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10:30 AM

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 22, 2015

WELCOME

Pastor Lynch

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Ode to Joy”

Drew Chapin

*PRAISE HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

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*INVOCATION

Pastor: Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

People: Truly, the Lord is near to all who call upon Him,
to all who call upon Him in spirit and in truth.

Pastor: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt
His name together.

People: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made
heaven and earth.

*HYMN

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

(vs. 1, 5) # 4

MUSIC MINISTRY

“A Song of Peace”

Singing Pellegrini's
Sue Ellen Bowman

MORNING PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Lynch
Congregation

THE OFFERTORY

“Sing to the Lord A New Song”

Singing Pellegrini's
Sue Ellen Bowman

Presentation of God's Tithe

*The Doxology

*Dedication Prayer

SCRIPTURE

Joshua 24:14-15

Mary Carl

MESSAGE	“As for Me and My House”	Pastor Lynch
*COMMITMENT HYMN	“O Jesus, I Have Promised”	# 211
*BENEDICTION	Romans 15:5-6 “May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in harmony with one another, that together with one voice we will glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.”	Unison
*POSTLUDE		Helen Lutz

**We stand to honor Jesus Christ*

Good morning and welcome to Bethany where God’s word is honored, taught and proclaimed. Our mission is to glorify God by making-maturing-mobilizing enthusiastic disciples for Jesus Christ. Please sign the blue attendance pad and pass it along.

We welcome and praise the Lord for the Singing Pellegrini’s: Karen, our church secretary, her sister April, brother Lonnie, and Karen’s son Matthew, and kissing cousin Sue Ellen Bowman.

Infant care and a toddler class are held downstairs during worship and Sunday School.

Units for the hearing-impaired are available. Please speak with an usher for assistance.

CD’s of today’s service are available for \$2.00. Please contact Karen in the church office.

Our extended Sunday School for children is called Kid Zone. Those up to sixth grade are welcome to go downstairs to Kid Zone or remain in the sanctuary for worship.

Serving today: **Sound System:** Don Brubaker, **Acolyte:** Casey Funck, **Ushers:** Paul and Karen Leicht, Rick and Diane Miller, **Organist:** Helen Lutz.

Prayer request cards are in the pew rack. Please place them in the offering plate knowing that Pastor Lynch and the Bethany prayer chain will pray over your joys and concerns. If you would like to activate the Bethany prayer chain please call Vicki Smith at 838-5665.

Prayer joys/concerns: 1) Healing mercies for Evelyn Powell, Janet Lilly, Paul Finney, Annette Floyd, Wendy Kling, Kyle Chapin, Drew Chapin. 2) Birthday blessings this week to Jacob Dibeler. 3) Our soldiers, sailor, marines, and airmen.

Our homebound person of the week is Paul Schreckengast at Masonic Home, Elizabethtown. Please pray for Paul and sign the card in the rear of the sanctuary.

February sub and pretzel sandwich orders may be picked up this Thursday from 11-12 in the social hall.

March/April Upper Room devotional booklets are available. Please take one for yourself and one for a friend.

New Members will be welcomed into the Bethany Church family on Palm Sunday March 29. If interested, please speak with Pastor Lynch.

Next Sunday Jenean Speck, Lay Leader at the Mountville United Methodist Church, and a resident of N. Lincoln Avenue, Palmyra, will bring the morning message. Our Lay Leader, Steve Scipioni will lead our worship. Pastor Lynch will be on vacation February 25 - March 2. In case of pastoral need please contact Rev Founds of the Campbelltown UMC, 302-388-3485.

March Newsletters are available online at bethanyumcpalmyra.org and printed copies are available at the information table.

This year's Tools for Ministry workshop will be held at Ono United Methodist Church on Saturday March 7 from 9-12:30. Workshop listings and a registration form are on the information table. Cost is \$8.00.

Talent Night will be enjoyed on Sunday March 15 at 6:30 in the social hall. The sign up sheet is on the information table. "O What a Night" it promises to be!

Let us rejoice: In the middle of winter, January 2015 ended with offering, tithes and gifts of \$296.71 more than the expenses. This includes \$162.00 for the Caring Cupboard, which they will greatly appreciate. Also included is the first gas bill in 2015 of \$1,250.99 and \$1,013.69 in taxes. Thank you for your tithes, offerings and gifts toward our church's work and witness. May 2015 be even more prosperous. The average attendance for January was 73, last year's January average attendance was 74. ~ Cindy Anspach

Church office hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 8-11.

Our Staff Parish Committee meets this Tuesday at 6:30 in the pastor's study.