

# BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## THE NEWSLETTER

### SEPTEMBER 2016

#### SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

September 4 is Labor Day Sunday. Following on the heels of the Olympics, we will “Go for the Gold” from Luke 6:31.

September 11: This marks the 15th anniversary of 9/11. Pastor Lynch will preach, Allison Deimler, and Samantha and Michelle Patrick will offer special music.

September 18 is the Fall debut of our Sunbeam Choir. Bethany youth will usher and Pastor Lynch will speak on “The Church in Your House” from Colossians 4:14-17.

September 25 has us enjoying a same day choir of men and women. There will be a practice of a very familiar hymn at 9:45 in the chapel, led by Audrey Scipioni. Pastor Lynch will preach on Mark 10:17-22, “Trapped in a Prison of Your Own Making.”

#### SUNBEAM CHOIR

The first practice for our children will be on Wednesday, September 7 from 4:15-4:45. Practice will then be held every Wednesday at the same time. The Sunbeam Choir will be singing in Sunday morning worship on September 18, October 16, November 20 and December 18. Many thanks to Director Samantha Patrick and Accompanist Audrey Scipioni.

#### SAME DAY CHOIRS

“Let us sing and make melody to the Lord” (Ephesians 5:19). This Fall you will have opportunity to sing in a same day choir. There will be a very brief run through of a familiar hymn at 9:45 in the chapel, under Audrey Scipioni’s guidance. The dates: September 25 (men and women), October 30 (men), November 27 (women).

#### 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.

November 12th 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 goods and lunch will also be available.

We can’t forget Trick or Treat Night. Any contributions of treats and small bottles of water would be appreciated.

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

SEPTEMBER MEMORY VERSE  
THE GOLDEN RULE

“Do unto others as you  
would have others do unto you.”  
~ Luke 6:31

BETHANY PEOPLE

How wonderful to celebrate the Christian baptism of Lily Grace Oleyniczak, daughter of Bethany and Christopher, on Sunday August 14. Second Grader Kennedy Commisong was outstanding as a cast member of the Lebanon Community theater production of the *Music Man*. Ed and Bev Bosha have recently moved to the Lebanon Valley Brethren Home from Interfaith Manor. Their new address is 205 Wheaton, Palmyra 17078.

Thank you to Dave Brandt for caring for our church landscaping and Dick Lasher for all his mowing. We continue in prayer for healing mercies for Lew Brough, Vicki Smith, Ashley Commisong and Steve Scipioni who is recovering from arm surgery, Janet Lilly who has returned to the Lebanon Valley Brethren Home following some time at Good Samaritan Hospital.

Congratulations to Kelly Finney and Alex Shuey who recently became engaged while on a ride in Disney World! Barry and Vicki Smith have become grandparents again. Braden Lee Smith was born in July to their son Brian and his wife Laurel up in Massachusetts.

Blessings upon our college students as they return to campus: Kathryn Laraia, Elizabethtown College, Alyce Laraia, University of North Carolina Charlotte, Sash Schaeffer, Temple University, Summer Schell, Mt. Aloysius College, Cara Scipioni, Penn State, Casey Smith, Lebanon Valley College, Adam Wimmer, Penn State.

Congratulations to Joan and Larry Strait upon the birth of their 11th grandchild! Michael Hayes Strait was born on August 17 to parents Alona and Shane Strait.

BETHANY YOGA

Bethany yoga, following a six week summer break, will start up again on Thursday September 15. We meet in the social hall on Thursdays from 7-8:15. It continues to be an honor and privilege to practice yoga with you. Hope to see you on September 15. Until then, be well and breathe! ~ Wendy Smith

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

One of the greatest comedy acts in the history of show business was the husband and wife team of George Burns and Gracie Allen. In real life, Gracie was a bright business woman, but she always played the part of a not too smart, but very comical person.

On one of their radio programs, Gracie became upset because her new electric clock kept losing time, so she finally called a repairman. He solved the problem immediately. There was nothing wrong with the clock. The only problem was that the electric clock was not plugged in! Gracie said, “I know that! I didn’t want to waste the electricity, so I only plug it in when I want to know what time it is!”

That’s the way some people treat their faith, isn’t it? They are not plugged into the power source. They only plug in when they want something! However, the message of the

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

**Acolyte:** Allison Deimler

**Greeters/Ushers:** Karen and David Finney  
Lois and Lloyd Grumbein

**Scripture Readers:**

**Sound System Operators:**

SEPTEMBER 4: Pastor John

SEPTEMBER 4: Barry Smith

SEPTEMBER 11: Mike Scipioni

SEPTEMBER 11: Don Brubaker

SEPTEMBER 18: Pastor John

SEPTEMBER 18: Dick Lasher

SEPTEMBER 25: Ed Kaylor

SEPTEMBER 25: Barry Smith

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Betty Gussler

9 - Karen White

23 - David Brandt

1 - Elsa Patrick

14 - Thomas Gussler

26 - Barry Smith

2 - Lucille Peiffer

15 - Daniel Gilb

27 - Dylan Schell

5 - Wanda Watts

22 - Jane Kline

28 - Andrew Reigle

7 - Allison Deimler

23 - Janet Lilly



### PASTOR'S PUN

Please join me in remembering a great icon of the entertainment community. The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and trauma complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 71.

Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin. Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies and Captain Crunch. The gravesite was piled high with flours.

Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded.

Born and bread in Minnesota, Doughboy rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes.

Despite being a little flaky at times, he still was a crusty old man and was considered a positive roll model for millions. Doughboy is survived by his wife Play Dough, three children: John Dough, Jane Dough and Dosey Dough, plus they had one in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart.

The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.

## SUB SALE IS BACK

Sub and pretzel sandwich orders for September may be made at the information table. Orders need be in by Wednesday September 21 and pick up is Thursday September 29. Proceeds benefit Bethany Church. Thank you to Larry Strait for coordinating this fund raiser.

## THANK YOU

Dear Pastor John and Bethany UMC: Thank you so much for letting me come and share with everyone about my mission work Germany. It was so fun to be able to attend the church picnic! Everyone was so encouraging. Have a wonderful rest of the summer.

Blessings, Rachel Nicholson

## DO YOU REMEMBER?

Do you remember in September of 1953 that our church newsletter was called "The Bethany Herald." Glen Rogers and Robert Fake were the editors, typists were Bert Gussler, Arthur Werner and Anita Wentling, Art Editor was Willard Brown and Helpers were Freida Houser and Kenneth Schaffer. Rev. Joseph Schober was pastor and publisher!

The Bethany Herold listed Sunday services as follows: 9:15 Sunday School, 10:30 Morning Worship. 6:45 Christian Endeavor and Evening Worship at 7:30.

The September 1953 edition listed a summary of summer events, including an article describing the candle light wedding of Mr. Dale Patrick and Miss Selma Strait that was held at the Second E.U.B Church at 8:00 P.M. on July 31. The bride was attired in a white satin gown, and was given in marriage by her father, Orville Strait.

The church was decorated with white flowers, palms and ferns. The minister was the father of the groom, Rev. Melvin Patrick. The couple will reside in an apartment on North Railroad Street, Palmyra.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

Pastor Lynch will be attending a Leadership Forum on Tuesday, September 13 at Evangelical Seminary in Myerstown. Please pray that Pastor Lynch will gain knowledge and inspiration that he can use to bless our Bethany faith family.