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This month’s newsletter is sponsored in loving memory of my husband, Ken, by Peggy Stoltzfus.

May 2019

York County Senior Honors Choir
Sunday, May 12th
7 PM
in the Sanctuary

Under the direction of Randy Yoder and Michal Buchanan, 95 select singers in grades 10, 11, and 12 from 20 York County public and private school districts and homeschools, perform inspirational, patriotic, traditional, and folk music.

Now in its 21st year, York County Senior Honors Choir is an advanced, auditioned community youth choir, comprised of 100

May Meetings
Meetings at 7 PM unless otherwise noted.
Monday, May 6th – Stewardship & Finance Committee, Upper Room
Wednesday, May 8th – God’s People in Mission, 7:45 PM, West Sunday School Room
Thursday, May 9th – Board of Trustees, Upper Room
Monday, May 13th – Administrative Council, DF Worship Area
Wednesday, May 15th – DF Planning Team, 11 AM, DF Coffee Corner
Wednesday, May 22nd – Traditions Worship Team, 7:40 PM, Social Hall

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singers in grades 10 - 12, selected from 20 public and private school districts, homeschoools, churches, or voice studios of York County, PA. Under the direction of Randy Yoder and Michal Buchanan, the choir has received accolades for its fine performances to audiences in a variety of venues each year, including the United Nations, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. Paul’s Chapel, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Carnegie Hall, Canterbury Cathedral and the York Minster in England. The group has participated in choral workshops with such conductors as Dr. Anthony Leach, director of Penn State's "Essence of Joy;" Dr. Christopher Kiver of Penn State Men's Glee Club; Dr. James Jordan of Westminster Choir College; and Broadway workshops in NYC.

Concorde Vocal Ensemble, 25 members, chosen by audition from current members of York County Senior Honors Choir, were selected from a nationwide competition as one of two high school choirs to perform in the National High School Choral Festival at Carnegie Hall in 2011, and one of only twenty choirs chosen from ten Northeastern states to sing for the ACDA Eastern Division Conference in Providence, RI in 2012.

More than just a choir, this unique collaboration with choral directors, private music instructors, and families from all over York County, gives students the opportunity to share their talents with others who have the same love of music, higher level of dedication, and desire for excellence. As the students return to their home schools and neighborhoods, they serve as leaders and positive role models, and develop an appreciation for community involvement that extends beyond their school years.

York County Honors Choir is organized and maintained by a volunteer Board of Directors that is responsible for managing the choirs’ operations. York County businesses, grants, sponsors, and private patrons support the group financially. Please visit our website to make a valuable donation to the future of our choirs. www.theYCHC.org

The 5th Annual Octogenarian Luncheon is planned for Tuesday, May 7th in our Social Hall. Arrive at 11:30 AM for Fellowship and Fun. The meal will be served at noon. Please sign up in the church office or call the office at 717/244-7624 by Friday, May 3rd. You may bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Pastor Ron and Marcell Doverspike will be joining Pastor Charlie and Vicky Salisbury on a ten-day tour of European Capitals plus the Oberammergau Passion Play on June 3 - 12, 2020. In 1633, the residents of Oberammergau, Bavaria, Germany, vowed that if God spared them from the black plague ravaging the region, they would produce a play thereafter for all time every ten years depicting the life and death of Jesus. When the plague subsided that year, they held the play every ten years (except for two times) as promised since 1634. All actors in the play must be born in Oberammergau to participate. It is the most famous passion play in the world. If you are interested in finding out more information, please see the brochures in the church office or call to have one sent to you.
"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."
Mark 10:14

We are looking for help in our infant room and toddler room. 10:30 - 11:45 AM once a month. Please join our team.

Tami 717-244-7624
I can help you get started today!

Matthew 13:23
But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

Matthew 22:37
Jesus replied “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

Proverbs 22:6
Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.
Slime and Game Night

What a fun night for the kids during Slime and Game Night. We shared the message from Mark 1:17 Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people.”

Thank you to all who volunteered to spend the evening with this great group of kids!

Special thanks to Lillian Wotring, who came up with the great idea and her love of slime! We were so blessed!

Let’s ROAR!

