

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



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Milton's Good News

August – "At a Glance"

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Looking back on August for Bethany, starting off with helping to set up and serve at the Milton Harvest Community Dinner at St Andrews. Another Community Dinner held at Christ Lutheran with Kingdom Kidz Puppets. Ending the month with another Free movie "Faith Like Potatoes", with a great turnout of 28 movie attendees

"Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses." (1 Timothy 6:11b-12 NIV)

-Cheri Buss

Milton Harvest Festival

The 42nd Annual Milton Harvest Festival - September 13-22, 2019

Mark your calendar for **September 13-22, 2019** and enjoy these events & more:

Friday, Sept 13th – 7:00 pm – Tomato Bowl Football Game (Milton vs Lewisburg)

Saturday, Sept 14th – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm – Arts & Crafts

Saturday, Sept 14th – 11:00 am – Concert in the Park (Milton High School Band)
@ Lincoln Park Gazebo on Broadway & Front St, Milton

Wednesday, Sept 18th – 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm – Block Party (Bound Ave)

Thursday, Sept 19th – 7:00 pm – Milton Pops Concert @ Milton High School

Saturday, Sept 21st – 9:00 am – 4:00 am – Arts & Crafts

Saturday, Sept 21st – 1:00 pm – Milton Harvest Festival Parade

Sunday, Sept 22nd – 7:00 pm – Men in Harmony Concert @ First Presbyterian Church

[Note: Bethany Members we will have a Free Community Stand on September 21st, which volunteers will hand out Free Bottles of Water and Free Hot Dogs, which will be cooked in roasters].



Bob Fitch will share in church the time volunteers need to be at the church and further instructions.



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From Pastor Bill's Study



Greetings to all,

While the weather of August is the final caress of summer, September is the promise of fall. This summer has been a mixture of hot weather and summer rainstorms plenty to complain about but nothing we can do about it.

As humans, we have short memories and as we complain about the heat and humidity of summer we forget the cold, snow, and wind chill. I do remember it does not take me fifteen minutes to get dressed to mow the lawn.

As I write this story I am munching on some peaches that just a few days ago were hanging on trees in Adams County. The cycle of the fruit runs through the whole of the seasons. The cold of winter strengthens the trees and sets them up for pruning to produce new growth and to remove those branches that are not productive and limit the fruit it will produce.

Spring brings an awakening and new growth. The tree begins to produce fruit along the cycle of life. The rains of the spring and the sunshine combine to give the best of what the trees need to live and to sustain life for its self and for others to enjoy the fruit produced.

Summer comes and with it more prolonged exposure to the sunshine which triggers the tree to turn all its effort into full-blown fruit production. The sunshine converts all of the reserves in the fruit into sugar. The more sunshine they receive the sweeter the fruit will be. Heavy prolonged rain will reduce the sugar content and fill the fruit with a watered down taste.

With the coming of fall, the tree begins the process of preparing for the coming winter. As the days shorten and the sunshine becomes less the trees will rid themselves of all that it does not need. The fruit and the leaves drop off of the tree because they are no longer needed.

Winter comes and the trees go into a time of rest preparing for a new rebirth as the promised spring comes once again.

If you have gotten this far in the story you probably wondering how eating a peach can be a newsletter article? The point I am trying to make is how God has set the trees into a cycle into which I am now enjoying the fruit of that cycle. I also ponder my thoughts on how we are all part of a cycle ourselves. My question for you is what season are you in?

Our recent series of sermons has been dealing with Spiritual growth and the health of your soul. Each one of us is in a cycle of either growth or decline there is no middle ground where we can just stay in one place too long.

We are either growing and producing fruit to help feed others or we are taking from others to feed only ourself.

We should be in a time of growth absorbing all of the Sonshine we can and being feed on the blessings of rain and the soil of God's word to feed us and prepare us to provide for others as their needs are drawn to our attention.

I pray for you and for your growth in your spiritual journey.

2 Thessalonians 1:3

Grow On,

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 September they are due: Sunday, September 8th.** 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, June 4th. Here are September's songs, Scriptures, and sermon titles. **Next Worship Team meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3rd at 1:00 PM.**

September 1st – Here I Am, Lord (593); We Will Glorify the King of Kings (2087); Come, Thou Almighty King (61); Psalm 81:10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8; "Remember"; **Communion**

September 8th – How Great Thou Art (77); We Will Glorify the King of Kings (2087); Wonderful Words of Life (600); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Jeremiah 18:1-11; "*Potter*"

September 15th – Abide with Me (700); We Will Glorify the King of Kings (2087); To God Be the Glory (98); Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; "*Witness*"

September 22nd – This Is My Song (437); We Will Glorify the King of Kings (2087); Let There Be Peace on Earth (431); Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; "*For All*"

September 29th – Are Ye Able (530); We Will Glorify the King of Kings (2087); On Eagle's Wings (143); Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; "*Great Gains*"

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 Registration/Sponsor Forms contact Pastor Bill McNeal at 570-742-9796.

[Will need volunteers at the registration table, at Prayer Tent, and passing out of water.]

(Watch for more information in the bulletins and volunteer sign up sheets & your walk Sponsor Forms.)



