

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2016

JANUARY WORSHIP

Sunday January 3 has us celebrating Holy Communion in the pew. Pastor Lynch will speak on "Multi-Purpose Cups."

Sunday January 10 is Pulpit Exchange Sunday. Rev. Matt Whayland, pastor of St. Johns UMC, Lebanon and Bellegrove UMC north of Annville, will be our preacher, and Pastor Lynch will speak at Rev. Whayland churches. This is also a Caring Cupboard Sunday.

Sunday January 17 has our Sunbeam Choir ministering with music and Pastor Lynch preaching on "Healing a Relationship" from II Corinthians 5:16. Bethany Youth will serve as ushers.

Sunday January 24 we will take a look at Revelation 3:5-10, "Right On the Money."

Sunday January 31 has us looking at "Uncommon Courage" from Joshua 1:1-9.

TEEN CHALLENGE CHOIR

On Souper Sunday February 7, the Teen Challenge Choir will be at Bethany for 10:30 worship. They will sing and speak God's praise for His overcoming power and mercy that is changing their lives and keeping them away from their addictions. We will enjoy a souper congregational lunch following the service. Mark your calendar.

BETHANY PEOPLE

How good to have Ken Schaeffer and Lewis Brough out of the hospital and doing better. Let's keep dear Helen Lutz in our prayers as she is recuperating from having her second leg amputated. We pray also for healing mercies for George Bell and Paul Finney. Great to have Eric Miller home for the holidays from Denver, Colorado.

Steve Scipioni has a new address: 510 E. Pine Street Palmyra, and daughter Cara Scipioni is looking forward to starting at Penn State with the new semester this January. Adam Wimmer is transferring from Penn State Schuylkill Haven to the Main Campus at University Park. Blessings upon our two Nittany Lions. We also pray blessings upon Bethany and Christopher Oleyniczak as they are expecting their first child. Congratulations! Sharon and Pastor John's daughters, Mandie and Kat, are both pregnant and both are due in May!

THANK YOU'S

Dear Friends, thank you for all your prayers for me. I am grateful for the CD's you send me every week of the Sunday Service.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

~ Sandy Long, 242 Mill Road, Mount Joy, PA 17552

Bethany Church, thank you for remembering my mother, Betty Schaffner, with cards, visits, bulletins, and the church newsletters. She reads them all.

Happy New Year to you all. ~daughter Mattie Reed

Dear Congregation: thank you so much for the generous gifts you've given in support of our ministry at the Lebanon County Prison. It is always an honor and privilege to worship with you at Bethany. Thank you for your hospitality and generous gifts. In God's service, Jenean Speck.

Dear Bethany Family, thank you for all the Christmas kindness, prayers, gifts and cookies! Your thoughtfulness and expressions of encouragement and support are appreciated very much.

Love, Pastor John and Sharon

The Loyal Workers thank everyone who contributed to our Mitten Tree. The Ronald McDonald House greatly appreciate our donation. ~ Sandy Pillsbury

CHURCH CAMP

During the Holiday Bazaar, \$130.00 was raised to help provide for our children's church camp expenses this coming summer. If you are planning to attend Gretna Glen, please let Selma Patrick know so financial support can be given. Additional funds will be raised though the sale of whoopi pies.

2016 CHURCH DIRECTORY

The 2016 Bethany Church Directory is available at the information table. Please, one to a household. Many thanks to church secretary Karen Neidigh for putting it together for us.

JANUARY WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Acolyte:

Allison Deimler
Brandt

Greeters/Ushers:

Barry Smith, Tom Gussler, Richard Lasher, David

Scripture Readers;

JANUARY 3: Pastor Lynch
JANUARY 10: Pastor Lynch
JANUARY 17: Chantelle Brandt
JANUARY 24: Mary Carl
JANUARY 31: Mike Scipioni

Sound System Operators:

JANUARY 4: Don Brubaker
JANUARY 11: Dick Lasher
JANUARY 18: Barry Smith
JANUARY 25: Don Brubaker
JANUARY 31: Dick Lasher



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 - Cindy Anspach | 15 - Melissa Watts |
| 2 - Kevin Strupp | 16 - Kim Mader |
| 9 - Kalin Scipioni | 24 - John Gussler |
| 11 - Lisa Scipioni | 25 - Michael Long |
| 11 - Ed Bosha (92) | 26 - Alyce Laraia |
| 13 - Katelyn Dove | 27 - Dennis Walborn |



SAFE SANCTUARY

Bethany children/youth teacher and leaders will be informed and trained at our safe sanctuary event on Monday January 4 at 6:30 in the social hall. Please see Cindy Anspach for more information.

SEA PASTOR JOHN'S PUNS

Why do crabs never give to charity?
Because they're shellfish.

Why did the octopus beat the shark in a fight?
Because it was well armed.

I knew I shouldn't have eaten that seafood.
Now I'm feeling a little eel.

THE WAY TO A
HAPPY NEW YEAR

To leave the old with a burst of song;
To recall the right and forgive the wrong;
To forget the things that bind you fast
To the vain regrets of the year that's past;
To have the strength to let go your hold
Of the not worth while of the days grown old;
To dare go forth with a purpose true,
To the unknown task of the year that's new;
To help your brother along the road;
As he does his work and lifts his load;
To add your gift to the world's good cheer
Is to have and to give a Happy New Year.

