

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2015

OCTOBER WORSHIP

October 4 is World Communion Sunday. We will share the Lord's Supper in the pew. "For God so loved the world that he have his only begotten son that whosoever believith on him should not perish but have everlasting life." ~ John 3:16

October 11 is Caring Cupboard Sunday. Tricia and Roger Maurer will play French horn duets and Pastor Lynch will preach on I John 1:5-10, "How Do I Fix My Past?" Althea Hemperly will be our guest piano player.

October 18 has the Sunbeam Choir blessing us with their rendition of "As the Dear" with solos by Olivia Bosha and Kennedy Commissiong. Pastor Lynch will speak on "Got My Own" from Philippians 3:7-16.

October 25 will focus on Ephesians 4, "Words, Words, Words!"

CHURCH CLEAN UP

On Saturday October 24, starting at 8:00 AM, we will clean up our church inside and out. As you know, "many hands make lighter work." Let's care for our beautiful facility together on October 24th. ~ Trustees, Don Brubaker, Ed Kaylor

LOYAL WORKERS

We would like to thank everyone who helped and contributed to the Apple Fest.

We will be making bags for our trick and Treaters. Treats would be appreciated. A basket will be placed on the Information Table.

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. Cookies would be appreciated. A sign up sheet will be on the Information Table for the cookies. ~ Sandy Pillsbury

NEW LANDSCAPING

Have you noticed the beautiful new landscaping around Bethany? Thanks very much to Dave Brandt, President of Brandt's Landscaping, for this gift to Bethany.

PAINTING OF SANCTURARY

Our Sanctuary, Gathering Room and entrance ways will be painted this Fall. This needed project will require some flexibility on everyone's part. Pews will be moved and some worship services will need to be held in the social hall. No dates have been set yet, but stay tuned. It has only been 50 years since the sanctuary was painted! The estimate expense of the project is \$12,500. We praise the Lord that thanks to the faithful weekly contributions and tithes of our people, we can cover this expense.

PASTABILITIES DINNER

The Annual Pastabilities Dinner, an all-you-can-eat pasta meal will be enjoyed on Saturday October 10 at Palm Lutheran Church from 4-7. The proceeds will benefit the Caring Cupboard. For more information go to the caringcupboard.org. Hope to see you there.
~ Pastor Lynch

NEW ADDITION TO CHURCH LIBRARY

The latest Max Lucado book, "Before Amen," has been contributed to our church library. Check out this uplifting book that illustrates the power of simple prayer. "Before Amen" is practical, enjoyable and inspiring.

SERVING ADULTS AT GRETNA GLEN

An "Autumn Leaves Senior Adult Day" will be held at Camp Gretna Glen on Tuesday October 13 from 9:30 - 3:00. Cost is \$20.00. Enjoy good company, good food at beautiful Gretna Glen.

VETERAN'S DAY SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 8

This special and important day will include music and testimony by Dawn and Randy Marks, and use of our new sanctuary screen to show photos of our veterans and those currently in military service. Please write the name of family members on a photo of them in uniform and drop it off in our church office by Sunday October 25. They will be scanned, put on a CD, and projected as part of our Veteran's Day worship. Your photos will be returned.

PASTOR'S PUN

After the church service, Billy told the pastor, "When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money. My Daddy says you are the poorest preacher we've ever had."

OCTOBER WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Acolyte: Allison Deimler **Greeters/Ushers:** David Finney, Barry Smith, Tom Gussler

Sound People:

OCTOBER 4: Dick Lasher
OCTOBER 11: Barry Smith
OCTOBER 18: Don Brubaker
OCTOBER 25: Dick Lasher

Readers:

OCTOBER 4: Pastor John
OCTOBER 11: Ed Kaylor
OCTOBER 18: Chantelle Brandt
OCTOBER 25: Barbara Laraia

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

5 - Diane Schell	16 - Shannon Keefer	21 - Timothy Miller
11 - Linda Beam	19 - Richard Lasher	24 - Laurie Dove
11- Marilyn Betz	19 - Carol Marcocci	28 - Jamie Unkow
12 - Stephanie Laudermilch	19 - Audrey Scipioni	31 - Ethel Funck
14 - Bethany Oleyniczak	20 - Dylan Kriner	
14 - Matthew Hetrick	21 - Logan Kriner	



BISHOP JOHNSON IS COMING TO TOWN

Rev. Peggy Johnson, Bishop of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of United Methodist Churches, will be at Kochenderfer's United Methodist Church, Lebanon on Thursday October 22 at 6:30 to speak and listen to members of our churches. A soup and sandwich dinner begins the gathering.

THANK YOU

Bethany Family, I want you to know how much I appreciate your prayers and well wishes. Please keep them coming, my healing isn't complete.