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

N.O.W. Meeting on Tuesday, September 3rd 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: Sept 1st / Oct 6th**

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

There will be a Milton Harvest Community Dinner on **Monday, September 9th, 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: Oct 7th, Nov 4th, and Dec 2nd).

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

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

BETH "Washed Clean Kits" (Hygiene Kits) Update:

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"Washed Clean Kits"

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 5th & 12th.**

"Share the Warmth" Coat Giveaway



Our long standing tradition of the "Share the Warmth" Coat Ministry will be on **October 5th & 12th** 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.

(Watch for more information in your bulletins and sign up sheets).

Free Dinner and A Movie Night



Free Dinner and A Movie Night will be held on **September 15, 2019.**

(Breakfast Style) Dinner at 5:00 pm and Movie at 6:00 pm with the showing of "Facing the Giants". **Synopsis:** A Christian high school football coach uses his undying faith to battle the giants of fear and failure. After learning that he and his wife Brooke (Shannen Fields) face infertility, Grant Taylor, (Alex Kendrick) searches for hope and a stronger purpose for his football team.

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



Leadership Team (Ad Board) Report....

The devotions that began the August Leadership Team meeting were based on Psalm 20:7, which talks of trusting in God. That the people of ancient Israel knew God to be their real source of life, and that they knew enough to eschew boasting about material gains and earthly possessions and conquests of the flesh in favor of recognizing and celebrating God as their strength should be a lesson for all people, today as then. *If we don't brag about God, why not?* For He is great, greater than all, and more than worthy of the saying so. We spent some time considering who our heroes were when we were younger - world champions and famous people, sure, we boasted of them. But now we're asked to ponder God as hero. His power does more and means more than anything and everything else in our lives. Each of us can, without much effort at recall, bear witness to what God has done for us. How about boasting in *that*?

Our leadership book study focused on Chapter 7 of "The Necessary Nine" by Kay Kotan. "Lead up, manage down"- a simple phrase involving some complex underlying principles. What do we want to protect and grow, and what do we want to manage and shrink? Church-wise, what is the difference between "urgency" and "importance"? Bringing someone to know Christ – urgency. Leading them in Christian growth – importance. Test your beliefs to develop your faith. What can we, as individuals, do to grow the ministry of God? Toward that, what are our individual gifts and talents, and what have we done to develop them? For every change we desire to foster, there must be a caring. People need to know why we're asking what we are. We are not (and should not be) about religion, but about relating to Christ.

Financially, we find that we need to upgrade the church to a more current version of QuickBooks in order to continue efficacious check-writing and record-keeping. This will be addressed as soon as possible.

To promote transparency, we are about to begin providing financial summary reports to the church congregation that will allow them to see our income / outgo situations on a regular basis.

Rod Moore

Lay Leader's Report

In June I purchased the entire N. T. Wright series of books of commentaries on the New Testament, which will henceforth reside in the Bethany library as a gift to the church. Wright, a former Bishop of the Church of England at Durham, is a world-renowned lecturer on the New Testament, especially on the Pauline letters, so these are quite valuable treatises that promise to add new dimensions to Bethany's Christian edification.

Some in our church body will remember Mark Bani, a budding young organist who practiced and gave recitals on Bethany's beloved Moller instrument some quarter-century ago. In a recent happy circumstance, our great friend Merle Nicholas found Mark playing the world-famous Wanamaker organ in Philadelphia. Mark has made quite a name for himself as an organist, and Merle was thrilled to find him in such a place of honor. I'm reminded of Charles Norfleet, whose 2015 graduation from "organ academy" was capped by a wonderful packed-house final exam recital in our church. "Thus things proceed in their circle, and thus the empire is maintained" (E .Pound, 1919).

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Rod Moore

Events Happening in the Area

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

September 7th – 9:00 am – 50/60's day Yard Sale/Craft Show This event will have a car cruise-in and music along with yard sales from the area and crafts at Central Oak Heights, West Milton PA. If you would like to reserve a spot in the yard sale call 570-220-6116 or 570-220-2839. No cost for spot, but donations accepted.

September 10th & 11th – 8:30 am – 4:00 pm - Evangelical Community Hospital Hospice Volunteer Training at 235 Hospital Drive, Lewisburg. Fee: FREE For more information or to request an application, call the Volunteer Liaison at 570-522-2955.

September 18th (Wednesdays)– Oct. 23, 2019 – 2:00 – 3:30 pm – Hospice of Evangelical "Life After Loss" Fee- \$20.00 (Non-refundable) Registration is required by Sept 13th. Register at Hospice 570-522-2157.

