

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2015

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas. As we begin a new year a poem by Howard Thurman comes to my mind. May the Lord grant you a happy, healthy and useful 2015, for Jesus sake.

~ Pastor John

When the song of the angel is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flock,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among brothers,
to make music in the heart....

JANUARY WORSHIP

We begin with Holy Communion on Sunday January 4. The sacrament will be shared in the pew at 10:30 worship.

The next three Sundays Pastor Lynch will offer a sermon series titled "Students in the School of Prayer." The three message will focus on how to pray, why pray for others, and unanswered prayer.

INFORMATION TABLE

Please pick up your 2015 church directory, the January/February edition of the Upper Room devotional booklet, and our 2015 estimate of expenses.

FLOWER CHART

A new chart has been posted on the bulletin board at the Railroad Street entrance to Bethany. Please fill in the date(s) you desire to sponsor flowers in honor, celebration, memory of loved ones. First come, first served.



THANK YOU'S

“Thank you for all the Christmas gifts, cards and goodies. Your kindness and generosity of support and prayers are appreciated so very much.” ~ In Christ’s love, Sharon and Pastor John

Dear Bethany Church: May the peace and beauty of the Christmas Season remain with you through out the new year. Thank you for sending me cards and newsletters, and for Pastor John’s visits.”

~ Betty Schaffner

“Dear Friends; thank you for the opportunity to return to worship and preach at Bethany. Pat and I had a wonderful time. Hope you have a blessed Christmas. Thank you for the love gift.

~ Rev. Tom Yackley

LIVING PRAYER STUDY GROUP

Pastor Lynch will be leading a seven week study/sharing group on prayer, Monday evenings February 9 - March 23. The 6:30-7:30 meeting will be held at the home of Jenean Speck, 540 N. Lincoln Street, Apartment 4, Palmyra. Jenean is the Lay Leader at the Mountville Church that Pastor Lynch also serves. The group will be limited to 6 people from Bethany, and 6 people from Mountville.

Each participant is expected to be present for every session, is required daily to read in their workbook something about prayer, reflect, record in their workbook how the reading applies to them, and during each day follow the workbook suggestions for living out what they have learned about prayer.

The first six who sign-up from each church will comprise the group. The sheet goes up on the Railroad Street entrance bulletin board on Sunday January 4. Any questions, please speak with Pastor John.

PASTOR'S PUN

Do you enjoy the theater? I was once involved in a theatrical performance about puns.
It was a play on words!

COMING UP - FEBRUARY 1 IS SOUPER SUNDAY

Once again we will bring cans of soup to worship to help stock the pantry at the Palmyra Caring Cupboard. The 10:30 worship service will include a live radio broadcast of “The Game of Life” by Pastor Lynch. Dress in your team’s jersey/colors and enjoy a souper lunch in the social hall following worship.

NEW LIBRARY BOOK

Our newest book is STORM by Jim Cymbala. This book is written for Christians who are concerned about the many challenges that face believers today. Using powerful stories of people who have been transformed by Christ, Pastor Cymbala strikes a note of encouragement and hope. Check it out!

JANUARY WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Acolyte:

Braden Dibeler

Greeters/Ushers:

Tim and Barb Laraia, Richard and Sue Lasher

Scripture Readers;

JANUARY 4: Pastor Lynch

JANUARY 11: Marilyn Allen

JANUARY 18: Samantha Patrick

JANUARY 25: Don Brubaker

Sound System Operators:

JANUARY 4: Dick Lasher

JANUARY 11: Barry Smith

JANUARY 18: Don Brubaker

JANUARY 25: Barry Smith

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



2 - Cindy Anspach

2 - Kevin Strupp

9 - Kalin Scipioni

11 - Lisa Scipioni

11 - Ed Bosha (91)

13 - Katelyn Dove

15 - Melissa Watts

16 - Kim Mader

24 - John Gussler

25 - Michael Long

26 - Alyce Laraia

27 - Dennis Walborn



CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Thank you to everyone who shared their talents with us. You did a great job. Thank you to all who shared in the singing of the Christmas carols and the secular Christmas songs. Your singing was Enthusiastic. Thank you for bringing your gifts to the Christ Child which were given to the Caring Cupboard. Thanks to all who baked those delicious cookies and to Vicki Smith for the tasty refreshments.