The number of cards I've received is overwhelming. At least 50% came from the Bethany congregation. I get them out often to re-read them. They are my inspiration.

Thank you to everyone who has visited or called. I also want to say a special thank you to Jeff Patrick for bringing me milkshakes, Karen and Paul Leicht for the word search book, Barb Brubaker for washing and trimming my hair and especially Dick Lasher for building a ramp at my front steps.

Thanks too to Pastor John for his daily visits in ICU and his prayers.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all again. If all goes well I will be attending church on October 4th for Communion Sunday. ~ Love, Helen Lutz

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

At the time that Leonardo da Vinci painted “The Last Supper,” he had an enemy who was a fellow painter. Da Vinci had had a bitter argument with this man and despised him. When da Vinci painted the face of Judas Iscariot at the table with Jesus, he used the face of his enemy so that it would be present for ages as the man who betrayed Jesus. He took delight while painting this picture in knowing that others would actually notice the face of his enemy on Judas.

As he worked on the faces of the other disciples, he often tried to painting the face of Jesus, but couldn’t make any progress. Da Vinci felt frustrated and confused. In time he realized what was wrong. His hatred for the other painter was holding him back from finishing the face of Jesus. Only after making peace with his fellow painter and repainting the face of Judas was he able to paint the face of Jesus and complete his masterpiece.

One of the reasons we may have a hard time accepting the forgiveness of God is that we find it hard to forgive others. That’s why Jesus said, “If you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you” (Matthew 6:14, 15). If you want your relationship with Jesus to be all that it can be, forgive your enemies and do all you can to demonstrate Christ’s love to them. Now that’s something to think about. ~ Pastor John

MISSIONARY RACHEL NICHOLSON

Hi Pastor John, Thanks you so much for checking in with me. It has been a great start to the school year and I’m so thankful to be back teaching in Germany. The beginning of the school year is always busy, but God has been good to supply the energy I need and wonderful colleagues that are willing to support one another.

I really appreciate the prayers from Bethany that are truly felt as we start this year. I ask for your continued prayers for my second grade class this year as I have a lot of German children that I’m praying God will really touch them this year as well as their families. In addition, today we had “Impact Day” and the high school and middle school students went out and served in the German community in different ways. We have been working with many of the refugees that are coming to Germany as well as serving in various ways in our town and the surrounding villages. My high school small group girls and I helped to make nice walking path through a village! It was a great chance to serve together.

I’m always so thankful for the chance to come and share at Bethany in the summer. It was great to be with all of you in worship this summer and to be able to share about what God is doing in different places. I pray that you have a wonderful start to this fall and that God is at work at Bethany in great ways this year too!

~ Thank you again for your e-mail
Blessings Rachel Nicholson

OUR BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

I want to THANK Olivia Basham, Kennedy and Sophia Commissioning, Aiden Schell, Kali Scipioni, Allison Deimler, Shay Funck, Lilliana Strait, Barbara Minnich, Diane Schell, Vicki Smith, Cindy Patrick and Janine Wimmer for the excellent Bible School Program. Your lively singing was greatly appreciated by the congregation.

Our Mission Projects were: collecting soup labels and box tops for Red Bird Mission in Kentucky, \$263.00 and for meals for the Caring Cupboard and the “Tabs” for the Ronald McDonald House over \$22,00 has been raised since 1995! That equals: 249 tons, or 498,000 pounds or 697 million Tabs! Thank you Members and Friends of Bethany Church and Barb Brubaker’s Beauty Shop for helping us with our Mission Project. We are continuing to collect “Tabs” and soup labels and box tops. ~ Thank you, Selma Patrick

PROMOTION SUNDAY

On the first Sunday in September, Olivia Basham, Kennedy Commissioning and Aiden Schell were promoted from the Kid Zone to the Primary Department.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child: thanks to all who brought toothbrushes, toothpaste, brushes, combs, washcloths and soap during September. For October, please fill the box in the Gathering Room with toys such as balls, dolls, yoyos, cars, jump ropes, toys that light up/make noise. Thanks so much. ~ Miranda Schell

REMEMBERING RUSSELL WALTERS

Russ Walters grew up in Palmyra and was a member of Bethany. Being called to ministry, Russ began serving congregations in 1953. He cared for churches in the coal region, the Leigh Valley and the Poconos. An outdoors man, Russ founded Christian Camping Ministry at Hickory Run State Park on behalf of the Evangelical United Brethren Church (now United Methodist).

Russ is survived by wife Mary (also from Palmyra) and four adult children: Donna, Diane, David and Debra. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Mrs. Mary Walters, 350 Lake Road, Canadensis, PA 18324.