

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE NEWSLETTER

**OCTOBER 2016**

OCTOBER WORSHIP

October 2 is World Communion Sunday. We will celebrate Holy Communion in the pew at 10:00 worship. Special music will be offered by Bethany Oleyniczak.

October 9 has Pastor John encouraging us to “Stop Fuming and Start Forgiving” from Matthew 6:5-15. Guest soloist is Patty Ulrich and guest pianist is Marcy Weik.

October 16 has us being blessed by the sweet music of the Sunbeam Choir, with Bethany youth ushering. The message is titled “Marriage: 3 Things Not To Do” from John 13:34-35.

October 23 has us looking at Moses in Exodus 4:1-17 and seeing him as “A World Class Excuse Maker.” We will be blessed by guest singers who are mother and daughter, Cathy and Breanna Sief.

October 30 is All Saints Day. A same day choir of men will offer “Wonderful Grace of Jesus.” Pastor Lynch will preach on “Saints With Crooked Halos” from II Samuel 12:1-13a.

Those of our Bethany family who have passed on during the year will be remembered.



**PRAYER MEETING FOR AMERICA.  
EVERY TUESDAY IN THE CHAPEL  
THROUGH ELECTION DAY, 6:30-7:00.**

**“IF MY PEOPLE WILL PRAY AND SEEK MY  
FACE, I WILL HEAL THEIR LAND.”**

**~ II Chronicle 7:14**

OCTOBER MEMORY VERSE

“They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Here is a simple way to pray with the five fingers of your hand. Hope you find it interesting and helpful.

Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a “sweet duty.”

The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God’s guidance.

The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

And lastly comes our little finger—the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, “The least shall be the greatest among you.” Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively. Now that’s something to think about! ~ Pastor John

### THANK YOU

Dear friends, Now that the summer lunch program at the Caring Cupboard has ended there is time to express a belated “thank you” for your tremendous support. When I was told of the check you sent to support this program it lifted a huge burden from my shoulders and I knew we would be ok for the summer. Thank you for helping us insure that every child applying for summer lunch could be fed. God bless you! ~ Robin Stanley

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

Do you remember the Young Adult Class meeting that was held on October 22, 1955? The class met in the church basement for a Halloween Party! Mr. and Mrs. Springer, Mr. and Mrs. Hoover and Mr. and Mrs. Wentling were in charge. There were 26 present including Rev. Schober and his family.

The brief business meeting preceding the party showed a \$47.00 profit on a recent bake sale. A committee was formed to direct the clothing drive for Church World Service. Those chosen were Kermit Koch, Ethel Funck, Ruth Kelley, Paul Hoover and George Weit. It was announced that platters with the church picture on it were for sale at 25¢ a plate. Recorded by Secretary, Janet Reist.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Chantelle Brandt, a senior at Palmyra High School, who was recently accepted to enroll at Messiah College next fall. Congratulations to Sue Bowman who is

## OCTOBER WORSHIP LEADERS

**Acolyte:** Michelle Patrick

**Greeters/Ushers:** Paul and Karen Leicht, Rick and Diane Miller

**Scripture Readers:**

**Sound System Operators:**

OCTOBER 2: Pastor Lynch

OCTOBER 2: Don Brubaker

OCTOBER 9: Wendy Smith

OCTOBER 9: Dick Lasher

OCTOBER 16: Pastor Lynch

OCTOBER 16: Barry Smith

OCTOBER 23: Sue Lasher

OCTOBER 23: Don Brubaker

OCTOBER 30: Don

Brubaker OCTO-

BER 30: Dick Lasher

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

5 - Diane Schell

14 - Bethany Oleyniczak

19 - Carol Marcocci

11 - Marilyn Betz

14 - Matthew Hetrick

19 - Audrey Scipioni

12 - Stephanie Laudermilch

19 - Richard Lasher

21 - Timothy Miller



## PASTOR'S PUN

October means fall foliage, cooler nights, candy corn and pumpkins. So I was wondering, how do you repair a cracked pumpkin? I suppose with a pumpkin patch!

## LOYAL WORKERS

The Loyal Workers will have their Apple Fest, on Saturday October 8th. Sycamore Spring Orchard Apple Dumplings will be sold along with crafts, bake goods and lunch will be served. Please help us with baked goods. They can be dropped off on Friday, October 7 between 6-8 P.M. Thank you for your contributions.

November 12 is our Holiday Bazaar. Our big attraction is our cookie sale. We need everyone's help so start thinking what you would like to make. Crafts, bake good and lunch will also be available. A sign up sheet will be on the information table in the Gathering Room.

We can't forget Trick or Treat Night. Any contributions of treats and small bottles of water would be appreciated. A table is set up in the Gathering Room under the mission bulletin board for your contributions.

Please mark your calendars and help us to make these events successful.

# Caring Cupboard Walk

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

October 9, 2016, 1:30pm



**MEET at PALMYRA FIRST UMC,  
520 E. Birch Street in the parking lot.**



Greetings Friends of Palmyra & Neighbors,

It's time for the **Caring Cupboard Walk, Oct. 9, 1:30pm**, an opportunity to take a step toward eliminating hunger in Palmyra.

You can make a difference. Walk. Support. Bring a can of food for the Cupboard. Remember in 2015 we had 47 walkers, 3 dogs, 8 helpers, 5 churches, and raised \$2534.00 for the feeding people in need. Palmyra First UMC raised the most money with the most walkers-23. Salem UCC had the highest amount raised per walker at \$114/walker. Holy Spirit, Gravel Hill, Palmyra and Church of the Brethren all participated contributing to the success. Can we do more?

Our **Route** starting at Palmyra First UMC has three options for walking -- a 1 mile, 2 mile and 3mile selection. Available are **3 things** to assist you in successfully supporting the walk (Contact [dave@pfumc.us](mailto:dave@pfumc.us) for an email with these):

1. **An Individual Sponsor Sheet.** (Each walker is challenged to get as many sponsors as possible to raise awareness and funds to eliminate hunger in Palmyra through the Caring Cupboard.);
2. **A Church Walker Sheet.** (Check in on Sun. Oct. 9 starts at 1pm and having all the walkers from your church/organization listed is a huge help and even better is if you have already collected their sponsorship checks or exact change. We won't have change the day of the walk.)
3. **A Route Map.** (We want you to see what's ahead! There's plenty of parking both in the lot and on the street.)

Here's the **Basic Time-line** for the day:

- **12:30pm** set-up crew at work
- **1:00pm** Registration table in Palmyra First UMC parking lot begins
- **1:30pm** Brief time for Motivation, Invocation & Information
- **1:37:42pm :-)** Step off on a walk to eliminate hunger in Palmyra
- **Finish** as you are able, rest, talk, lie on the grass, celebrate!

We welcome questions. (*I know we've forgotten something and you can help us remember.*) The **Contact** is Dave Harris, [717-269-3483](tel:717-269-3483) or [dave@pfumc.us](mailto:dave@pfumc.us). We welcome offers to help the day of the walk, at water stations, sign placement, cheering, and more.

See you on October 9 in time for the 1:30pm Caring Cupboard walk. Bring your walking shoes and community spirit!

10,000 Joys,

Dave Harris