Looking for VBS Volunteers!

June 23rd - 27th
6 - 8:15 PM

Registration open at https://vbspro.events/p/events/3e8580
Decisions - Teenagers are constantly advised toward one extreme after another. Their parents and teachers likely push them toward maturity and responsibility. Friends usually suggest conformity to peers and pursuing that which will bring the most immediate pleasure. The image portrayed by many musicians, actors, and athletes glorifies sex and drugs and untamed selfishness. With all of these conflicting views, how does a Christian teenager decide how to live?

Sunday Evenings
6 – 8 PM in Bethany House
(will meet May 5th)

Join us for a time of fellowship, games, worship, lessons, and so much more! This is one of the best nights of the week!

Sunday Morning Bible Study
9:15 – 10:15 AM in the Youth Room

We’ll continue our “Love Letters” study. Love is the common thread that runs through the most popular works of every art form. We, as a culture, are fixated on love (it even has its own holiday!). Everyone wants to love and be loved. It’s almost as if we were created FOR love, which would make sense because, as Scripture tells us, God is love. Join us as we read the greatest Love Letter ever written to each and every one of us!

Sunday, May 19th
5:30 – 8:30 PM in Bethany House

Don’t miss this amazing night as we will cap off another awesome year of Ignite on Sunday nights! We will have an earlier start time at 5:30 PM, and we will end around 8:30 PM. Food, inflatables, outdoor games, and other fun activities. We will end with Worship, Lesson, and highlight all the summer activities! Encourage your students to invite their friends and come out for a FUN NIGHT @ IGNITE!

July 24th – 28th
Camp Green Hills
Alexandria, PA

Cost $140
$40 deposit due by June 3rd

Hire a Youth!

Our Youth would love to help you on a donation basis to help fund their summer trips. Call Nolan to schedule.

Nolan Crooks (717) 244-7624, Ext. 24
https://www.facebook.com/igniteyouthministry121
We here at Bethany know that the death of a loved one is one of the hardest experiences that one goes through in life. The journey of grief is unique for each person, but for all it is a painful process: a process that you do not need to walk alone. We would like to encourage you to come to the special seminar and support group called GriefShare. The materials specifically address topics and issues for those who are grieving the death of a loved one.

GriefShare meets weekly for a thirteen-week cycle. You do not have to commit to all thirteen weeks as each session deals with a new experience of the grief process. Regular attendance is most helpful for each of the participants. The content of the gatherings is Christ-centered and biblical. You will find this to be a place where you can be around people who understand the pain of your loss. You will be prayed for and learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult season of your life.

Our GriefShare gatherings will be on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 8 PM beginning on Tuesday, May 7th. We will meet in the Social Hall Annex. Parking is available at the rear of the church with easy entrance there to the ground level.

Please pass this invitation on to others who can benefit from our gatherings. Walk-ins are welcome, but it is very helpful to know the approximate number of participants, for each one receives a workbook for their use which needs to be ordered in advance. If possible please call Pastor Larry Parlett or contact the church office 717/244-7624 to register or with any questions.
The following groups meet on a regular basis. Please join us!

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**CELEBRATE RECOVERY**

Thursdays. 6:30 PM in the Social Hall
(Food at 6 PM)

**Wednesday Connections**

A Fellowship Meal is offered from 5:30 – 6:25 PM, followed by classes for children, youth, and adults from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. The cost of the meal is $3.50 for adults and $1.50 for children; with a limit of $15 per family. Please be sure to sign up for the Wednesday meal by the Sunday before.

**Men’s Breakfast Fellowship**

1st & 3rd Saturdays
7 AM
Bethany House

Supporting each other as we grow in Christ

**Get CONNECTED**

Breath of Heaven Yoga

Wednesdays
7:30 PM
Bethany House
God can seem distant when dreams fade, people die, or careers fail. It may feel like He slammed the door in your face and walked out for good. No one knows the feeling of abandonment more than Ruth and Naomi. Their story begins with the worst—death, famine, and poverty. And God remains silent.

