

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2015

AUGUST WORSHIP

Our outdoor worship and church picnic will be enjoyed on Sunday August 2. We meet at 10:15 at Annville Church of the Brethren pavilion, south of Annville, for worship, children's games and a picnic. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share. Hot dogs and barbeque, drinks and place settings will be provided. There will be no Sunday School or worship at Bethany on August 2. A sign up sheet is on the table in the Gathering Room. For your comfort bring along lawn chairs. Anyone needing a ride please contact Dick Lasher.

Directions: two miles south of Annville High School on Route 934, turn east on Church Road. The pavilion is 1/2 mile ahead on your left.

Sunday August 9 is Caring Cupboard Sunday. Please bring food and personal care items in support of the Caring cupboard ministry. Pastor Lynch will be preaching on John 17:1-17, 26, "Jesus Prayer for Us."

Sunday August 16 will have us looking at I Thessalonians 5:12-23, "Have No Regrets." Audrey Scipioni will be at the organ and our youth will usher.

Sunday August 23 features the Family Singers, the group of related women who have sung for us the past two summers. Pastor Lynch will speak on "What in the World are Christians Supposed to Do?" from Matthew 28:16-20.

Sunday August 30 is Bible School Sunday. Our children will lead worship and share with us what they learned at our Bible School. This year's theme: "G-Force: Gods Love in Action!"

BETHANY YOGA

Do you feel like you need a good stretch? Why not give yoga a try! Bethany will be offering a 6 week yoga session led by registered yoga teacher Wendy Smith beginning in mid-August. No experience necessary! Come and create some space for your body, mind and soul.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone that provided my family and I with such delicious meals. I would also like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and phone calls. Lastly, I want to thank Pastor John for being there when I needed to talk. ~ Janine Wimmer

Dear Pastor Lynch and the members of the Bethany United Methodist Church,
Thank you so much for inviting me to sing at your parish and making my family and me feel welcome there on Sunday July 5. It was such a pleasure. I hope to come back and sing again. Thank you and may God bless you all. ~ Love, Samantha Koegler

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

A rich Dutch merchant was seeking to buy a diamond of a certain kind to add to his collection. A famous dealer in New York found such a stone and called him to come and see it.

The merchant flew immediately to New York, where the seller has assigned his best diamond expert to close the transaction. After hearing the assistant describe in perfect technical detail the diamond's worth and beauty, the Dutchman decided not to buy it. Before he left, however, the owner of the store stepped forward and asked, "Do you mind if I show you that stone once more?" The customer agreed.

The store owner didn't repeat one thing that the salesman had said. He simply took the stone in his hand, stared at it, and described the beauty of the stone in a way that revealed why this stone stood out from all the others he had seen in his life. The customer bought it immediately.

Tucking his new purchase into his breast pocket, the customer commented to the owner, "Sir, I wonder why you were able to sell me this stone when your salesman could not?"

The owner replied, "That salesman is the best in the business. He knows more about diamonds than anyone, including myself, and I pay him a large salary for his knowledge and expertise. But I would gladly pay him twice as much if I could put into him something I have which he lacks. You see, he knows diamonds, but I love them."

When it comes to sharing Christ with others, the issue is not how much we know about Jesus, but how much we love Him. God is not interested in how much we know but in how much we love. When we truly love Jesus, we love others as well and that is how the good news of the Gospel is spread. Now, that's something to think about. ~ Pastor John

LOYAL WORKERS

The Loyal Workers will meet on Monday, August 17 at 7:00. We will be discussing our Apple Festival, Saturday, September 26 from 8 to 1. There will be crafters, bake sale and of course apple dumplings. Cider will be made and lunch will be served. Baked goods would be appreciated. Please mark your calendars and join us. ~ Sandy Pillsbury

PASTOR'S PUN

Sometimes things come out funny in church bulletins. For example:

"Low self-esteem support group will meet Thursday at 7:00 P.M. Please use the back door."

"Part-time secretary needed to answer the church phone and give massages to the pastor."

"A special service is being held for those married 50 years. Each couple will be eligible for marriage vow removal."

AUGUST WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Acolyte: Samantha Patrick

Greeters/Ushers: Lou and Roberta Brough and
Richard and Sue Lasher

Scripture Readers;

AUGUST 2: Church Picnic
AUGUST 9: Joan Strait
AUGUST 16: Samantha Patrick
AUGUST 23: Paul Leicht
AUGUST 30: Bible School Sunday

Sound System Operators:

AUGUST 2: Barry Smith
AUGUST 9: Don Brubaker
AUGUST 16: Dick Lasher
AUGUST 23: Barry Smith
AUGUST 30: Don Brubaker

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 - Martha Gheen	17 - Danielle White	22 - Michelle Patrick
6 - David Patrick	20 - Suzanne Frazier	27 - Megan Frazier
7 - William Long	20 - Ian Frazier	29 - Quinne Walborn
11 - Michael Kriner	21 - Amber Schell	30 - Mark Shenk
11 - Allison White	22 - Judy Mader	31 - Lewis Brough
14 - James Walker	22 - Jacqueline Peiffer	



SUNBEAM CHOIR

Do you enjoy praising God with upbeat music and spending time with your friends? Are you in Kindergarten - 12th grade? If so, Sunbeam is the place to be! Our first practice is on Wednesday, September 9th from 4:30-5:00 P.M. We sing on the third Sunday of every month from September -May. Please join us, and bring a friend! If you have any questions, please contact Bethany at (717) 813-5842.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Do you remember what was happening at Bethany 40 years ago during August 1975? The Bus Committee reported that a V6 GMC bus is ready for use. Cost was \$2,200.00...Upon the recommendation of the Social Concerns Committee, the Administrative Board determined we sponsor a Vietnamese family. Trustee G. Weit recommended we put macadam on our church parking lot. It was seconded by R. Shirey and approved. The Board also approved the raising and recarpeting of the piano area in the choir loft.