Bethany UMC Current Expense Income July 2019 Reports:

Envelope Income To Date---2019

		Current Expense	Reno	Benev. (Price Fund)	Miscell.	Weekly Total	Year To Date
July	7	\$785.00				\$785.00	\$23,780.00
	14	\$1,167.00		\$115.00		\$1,282.00	\$25,062.00
	21	\$625.00				\$625.00	\$25,687.00
	28	\$802.00		\$20.00		\$822.00	\$26,509.00

Plate Income To Date---2019

		Current Exp.		Weekly Total	Year To Date
July	7	\$239.60		\$239.60	\$1,510.60
	14	\$180.35		\$180.35	\$1,690.35
	21	\$11.00		\$11.00	\$1,701.35
	28	\$18.00		\$18.00	\$1,719.35

Lessons For Life Income To Date---2019

		Weekly Total	Year To Date
July	7	\$15.00	\$373.00
	14	\$12.00	\$385.00
	21	\$11.00	\$396.00
	28	\$11.00	\$407.00

Bethany UMC Miscellaneous Contributions 2019

	YTD
Wedding Rental Deposits	
7/28/19-Craig/Bradley--\$200.00	\$400.00

Finance Report (July's Expenses In & Out).

Total Income Received: \$7,354.01
 Total Expenses Paid Out: \$10,243.61



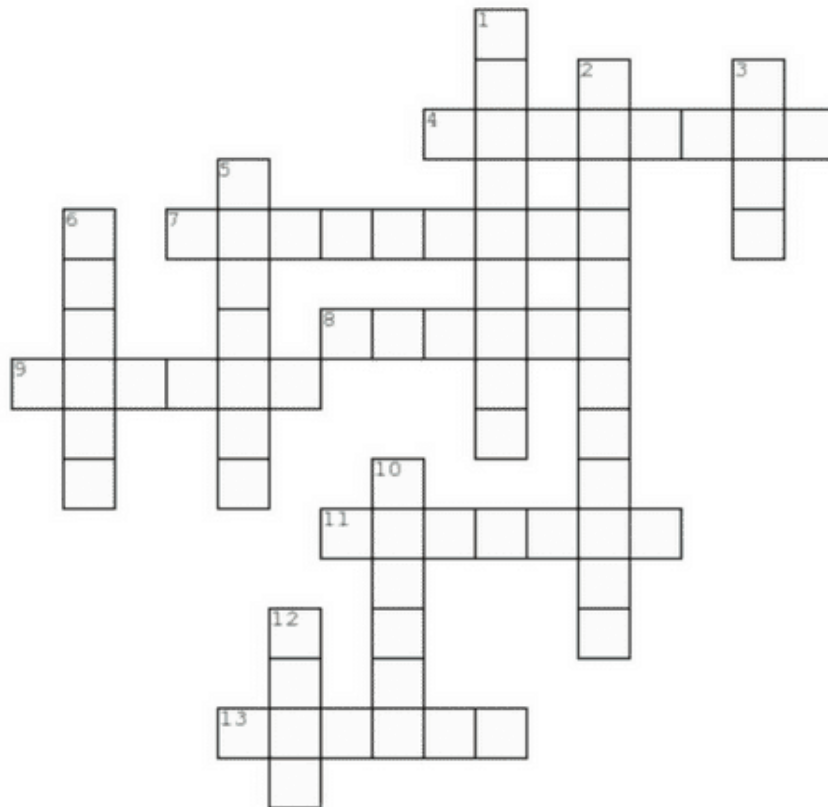
Total Attendance for the month of July:

Total average attendance: 32

Fun Page



Fall Crossword


**Across**

- 4.** Jewish Holiday, Rosh _____
7. Scary Holiday
8. Fall from oak trees
9. Change colors
11. For carving and pie
13. Color

Down

- 1.** Used to frighten birds
2. Feast Holiday
3. Tool to clean the grass of leaves
5. Marks the end of the growing season
6. Squirrel
10. Another name for Fall
12. Grows on stalks

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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

September / October / November

Announcements:**Dates to Remember:**

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

[Cheri, Administrative Assistant will be out of office from Sept 2nd – 6th]

Sept 1st - 10:15 am – Gathering of the Family of God / “Sharing the Table” Communion

Sept 1st – 2:00 pm – Rockwell Communion

Sept 2nd – Labor Day (Office closed)

Sept 3rd – 8:30 am – Milton Ministerium @ 1st Baptist Church

Sept 3rd – 1:00 pm – Worship Team Meeting

Sept 3rd – 7:00 pm – N.O.W. Meeting

Sept 9th – 4:45 pm – (Servers) Milton Harvest Community Dinner @ St Andrew's

Sept 14th – 9 am – 4 pm – Harvest Festival Arts & Crafts

Sept 15th – 5:00 pm – Free Dinner (Breakfast Style)

Sept 15th – 6:00 pm – Free Movie “Facing the Giants”

Sept 17th – 6:30 pm – Leadership Team (Finance & Ad Board)

Sept 18th – 6 pm – 9 pm – Harvest Block Party @ Bound Ave

Sept 19th – 7:00 pm – Harvest Pops Concert @ St Andrew's UMC

Sept 21st – 9 am – 4 pm – Harvest Festival Arts & Crafts

Sept 21st – 1:00 pm – Harvest Parade

Oct 5th & Oct 12th – 9 am – 1 pm - “Share the Warmth” Coat Giveaway

Oct 13th – 1:30 pm – Milton Bridge Walk @ First Presbyterian (Directed by Bethany)

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

Bible Study (Book of Revelation): 10:00 am every Tuesday

Bible Study (Book of Revelation): 7:00 pm every Thursday

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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