But the book of Ruth doesn’t end with despair. The story brims with hope because God works on behalf of the two widows in ways they least expect. In this 7-part series, Bianca Juárez Olthoff, speaker and author of *Play with Fire*, teaches through Ruth to show how God moves behind the scenes in our lives. On the surface, this book tells the story of two widows and a kind landowner. Even more, it teaches us about God’s faithfulness, love, and providence.

Walk the journey of Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz and discover the devoted love of God and His transformative power in our lives.

Bethany Church has purchased a subscription for RightNow Media for the purpose of training leadership and volunteers and providing on-going Bible Study materials. What is really exciting is that the whole congregation (members, attendees, and anyone associated with Bethany) will have access to the RightNow Media website. There are literally more than 10,000 videos to choose from. It works much like Netflix, and there is no additional cost to you. Some of what it includes: training videos, children's TV programs, Bible Studies, Christian Conferences, Leadership Material, and so much more. We can use these online Bible Study courses here at the church; and if a person misses a class, they can view it at home any time they want. You can also use the Bible Studies as an individual, couple, family, or Bible Study group in your own home. If you didn’t receive an invitation email (we might not have had your email address😊), please visit https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/BETHANYUMC and complete your profile to sign up. You can also text “RIGHTNOW BETHANYUMC” to 41411 to register. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Ron or Pastor Mark.
On Sunday October 21st, we gathered for our Annual Church Picnic and Baptism Service at the home of Steve and Heather Stauffer. A wonderful crowd gathered for a cookout and games, and then we all gathered around the creek for our baptism service. This year, we had three people come to testify of their faith in Christ. Alex Phiel, Dustin Hykes, and Brittany Kuntz all made a public profession of the personal decision they have made to trust Jesus as their Savior and follow Him all the days of their lives. Many friends and family gathered in support of all three. The entire evening was just more proof that God is mightily at work here at Bethany Church!!!
Bethany printed a Devotional for us to read during Lent. It included different people’s journey with God. We decided to reprint one of those stories in the newsletter each month. If you did not receive a devotional, we hope you enjoy reading them for the first time. For those who have already read them, we hope you enjoy reading them again. Either way, they are all a helpful reminder that we all are on the journey together. Enjoy.

Raised by Christian parents, we started coming to Bethany in 1956. I was active in youth group and scouts. I married at 18 and had my first child at 20. After 14 years of suffering from mental abuse, I got a job and ended my marriage. For five years after that, even though I believed in God and always have, I didn’t always stay on a good path to follow his plan for my life. I made some choices and decisions that weren’t good. In 1987, I got down on my knees and prayed for forgiveness. I promised God I would change my life and asked him to consider answering a specific prayer. Within three months, God answered all that I requested, and I have kept my promise in regards to that specific prayer. As always, we’re all a work in progress. I feel God is working through me and in my compassion for the sick and elderly, and through my church family.

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.” Ephesians 2:8

Prayer – Forgive us for our shortcomings. In Jesus name, Amen.

~ Jane Love

As followers of Jesus Christ, we know we are forgiven by him. And it is in that grace that we are then able to learn how to forgive others. Come and see how you, too, can learn how to forgive others.

Easter has come and gone...now what? How do I process all that I have seen and heard? This new series, “Solving the Faith Puzzle,” will explore the differences between living life out of religious obligation and living life in a relationship with God through His son Jesus Christ. We will discover our true identity in Christ, what it means to be a child of God, why God created us for a purpose, and how we can live out our faith in a complex culture.

MEMORIAL DAY

In memory of those who have served in the Armed Forces and have passed away, Bethany would like to share their pictures during the worship services on Sunday, May 26th. Please provide us with a picture of your loved one and pertinent information (branch of service, time of service, etc.) by Wednesday, May 22nd. Email pictures (jpeg) to Jen in the church office or stop in, and she can scan your picture.
In early December 2018, our own Jim Miller was sitting on the bleachers in the Dallastown High School gym watching older granddaughter, Skyler, playing basketball. During a friendly conversation with a gentleman sitting nearby, the two realized a commonality - Germany! John would be visiting there on business in a few days and Jim’s 2013 stem cell donor was from Germany! The offer was extended for Jim to accompany John, and Jim prayerfully considered this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! John was able to secure all accommodations for Jim, and within 24 hours, the men were on their way! Their friendship blossomed during the travel with endless conversation between the two fast friends!