The boys and girls and teachers took a small bag of candy and a wish for a very Merry Christmas and hung it on the door knob of each of the residents at Interfaith Manor. It was their way of showing love and joy this Christmas season.

Palmyra High school distinguished honor roll students were Ian Frazer, Rebekah Sell, Chantelle Brandt and Samantha Patrick. The honor roll included Austin Reigle. Happy new year to our children, youth and you!
~ Samantha Patrick

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Do you remember 57 years ago on Sunday January 19, 1958 when the new Christian Education Unit and the remodeled Church building were dedicated? Ground breaking had been held on Sunday February 17, 1957, and not quite a year later we praised God for “much needed space in a beautified, well -arranged and commodious church plant.” The whole project cost about \$100,000.

The dedication worship service included Mrs. Wayne Lutz on the organ and a mixed quartet comprised of Mrs. P. Hoover, Mr. John Sprizger, Mr. and Mrs. R. Wentling. The celebration was led by Pastor Schober and the dedication sermon was preached by Bishop George Epp. The service was made in memory of 1st Lt. George Eisenhower, Jr. who was killed in the Pacific and his sister, Carol Ann Eisenhower who was a member of the 1958 catechism class who passed away after a brief intensive illness.

SUB AND PRETZEL SANDWICH SALE

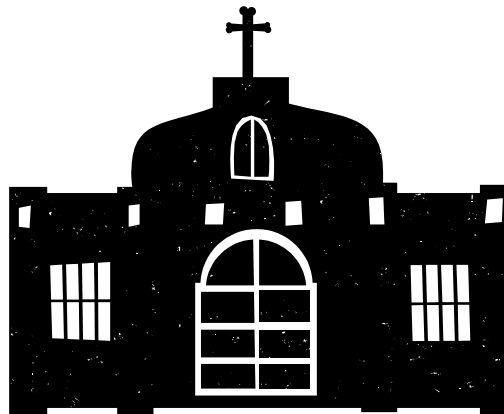
After having pork and sauerkraut, how about a sub or pretzel sandwich? Orders need be made by January 21. Pick up is on January 29 from 11-12 in the church social hall. Proceeds benefit Bethany Church in many ways. Thank you for your support.

LOYAL WORKERS, 2015 DATES

February 14:	Valentine Luncheon for Interfaith Manor residents
May 2:	Spring Craft Show
September 26:	Apple Fest
October 29:	Halloween Parade
November 14:	Holiday Bazaar

MISSION OFFERING ENVELOPES

On Communion Sunday in 2015, a special envelope will be found in the pew racks. If you would like to make a donation, beyond your regular Sunday giving, for our outreach with the Caring Cupboard Ministry, you are welcome to do so. These funds will go to help secure holiday meals for our needful neighbors through the Palmyra Caring Cupboard.



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Chair	Cindy Anspach
Secretary	Susan Lasher
Lay Leader	Steven Scipioni
Financial Secretary	Joan Strait
Asst. Financial Secretary	Cindy Patrick
Church Treasurers	Diane Miller, Kristen Scipioni
Trustee Co-chair	Ed Kaylor, Don Brubaker
Mission Chair	Miranda Schell
Caring Ministries/Visitation	Diane Miller
Staff-Parish Chair	Paul Leicht
Worship	Pastor Lynch
Nominating Committee	Pastor Lynch
Loyal Workers	Sandy Pillsbury
Children's Ministry	Selma Patrick
Mission	Miranda Schell
Youth Ministry	Kirstin Chapin

