

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2015

MARCH WORSHIP

Sunday March 1 has Jenean Speck, Lay Leader of the Mountville United Methodist Church, bringing us the morning message, "Little Things are Big Things." Pastor John and Sharon will be on vacation. In case of pastoral need please contact Rev. Founds of the Campbelltown UMC 838-4971.

Sunday March 8 is Caring Cupboard Sunday. Please bring food and paper items including toilet paper, Kleenex and paper towels for our needful neighbors. Pastor Lynch will preach on Luke 18:18-30, "So Near and Yet So Far."

Sunday March 15 will be Church Camping Sunday. A representative from Camp Gretna Glen will speak and Pastor Lynch will lead the service. Our Sunbeam Choir will sing God's praise.

Sunday March 22 has us looking at Philippians 2:1-11, "A Beautiful Mind."

Sunday March 29 is Palm Sunday. The service will include special music, distribution of palms and a message from Pastor Lynch. New members will be received, and refreshments will be available in the Gathering Room by the sanctuary prior to worship.

TALENT NIGHT

Talent Night will be enjoyed on Sunday March 15 at 6:30 in the social hall. Please sign up the talent you will be sharing at the information table alongside the sanctuary. "O, What a Night," it will be!



PASTOR'S POETRY CORNER

This is one of my favorite poems that I came across years ago.

Tunic and toga the forum throng, to greet the appointed hour
 When Caesar rides beneath his purple canopy of power.
Down, slaves! Down! An empire bows to the majesty held on high!
 The temples echo, "Way! Make way! Great Caesar passes by!"

Sweet-breathed shaving acurl in the sun, and hammers ringing again.
A lad looks forth from a cottage door, and ponders the ways of men.

Glitter of spears and tramp of feet! The gates of Janus are wide!
 A far-off, sullen folk has dared to heckle the Caesar's pride!
Women shall weep in the woods of Gaul and mourn by the Tiber's foam
 When Caesar sends down the Appian Way the mighty legions of Rome!

Lilies a-bloom in Galilee, and silver rivers a-run.
Why do men follow over the hills to ask of the carpenter's son?

Dancing chariot-wheels that drag their vanquished foemen in chains!
 An arch shall rise on the Appian Way where the house of Caesar reigns!
Far out to the farthest bounds of space are the Roman flags unfurled,
 And Caesar is Lord of the driven seas, and Caesar is King of the world!

Gray clouds racked by a frenzied wind that moans as in sorrow and loss;
 And stark against a tortured sky there stands a burdened cross.

Where are the things the Caesars sought to ransom from moth and rust?
 The jackal stalls in the temple of Jove; the gates of Janus are dust.
The triumphs of Rome forgotten lie as her gallies lie in the deep,
 Broken pillar and musty page the glories of Caesar keep.

Listen low! From city and farm, from hovel, from hall of fame,
Millions of voices yearn in prayer, and call on the Carpenter's name!

MARCH WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**Acolyte:**

Michelle Patrick

Greeters/Ushers:

Lewis and Roberta Brough, Richard and Sue Lasher

Scripture Readers:

MARCH 1: Steve Scipioni

MARCH 8: Barry Smith

MARCH 15: Samantha Patrick

MARCH 22: Pastor Lynch

MARCH 29: Ed Kaylor

Sound System Operators:

MARCH 1: Dick Lasher

MARCH 8: Barry Smith

MARCH 15: Don Brubaker

MARCH 22: Dick Lasher

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**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

1 - Terry Patrick

2 - Arlene Gable

3 - Greta Ehrhart

5 - Barbara Laraia

10 - Anna Scipioni

10 - Cara Scipioni

12 - Emily Scipioni

15 - Harriet Linebaugh

16 - Almeda Long

14 - Summer Schell

17 - Kristen Weaver

21 - Selma Patrick

27 - Drew Chapin

28 - Kevin Brubaker

28 - Steven Hallman

28 - Aiden Schell

29 - Nannette Rechel

NEW MEMBERS

Is the Holy Spirit nudging you to become a member of our Bethany Church family? If so, please alert Pastor Lynch. New members will be received into membership on Palm Sunday, March 29 at 10:30 A.M. worship.