Once in Germany, the first stop was Dusseldorf, followed by Otterberg, and Dublin. Jim enjoyed the sights and made new friends along the way, but the best friendship was yet to be made! Highlights of the trip thus far included driving on the Audubon (where the average speed is 80 mph), seeing the energy-saving techniques throughout the buildings, and a business day with John in Kleve.

Throughout this journey, Jim was reminded of being diagnosed with cancer in late 2012, followed by numerous chemo treatments and 27 blood transfusions over nine months. For two long years, Jim was confined to his home with no immune system, surrounded by prayers from friends and family. He was being prepared for a life-saving stem cell transplant. And a stem cell match came from 43-year-old Stefan Eichert in Germany!

The risky procedure was done at Hershey Medical Center in September 2013, where Jim, JudyBeth, and their family and friends knew the importance of the power of unceasing prayer.

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Following the transplant, Jim and JudyBeth reached out to Stefan to express appreciation for the generous donation of stem cells numerous times over the next few years, to no avail. At first, Stefan did not want to keep in touch with the Millers, but after three years, they regularly corresponded monthly! Jim even made Stefan an Eagles Fan!

On December 10, 2018, Jim and Stefan met in the hotel parking lot, and hugged amid tears of joy! Stefan, a volunteer EMT and firefighter from Otterberg, Germany, saved many lives over the years. Jim Miller, from Red Lion, PA, USA, was the only one to ever say “thank you!”

Jim and John visited Stefan's family (pictured) the following day and bonded instantly! Jim’s future plans include having the Eichert family visit Pennsylvania! Jim knows that God's hand was on this trip, from a chance encounter at a high school basketball game to an unmatched connection and eternal bond.

Jim shared his story with the Adult Sunday School Classes in the sanctuary on Sunday, January 6, 2019.
Let’s CELEBRATE! Our Bethany Volleyball Team WON the League Volleyball Championship AGAIN this year! Congrats!!!

Thank you to our awesome Wired Word Sunday School Class who lovingly prepared Easter Baskets for our Shut-ins!

Our Traditions April Usher Team included Madison Backel and her dad, Joe! We appreciate all the members who serve on our Usher teams!

Brian & Tammy Harrison hold the Rosebud from the Altar in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Skylin Elizabeth Scott. Proud parents are Gabby Harrison & Dakota Scott.

Our comfortable furniture is always presentable, and we would gladly share it with friends. When we look underneath, we find the “dirt” that no one else sees. This is true for our lives as well! With God we are forgiven. Thank you, Pastor Ron, for your recent message.

Thanks to John, Tina, Kim, Tim, and Gwen for your amazing music, harmonies, and warm friendships! We love TRINITY at Bethany Church!

Thank you to our Children’s Department who is helping out with Acolyting once a month. Alivia Wotring & Sarah Williams (pictured with Karen Miller) were our Acolytes in March.
**Daily Bible Readings**

**May**

1. The Son and the Father are one
   - John 14:8-14
2. My wailing turns to dancing
   - Psalm 30
3. Heaven’s holy, holy, holy
   - Isaiah 6:1–4
4. Abraham and Sarah’s hospitality to the Lord
   - Genesis 18:1–8
5. Jesus appears to the disciples
   - John 21:1–19
6. God will preserve your life
   - Psalm 121
7. Ezekiel’s vision of God’s glory
   - Ezekiel 1:26 – 2:1
8. Simon’s catch of fish
   - Luke 5:1–11
9. God our shepherd
   - Psalm 23
10. The servants of God are sealed
    - Revelation 6:1 – 7:4
11. God gathers the people into safety
    - Ezekiel 28:25–26
12. Jesus promises life to his sheep
    - John 10:22–30
13. We are God’s sheep
    - Psalm 100
14. Jesus calls the Twelve
    - Luke 6:12–16
15. Israel will be fed
    - Jeremiah 50:17–20
16. God’s splendor is over earth and heaven
    - Psalm 148
17. An everlasting dominion is given
    - Daniel 7:13–14
18. God’s reign at the end of time
    - Revelation 11:16–19
19. Love one another
    - John 15:13–15
20. How good it is to live in unity
    - Acts 11:27–30
21. Love embodied in care for others
    - Leviticus 19:19–20
22. Love your neighbor
    - Psalm 67
23. Let the nations be glad
    - Proverbs 2:6–8
24. God gives wisdom
    - Proverbs 2:9–15
25. Wisdom makes a home in your heart
    - John 14:23–29
26. The Father will send the Holy Spirit
    - Psalm 95
27. God reigns above the floods
    - Revelation 21:15–22
28. Vision of the holy city
    - 2 Chronicles 34:20–33
29. Josiah consults the prophet Huldah
    - Acts 1:1–11
30. Jesus sends the apostles

