

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE NEWSLETTER

MAY 2015

LOYAL WORKERS

The Loyal Workers are celebrating Spring on Saturday May 2 from 8 - 1. There will be crafts, bake sale, and lunch will be served. Donated baked items would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off on Friday May 1 in the social hall from 6-8 pm.

Please come out and support us as we raise funds for Bethany and celebrate spring.

MAY WORSHIP

If you can not attend any of the following services, log in to bethanyumcpalmyra.org and you can hear a recording of the worship. Thank you to Barry Smith for making this possible each week.

Sunday May 3 has Pastor John preaching on "Losing Your Baggage Is A Good Thing" from Hebrews 12:1-2. A guest soloist, Patty Cole of Palmyra, will offer special music.

Sunday May 10 is Mother's Day. Our Loyal Workers are planning and leading the service. Rev. Jeannine Brenner, a ministerial daughter of Bethany Church, will preach. Items for the Caring Cupboard may be placed in the red wagon.

Sunday May 17 will be "A Great Day of Music." Our Sunbeam Choir sings God's praise, and a harp and hammered dulcimer duet will offer very special music. Pastor Lynch will speak on "Holy Spirit Power" from Acts 2:1-4.

Sunday May 24 is Memorial Day Sunday. The message is from John 15:12-17, "Memorial Day Miracle."

Sunday May 31 has Casey Funck playing her flute and Pastor Lynch preaching an Ascension Day message, "You Do the Trusting, I'll Do the Taking" from John 14:1-6, Acts 1:6-11. High school and college graduates will be recognized.

WHOOPIE PIE SALE

Whoopie Pies will be available for sale on April 29, 2015. You may order and pick them up, or have them delivered with your sub on Thursday. Signup sheet is available on the table in the gathering room. Proceeds will go to the Church Camp fund that helps reduce the cost for the children from our church. Whoopie Pies are \$1.25.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

When Cheryl Prewitt was four years old, she hung around her father's small country grocery store. Almost daily, the milkman would come into the store and greet her with the words, "How's my little Miss America?" At first she giggled, but eventually she became comfortable with it...and even liked it a little. Soon the milkman's greeting became a childhood fantasy...then a teenage dream. Finally, it became a goal...and in 1980, she stood on a stage in Atlantic City and was crowned...Miss America.

The milkman probably never realized that his greeting to little Cheryl Prewitt would be taken seriously and one day become a reality.

In the same way, you may not realize that your words have power to influence people in a positive or a negative way. If we say encouraging things to other people, they will be more likely to live up to those words of encouragement. But if you cut someone down and say discouraging things, it may lead them to despair and negative behaviors.

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up," wrote Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5:11. If you do, you will be giving someone a wonderful gift. Now that's something to think about!
~ Pastor John

BETHANY LIBRARY

A new book in our library is "The Way: Following in the Footsteps of Jesus." It is written by popular United Methodist author, Adam Hamilton. The focus is upon the life and teachings of Jesus, drawing insights from history, archaeology, and the geography of the Holy Land. Check it out!

MARK YOUR CALENDER

The gospel singing group, Unity Quartet, will be in concert here at Bethany on Sunday evening June 14 at 6:30. This promises to be a great time of praising the Lord in song. It is also a good opportunity to invite family and friends to join you at Bethany for this special event.

Summer Communion will be observed on Sunday June 28. The sacrament will be served in the pew.

Our Church Picnic and Outdoor Worship Service will be held on Sunday morning August 2 at 10:30. Once again we will meet at the Annville Church of the Brethren Pavilion, south of Annville. Worship, children's games and food!

PASTOR'S PUN

What did the bee say when he returned to the hive?
"Honey, I'm home."

MAY WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Acolyte: Braden Dibeler

Greeters/Ushers: Larry and Joan Strait,
Christopher and Bethany Oleyniczak

Scripture Readers;

MAY 3: Pastor John
MAY 10: Marilyn Allen
MAY 17: Samantha Patrick
MAY 24: Don Brubaker
MAY 31: Pastor John

Sound System Operators:

MAY 3: Dick Lasher
MAY 10: Barry Smith
MAY 17: Don Brubaker
MAY 26: Dick Lasher
MAY 31: Barry Smith

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Steven Schaeffer	13 - David Schaeffer	29 - Beverly Bosha
4 - Kathryn Laraia	14 - Josephine Hetrick	29 - Jesse Keefer
8 - Fred Strupp	17 - Barbara Elliott	31 - Gabrielle Schell
9 - William Watts	17 - William Scipioni	
10 - Steven Scipioni	23 - DeAnn Showers	
13 - Gloria Kettering	26 - Brian Smith	
13 - Sarah Porche	27 - Deborah Light	



CALLING ALL GRADUATES

We would like to recognize and gift, and pray over our high school and college graduates on Sunday May 31 at 10:30 worship. Please alert the church office of graduates and whether they will be present on May 31. Thank you.