SOUPER SUNDAY REVIEW

Thank you to all who brought a mountain of soup and peanut butter to bless our needful neighbors. Thanks to Helen Lutz on organ, and Audrey Scipioni on piano, for their wonderful accompaniment of the singing. Many thanks to Aiden, Miranda and Seth Schell for the enthusiastic special music.

Pastor John's radio broadcast of "The Game of Life" was exciting and challenging. Vicki Smith and friends had a terrific souper luncheon for us to enjoy. Michelle Patrick came in second in predicting the final score of the Super Bowl, and Sue Ellen Bowman won first prize, including lunch at Lisa's and the trophy.

PASTOR'S PUN

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?"

"Sixteen," the boy replied.

His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" he asked.

"Easy," the little boy said, "All you have to do is add it up, like the pastor said: four better, four worse, four richer, four poorer."

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Do you know the difference between a thermostat and a thermometer?

A thermometer merely tells what the temperature is in a particular area. If your thermometer reads seventy degrees and you place that thermometer in a room that is currently eighty degrees, the thermometer will change to register whatever the room temperature is. It won't be long before the thermometer reads eighty degrees. It always adjusts to its environment.

A thermostat, however, adjusts the room temperature. If the thermostat is set at seventy degrees and the room is eighty degrees, the temperature of the room changes to conform to whatever the thermostat is reading. The room will become seventy degrees.

You live your life as either a thermostat or a thermometer. You can either blend in with the crowd, or you can change the crowd. You are either influencing others, or they are influencing you.

Jesus calls us to become thermostats. Actually, since they didn't have thermostats in Bible times, Jesus used the terms "salt" and "Light" to communicate that we are to be agents of change in the world. Now that's something to think about. ~ Pastor John

EASTER EGG HUNT

Boys and girls please mark Friday, March 27 at 6:00 P.M. on your calendars. We will have our egg hunt in the dark so please bring a flashlight. Please come and have an exciting time hunting eggs in the dark. ~ Selma Patrick



THANK YOU

Pastor John and Bethany congregation: thank you for your visits at the hospital. I'm always in need of your humor!

Most of all I appreciate the prayers and cards from Bethany. I know that the prayers got me through this bump in the road. I am forever grateful for God's love! ~ Karen Leicht

I have two belated thank you notes. The first is to my friends at Bethany for the Weis Gift Card at Christmas. It saw me through two months.

The second is from Audrey and me to Vickie Smith. Last winter Vickie bought a portable heater to be used at the organ. We really appreciate it, especially when practicing during the week and on Sunday mornings. ~ Helen Lutz

The boys and girls and teachers in the Primary Department would like to thank Paul Leicht for repairing the hole in our ceiling so the cold air stops coming in. ~ Selma Patrick

CHURCH CAMP

As you plan your summer vacations think about planning a week at Church Camp. You will experience God's love in an exciting way, meeting new friends and old ones too, campfires, Bible study in the woods, singing on the logs, swimming, boating, archery, hiking, crafts and many more exciting things. Talk to me about any questions you may have.

On Sunday, March 15 in our Worship Service a member of the staff at Gretna Glen will be sharing with us about the mission and purpose of how Gretna Glen ministers to our children and youth. ~ Selma Patrick

PRAISE THE LORD

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

Tuesday and Thursday 8-11

EASTER FLOWERS

EASTER FLOWERS may be ordered today through Sunday, March 15. Please fill in all the necessary information below, and put this form with your cash or check made out to “Bethany United Methodist Church” in an envelope, and place it in the offering plate. You may also mail or drop off your form and payment at the church office. Additional forms are found on the information table and the rear of the sanctuary.