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**Change of Address**

If you are moving, are planning to move, or if the Post Office is changing your address, please notify the church office as soon as possible. The church must pay for all incorrect addresses. We also need the correct mailing addresses of all college students and those attending other schools of higher learning. Thank you!

**Do You Like New Technology?**

We need you! If you like technology and would like a way to give back to your church, call or email Matt Olphin (717/244-7624). An IT crew is being assembled to assist in running Sunday morning media presentations for the Traditions worship services.

**We Want to Pray For You!**

If you are heading to the hospital or if something big is on the horizon for you, please stay after worship and gather in the front of the Sanctuary so that Pastor Ron, Pastor Mark, and Pastor Larry can pray for you. This is our ministry to you!

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**SUNDAY PARKING**

Bethany Church members and friends are allowed to park in the lots at the Burg Funeral Home and Laucks & Laucks law firm on Sundays. Just pick up a dashboard card in the church office to display while parked. The owner of the former Zarfos properties has given permission for us to use the paved area near their building for parking on Sundays. Also, the new Municipal Lot is available to use on Sundays.

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The Gift of Mothers

Read John 2:1-11

Mothers can be persistent sometimes. They make you clean your room, eat your vegetables, do your homework, take a shower, and so much more. They love you more than anyone else in this world, and when they ask for something, it is hard to say no.

Mary, the mother of Jesus was no different. She had raised the Son of God since birth. She rocked Him to sleep as a baby, dried his tears over skinned knees, and watched in awe as He grew into a young man ready to do His Father’s will.

At a wedding for one of His mother’s friends, Jesus was there with a few of His disciples. During the feast, the host family ran out of wine which was very embarrassing for the family.

*When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to Him, “They have no more wine.” “Woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My hour has not yet come. His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever He tells you.” John 2:3-5*

It is funny that Mary didn’t argue with Jesus but just expected Him to help her. Even the Savior of the world couldn’t refuse His own mother.

As we celebrate Mother’s Day this month, let’s thank God for the blessing of our mothers and how God has used our mothers to shape us into the person we are today. If your mother is still living, take the time to let her know how much you love her and appreciate all that she has done for you.

Pastor Mark
Meal Ministry

What is the meal ministry? When a member of our church family is walking through a storm—maybe a surgery, an injury, a sick child, a loved one’s passing, or some other unexpected stressful event, our team is there helping to choreograph a delicious meal. The receiving individual (or family) is so very grateful for a meal as it gives them one less thing to worry about for that day.

If you feel God tapping on your shoulder saying you can do this, we welcome you with open arms to be part of this fabulous team. You don’t need a culinary degree, just a heart that can prepare a simple meal, for someone who will appreciate every bite. To join our team, call Jere at (717) 244-7624.

Thank you to our Meal Ministry team for all you do and the love you share!

My Brother’s Keeper Ministry

Have you ever wondered why some individuals or families have been missing from Sunday Worship? It could be sickness, loss of job, feeling that no one cares about them, or many other reasons. Have you ever wondered what to do to see them back in worship services or the activities of Bethany Church?

In Genesis 4:9, when God asked Cain where his brother was, Cain replied, “Am I my brother’s keeper?” God knew, and Cain knew what had happened; but ever since, individuals have tried to excuse themselves from caring for others, and again for various reasons: they are not like me, I don’t know them, they don’t like me, etc.

Too often, those who are missing feel like David when he prayed in Psalm 142:4, “…no one is concerned for me, …no one cares for my life.”

