

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2014

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

September 7 has us looking at Mark 8:27-33, "The Problem with Prejudice."

September 14 is Caring Cupboard Sunday. Please bring food and personal care items to worship. Pastor Lynch will speak on "The Stress of Roadblocks" from Exodus 14:1-4. Casey Funck will bless us with special music.

September 21 sees our Sunbeam Choir, directed by Bethany Oleyniczak, return from their summer recess to sing "Rise up and Praise Him." Our youth will usher and Pastor Lynch will preach on "The Generous Father" from Luke 11:5-13.

September 28 is Laity Sunday and our Lay Leader, Steve Scipioni, is designing and speaking at our worship. Allison Deimler will lift our spirits as she sings "Kum Ba Yah."

Pastor John and Sharon will be on a weekend get away September 26-28. In case of pastoral need please contact Rev. Denise Founds, Campbelltown United Methodist Church, 838-4971.

LOYAL WORKERS

The Loyal Workers are planning their Apple Fest, which will be held September 27. A bake sale is planned and any items would be appreciated. We are also looking for crafters. For information contact Sandy Pillsbury at telephone number 838-6661, Everyone us welcome.

SUNBEAM CHOIR

Attention school-age students! Do you like to sing upbeat songs and spend time with friends? Sunbeam Choir is the place for you! We will be practicing on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:00 pm, starting on Wednesday, September 10th! Are you involved in sports or another activity that prevents you from coming to practice? No problem! Please see Bethany to get a practice CD so you can practice at home! Hope to see you there!



THANK YOU

Bethany Church,

From the bottom of my tank to the red line at the top of the gauge, I thank you for the oil. God is good and Bethany has been good to me. Your aging organist, Helen Lutz

Dear Bethany UMC,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to share with you in worship on Sunday. I was so encouraged by your prayers, kind words, and support. You are certainly making a difference in God's Kingdom work around the world. God is working in amazing ways. Thank you for being a part of it. Blessings, Rachel Nicholson (PS: Our Administrative Council decided to be a sponsor of Rachel's teaching ministry in Germany. We will contribute \$50.00 a month toward her missionary work.)

Many thanks to Barb Brubaker and Dick Lasher for their gifts of landscaping and lawn care. They keep our church grounds so lovely. And thank you to Dale Patrick for leading Bethany's prayer walk around the Palmyra Middle School.

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

PASTOR'S PUN

What does a clock do when it's hungry?
It goes back four seconds.

OUR CARPET DEBT IS PAID IN FULL

Praise the Lord that the loan we secured for new carpeting is no more! Thank you to all who contributed, worked to raise funds, bought subs and prayed. There will be other needed projects that will require our attention, but thank God this one is accomplished!



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Sound System Operators:

September 7: Dick Lasher
September 14: Barry Smith
September 21: Don Brubaker
September 28: Dick Lasher

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Betty Gussler	9 - Karen White	24 - Braden Diebler
1 - Elsa Patrick	14 - Thomas Gussler	26 - Barry Smith
2- Lucille Peiffer	15 - Daniel Gilb	27 - James Bean
2 - Brenda Pera	18 - Robin Becker	27 - Dylan Schell
5 - Wanda Watts	22 - Jane Kline	28 - Andrew Reigle
7 - Allison Deimler	23 - Janet Lilly	



THANKYOU

We want to “Thank” all of you, who prayed for the Vision meeting and ask that you continue to pray that we will continue to do God’s work. Thank you to all who came out to Ad Council and Vision meeting. We had fabulous suggestion that we would like to start to put in place. As you can see, we had a large range of ideas that are listed below. If after reading over the list something speaks to your heart that you would like to add or be involved, please contact Cindy Anspach. We will begin to form committees to implement our ideas

Suggestions for the Vision of Bethany United Methodist Church

Greeting Guests

Parking space for Handicap

Attendance

Youth meet with other churches for activities: Networking, Scavenger hunt

Service / Meeting on alternative night than Sunday

Revitalize our members - Letters for congregation – Questionnaire & commitment

Trick or Treat Night

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Unite Quartet Concert – Series of Concert

Christmas Tea

Still Simple Gifts

Movie night Kids night and Billy Graham movies

Advertising Comcast and others

Substance Abuse in the community

Home Bible Study – Small group study

Youth and others help with delivery of CD’s

Breakfast/snack for school age children

Summer lunch program for children

Family Night

Members/Youth to do community work or help our seniors

FINANCES

Financial Outlook at the End of July 2014

Income:	\$ 5,457.47 over budget
Expenses:	\$18,304.82 over budget
Loyal Workers:	\$7,086.81
Furnace to Gas:	\$5,728.45
Utilities:	\$1,305.36
General Fund:	\$ 990.11
Parking Lot:	\$1,024.35
Parsonage Exp:	\$2,804.52

Notes: Carpet was paid off in August 2014

 One time pay out for Loyal Workers

 Payment for Furnace change over to gas was received in 2013

 Items that need repair: Water leaking in Sunday School Rooms

 Sidewalks & Curbs, Parsonage Roof to name a few

 Started 2014 with \$48,116.20 in the bank, as of end of July \$42,209.75.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Anspach, Ad Council Chair and Diane Miller, Treasurer.

PROMOTION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Braden Deibler will be promoted for the Primary Department to the Tweens Department.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Our love, prayers and sympathies are extended to Marilyn Betz and daughters Wendy King and Jeanne Smoot in the death of their husband and father, Jacob Betz. May God comfort them with his love.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

9/14/14	Caring Cupboard Sunday
9/27/14	Apple Fest
10/15/14	World Communion Sunday
11/15/14	Holiday Bazaar
11/18/14	Charge Conference with District Superintendent Gary Nicholson
12/14/14	Christmas Party and Talent Show