

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2014

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

All Saints Day is November 2. We will remember those of our Bethany family who have passed on to God's eternity this past year. The choir of Zion United Methodist Church in Myerstown will join us in 10:30 worship and present a medley of the songs composed by Fanny Crosby, including favorites "To God be the Glory," "Blessed Assurance," "Jesus, Keep me Near the Cross," and "Praise Him, Praise Him."

Veterans Day Sunday is November 9. Our veteran of military service will be recognized and gifted. Trumpeter Bob Lemon will be present and Pastor Lynch will preach and lead our worship. Please bring your donations for Caring Cupboard.

Our Sunbeam Choir blesses us on Sunday November 16. Bethany youth will serve as greeters/ushers. Pastor Lynch will preach on Psalm 119:105, "The B-I-B-L-E."

Thanksgiving Sunday is November 23. Our former assistant pastor, Rev. Tom Yackley will be our preacher. Once again, anyone who would like to sing with our chancel choir are invited to meet at 10:10 downstairs in the choir room for a brief practice prior to worship.

November 30 is the first Sunday in Advent. Michelle Patrick will offer special music. We will light the first candle on our advent wreath, and we will begin singing the carols we love. Pastor Lynch will preach and lead our worship.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 15, our Holiday Bazaar. We will be having crafts, soup sale, bake sale and cookies. We could not have our cookie sale without your help. A sign up sheet will be on the table in the over-flow. Please help us make this cookie sale the best ever.

~ Sandy Pillsbury

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Our annual meeting with former pastor and current District Superintendent Gary Nicholson will be held on Saturday November 8 at 1:00 in the social hall. The Staff-Parrish Committee will meet upstairs with Gary at 12:40. We pray for the Lord to bless these meetings as we review our ministry and look to the future.

RACHEL NICHOLSON BLOG

Take a look at RachelteachinginGermany.blogspot.com and see stories and photos of Rachel's ministry. Continue to pray for Rachel, and her students, and her witness for Christ. Bethany Church is glad to support Rachel with a commitment of \$1,000 a year.

A THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

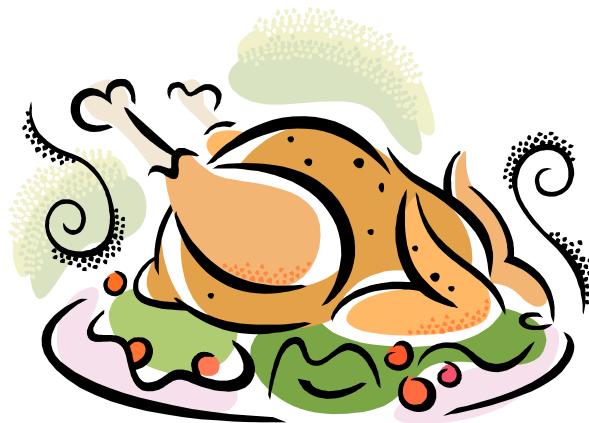
Dear Lord, so often times, as any other day
When we sit down to our meal and pray,
We hurry along and make fast the blessing
Thanks, amen. Now please pass the dressing.

We've slaves to the olfactory overload,
We must rush our prayer before the food gets cold,
But Lord, I'd like to take a few minutes more
To really give thanks for what I'm grateful for.

For my family, my health, a nice soft bed
My friends, my freedom, a roof over my head.
I'm thankful right now to be surrounded by those
Whose lives touch me more than they'll ever know.

Great God, You have blessed me beyond measure
How in my heart lives life's greatest treasure
That you, dear Jesus, reside in that place
I am ever so grateful for your unending grace.

So please, heavenly Father, bless this food you've provided
And bless each and every person invited. Amen.



NOVEMBER WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Acolyte: Casey Funck

Scripture Readers;

November 2: Pastor Lynch

November 9: Larry Strait

November 16: Pastor Lynch

November 23: Ed Kaylor

November 30: Pastor Lynch

Greeters/Ushers:

Roberta and Lewis Brough, Paul and Karen Leicht

Sound System Operators: h

November 2: Don Brubaker

November 9: Dick Lasher

November 16: Barry Smith

November 23: Don Brubaker

November 30: Dick Lasher

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 - Ed Kortright

9 - Robin Strupp

22 - Heidi Reigle

4 - Lisa Dowhower

10 - Lois Grumbein

23 - Kyle Chapin

5 - Lloyd Grumbein

12 - Nicole Reichard

24 - James Floyd

5 - Shirley Speraw

13 - Julie Keefer

6 - Jeffrey Patrick

17 - Betty Clark

7 - Evelyn Powell

19 - Diane Miller

7 - Paul Leicht

20 - Angela Bloch

THANK YOU

Thank You to all who helped clean the church. We greatly appreciate your giving of your time and elbow grease.

