

The flower chart for 2017 is posted on the Railroad Street entrance bulletin board. Please sign up for the Sunday you would like to sponsor altar flowers.

The Addiction Support Group meets tonight at 5:00 in the social hall.

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

The January Bethany Church Newsletter may be read online at [bethanyumcpalmyra.org](http://bethanyumcpalmyra.org) or you may pick up a printed copy at the information table.

Bethany yoga starts up this Thursday January 12 from 7-8:15 in the social hall.

January sub and pretzel sandwich orders need be made by January 18. Pick up will be January 26. Proceeds benefit Bethany Church.

Anyone who would appreciate a financial statement of giving for 2016, 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 Pastor Lynch and Rev. McNeil will participate in a pulpit exchange. Rev. McNeil will preach at Bethany, with Sue Keith leading the service and the Sunbeam Choir offering special music. Rev. Lynch will speak at Kauffmans and Cambelltown United Methodist Churches.

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

February Newsletter articles are due next Sunday. Thank you.

SERVING CHRIST AND OUR CONGREGATION

ORGANIST: <i>Audrey Scipioni</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>
LAY LEADER: <i>Steve Scipioni</i>	PASTOR: <i>John Lynch (298-1308)</i>

Coming up: The Kings Strings will minister with music on Souper Sunday February 5,



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10:00 AM WORSHIP January 8, 2017

WELCOME Pastor Lynch

CALL TO WORSHIP Lamentations 3:22-23, Psalm 150 Congregation

Pastor: Let us praise God in his sanctuary.

People: Let us praise him for his mighty deeds.

Pastor: Let us praise him for his mercies that never come to an end.

People: Great is God's faithfulness. Praise the Lord.

\*PRAISE HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" # 196

\*INVOCATION Pastor Lynch

\*CHORUS "Praise the Name of Jesus" # 121

MORNING PRAYER

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Lynch

Congregation

THE OFFERTORY

Presentation of God's Tithe

\*The Doxology

\*Dedication Prayer

Audrey Scipioni

\*PREPARATION HYMN "True-Hearted, Whole Hearted" Insert

SCRIPTURE Esther 4:14-17 Don Brubaker

MESSAGE "Esther the Heroine" Pastor Lynch

\*COMMITMENT HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" Insert

\*BENEDICTION Congregation

Pastor: Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
 and all things shall be added unto you.

People: Ask and it shall be given to you, seek and ye shall find,  
 knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Alleluia. Amen.

\*POSTLUDE Audrey Scipioni

*Good morning and 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 thanking members and friends for keeping Bethany Church doors open by Cindy and Terry 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: **Sound System:** Barry Smith, **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) Hopeful and healing mercies for Vicki Smith, Audrey Commisong, Susan Knipe's mother, Karen Neidigh, Barb Haak. 2) Birthday blessings for Kalin Scipioni, Ed Bosha, Kim Mader. 3) Our soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen. 4) The Caring Cupboard Ministries. 5) For Roberta Brough upon the passing on to God's eternity of dear Lew.