There have been experiences when those who have been missing from worship never had a phone call, a letter, or a visit from someone from the church, or even family members to tell them that they are missed in worship and ask, “What can we do for you?”

We are asking you to participate in “My Brother’s Keeper Ministry” by caring for others and letting us know who is missing from Worship.

Look around the congregation and think about who you have not seen in worship for a while. The longer a person is absent, the longer it will take to get them back into the family for worship. If a person or family has been missing for two or three weeks, we want to know. That is a critical point for making a contact to let them know that we are concerned about them and we care. A card or phone call is good but personal contact is best.

Will you consider helping us locate missing brothers and sisters by letting Pastor Ron know?
Make Sundays less hectic as you head out of church for the day. If you like to “eat out” after church, then grab a sandwich for supper. The fixings are wrapped separately; no soggy sandwiches! Place your order by the 3rd Sunday of the month (May 19th). Order forms will be located throughout the church or order in the church office. Pick up and pay in the Social Hall as you leave church on the 4th Sunday of the month (May 26th). Be sure to note your time of pick up on the order form (9 – 9:15 AM, 10:15 – 10:30 AM, or 11:30 AM – Noon). Orders may also be placed online at tinyurl.com/bethanymissions. Questions? Contact Cinny Attig (717) 244-7624.

Subs & Sandwiches
Sponsored by the Missions Committee

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Missions Committee News
The Missions Committee continues to sell Giant, Weis Markets, and Jerry’s Great Valu Gift Certificates as a fundraiser for Bethany’s mission obligations. By purchasing the certificates, you are not only doing your grocery shopping but also supporting your church. Everyone has to eat; and if you shop at Giant, Weis, or Jerry’s, this is a win-win! Giant Gift Cards can also be used at the gas pumps. See Jen in the Church Office to purchase. Several denominations are available ($100, $50, $25, $20, $10). You can even have a standing order each week. Just let Jen know what you would like. The Missions Committee thanks you for your support in this fundraiser!

Missions Store
Be sure to check out the Missions Store in the church office. Lots of new items from Sierra Leone (thank you, Kelly Henshaw!) including the statue to the left with original designer clothing by our own Sue Baltozer! Jewelry from Sierra Leone, Uganda, and other countries will also be available. The Missions Store will be open through Mother’s Day. Sales benefit the missions of Bethany Church. Thank you for your support!

Projects Needed!
Volunteers Needed!
Servants’ Faith Beyond the Pews Work Camp
June 9th – 14th
Volunteer applications available in the church office (Deadline May 20th)
Questions? Contact Alisha@servants.org
Bethany’s God’s People in Mission, along with volunteers from St. Paul’s UMC, Zion UMC (Red Lion), Emmanuel UCC, and Zion UMC (Freysville), have continued to offer a community dinner for people in our area who need a hot meal. It is held at St. Paul’s UMC on First Avenue the second Monday of each month. Boy Scout Troop #28 also helps serve and clean up. We are in need of volunteers to be on standby each month or when it is Bethany’s turn to prep and serve the meal, purchase food, bake desserts, and fellowship during the meal. For more information, please see Jared Olsen or Karen Oswald. There will be sign-up sheets throughout the church. Your help, as always, is greatly appreciated!

Bethany Church collects items for the following organizations. Collection containers are located outside the church office and inside the back door. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

- **Cell Phones**
  (for ACCESS–York)
  Contact: Jessica Castle
  (717) 244-7624

- **Inkjet Cartridges**
  (with undamaged printheads)
  for Bethany Youth
  Contact: Jen Daugherty
  (717) 244-7624

- **Aluminum Tabs**
  (for Ronald McDonald House)
  Contact: Jane Wiertel
  (717) 244-7624

- **Aluminum Cans**
  (for Together We Can Make a Difference)
  Contact: Pastor Mark
  (717) 244-7624

Here at Bethany, we have many people who are in need of transportation. Can you help? Some cannot currently drive because of physical limitations, aging, or while recovering from surgery. If you are willing to help them get to church, doctor’s appointments, the grocery store, etc. . . . please contact Pastor Larry Parlett or Jen in the church office (717/244-7624), and we will add your name to a list of volunteer drivers.

