

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2014

JUNE WORSHIP

Sunday June 1 has Pastor John preaching about “The Main Thing” from Luke 10:25-28.

Sunday June 8 is Pentecost Sunday. Kaylee Bloch will receive holy baptism, and items may be brought in for the Caring Cupboard. Pastor John will speak on “Our Invisible Helper” from John 16:5-15.

Sunday June 15 is Father’s Day. Our youth will serve as ushers and the message will be “Thanks, Dad.” from Ephesians 6:1-5. Special instrumental music will be provided by Pastor John’s sister Tricia and Roger Maurer. Fathers will be gifted!

Sunday June 22 and June 29 will see Rev. Cliff Flick returning to Bethany, along with his wife Wendy. You may recall the John Wesley presentation they shared last September. Rev Flick will preach on “Jesus Christ, POW” based on I Peter 2:19-25 on the 22nd, and he will speak on “2014, the Year of the Ark” on the 29th. Pastor Lynch returns to the pulpit on July 6 following vacation. Pastor Founds of the Campbelltown United Methodist Church will be on call when Rev. Lynch is away.

CHANGE IN SUNDAY MORNING TIME

Bishop Johnson has appointed Pastor Lynch to serve the Mountville United Methodist Church in addition to Bethany. Mountville is located a couple miles north of Heisey’s Diner off of route 72. Their worship service runs 9:00 - 10:00. Our Administrative Council has chosen to move the start of Bethany’s worship service to 10:30 starting Sunday July 13. Our new morning schedule will be Sunday School from 9:15 - 10:15, and worship at 10:30.

BETHANY PICNIC AND WORSHIP

Please mark your calendar for our annual picnic and outdoor worship on Sunday July 20 at the Annville Church of the Brethren South Annville Pavilion. There will be no Sunday School or worship at Bethany on July 20. We will gather at the pavilion at 10:15. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Hot dogs and barbeque ,drinks and place settings will be cared for by Vicki Smith. For your comfort bring along lawn chairs. At 10:30 we will enjoy devotions with Pastor Lynch and special music with Carrie Callahan. At 11:00 children’s games will be led by Kristen Scipioni and Kirstin Chapin. We will picnic at 11:45. Anyone needing a ride please contact Dick Lasher.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 1	Start of Bible School
June 7	Church Cleaning Day (8:00 A.M.)
July 20	Bethany outdoor worship/picnic
August 3	Rachel Nicholson tells of her missionary work in Germany
September 27	Apple Fest
November 15	Holiday Bazaar
December 14	Christmas Party and Talent Show

REDNERS SALES RECEIPTS

Do you shop at Redners Market? If you do, please save your receipts and drop them off at the church office or in the designated mail drawer at the Railroad Street entrance to Bethany. Our church receives 1% of what you spent. What an easy and great way to undergird the ministries of our Bethany church family. Last month we received back from Redners \$128.28.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School begins on Sunday June 1 at 9:00 A.M. The theme of our Bible School is "Workshop of Wonders: Imagine and Build with God." Children in Kid Zone (birth - five years) and the Primary Department (grade on - five) will participate. We will meet each Sunday morning from 9- 11. Hope to see you there!

~ Selma Patrick

PASTOR'S PUN

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went.
Then it dawned on me.

A JOB OR A MINISTRY

Some people have a JOB in the church; others involve themselves in a MINISTRY. What is the difference? If you are doing it just because no one else will, it's a JOB. If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a MINISTRY. If you quit because someone criticized you, it was a JOB. If you stay with it even though no one recognized your efforts, it's a MINISTRY. It's hard to get excited about a JOB. It's almost impossible not to get excited about a MINISTRY. If your concern is success it's JOB. If your concern in faithfulness, it's a MINISTRY. An average church is filled with people doing JOBS. A great and growing church is filled with people involved in MINISTRY. Where do you fit in? How about your church?

If God calls you to a MINISTRY, don't treat it like a JOB. If you have a JOB in the church, give it up and find a MINISTRY. God doesn't want us feeling stuck with a JOB, but excited and faithful to Him in a MINISTRY.

