

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE NEWSLETTER

JULY-AUGUST 2016

JULY-AUGUST WORSHIP

Our summer worship theme will be “Trust God.” Hope you find these messages and a few other special days, to be an encouragement in your Christian walk. Remember, from now on, Sunday School is at 9:00 and worship is at 10:00.

July 3 has us addressing the question “Oh Say, Can America See?” This Independence Day message comes from the 10 Commandments. Amy Zelinske, a member of the United Methodist Church of the Good Shepherd in Lebanon, will offer special music.

July 10: “Trust God For Your Future?” Tricia and Roger Maurer will offer special music.

July 17 “Trust God When You Feel Lonely” will be based on Psalm 40:1-3. Bethany youth will usher and we will be blessed with a trio of recorders.

July 24 features a drama, “Bad Girls of the New Testament,” presented by Jenean Speck and her granddaughter Jessica Theurer. Althea Hemperly will accompany us on the piano.

July 31 is our outdoor worship service and picnic once again at the Annville Church of the Brethren pavilion, south of Annville. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share. Hot dogs, barbeque, drinks and place settings will be provided. No Sunday School or worship at Bethany this day. Arrive at 10:00, worship at 10:15, fun and games at 11:00, with lunch following. Our special guest will be our missionary in Germany, Rachel Nicholson!

August 7: “Trust God in a Changing World,” from Matthew 7:24-27.

August 14: “Trust God as you Witness” is taken from Acts 2:43-47. Althea Hemperly will play the piano.

August 21: “Trust God as you Prime the Pump,” is based on Luke 17:3-6. Justin Huie a funeral director from Myerstown, and a member of Zion United Methodist Church, will offer special music.

August 28 is our Bible School Program. Our children will sing and tell us all about God’s unstoppable love they learned about in the “Surf Shack.”

ALTAR FLOWERS

Would you like to sponsor altar flowers in honor or memory of loved ones? Available

JULY MEMORY VERSE

“Jesus said, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life;
no one comes to the Father, but by me.’”
~ John 14:6

AUGUST MEMORY VERSE

I can do all things through Christ
who strengthens me.” ~ Philippians 4:13

CHILDREN IN THE NEWS

Shay Funck, a 5th grade graduate from Forge Street School who will be attending Middle School next year has received “The Presidential Award for Academic Excellence in Overcoming an Obstacle.” Shay is the son of Richard and Jill Funck and brother of Casey. Congratulations Shay!

CAMP NEWS

The following boys and girls will be attending Gretna Glen Camp this summer. Please pray for them while they are at camp and send them mail.

The camp address is: Camper Name
Gretna Glen Camp
87 Old Mine Road
Lebanon, PA 17042

Casey Funck, After Hours Camp, June 19-24

Kylee Wisor, After Hours Camp, July 10-15

Cade Barnhouse, Super Heroes In Training Camp, July 11-15

Colton Barnhouse, Wet and Wacky Camp, July 18-22

If I have missed anyone who is going to camp or who would like to attend camp please let me know.

Thanks to Bethany Church and the whoppie pie makers, Pam, Cindy, Terry, Samantha, Michelle Patrick, Allison Deimler and Cindy Anspach, funds are available to help our youth attend camp. ~ Selma Patrick

NEW VISITORS PACKS

Please help make visitors and guests aware of our new “Welcome to Bethany” information packs. One display is located on the information table, and another in the rear of the sanctuary. Materials include information on Bethany, our commitments to God and one another, a religious tract, pastor’s card, an Upper Room booklet and the monthly newsletter. Look for the “Palmyra orange” packs.

