

January sub and pretzel sandwich orders need be made by January 14. Pick up will be January 22. Proceeds benefit Bethany Church.

Anyone who would appreciate a financial statement of giving for this coming year of 2017, please alert our financial secretary Joan Strait, 566-9873.

The 2017 Bethany Church Directory of active members and friends is available at the information table. Please, one to a household. Many thanks to church secretary Karen Neidigh for putting it together for us.

Next Sunday is Caring Cupboard Sunday. Please bring in any Christmas boxes and/or regular items.

Pastor Lynch will be preaching on “Esther the Heroine” from Esther 4:14-17 next Sunday. The church office will be open this week on Tuesday Thursday from 8-10.

Coming up: Souper Sunday is February 5. We will be blessed by the Kings String and a souper luncheon.

SERVING CHRIST AND OUR CONGREGATION

ORGANIST: <i>Audrey Scipioni</i>	LAY LEADER: <i>Steve Scipioni</i>
NURSERY CARE: <i>Vicki Smith</i>	SUNBEAM CHOIR: <i>Samantha Patrick</i>
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: <i>Vicki Smith</i>	ADMIN. COUNCIL: <i>Cindy Anspach</i>
TRUSTEES: <i>Don Brubaker, Ed Kaylor</i>	CHURCH SECRETARY: <i>Karen Neidigh</i>
TREASURER: <i>Diane Miller</i>	CUSTODIAN: <i>Beverly Bell</i>
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDANT: <i>Joe Tyson</i>	PASTOR: <i>John Lynch (298-1308)</i>
MISSIONARIES: <i>Carrie Callahan, China and Rachel Nicholson, Germany</i>	



BETHANY UNITED METHODIST

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10:00 AM NEW YEAR SUNDAY January 1, 2017

WELCOME Pastor Lynch

*NEW YEAR HYMN "Another Year is Dawning" Insert

*INVOCATION Pastor Lynch

*HYMN "Fairest Lord Jesus" # 19

THE OFFERTORY Audrey Scipioni

Presentation of God's Tithe

*The Doxology

*Dedication Prayer

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-12 page # 2

MESSAGE "It all Depends on How You Look at It" Pastor Lynch

*PREPARATION HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" # 8

HOLY COMMUNION Insert

*COMMITMENT HYMN "It Is Well With My Soul" # 381

*BENEDICTION Pastor Lynch

*POSTLUDE Audrey Scipioni

"May the new year bring you peace to put the hectic day to rest, faith that leaves no room for blind despair, joy of small things,

daily common ones, dreams that burst from vague tomorrow into now, and love enough to fill the empty corners of your heart."

Good morning and happy New Year! Welcome to 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.

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.

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of our 38th wedding anniversary by Terry and Cindy Patrick.

Our extended Sunday School for children is called Kid Zone. Those up to sixth grade are welcome to go downstairs to Kid Zone or remain in the sanctuary for worship.

Serving today: Communion Preparation: Karen and Allison White, Sound System: Dick Lasher, Acolyte: Allison Deimler, Ushers: Dick and Sue Lasher, Dennis and Sue Keith, Organist: Audrey Scipioni.

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) Our servicemen and their families. 2) Healing mercies for Lew Brough, Vicki Smith, Audrey Commisong. 3) Birthday blessings for Kalin Scipioni.

Our homebound person of the week is Carolyn Blantz at the Lebanon Valley Home in Annville. Please pray for Carolyn and sign the card in the rear of the social hall.

January/February Upper Room devotional booklets are available. Please take one for yourself and one for a friend.

The flower chart for 2017 is posted on the Railroad Street entrance bulletin board. Please sign