~ Submitted by Cindy Anspach

JUNE WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Acolyte: Michelle Patrick	Greeters/Ushers: Barry Smith, Tom Gussler, David Finney, Dick Lasher
Scripture Readers;	Sound System Operators:
June 1: Miranda Schell	June 1: Barry Smith
June 8: Mary Carl	June 8: Don Brubaker
June 15: Ed Kaylor	June 15: Dick Lasher
June 22: Rev. Flick	June 22: Barry Smith
June 29: Rev. Flick	June 29: Don Brubaker

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 - Barbara Brubaker	13 - Durwin Dove	20 - Denise Berkheiser
3 - Sandy Pillsbury	16 - Jan Gheen	20 - Beth Sell
5 - Beverly Dunkle	16 - Adam Wimmer	21 - Eli Wisor
9 - Freida Schaeffer	18 - Joan Strait	27 - Lisa Mayer
11 - Eric Miller	19 - Barbara Minnich	30 - Karen Leicht



PASTOR'S NEWS

On Monday May 12, Rev. Gary Nicholson met with our Staff, Parish Relations Committee. He told us that Pastor Lynch has agreed to take on the additional duty of quarter time Pastor for Mountville United Methodist Church. Rev. Lynch will also remain at Bethany in his same capacity. We will continue to benefit from his inspiring sermons and those in need will still receive his comforting visits.

There will be some adjustments for Bethany to make. Mountville holds their services at 9:00 A.M. on Sundays but they are located a good 20 minutes away. To show our support the Administrative Council has voted to adjust the start of Bethany's service to 10:30. This will begin on Sunday, July 13th. Our Sunday School will run from 9:15 to 10:15.

One representative from Bethany and one from Mountville will be asked to help keep the lines of communication open between the two churches. These individuals will assist us in avoiding conflicts when special events are scheduled.

Mountville UM Church has a smaller congregation than Bethany. Because Rev. Lynch has graciously agreed to become their quarter time pastor they will be able to continue to worship together on Sundays. It is truly a blessing to know that our brother and sisters in Christ will have the opportunity to learn and grow together.

~ Respectfully, Barb Laraia, SPRC Chairperson

PASTOR JOHN'S STORY CORNER

There was once a dad who had a three-year-old son named Brandon.

One day, Brandon sees his dad eating chocolate chip cookies in the living room and says to himself, *Daddy loves chocolate chip cookies with milk. So I'm going to give Daddy a glass of milk.* With that thought Brandon goes into the dining room and drags a chair from the dining room into the kitchen, leaving a trail of scratch marks on the floor.

Brandon climbs up on the chair and hitches himself onto the counter to pull at the cabinet door. Wham! It smashes against the adjacent cabinet door, leaving a gash where the handle hit it. Brandon reaches for a glass, accidentally knocking two others off the shelf. Crash! Tinkle, tinkle! But Brandon doesn't care. He's thinking, *I'm going to get Daddy some milk!*

Meanwhile, Brandon's dad is watching all this, wondering if he should step in and save the rest of his kitchen. He decides, for the moment, to watch a little more as Brandon scrambles off the chair, dodging the pieces of broken glass, and heads for the refrigerator.

Pulling violently on the refrigerator door, Brandon flings it wide open-and it stays open, of course. Brandon puts the glass on the floor-out of harm's way, supposedly-and grabs, not the little half gallon of milk, but the big gallon container that is full of milk. He rips open the top, pours it in the vicinity of the glass, and even manages to get some milk in the glass. The rest goes all over the floor.

Finally done, Brandon puts the milk carton on the floor and picks up the glass yelling, "Daddy, I got something for you!" He runs into the living room, trips, and spills milk all over the place-the floor, the sofa, his dad.

Brandon stands up and looks around. He sees broken glass, milk everywhere, cabinets open, his dad with milk from his eyebrows to his toes, and starts to cry. Through his tears, he looks up at his dad with that pained expression that says, "What are you going to do to me?"

His dad only smiles. He doesn't see a kid that just destroyed his house. Instead he sees a beautiful little boy whom he loves very much. It doesn't matter what he's done. Brandon's dad stretches his arms out to hold his little boy tight and says, "This is my son!"

When we talk about God as our Father, the kind of father we're talking about is Brandon's father. God is a father who loves us unconditionally, even though we make a real mess of things. Jesus told a similar story about another son who messed up. We call the story "The Prodigal Son." It also could be called "The Parable of the Loving Father" because, just like Brandon's dad, the father in the story threw his arms around his son and said, "This is my son!" (See Luke 15:11-32.) Happy Father's Day! ~ Pastor John

FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Menders of toys,
Leaders of boys,
Changers of fuses,
Kissers of bruises.
Bless Them, O Lord, Bless Them.
Movers of couches,
Soothers of ouches,
Pounders of nails,
Tellers of tales.
Bless Them, O Lord, Bless Them.
Hangers of screens,
Counselors of teens,
Fixers of bikes,
Friends of tykes.
Bless Them, O Lord, Bless Them.
Rakers of leaves,
Cleaners of eaves,
Dryer of tears,
Comforters of fears.
Bless Our Fathers, O Lord, Bless Them.