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**Sing For Joy**

The Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Wednesdays
6:30 – 7:30 PM and sings for Sunday’s 10:30 AM Traditions Worship Service. All singers 12 to eternity are welcome!
Questions? Contact Joe Reed
(717) 244-7624.

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**Medical Equipment Lending Warehouse**

Are you or a loved one experiencing a short-term illness, injury, or convalescence and are in need of a piece of medical equipment? The Medical Equipment Warehouse continues to be of service to Red Lion and surrounding areas. The Lord has helped us to serve others by lending out Wheelchairs, Scooters, Walkers, Rollators, Canes, Crutches and other items for long or short-term use. Just contact our secretary at (717) 244-7624 for a list of contacts from our group who will try to fill your need.

Would you like to feel the joy of serving both your church family and your community while taking only a small amount of your time? Please consider joining our group. The need for this ministry has grown so rapidly that we are now seeking additional members. To learn more, contact John Cunningham (717) 244-7624

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**Caring Ministries**

Want to be involved?
Contact Pastor Larry Parlett (717) 244-7624

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**Transportation Ministry**
M&M Quarter Fundraiser Still Going Strong! Are your M&M tubes quickly filling up to the top with your quarter donations, which will be used for our OCC Mission and Ministry outreach from Bethany Church? Your filled tubes may be brought to the church at any time. Don and Debbie Jones will wrap the donations for us. Your spare change will certainly help fund this mission program! Thank you very much!

Work Day! – Tuesday, May 14th, 9 – 11 AM in the Social Hall. Come if you can!

If you have any “old” CDs or DVDs you no longer need, we can use them for the OCC Shoebox Ministry and make spinning tops with them for the kids.

Coming Soon! New this spring will be our own Bethany T-shirt for OCC. It is presently in the design stage and will be made available to all very shortly. Please plan to purchase one and show your continued support for this heartfelt ministry here at Bethany.

AFTER EASTER CLEARANCES/SALES: Please consider simple sale items after Easter such as play necklaces, little stuffed bunnies, fun items, & more that can go in our shoeboxes.

Why $9? A donation of $9 per shoebox gift is critical for Operation Christmas Child. It provides for:

- **Collection:** After shoebox gifts are dropped off at nearly 5,000 locations around the United States each year in November, trucks transport the precious cargo to eight different processing centers.
- **Processing:** Eight processing center warehouses around the country are secured so that thousands of volunteers can inspect the shoebox gifts and prepare them for international shipment.
- **Shipping to Over 100 Countries:** Ships, trucks, and airplanes transport millions of shoeboxes to the countries where they will be distributed. Once there, local churches use many modes of transportation to get them to children in need as a tangible expression of God’s love.
- **Gospel Materials:** Your $9 donation to Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, helps us train and equip local churches to use our Ministry Partner Guide. This resource shows churches how to share the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ in a child-friendly way.

Your donation also provides The Greatest Gift Gospel Booklets, which are written in the children’s language and distributed along with shoebox gifts.

On March 31, 2019, Shoebox Shipping Rates for one shoebox from the Lynchburg, VA US Post Office to: Boone, NC – $8.30; San Jose, CA – $16.17; Nepal – $38.75; Columbia – $38.50; Cameroon – $37; Togo – $37.00; and Ukraine – $36.65.
Coming soon to a location near you, a great volunteer opportunity!

Bethany United Methodist Church will be partnering with Community Reach, Inc. to provide a high school equivalency test preparation program (HiSET) in the spring of 2019. Passing the HiSET® exam demonstrates an individual has the same academic knowledge and proficiency as a high school graduate. Once a person passes the exam, the state will issue them a high school equivalency credential. The credential helps people to move forward in their life in many new directions whether employment, education, or just for personal satisfaction!! If you might like to volunteer as an instructor (or take this exam program), stay tuned for more information.

