be away)

Sept. 9th – 9 am – 4 pm – Milton Harvest Festival – Arts & Crafts

Sept 13th – 6 pm – 9 pm – Milton Harvest Block Party (Bound Ave)

Sept 14th – 7 pm – Milton Pops Concert @ Milton High School

Sept 16th - 9 am – 4 pm – Milton Harvest Festival – Arts & Crafts

Sept 16th – 10 am – 12 pm – Senior Health Fair @ Merle Phillips Park

Sept 16th – 1:00 pm – Milton Harvest Festival Parade

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

Sunday School: 9:00 am every Sunday morning.

Traditional Worship Service: 10:30 am every Sunday morning.

Contemporary Worship Service: 6:00 pm every Sunday evening.



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