BETHANY PRAYER CHAIN

Our Prayer Chain has been updated and is available to bless you, your family and friends. Please contact coordinator Vicki Smith at 838-5665 for starting the prayer chain.

“Are any of you in need? Call for the elders of the church to pray.” ~ James 5:14

FINANCES

Thank you to our Bethany Church family for supporting our church with your tithes and offerings. Expense were budgeted for the year of 2014 at \$90,583 and Income of \$95,790. To cover the expenses, we need to bring in \$1,741.98 each Sunday. Income is over budget for the first four months by \$3,512.08, which includes \$1,000.00 donation for snow removal. Expenses are over budget for the first four months by \$15,443.21, which includes \$7,086.81 of Loyal Workers. The remaining \$8,356.40 is current years expenses being over budget as follows:

- \$ 103.24 program expense
- \$ 539.21 general fund
- \$ 172.57 office supplies
- \$3,850.80 utilities
- \$1,075.00 snow removal
- \$1,921.00 parsonage expense

During ad council meetings, we have talked about controlling the spending, but we have several big dollar items that need repaired this year. One of which is to repair the sidewalk on the Cherry Street side. Safety is very important for our members and community that use our sidewalk. Due to the hold on spending, you will notice cut backs.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Anspach, Administrative Council Prayer Meeting Chairperson and Diane Miller, Treasurer

BETHANY PEOPLE

Congratulations to Vicki and Barry Smith upon the birth of grandson Asher William, son of Brian and Laurel Smith. And congratulations to Branden Dibeler who achieved perfect attendance in Sunday School this year!

We lift up the family of Dorothy Starner in our prayers. Dorothy was laid to rest following a service at Bethany on May 19. Melissa Zern's membership has been transferred to First United Methodist, Palmyra.

Many thanks to Sandy Pillsbury, President of the Loyal Workers, for coordinating the Mother - Child Banquet and the Spring Celebration. We also appreciate Cindy Anspach putting together the educational workshops dealing with elder care, financial and funeral planning.

Sharon and Pastor John's daughter Mandie has recently become engaged! Congratulations. We thank the Sunbeam Choir, and Director Bethany Oleyniczak, for their ministries of music through the school year. Choir members: Brooke, Kyle and Drew Chapin, Michelle and Samantha Patrick, Casey and Shay Funck, Allison Deimler, Jacob and Brandon Dibeler.

All the best to our 2014 graduates: Megan Frazier from Bloomsburg University, Dylan Schell from Hershey High School and Zachary Hollenbach from Palmyra High School. Quinne Walborn graduated on April 2nd from Lebanon Vo-tech and is working for Fry Village Lutheran Social Services.

We pray for Susan Lasher as she recuperates at home following two hospitalizations.

SPECIAL SUMMER EVENTS

Many opportunities for worship and praise will be held over the Summer months, including at the Mt. Gretna Tabernacle and the Mt. Lebanon Campmeeting. Brochures outlining these events and ministries are available on the information table in the Gather Room.

LOYAL WORKERS THANK YOU

Thank you to Dale Patrick and Rick Miller for a delicious meal at the Mother's - Child Banquet. A thank you also to Terry Patrick for serving. There were 34 in attendance.

Thank you to Rev. Jeannine Brenner for the message on Mother's Day. Thank you to Cindy Anspach, Mary Carl, Karen, Allison, Danielle White and Helen Lutz for their contribution.

~ Sandy Pillsbury

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are dates available to have flowers on the altar for Sunday church service. If you would like to sign up, the flower chart is on the bulletin board in the Railroad Street entrance. There are several options available; bring flowers from your garden before the Sunday church service begins for 1 vase or 2 vases, order 1 vase or 2 vases. The last option would be to use the artificial altar flowers at the church and donate the money to the church with your message in the bulletin. ~ Cindy Anspach

UPPER ROOM & CD'S

To help cover the cost of the Upper Room devotional booklets, on the Gathering Room table, the container for your donation is back on the gathering table. Please feel free to take one for yourself and one for a friend or family member.

The CD's are available from Sunday services to anyone who would like a copy for a \$2.00 charge. Our Administrative Council Prayer Meeting has decided to put this minimal fee in place, to help offset the cost of the cd's. ~ Cindy Anspach