Thank You to all who bring their Redner's tapes to the church. We have received \$351.99 in 2014, another batch that was sent in.

Thank You to the children for giving their Bible School money (\$417.00) to help offset the repair of the Nursery ceiling.



LOYAL WORKERS THANK YOU

Loyal Workers want to thank everyone for their help and support at the Apple Fest. It was a success for us and the crafters.

We also want to thank everyone for their contribution of candy for Halloween. We filled over 300 bags.

Please mark your calendar for November 15 for our Holiday Bazaar. A sign up sheet will be on the table in the overflow for the cookie sale.

We will have vegetable and ham/bean soup sold by the quart, cookies by the pound and crafters. Lunch will be served, come join us.

CHANCEL CHOIR MEMBERS AND THOSE WHO LOVE TO SING

Would you like to sing on Sunday November 23? All are welcome to meet downstairs in the choir room at 10:10 for a very brief rehearsal. We will not be using folders or wearing robes. Hope to see you there. ~ Helen Lutz

UPPER ROOMS AVAILABLE

November/December Upper Room devotional booklets are available. Please take one for yourself and one for a friend or family member.

OUR CHURCH SECRETARY IS CRUSIN!

All the best to Karen Neidigh as she enjoys a Caribbean cruise November 1-15. Bethany office will remain open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8-11 while Karen is away.

TALKING TURKEY

What does a turkey in the shoe repair shop say?

“Cobble, cobble, cobble.”

What does a turkey with a sore leg say?

“Hobble, hobble, hobble.”

And then there was the dizzy turkey who just went:

“Wobble, wobble, wobble.”

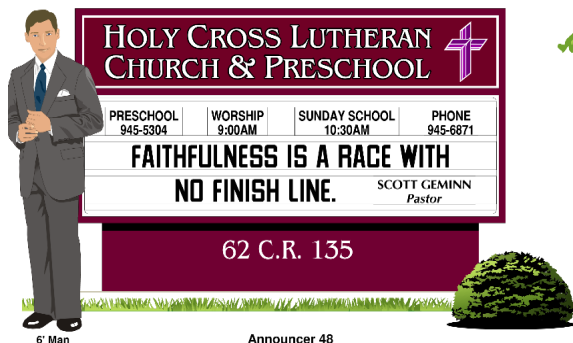
BETHANY CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 14 please mark this date on your calendar. Please bring a gift (something for the Caring Cupboard) and place it at the manger for the Christ Child. This is a night of fun and fellowship. If your family or a member of your family sings, plays an instrument, enjoys doing a skit that they would like to share that night there will be a sign up sheet on the Information Table in the Gathering Room. It may be serious or funny. Refreshments will be served. ~ Selma Patrick

NEW CHURCH SIGN

We are looking into replacing the church outdoor sign. Please join us and share your thoughts during the November 10 Ad Council meeting. There are two proposals available for review, on the table in the gathering room. We value everyone's opinion and want to make sure our decision is the best for the future of our church. The council members are the only ones who can vote.

REPLACABLE LETTERS



ELECTRONIC



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YEAR TO DATE 2014 FINANCES

Income	\$ 79,883.78
Expense	<u>\$ 86,450.81</u>
Dollar amount in the red (in the hole)	(\$ 6,567.03)

We are at the beginning of our heating and snow removal season, so we need to continue to be frugal with the spending. Our Trustees have done a wonderful job by fixing most emergencies by their own hard labor. The repair of the sidewalks (\$2,275.00) should be completed before the winter starts. The Children donated (\$417.00) from their Bible School money to help offset the repair of the Nursery ceiling. The income does not include Dorothy Starner's donation. ~ Cindy Anspach

FOOD TABLE FOR THE HOLIDAY PARADE ON NOVEMBER 22, 2014

We are looking to have the food table again this year. Proceeds will go to the Summer Children's Lunch Program. We are scaling back the menu to Hot dogs with sauerkraut, barbeque, soup, chips and drinks. A sign-up sheet will be on the gathering table to for those who would like to help the day of the parade. Donations of hot dog and hamburger rolls, chips and soda. More to come in Sunday's bulletins.