JULY WORSHIP LEADERS

Acolyte: Allison Deimler

Greeters/Ushers: Larry and Joan Strait,
Cindy Anspach, Susan Lasher

Sound System Operators:

JULY 3: Barry Smith

JULY 10: Don Brubaker

JULY 17: Dick Lasher

JULY 24: Barry Smith

JULY 31: Don Bru-

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 - David Finney

18 - Joan Strait

25 - K. Byron Light III

1 - Michael Reigle

20 - Lory Walborn

29 - Helen Lutz

3 - Brittany Dunlop

23 - Kenneth Schaeffer

31 - Carissa Smith

8 - Melba Shenk

AUGUST WORSHIP LEADERS

Acolyte: Samantha & Michelle Patrick

Greeters/Ushers: Needed

Sound System Operators:

AUGUST 7: Dick Lasher

AUGUST 14: Barry Smith

AUGUST 21: Don

AUGUST 28: Dick

Brubaker

Lasher

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

6 - David Patrick

17 - Danielle White

22 - Michelle Patrick

7 - William Long

21 - Amber Schell

29 - Quinne Walborn

11 - Allison White

22 - Judy Mader

30 - Mark Shenk

14 - James Walker

22 - Jacquelin Peiffer

31 - Lewis Brough

BETHANY PEOPLE

Congratulations to Bethany and Christopher Oleyniczak upon the birth of Lily Grace on June 14. A pink rosebud was placed on the altar the following Sunday in praise to God for their precious gift. Wendy Smith is back leading yoga in the social hall every Thursday from 7-8:15. All are welcome. Congratulations to Mike Scipioni who recently passed his exam and is now a certified Nurse Counselor.

Our District Superintendent, and former pastor, Gary Nicholson, returns to local church ministry on July 1 as pastor of Christ UMC, Lansdale. Blessings upon Gary and Pam. For more than 50 years, Selma Patrick has been a Sunday School and Bible School teacher with our elementary age children here at Bethany. With the conclusion of Bible School, on August 28, Selma is retiring. We praise the Lord for her faithfulness in loving and introducing children to Jesus Christ.

Continue to pray for healing mercies for Lew Brough, Vicki Smith, Janet Lilly, Susan Knipe, Ashley Commissong, Meg Brandt. May the Holy Spirit comfort Susan Lasher and family upon the passing on of her mother, Marian Lemons

BIBLE SCHOOL

When: Sundays June 5 to August 28
Where: Bethany U.M. Church
Who: Children in the Kid Zone and Primary Department
Time: 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.
Theme: "Surf Shack"

Kids explore how to put their faith into action. In this mission-focused VBS, kids experience God's unstoppable love and discover how to fuel up and move in and through life with God.

Our sessions start at 9:00 and go to 11:00. Please encourage your children to participate in the entire session.

Looking forward to a great Bible School.

Teachers are Vicki, Barbara, Janine, Cindy, Selma.

LOYAL WORKERS

The Loyal Workers want to thank everyone who contributed to our Bakeless Bake Sale. We received \$200.00 to give to the Caring Cupboard for the Children's Lunch Program.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

There was once a little boy who was walking along the beach when suddenly he came upon thousands of starfish that had washed up on the sand. The tide was going out, and for some strange reason, the starfish ended up stuck on the beach. They were doomed because they couldn't survive being out of the water in the hot sun until the next high tide. The little boy realized this and frantically started picking up starfish and throwing them, one at a time, back into the water.

A man who was walking along the beach saw the boy doing this and he yelled at the boy, "Son, what in the world are you doing? Don't you know that there are thousands of starfish on this beach? And there is no way in the world you can save all those starfish!"

The little boy thought about that for a moment, then turned to the man, picked up a starfish and said, "Yeah, I know. But I can save *this* one." And he heaved it as far as he could into the ocean!

Sometimes we get discouraged because we can't solve all the problems of the world, or see all of our friends and family come to Christ, or do everything that we feel God wants us to do. But we can do *something*. You aren't going to be able to win the whole world to Christ. But you can share the love of Jesus with one person today.

