

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE NEWSLETTER

**MAY 2016**

MAY WORSHIP

May 1 has us going to the Great Physician to heal us from our “Spiritual Cataracts.” Our key text will be Luke 11:33-36. Karen Evans of the Mountville Church will offer special music.

May 8 is Mother’s Day. Our Loyal Workers are designing and leading our worship. Rev. Jeannine Brenner will be our guest preacher. Bethany Oleyniczak will praise God with special music. This day is Caring Cupboard Sunday.

May 15 will be a blessing as the Sunbeam Choir sings and Pastor Lynch will offer “When We Have to Face the Unknown”, the story of David and Goliath.

May 22 has Pastor Lynch preaching at St. Paul’s UMC in Mountville, Lancaster County, and our Lay Leader Steve Scipioni will design and lead our worship. Steve’s message is titled, “Round Abouts” from Galatians 5:16-25.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES

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

“BEHOLD I WILL MAKE ALL THINGS NEW”

We praise the Lord for the new things blessing our Bethany Church. New carpet in four Sunday School rooms, new cement sidewalk section in front of Bethany on Cherry Street, and a new summer sunflower banner for our sanctuary in loving memory of Freida Schaeffer. Thank you to all who guided these projects along.

CARING CUPBOARD

Sunday May 10 is Caring Cupboard Sunday this month. The Cupboard is low on peanut butter and jelly. Let’s fill the red wagon with jars of both on May 10. It will stick to people’s ribs!

LOYAL WORKERS

The Loyal Workers are having a Bakeless Bake Sale on Sunday, June 5. Instead of

MAY 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

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

As we approach Mother’s Day, I’d like to share with you a thought-provoking poem written by Diane Loomas called “If I Had My Child To Raise Over Again.”

If I had my child to raise all over again, I’d build  
 self-esteem first, and the house later.  
 I’d finger-paint more, and point the finger less.  
 I would do less correcting and more connecting.  
 I’d take my eyes off my watch and watch with my eyes.  
 I would care to know less and know to care more.  
 I’d take more hikes and fly more kites.  
 I’d stop playing serious and seriously play.  
 I’d run through more fields and gaze at more stars.  
 I’d do more hugging and less tugging.  
 I’d see the oak tree in the acorn more often.  
 I would be firm less often, and affirm much more.  
 I’d model less often about the love of power,  
 and more about the power of love.  
 Now, that’s something to think about.

~ Pastor John

PASTOR’S PUN

This month I thought I’d tell you the story about the banana peel,  
 but it slipped my mind.  
 Then I figured I’d tell you the one about playing cards,  
 but it was no big deal.  
 In desperation I was going to tell you the story about the sun,  
 but it was way over my head!

BETHANY YOGA

Due to a very busy schedule, there will be no yoga class during the month of May. We will start up again in June. Hope to see you then. ~ Wendy Smith

BETHANY UPDATE

MAY WORSHIP LEADERS**Acolyte:** Shay Funck**Greeters/Ushers:** Barry Smith, Tom Gussler, Dave Finney,  
Richard Funck**Scripture Readers;**

MAY 1: Larry Strait  
 MAY 8: Loyal Workers  
 MAY 15: Samantha Patrick  
 MAY 22: Steve Scipioni  
 MAY 29: Pastor Lynch

**Sound System Operators:**

MAY 1: Barry Smith  
 MAY 8: Don Brubaker  
 MAY 15: Dick Lasher  
 MAY 22: Barry Smith

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Steven Schaeffer	13 - David Schaeffer	26 - Brian Smith
4 - Kathryn Laraia	14 - Josephine Hetrick	27 - Deborah Light
8 - Fred Strupp	17 - Barbara Elliott	29 - Beverly Bosha
10 - Steven Scipioni	17 - William Scipioni	29 - Jesse Keefer
13 - Gloria Kettering	21 - Gerald Wimmer	31 - Gabriella Schell
13 - Sarah Porche	23 - DeAnn Showers	

MAY 29: Don Brubaker

BETHANY PEOPLE

Congratulations to Sharon and Pastor John upon the birth of their first grandchild, Murphy Lincoln Konecke. A second grandchild is due in a couple weeks! We pray for the family of Almeda Long who passed away to God's eternity on April 14.

A summer sunflower banner for our sanctuary was recently purchased in loving memory of Freida Schaeffer from contributions made to the memorial fund in her honor. We continue to pray for healing mercies for Sue Lasher, Helen Lutz, Barb Brubaker, Jannine Wimmer, Paul Finney, Lew Brough, Ashley Commissong, Barry Smith, Adelyn Socash.

Many thanks to Dick Lasher for mowing the grass, and to Dave Brandt for caring for the lovely landscaping around our church. Blessings upon Samantha Patrick who has done an

## MOTHER'S DAY POETRY

“Thank You Mother”

Thank you for washed and ironed clothes,  
Thank you for the apple pie,  
The Band-Aid on my injured knee,  
For taking the speck out of my eye.

Thank you for the cookies and popcorn treats,  
Thank you for parties and picnics too,  
Thank you for having my friends to play,  
And all things you do the whole day through.

Thank you for stories you always read,  
And all the nighttime prayers you said,  
For your quick hug and gentle kiss;  
The way you tuck me into bed.

Thank you, Mother, for your love,  
For all the loving things you do,  
For telling me of God above,  
And thank you for just being you.