At Large Members: Vicki Smith, Arlene Gable,
Larry Strait, Dale Patrick, Richard Lasher, Karen Leicht

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Nominations & Personnel Committee:

Class of 2015	Class of 2016	Class of 2017
Audrey Scipioni	Arlene Gable	Cindy Anspach

Staff-Parish Committee:

Class of 2015	Class of 2016	Class of 2017
Barry Smith	Steve Scipioni	Paul Leicht

Trustees:

Class of 2015	Class of 2016	Class of 2017
Richard Lasher	Richard Miller	Don Brubaker
Ed Kaylor	Tim Laraia	Larry Strait
Terry Patrick	Karen White	Vicki Smith
		Paul Leicht

Caring Ministry/Visitation: Diane Miller, Lewis & Roberta Brough, Mary Carl

Finance Committee: Joan Strait, Diane Miller, Kristen Weaver, Cindy Anspach,
Don Brubaker, Ed Kaylor, Cindy Patrick, Pastor Lynch

Worship: Audrey Scipioni, Helen Lutz, Bethany Oleyniczak, Jeff Patrick, Pastor Lynch,
Mary Carl, Sue Lasher

Prayer Chain Coordinator: Vicki Smith

Greeter/Usher/Acolyte Coordinator: Sue Lasher

Nursery Care: Vicki Smith

Sound Men: Barry Smith, Don Brubaker, Richard Lasher

Computer Care and Web Master: Barry Smith

Organist: Helen Lutz

Sunbeam Choir Director: Bethany Oleyniczak

Bethany Singers: Samantha Patrick

Communion Preparation: Karen White, Janine Wimmer, Helen Lutz

Caring Cupboard: Don Brubaker

**BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2015 ESTIMATE OF INCOME AND EXPENSES**

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES

1 Conference Apportionments & Ministries

a. Connectional Ministries	5,166
b. World Service Fund	2,021
c. General Church Fund	1,937
d. Retired Clergy Pension & Health Obligation	3,245
e. Worker's Compensation	381
f. Church Property & Liability Insurance	5,331
g. Connectional Health Care	381
h. Mandatory Health Care	150
i. Supplemental Ins	3,268
	21,880

2 Program Expenses

a. Christian Education	1,800
b. Worship	1,100
c. Music Ministry	1,200
e. Ministry Expense - Other	150
f. Missions	600
g. Youth Ministries	250
h. Summer Camp Scholarships	600
i. Caring Cupboard	1,500
j. Fire Department	100
	7,300

3 Related Expenses

a. Office Supplies	1,500
b. Postage	600
c. Maintenance Agreements	2,000
d. General Fund Expenses	1,000
f. Computer Websit Fee	300
	5,400

4 Building & Parking Lot Expenses

a. Utilities	15,450
b. Property Taxes	4,400
c. Snow Removal	0
d. Social Room / Kitchen	3,600
e. Building Repairs	6,000
f. Janitorial Supplies/Expenses	100
g. Contract Services	300
	29,850

5. Staff Salaries

a. Choir Director's Salary	
b. Organist's Salary	4,558.78
c. Asst. Organist's Salary	1,116.52
d. Children's Choir Director Salary	861.08
e. Children's Choir Accompanist	696.28
f. Custodial Services	2,921.08
g. Local Taxes	316.80
h. Pastor's Salary	10,132.00
i. Secretary	2,678.00
j. Federal Withholding	5,302.80
k. State Taxes	714.48
l. Travel Reim/Continuing Education	1,800.00
	31,098

Grand Total 95,528

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1. Envelopes	63,600
2. Plate Offerings	17,000
3. Sunday School	800
4. Parking Lot Rental	1,400
5. Parsonage	9,180
6. Sub Sales	900
7. Missions	600
8. Redner's	250
9. Special Services	600
10. Bulletins	580
	94,910
Net Total	(618)