SPRING FLING - SENIOR ADULT DAY **AT GRETNA GLEN**

The Spring Fling is planned for senior adults and will be held on Saturday May 12 from 9:30 - 3:00. The day will include entertainment, fun activities, a hot lunch and a chance to stroll around camp and enjoy the glory of God's creation. Cost is \$20.00. Register by calling the camp office at 273-6525.

GRETNA GRITTY

A 5k mud run, walk-a-thon, and a mile kids run will be held at Gretna Glen on Saturday May 9. You can register at gretnaglen.org/gritty. All registrants receive medals, lunch swag bag and a sweet Gretna Gritty t-shirt. Kyle, Drew and Brooke Chapin ran last year and had a blast!

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Do you remember 40 years ago on the first Sunday in May when the brass music stand was dedicated? Pastor Zweitzig led the 10:30 AM service. The brass music stand was presented in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dunkle by Mrs. Raymond Shertzer and Mrs. Adam Beam. Mr. Dunkle has started the first choir and orchestra at Bethany Church.

Mrs. Melba Shenk and daughter LuAnn were nursery attendants that Sunday, and church greeters were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gussler, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lasher. The altar flowers were presented to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Shomper.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny was an awesome blessing in so many ways. We had some of the same children come back from last year and were blessed with new faces. WOW, \$741.00 was donated to benefit the Caring Cupboard Children's Summer Lunch Program. Just as exciting, all the food was donated. Thank you to all who donated food, cooked and served for our Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. A special thanks to our Easter Bunny, Cara Scipioni and to Steve Scipioni and Excel Corp for allowing us to use their awesome Bunny costume. We all had a wonderful time. ~ Cindy Anspach

BETHANY PEOPLE

Marilyn Allen became a grandmother again on March 19 with the safe arrival of Lawson Dray Allen, son of William and Christine. Lawson will receive Christian baptism on June 13 in the Bethany sanctuary...Our missionaries, Rachel Nicholson in Germany, and Carrie Callahan in China will both remain in their missionary teaching positions for one more year. We hope to see them this summer when they are on leave at our Mission Sunday, July 12.

We pray for the comfort of the Holy Spirit for Dick Lasher whose brother Pete passed on unexpectedly, and for Christopher Oleyniczak whose grandfather recently entered God's eternity...many thanks to Barb Brubaker and friends in doing a wonderful job decorating our church, inside and out, during the Lenten/Easter season...We praise the Lord for healing mercies and recovery of Helen Lutz, Miranda Schell, Kyle Chapin and Janet Lilly.

Thank you to Karen and Paul Leicht for delivering CD's to homebound members and friends of Bethany. Paul Schreckengast is moving to a different area in the Masonic Home. His temporary address is Masonic Home, Roosevelt 2, Room 2629B, 377 Freemason Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday morning May 30 is Bethany Church Clean Up Day. Please come and help spring clean our church inside and out. Many hands make lighter work!

~ Don Brubaker, trustee

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Mountville United Methodist Church, we would like to thank you for the delicious meal we enjoyed on Maundy Thursday evening. It was so kind and thoughtful of you to include us. You have a beautiful church. Thank you again for your hospitality.

~ Mountville Church Family

I have many thanks. 1st for all the cards, 2nd for the prayers. (I could feel them.) 3rd to Pastor John. He was there for my admission and came back later that day. 4th to Audrey for filling in on the organ, for filling my belly and for free medical advice. My procedure was peripheral vascular angioplasty with three stents inserted in my right leg. My veins were blocked. The same procedure will be done on my left leg. Yours in Christ, Helen Lutz

PASTOR ON CALL

Rev. Denise Founds, Pastor of the Campbelltown United Methodist Church, will be on call May 4-11. The church number is 838-4971. Pastor John will be enjoying a week off. He returns to the office on Tuesday May 12.

SIGN UP!

Our new church outdoor sign has arrived. This board will help us communicate the gospel and special events happening at Bethany. Thank you to our Loyal Workers and folks who have made donations to cover the cost of this improvement.

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Praise for our March offering which was almost twice the usual amount thanks to your generous giving. The expenses were low, but included \$1,401.07 gas bill, which will probably be the last large bill for the winter. Our offering exceeded the expenses by \$9,454.83. Praise the Lord for this stellar month. ~ Cindy Anspach

CHURCH CAMP

Children and Youth - Looking for something exciting to do this summer? A week at church camp will be very rewarding. Talk to someone who has attended camp about the great times they experienced. ~ Selma Patrick

FUN NIGHT

The girls and boys in Kid Zone and Primary Departments had a fun time looking for eggs with a flashlight in the dark. We did not find 2 eggs, sometime they will appear.

~ Selma Patrick

A GREAT DAY
OF MUSIC AT
BETHANY CHURCH

SUNDAY MAY 17
AT 10:30 WORSHIP.



THE SUNBEAM CHOIR
AND
HARP AND HAMMERED
DULCIMER