

Serving today: **Ushers:** Barry Smith, Tom Gussler, Dave Finney, Richard Funck, **Sound System:** Don Brubaker, **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) Mothers everywhere. 2) Expectant mothers Bethany Oleyniczak in July, and Katrina Hayes (Sharon and Pastor John's older daughter) any day! 3) Our servicemen and their families. 4) Healing mercies for Barb Brubaker, Susan Lasher, Paul Finney, Lew Brough, Ashley Commissong, Bryan Hoffman, Karen Leicht, Jim Lucas, Janine Wimmer, back surgery on May 18. 5) Birthday blessings this week to Steve Scipioni, Gloria Kettering and David Schaeffer.

Our special person of the week is Eric Miller who resides in Denver, Colorado. Please pray for Eric and sign the card in the rear of the sanctuary.

Our Administrative Council meets tomorrow evening at 6:30 in the social hall.

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

Thank you for all the food, personal care items and peanut butter and jelly, brought in today in support of the Palmyra Caring Cupboard.

June Church Newsletter articles need by in by next Sunday. Thank you.

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

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.

The Loyal Workers are having a Bakeless Bake Sale on Sunday, June 5. Instead of baking we would appreciate a contribution of the item you would be baking. Boxes will be in the back of the church and on the table in the overflow area. These funds will be used for the Children's Lunch Program at the Caring Cupboard. ~ Sandy Pillsbury

Next Sunday our Sunbeam Choir sings God's praise, and Pastor Lynch will preach on "When We Have To Face the Unknown," the story of David and Goliath.



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10:30 AM MOTHER'S DAY May 8, 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 Ed Kaylor

*PRAISE HYMN “For the Beauty of the Earth” Insert

*INVOCATION Ed Kaylor

*MOTHER'S DAY AFFIRMATION

Pastor: I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, who was born to a mother named Mary.

People: I believe in the love Mary gave her son, that caused her to follow him in his ministry and stand by his cross as he died.

Pastor: I believe in the love of all mothers, and its importance in the lives of their children. It is stronger than steel, softer than down, and more resilient than a green sapling on a hillside.

People: It closes wounds, melts disappointments, and enables the weakest child to stand tall and straight in the fields of adversity.

Pastor: I believe that this love, even at its best, is only the shadow love of God, a reflection of all that we can expect of God, both in this life and the next.

People: And I believe that one of the most beautiful sights in the world is a mother who lets this greater love flow through her to her child, blessing the world with the tenderness of her touch and the tears of her joy. Thank God for mothers!

SPECIAL MUSIC “Hannah’s Prayer” Bethany Oleyniczak
 Miranda Schell

MORNING PRAYER Ed Kaylor

THE LORD’S PRAYER Congregation

THE OFFERTORY Audrey Scipioni

Presentation of God’s Tithe

*The Doxology

*Dedication Prayer

*PREPARATION HYMN “He Touched Me” Insert

SCRIPTURE Mark 5:35-42 Mary Carl

MESSAGE “Things Are Not Always What They Appear To Be” Rev. Jeannine Brenner

*COMMITMENT HYMN “Through It All” # 312

*BENEDICTION Rev. Jeannine Brenner

*POSTLUDE Audrey Scipioni

**We stand to honor Jesus Christ.*

***Worship is concluded, now the service begins.*

Good morning and welcome to Mother’s Day worship at 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 Rev. Jeannine Brenner, a ministerial daughter of our congregation. Thank you to Jeannine for being our preacher, Bethany Oleyniczak and Miranda Schell for the special music and Ed Kaylor for serving as worship leader. Our Loyal Workers do so much for our congregation and community, including putting our Mother’s Day worship service together.

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.