

Would you like to join the Bethany faith family? New members will be received on Palm Sunday April 9. Please speak with Pastor Lynch.

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

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

Bethany yoga starts up again on Thursday March 23.

Next Sunday Pastor Lynch offers us "An Invitation from Jesus" from Luke 14:7-14.

Would you like to sponsor altar flowers? Available dates are March 26, April 2, 9, 23, 30.

MEMORIAL FUND RAISER

Thank you to everyone who supported the Valentine bake sale. Amazingly \$290.00 was raised for our efforts to have the memorial plaque for S/Sgt. Curtis Frantz professionally cleaned. The Middle/High School Class thank you. To help us reach our goal of \$500.00 we invite you to join us in a Yankee Candle online fundraiser. We receive 40% of your purchase. Just go online at www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and type in our group number, 999966409. Items will be shipped directly to you.

Any questions can be directed to Karen Finney. We hope to have the memorial plaque cleaned for a special service on Memorial Day Sunday, May 28.

PASTOR LYNCH TO REMAIN AT BETHANY

A couple months ago Pastor Lynch informed us of his desire to "re-retire" this coming summer. We were sad to hear this. In the meantime our District Superintendent, Rev. Joe Tyson, has been unable to identify a United Methodist approved clergy to take over as our part time minister. So Pastor Lynch has been asked to remain at Bethany for up to another year through June 2018. Following prayer and conversation with Sharon, he has accepted this appointment and will continue as our pastor until a new minister is identified. We are so glad

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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>
MISSIONARIES: <i>Carrie Callahan, China and Rachel Nicholson, Germany</i>	



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10:00 AM FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT March 5, 2017

WELCOME Pastor Lynch

*PRAISE HYMN "The Solid Rock" # 54

*INVOCATION Pastor Lynch

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostles Creed" Unison

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried. The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen."

SPECIAL MUSIC "All Creatures of Our God and King" Casey Funck

MORNING PRAYER
Pastoral Prayer Pastor Lynch
The Lord's Prayer Congregation

THE OFFERTORY Audrey Scipioni

Presentation of God's Tithe
*The Doxology
*Dedication Prayer Pastor Lynch

*PREPARATION HYMN "The Light of the World Is Jesus" # 57

SCRIPTURE Mark 10:46-52 Barry Smith

MESSAGE "Building Bridges of Love" Pastor Lynch

*COMMITMENT HYMN "Pass It On" # 112

*BENEDICTION Pastor Lynch

*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 in loving memory of my husband Claus by his wife Janie, daughter Judy and son Randy Schmolke.

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:** Dick Lasher, **Acolyte:** Michelle Patrick, **Ushers:** Larry and Joan Strait, Dick and Sue Lasher, **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) Vicki Smith is having surgery tomorrow and Karen White is having knee surgery this Thursday. Healing mercies also for Ken Schaeffer, Ashley Commissong, Barb Haak, Sheri Richard. 2) Birthday blessings this week to Barb Laraia, Anna and Cara Scipioni. 3) Our servicemen and their families. 4) Christians being persecuted around the world.

Our special person of the week is Eric Miller. Please pray for Eric and sign the card in the rear