Members of the Board at the August meeting: V. Keefer, B. Keever, S. Fasnacht, M. Kaylor, K Cunningham, J. Fake, B. Fake, M. Brightbill, M. Betz, Rev. Z. Weitzig, L. Schell, K. Schaeffer, L. Shomper, D. Beidler, D. Brubaker, C. Mader, B. Shirey, G. Bloch, P. Hoover, R. Frantz, C. Frantz, J. Lilly, G. Rogers, J. Flowers, L. Snavelly, J. Brenner.

POETRY CORNER

Sergeant Joyce Kilmer, author of this classic poem, died in action in World War I on July 30, 1918.

“Trees”

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth’s sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in Summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;

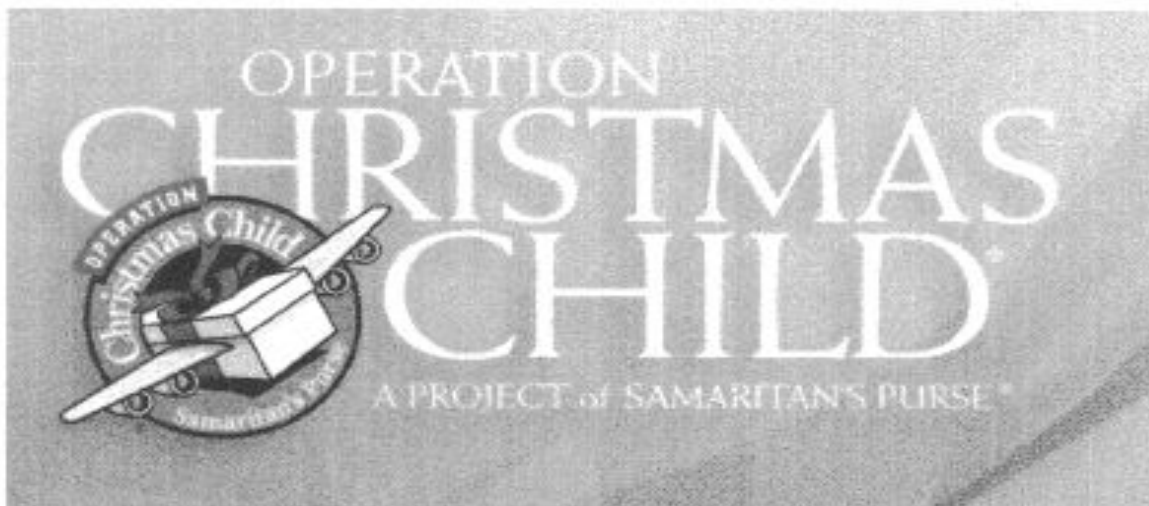
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

We praise the Lord for all the ways we are growing in the Lord. During June and July of 2014 we averaged 68 a Sunday in worship. This June and July 2015 we averaged 80 in attendance. Also, our weekly expenses are around \$1,800.00. June and July 2015 saw weekly giving at an average of \$2,372.00. We praise the Lord for His faithfulness and thank all who undergird the ministries of Bethany Church.





As previously announced, I would like to introduce Bethany UMC to Operation Christmas Child(OCC). This is a wonderful opportunity to bless a child at Christmas with a shoebox full of wonderful, thoughtful gifts. Please won't you consider purchasing the following items each month or donate money for shipping costs?!

JULY- SUNGLASSES, HAIR ACCESSORIES, HATS, JEWELRY.

AUGUST- SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIKE PENCILS W/ SHARPENERS, PENS, CRAYONS, COLORING BOOKS(SMALL), ETC.

SEPTEMBER- TOILETRIES LIKE TOOTHBRUSHES, PASTE, WASHCLOTHS, BRUSHES/COMBS, BAR SOAPS, ETC

OCTOBER- TOYS SUCH AS BALLS, DOLLS, YOYOS, CARS, JUMP ROPES, TOYS THAT LIGHT UP/MAKE NOISE.

NOVEMBER- PURCHASE FILLERS, DONATIONS FOR SHIPPING.

PLEASE SEE OUTREACH BOARD IN GATHERING ROOM OR

MIRANDA FOR INFORMATION/QUESTIONS.



**OUR BETHANY PICNIC
IS ON SUNDAY AUGUST 2**

**Annville Church of the Brethren
South Annville Pavilion**

Gather at 10:15, Worship at 10:30
Children's Games @ 11:00, We eat at 11:30

**Need a Ride?
Contact Dick Lasher**