

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2015

Welcome to

Bethany United Methodist Church

There is a special place here for you:

A Place for Friendship - Nothing quite compares to the joy of Christian Friendship. Psalm 133:1 says, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people dwell in unity." One of our priorities is to build lasting bonds between members of our church family - bonds of concern and genuine commitment to one another. Best of all, the circle of Christian friendship is ever-widening and everlasting! There is a place for you in the circle.

A Place for Learning - To us, studying the Bible is vital. We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, directing us to a new life in Jesus Christ, our guide for these days and for eternity. Learning and applying God's truths to our lives is exciting and fulfilling.

A Place for Enrichment - For every person at every age level, we offer a wealth of opportunities - special programs and ministries for children, youth, and adults which fill the church calendar. You can be sure that in this kaleidoscope of activities there's a place where your life can be enriched.

A Place for Service - Just as Jesus came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister..." we accept our calling to reach out in Christian witness and loving service to others. This applies within our church family, in our community and around the world. We have a place where you could use your God-given talents in Christian service.

A Place for Worship - Our worship services are opportunities to focus our attention upon the Living God, meet Him in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and receive the blessing, refreshment and inspiration through the Holy Spirit. We hope and pray this will be your experience at Bethany!

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

September 6 has us looking at Psalm 42 with Pastor Lynch preaching on “The Homing Instinct.” Special Music will be offered by Barb Kriston, Music Director at Zion United Methodist, Myerstown.

September 13 is Caring Cupboard Sunday. The red wagon awaits our donations of food and personal care items to undergird the outreach ministry of Palmyra’s Caring Cupboard ministry. The message will be on “The Old Rugged Cross” based on I Corinthians 1:18.

September 20 will be a wonderful day as the Sunbeam Choir makes their Fall debut, singing “Rock of Ages Remix.” As Pastor Lynch will be away, our preacher will be Rev. Cliff Flick.

September 27 will focus on “Words of Faith (church-grace-love)” from Romans 12:1-3. Special flute music will be offered by Casey Funck.

Coming up: World Communion Sunday is October 4.

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.

LOYAL WORKERS

The Loyal Workers will meet on Monday, September 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.

Reminder - We will be making bags for our Trick and Treaters. Treats would be appreciated. A basket will be placed on the Information Table for donations beginning in October. Thank you.

~ Sandy Pillsbury

PASTOR’S PUN

I have enjoyed reading several books over the Summer. Right now I am reading a book about the history of glue, and I can’t put it down.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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

Sound People:

SEPTEMBER 6:	Dick Lasher
SEPTEMBER 13:	Barry Smith
SEPTEMBER 20:	Don Brubaker
SEPTEMBER 27:	Dick Lasher

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



1 - Betty Gussler	12 - Denise Neely	24 - Braden Diebler
1 - Elsa Patrick	14 - Thomas Gussler	26 - Barry Smith
2 - Lucille Peiffer	15 - Daniel Gilb	27 - James Bean
5 - Wanda Watts	18 - Robin Becker	27 - Dylan Schell
7 - Allison Deimler	22 - Jane Kline	28 - Andrew Reigle
7 - Holden Skishalley	23 - Janet Lilly	28 - Debra Morris
9 - Karen White	23 - David Brandt	

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Do you remember 19 years in September of 1996 what was going on at Bethany Church? On Sunday September 8 the following persons were commissioned as Lay Ministers: Ken and Sue Beam, Jenny Frank, Mike and Mary Lynne Kniley, Lisa Longenecker, Cathy Weiland and Lori Yaw...Prayers were offered for Mildred Gussler at Good Samaritan Hospital and for Michael Tice at Hershey Medical Center.

Bethany hosted a Prayer Gathering of the Palmyra Area Cooperating Churches, led by Ken Schaeffer...Helen and Joseph Skishally served as September worship greeters and ushers included Almeda and Charles Unger, Lisa and Gregg Longenecker and Denise Berkheiser. Acolytes were Pamela Patrick and Shawn Saaler.

PAINTING OF SANCTUARY

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!

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

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

The President of the Special Olympics was giving a talk to a large audience. During the question and answer time that followed, someone asked him to describe the best moment for him as president of that year’s Special Olympics. Without any hesitation he told about the 100-meter run.

Six develop-mentally handicapped kids lined up in a stadium filled with 50,000 people. These kids had prepared all year for this event. They wanted to win. Although they could not run well, they would give it their very best effort.

The gun went off and all six began to run. At about the 50-meter mark, one of the six runners fell down, face first on the track. The other five runners took a couple of more steps and then stopped. They looked back and saw the fallen runner. Then, to the surprise of the crowd, they all went back, helped the fallen runner to his feet, joined hands, and continued the race--all of them crossing the finish line at the same moment.

Each one received a gold medal.

Our role as members of Jesus’ church is helping those who fall to get back up. The church is not the place for competition; we must serve together in unity. What Jesus wanted most of all for the church was that we would be one (John 17:23). Now, that’s something to think about. ~ Pastor John

OUR BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Bible School Program is on Sunday, August 30. We are looking forward to sharing our lessons and songs with you. Shirts for the children will be provided.

We will have our rehearsal in the sanctuary on Saturday, August 29 at 10:30 AM and have the pizza following the rehearsal.

Teachers, Vicki, Diane, Barbara, Cindy, Janine, Selma

BETHANY PEOPLE

We pray for Jim Floyd and family upon the passing on to God’s glory of dear Annette. We also lift up organist Helen Lutz, rehabbing from leg amputation, and for Lay Leader Steve Scipioni recuperating from appendicitis. We welcomed newest member, Christopher Oleyniczak, to our Bethany family on Sunday August 16.