

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2015

SANCTURARY PAINTING, REPAIR AND CLEANING

Thank you to all who prayed, moved pews, painted, cleaned up and supported our sanctuary improvement project. Especially including our trustee co-chairperson, Ed Kaylor and Don Brubaker. This project is now completed and paid for. This was only the second time the sanctuary was painted since it was opened in 1923. Checkout the photos on the tripod in the rear of the sanctuary.

What's next? We hope to put new carpet down in several of our classrooms next year. For now, we praise the Lord for being able to accomplish several needful improvements and repairs inside and outside of Bethany.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

November 1 is All Saints Day. A "same day choir" will practice at 10:15 in the chapel and then sing during 10:30 worship. Those who have passed on during the year will be remembered, and Pastor Lynch will preach on "Why We Believe in Eternal Life" from John 14:1-17, Romans 8:35-39.

November 8 is Veteran's Day Sunday. Our veterans of military service will be recognized and gifted, and Randy and Dawn Marks will minister with music and testimony. Light refreshments will be available in the Gathering Room prior to worship starting at 10:00. This is also a Caring Cupboard Sunday.

November 15 has our Sunbeam Choir singing "Rise and Shine" and Pastor Lynch speaking on "Dealing With Difficult People."

November 22 is Thanksgiving Sunday. As Pastor Lynch is on vacation Ed Kaylor will guide our worship and Jenean Speck, Lay Leader of the Mountville UMC, will be our speaker.

November 29 is the first Sunday in Advent. We will start lighting our Advent Wreath and bringing in items for the mitten tree. Pastor Lynch will speak on Matthew 1:18-25, "Emmanuel, God With Us."

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

On November 14 we will be holding our Holiday Bazaar 8 AM to 1 PM. There will be crafts, cookie sale, bake sale, soup sold by the quart and lunch will be served.

Please mark your calendar. Baked goods and cookies would be appreciated. A sign up sheet will be on the information table for cookies. ~ Sandy Pillsbury

NOVEMBER WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Acolyte: Casey Funck **Greeters/Ushers:** Diane and Rick Miller, Karen and Paul Leicht

Sound People:

NOVEMBER 1: Don Brubaker
NOVEMBER 8: Dick Lasher
NOVEMBER 15: Barry Smith
NOVEMBER 22: Don Brubaker
NOVEMBER 29: Dick Lasher

Readers:

NOVEMBER 1: Pastor John
NOVEMBER 8: Pastor John
NOVEMBER 15: Allison Deimler
NOVEMBER 22: Larry Strait
NOVEMBER 29: Miranda Schell

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 - Ed Kortright	7- Paul Leicht	19 - Diane Miller
4 - Lisa Dowhower	9 - Robin Strupp	20 - Angela Blouch
5- Lloyd Grumbein	10 - Lois Grumbein	22 - Heidi Reigle
5 - Shirley Speraw	12 - Nicole Reichard	23 - Kyle Chapin
6 - Jeffrey Patrick	13 - Julie Keefer	24 - James Floyd
7 - Evelyn Powell	17 - Betty Clark	



BETHANY PEOPLE

Prayers for comfort and strength are extended to Ken Schaeffer and family upon the passing onto glory of dear Freida on Monday October 12. How good to have Arlene Gable and Dale Patrick up and around and healthy once again.

We praise the Lord for Luke Scipioni and Jessica Wilding, who were married by Pastor Lynch on October 17. They are both nurses working for the Army in North Carolina. We appreciate how Karen and Allison White do such a good job preparing the communion elements for us.

Wendy Smith leads Bethany Yoga on Thursday evenings 7 - 8:15. Come when you can. Only \$5.00 a session. See you in the social hall.

PASTOR'S PUN

Question: What do you get if you divide the circumference of your pumpkin by it's diameter?

Answer: Pumpkin Pi.

THANKSGIVING IN THE USA

Near the end of November in the USA
Is our national Thanksgiving Day.
We close stores, schools, and banks
And give to God our special thanks.

It is time for us to celebrate
From coast to coast and state to state.
We think of when the Pilgrims came
To these shores in freedom's name.

The first Thanksgiving was long ago.
This bit of history we all know.
A time for thanking their God above
Was set aside to show their love.

When blessings came, they had a feast.
They were not sorry in the least
For coming to this vast, new land.
For freedom to worship, they did stand.

From that first Thanksgiving Day
Until the present one we can say,
"Thank you, God, for blessings great!
You are the reason we celebrate!"