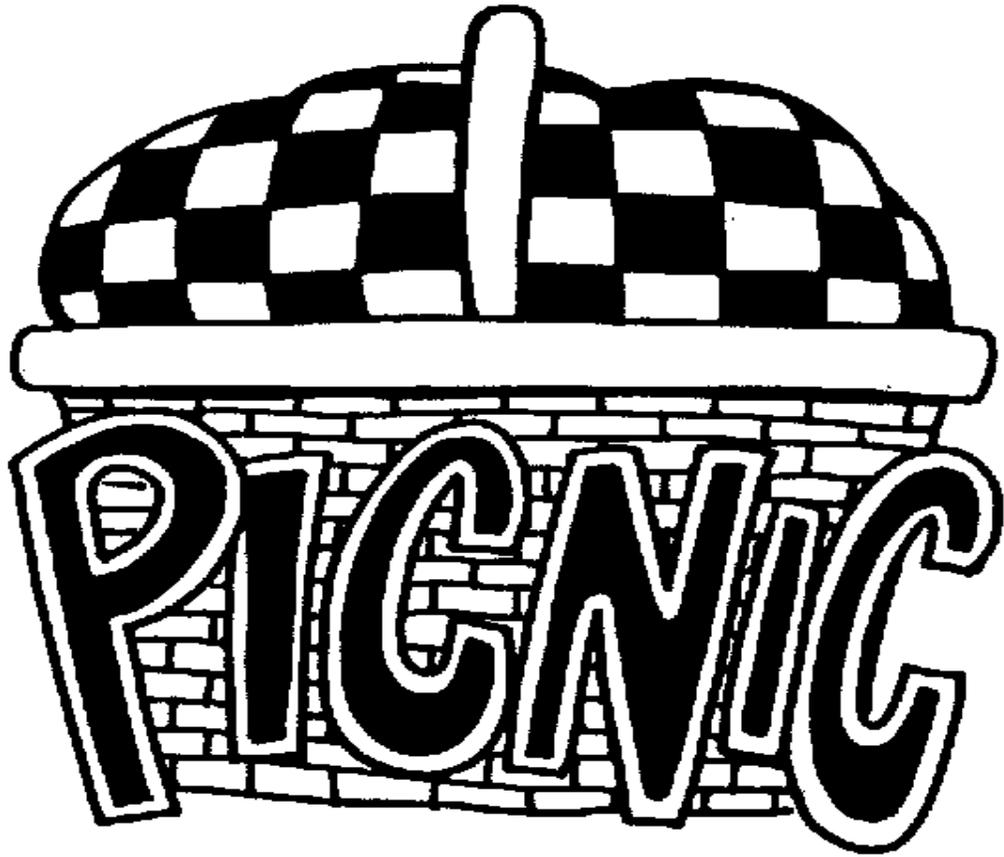
You can't do everything-but you can do a lot more than you think you can. God will take what you do, bless it, and multiply it. So pick up one starfish and throw it. That's all God wants you to do. He'll do the rest. Now that's something to think about! ~ Pastor John

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL PRAYER MEETING

At the monthly meeting on Monday June 13 we discussed and prayed over many people and concerns. Three decisions were made that may interest you. First, we were led by the Spirit, and the idea of Dale Patrick to contribute \$100 each quarter of the year in support of the American Bible Society efforts to place Bibles in the hands of our servicemen and veterans (\$100 purchases 20 Bibles). We will also take a special offering on Veterans Day Sunday, November 13 for those who desire to make a personal contribution to this worthy effort.

The Council also decided to invite the Unity Quartet to share the Lord with us once again next year on Sunday morning June 11 at 10:00 worship. Save the date!

And Pastor Lynch shared with us the idea of Bethany serving as a downtown Palmyra outlet for the Library a couple days a week. The Council found the idea intriguing, as it would be a good community service and it would serve to introduce people to Bethany. For the time being, Don Brubaker, Karen Finney, Steve Scipioni, Sue Lasher and Pastor John are going to meet with representatives from the library to discuss what would be involved in such a partnership. No decisions, just conversation at this point.



**OUR BETHANY PICNIC
IS ON SUNDAY JULY 31**

**Annville Church of the Brethren
South Annville Pavilion**

Gather at 10:00, Worship at 10:15
Fun and Games @ 11:00, then we eat!

**Need a Ride?
Contact Dick Lasher**