Type of Flower	<u>Price</u>	<u>No. Ordered</u>
Lily	\$8.00	_____
Tulips	\$8.00	_____
Hyacinth	\$8.00	_____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

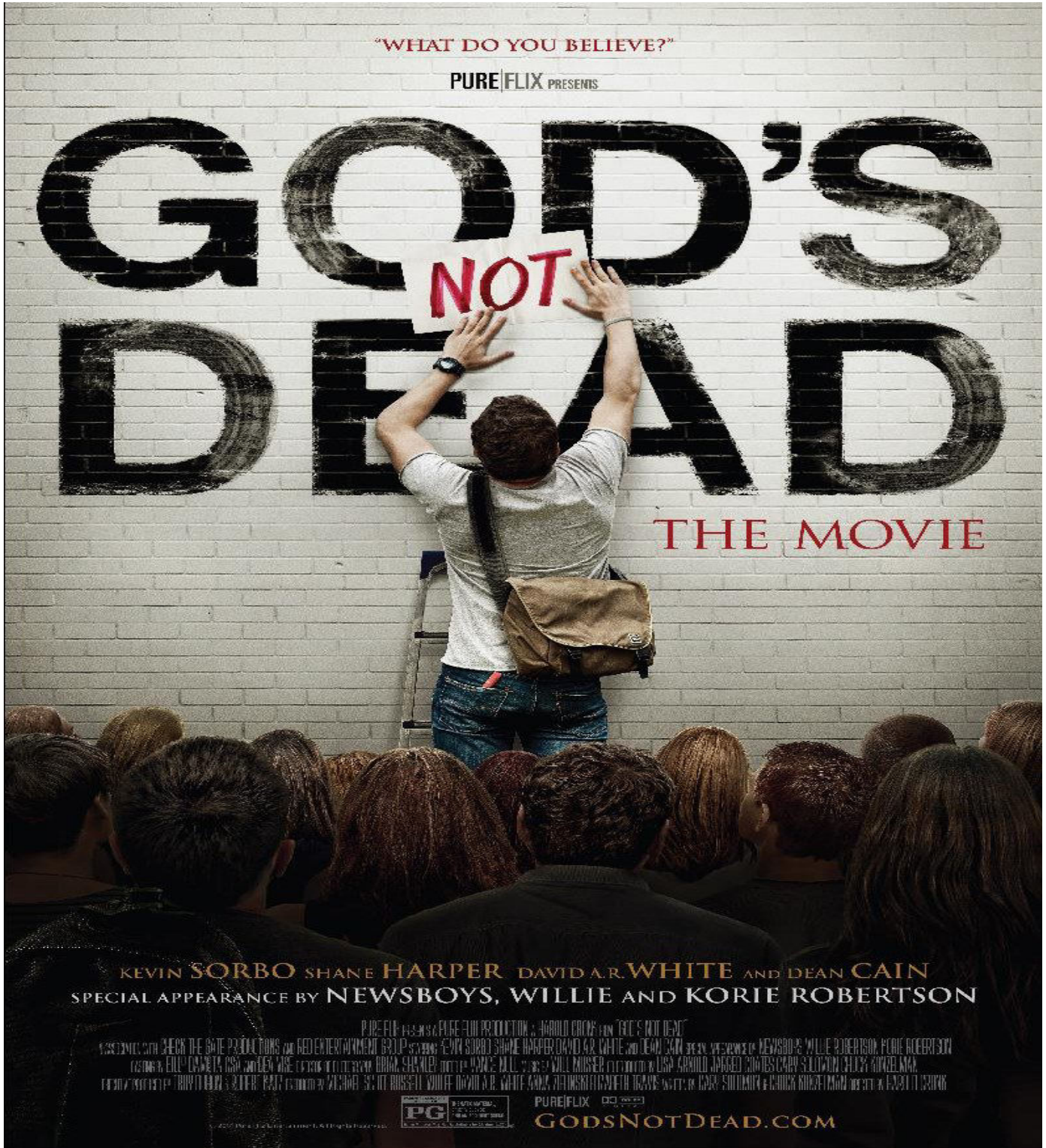
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Free Community Movie Event

Allen Theater, Annville – Sat, March 7, 2015

Breakfast at 8:30 am – Program at 10:00 am

Highlights *Habitat for Humanity - Lebanon*



AN IRISH BLESSING

In honor of St. Patrick, whose birthday is
March 17.

May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be ever at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and the rains fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again,
may God hold you
in the palm of His hand.
Amen.

