

May Bethany Church Newsletters can be read online at bethanyumcpalmyra.org and paper copies are available at the information table.

May/June Upper Room devotional booklets are available. Please take one for yourself and one for a friend.

Would you like to sponsor altar flowers in honor/memory of loved ones? Available dates are May 15, June 12, 19.

Bethany yoga, due to a very busy month, will not be held in May. We will start up again in June. See you then. ~ Wendy Smith

National Day of Prayer is this Thursday, May 5. Our sanctuary will be open for prayer from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Stop in and pray for our church, country and community.

The church office will be open this week on Tuesday and Thursday from 8-10.

Calling all graduates: Please alert Pastor Lynch, or the church office, of any high school, or college graduations. We want to recognize our grads on Sunday June 5 at 10:30 worship.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. Special speaker is Rev. Jeannine Brenner, a ministerial daughter of our church. Bethany Oleyniczak and Miranda Schell will offer special music, and Ed Kaylor will serve as worship leader.

Caring Cupboard Sunday is also next Sunday, May 8. In addition to the normal food and personal care products, there is a need for peanut butter and jelly.

CCLI License number CSPL099577 for making copies of music.

SERVING CHRIST AND OUR CONGREGATION

ORGANIST: <i>Audrey Scipioni</i>	LAY LEADER: <i>Steve Scipioni</i>
ASSISTANT: <i>Helen Lutz</i>	SUNBEAM CHOIR: <i>Samantha Patrick</i>
NURSERY CARE: <i>Vicki Smith</i>	ADMIN. COUNCIL: <i>Cindy Anspach</i>
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: <i>Selma Patrick</i>	CHURCH SECRETARY: <i>Karen Neidigh</i>
TRUSTEES: <i>Don Brubaker, Ed Kaylor</i>	CUSTODIAN: <i>Beverly Bell</i>
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDANT: <i>Gary Nicholson</i>	PASTOR: <i>John Lynch (298-1308)</i>

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average worship attendance January through April was 92. Last year it was 79. We praise the Lord.



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10:30 AM WORSHIP May 1, 2016

April Memory Verse

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.
 In all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths.”
 ~ Proverbs 3:5-6

WELCOME		Pastor Lynch
CALL TO WORSHIP		Insert
*PRAISE HYMN	“Open My Eyes, That I May See”	Insert
*INVOCATION		Pastor Lynch
*CHORUS	“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”	(twice) Insert
SOLO	“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”	Karen Evans
MORNING PRAYER		
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Lynch
The Lord’s Prayer		Congregation
THE OFFERTORY		Audrey Scipioni
Presentation of God’s Tithe		
*The Doxology		
*Dedication Prayer		
SOLO	“How Beautiful”	Karen Evans
SCRIPTURE	Luke 11:33-36	Larry Strait
MESSAGE	“Spiritual Cataracts”	Pastor Lynch

*COMMITMENT HYMN “The Light of the World Is Jesus” # 57

*BENEDICTION “May the Lord bless thee, and keep thee: the Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.” Unison

*POSTLUDE Audrey Scipioni

**We stand to honor Jesus Christ*

Good morning and welcome to Bethany where God’s word is honored, taught and proclaimed. Our mission is to glorify God by making-maturing-mobilizing enthusiastic disciples for Jesus Christ. Please sign the blue attendance pad and pass it along.

A special welcome is extended to Karen Evans, who shares a ministry of music with us today. Thank you to Karen’s mother, who accompanies her this morning. Karen and her family attend the Mountville UMC, and she is the Building Principal at the Manheim Township Middle School.

Infant care and a toddler class are held downstairs during worship and Sunday School.

Units for the hearing-impaired are available. Please speak with an usher for assistance.

CD’s of today’s service are available for \$2.00. Please contact Karen in the church office. You can also listen to the service through the church’s web site bethanyumcpalmyra.org.

Our extended Sunday School for children is called Kid Zone. Those up to sixth grade are welcome to go downstairs to Kid Zone or remain in the sanctuary for worship.

Serving today: **Ushers:** Barry Smith, Tom Gussler, Dave Finney, Richard Funck **Sound System:** Barry Smith, **Organ:** Audrey Scipioni, **Acolyte:** Shay Funck.

Prayer request cards are in the pew rack. Please place them in the offering plate knowing that Pastor Lynch and the Bethany prayer chain will pray over your joys and concerns. If you would like to activate the Bethany prayer chain please call Vicki Smith at 838-5665.

Prayer joys/concerns: 1) Hopeful and healing mercies for Barb Brubaker, Susan Lasher, Paul Finney, Lew Brough, Ashley Comissong, Bryan Hoffman, Jim Lucas at Hershey Medical

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth

hast for me; place in my hands the won - der - ful key
 send - est clear; and while the wave - notes fall on my ear,
 ev - ery - where; o - pen my heart and let me pre - pare

Refrain

that shall un - clasp and set me free.
 ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I
 love with thy chil - dren thus to share.

wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.

O - pen my eyes,
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 O - pen my heart,

WORDS: Clara H. Scott, 1895
 MUSIC: Clara H. Scott, 1895

OPEN MY EYES
 88.98 with Refrain

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us worship the Lord our God.
 People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.
 Pastor: May our eyes be opened this day
 People: That we might see the beauty and bounty of God's gifts.
 Pastor: May our eyes be opened this day
 People: That we might see our need for God's grace.
 Pastor: May our eyes be opened this day
 People: That we might see those who are in need.
 Pastor: May our eyes be opened this day
 People: That we might worship God in spirit and in truth, and
 having worshiped, that we might serve God with faith
 and compassion.
 Pastor: Come, let us worship the Lord our God.

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus 349

Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus, look full in his
 won - der - ful face, and the things of earth will grow
 won - der - ful face,

strange - ly dim in the light of his glo - ry and grace.

WORDS: Helen H. Lemmel, 1922

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