

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE NEWSLETTER

**APRIL 2016**

APRIL WORSHIP

Sunday April 3 has Pastor Lynch preaching on “Easter Gifts” from Matthew 28:1-10. Althea Hemperly will bless us from the piano and her family will sing praises to the risen Lord.

Sunday April 10 will have us “Taking Dead Aim” from Matthew 6:25-34.

Sunday April 17 will feature our Sunbeam Choir will singing “Here I Am to Worship.” Pastor Lynch will speak on being “Rock Solid” from Matthew 16:13-18.

Sunday April 24 has us looking at Hebrews 12:1-12, “Running a Marathon.” Casey Funck will offer special music on her flute.

PASTOR LYNCH TO 1/2 TIME

We praise the Lord that Pastor John will be able to increase his ministry with us. Bishop Johnson has appointed him, starting July 1 to go from 1/4 time to 1/2 time. He will no longer be serving the Mountville Church. Pastor John, in addition to all he is currently doing for Bethany, now is also able to lead periodic sharing group/Bible Study, increased visiting, more community involvement, and recruiting Bethany people for congregational leadership.

Also starting in July, Bethany church will return to our Sunday morning schedule of 9:00 Sunday School and 10:00 worship.

LOYAL WORKERS

The Loyal Workers want to thank everyone who contributed to our Bakeless Bake Sale. We received \$250.00 towards the purchase of new carpet for the Sunday School classrooms.

NEW CARPET

Thank you to all who supported fund raisers and made generous contributions toward new carpet for the four Sunday School classrooms. We praise the Lord that the needed expense of \$10,258.00 has been raised! The carpet is scheduled to be installed the first week of April. **Can you help move items out of the rooms following worship on Sunday April 3?**

TOOLS FOR MINISTRY WORKSHOP

WHOOPIE PIE SALE

Thank you to all who supported sending children and youth to Gretna Glen Camp with their whoopie pie sale. We are doing it again on April 10, 2016. Proceeds will help the children reduce the cost of the wonderful experience of church camp. Whoopie pies will be available for pick up on April 10th after worship in the gathering room. Signup sheet is available on the information table. Whoopie pies are \$1.25. ~ Selma Patrick

PASTOR'S STORY CORNER

An ancient story is told about a father and his son who were walking along a road one day with their donkey. Soon they met a man who told them how foolish they were to walk when they had a donkey that could be ridden. So the father and son hopped on.

They hadn't gone very far when another man criticized them for both riding on the donkey. They were too heavy for it, he contended, and were being inhumane. So the boy got off.

It wasn't long before a third traveler accused the father of being inconsiderate because he made his son walk while he rode. So the two switched places.

Soon they met another person who charged that the son was not being thoughtful of his father, who was so much older than he.

When last seen, the two were trudging down the road carrying the donkey.

Whom do you try to please? If you listen to the crowd and try to dance to their tune, you will always be frustrated. If you are overly sensitive to the opinions and criticisms of others, you will end up carrying a needless burden of guilt and inadequacy. And if you just try to please yourself, you will become egocentric and selfish.

That's why as Christians, we seek to please God, not other people. Paul wrote, "For me, to live is Christ!" Ultimately, our accountability is to God. "We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts" (1 Thessalonians 2:4). Now, that's something to think about.

~ Pastor John

THANK YOU

Thank you to Barry Smith for securing new computers and software for the Bethany Church office. Barry also cares for bethanyumcpalmyra.org, our church website.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that our Breakfast with the Easter Bunny was a great success? Thanks to Bethany youth who served as waiters, the kitchen crew, and the kind support and donations of our congregation, \$543.00 was raised in support of the Children Lunch Program of the Palmyra Caring Cupboard! Special thanks to Casey Funck who was fantastic as the Easter Bunny, and thanks to Cindy Anspach for coordinating the event.

APRIL WORSHIP LEADERS**Acolyte:** Casey Funck**Greeters/Ushers:** Seth and Miranda Schell,  
Richard and Sue Lasher**Scripture Readers;**APRIL 3: Mike Scipioni  
APRIL 10: Ed Kaylor  
APRIL 17: Chantelle Brandt  
APRIL 24: Barb Laraia**Sound System Operators:**APRIL 3: Dick Lasher  
APRIL 10: Barry Smith  
APRIL 17: Don Brubaker

APRIL 24: Dick

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Lasher

2 - Rick Anspach	15 - Betty Schaffner	25 - Sandy Long
2 - Madison Rechel	17 - Dale Patrick	26 - Susan Lasher
2 - Diane Neidigh	17 - Joseph Scipioni	28 - Seth Schell
4 - Jill Brubaker	19 - Caressa Walborn	28 - Andrew Brandt
5 - Barry Sell	21 - Gerald Wimmer	29 - Chantelle Brandt
12 - Roberta Brough	22 - Karen Finney	
14 - Rick Miller	23 - Dennis Laudermilch	
14 - Nicole Strupp	24 - Joseph Rechel	

PASTOR'S OUT OF  
THIS WORLD PUNS

Did you hear about the new restaurant on the moon?  
The food is great, but there is just no atmosphere.

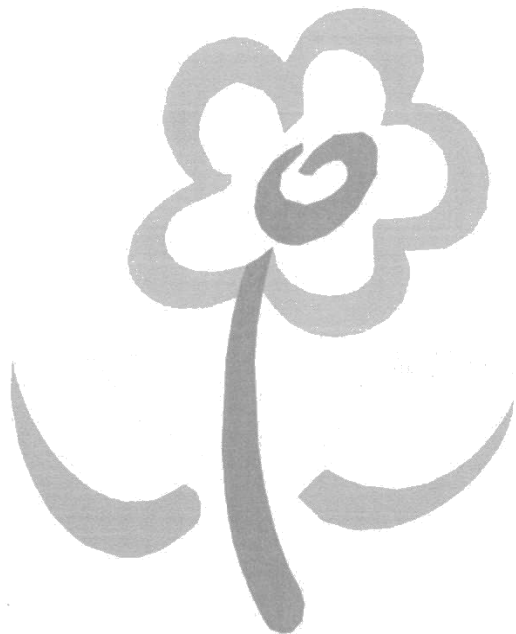
How do you organize a space party? You planet.  
I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

# SPRING FLING

Senior Adult Day at Gretna Glen

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Spring Fling is planned just for adults, with exceptional programs, snacks, a hot lunch and an opportunity to stroll around camp to observe nature, birds, or spring wildflowers!

Join us for a spring day filled with fun activities, special entertainment, and sharing laughter with friends.

**Cost is \$20.00 per person**

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Registrations taken on a first come-first served basis. Get yours in early!  
**Senior Days at Gretna Glen: Spring Fling**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Call with your reservation or enclose a check for \$20.00 with this form and send it to:  
**Gretna Glen Camp & Retreat Center**  
87 Old Mine Road  
Lebanon PA 17042

If you have any questions, please contact the camp office at 717-273-6525  
registrar@gretnaglen.org~www.gretnaglen.org