Since moving to my new home, Visits from my church family have made the days brighter! Thank you to Pastor Pat, Pastor Larry, and the numerous members from the congregation who share their time with me. I also enjoyed reading the Lenten Devotional put together by Bethany members. Thank you also to the Wired Word Sunday School class for the most wonderful Easter basket! I just loved it. ~Norma Wise

Thanks to Julie Yahnke for sharing her keyboard talents with the Choir at the Traditions services during my absences this spring and for playing a duet with me on Easter Sunday! On behalf of the congregation, I hope we hear from her again soon! ~Julie Beard

Dear Bethany UMC, Our sincerest thanks for your on-going support. We couldn’t reach our clients and serve their daily needs without your loving support. Sincerely, Angela Brockway, on behalf of the Board of Directors, Staff, & Volunteers of Community Reach

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Visitation Program:

Bethany Church’s Visitation Program is just one way of staying connected to members who have difficulty getting to services but still want to be a part of the Bethany family. By visiting them, we let them know they are not forgotten and that as God cares, we care. To do this, though, we need faithful visitors who are willing to commit to one visit or contact a month. If this is something you feel called to do, please contact Joyce Seabolt or Carol Urey 717/244-7624. It is with grateful hearts that we thank both visitors and those being visited for this on-going ministry.
You may sponsor the weekly bulletin or the monthly newsletter in memory of or in honor of someone. Your tribute will be included at or near the front of the document you sponsor. The cost is: Weekly Bulletin $15.00 and Monthly Newsletter $15.00 for a partial sponsorship or $100 for a full sponsorship. Several partial sponsorships are needed for the monthly newsletter to cover postage which runs approximately $100. You may arrange for your sponsorship by calling the church office.

The Newsletter Team could use a little help preparing the newsletter for the Post Office. We meet the last Wednesday of the month in the kitchen at 8 AM (for approximately 1 - 1½ hours). See Jen in the church office if interested.
Online giving is so much more than just online! Our giving tools provide the ability to donate on our website ([www.bethanyredlion.com](http://www.bethanyredlion.com)) or The Blast, through a mobile app (search for Easy Tithe in your App Store), from our Giving Kiosk (located outside the church office), and Text Giving.

After creating an account, you're able to give a donation or schedule a series of donations (scheduling not available for text giving) directed from your checking account or debit/credit card.

How to Contribute by Text:

- Please send a text message with the dollar amount in the text (example: $20) to Bethany’s text giving phone number ~ 717/801-1430.
- If this is your first time using Text Giving, after texting the dollar amount, you will receive a message saying “please complete this one-time registration to submit your gift.” You will need to complete this one-time registration even if you have already set up online or mobile giving.
- A secure short form will either be presented or you will need to tap to open the form and fill in your billing information.
- Tap the “GIVE” button to submit.
- After this one-time billing setup is completed, giving is as easy as sending a text message.

Please try it out! We hope you will find this a convenient and easy way to give!

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**Are You Interested in Cash Back? Free Airline Miles? Cents off at the Gas Pump?**

Many of you get this and more just by using your credit card. Along with our current weekly envelope system and Giving Kiosk options, we are also able to take credit cards in our office – and you can even authorize weekly or monthly charges (you just need to fill out a short form for us [found below]). You can even use your bank check card. You can also set up automated withdrawals from your checking account through your bank’s Bill Pay.

Bethany Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team

**CREDIT CARD/ACH AUTHORIZATION**

**NAME:** (please print)

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**ADDRESS:** ______________________________________

**CITY, STATE, ZIP:** ______________________________________

**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** ________________________________

**SIGNATURE:** ________________________________

Please charge my credit card/checking account for $________________________

for the following service/donation (please check the proper box):

- [ ] one-time purchase
- [ ] one-time donation
- [ ] regular deduction of $________________________ on a:
  - [ ] weekly basis
  - [ ] bi-weekly basis
  - [ ] monthly basis
  - [ ] quarterly basis

This donation will continue until I notify the church (in writing or in person) to discontinue, which I may do at any time without further notice.

**CREDIT CARD INFORMATION**

- [ ] VISA
- [ ] MASTERCARD
- [ ] DISCOVER
- [ ] AMERICAN EXPRESS

**NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD:** ________________________________

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**EXPIRATION DATE:** _____/______

**VALIDATION CODE ON REVERSE OF CARD:** ________

**ACH TRANSACTION**

Routing Number________________ Checking Account #________________