

Prayer joys/concerns: 1) Mothers everywhere. 2) Hopeful and healing mercies for Dale Patrick, Betty Gussler, D-Lynn Hetrick, Ashley Commissong, Cari Bryan, Pat Yackley, Barb Haak, Karen Leicht, Diane Schell recuperating from cataract surgery. 3) Our servicemen and their families. 4) Birthday blessings this week to Jo Hetrick and Bill Scipioni. 5) For the Conference to secure and assign us a good new pastor.

Our homebound person of the week is Ken Schaeffer at Hill Farm. Please pray for Ken and sign the card in the rear of the sanctuary.

Upper Room devotional booklets for May/June are available. Please take one for yourself and one for a friend or family member.

Sub and pretzel sandwich orders for May can be made at the information table. Orders need be in by May 17 and pick up will be May 25.

A Woopie Pie Fundraiser is being held to benefit our Church Camp Scholarship Fund. Cost of Pies is \$1.25 each. Sign up sheet is at the information table. Pick up is after worship next Sunday May 21.

Thank you to everyone who helped with our church Spring cleaning yesterday morning.

June Newsletter articles need be submitted by next Sunday. Thank you.

Next Sunday we recognize and pray over our graduates. Pastor Lynch will preach on Psalm 100, "Not All of This Is Me."

Coming up: Memorial Day Sunday is May 28. Trumpeter Bob Lemon joins us for worship and Pastor Lynch will speak on "What Do These Stones Mean To You?" Our worship concludes outside on Cherry Street as we rededicate the cleaned plaque and repaired flagpole honoring S/Sgt. Curtis Frantz.

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

**Pastor Lynch has been informed by the Conference that his request to "re-retire" is going to be honored. A new pastor will be appointed to Bethany effective this coming July 1. Pastor Lynch's final Sunday will be Father's Day, June 18. Please pray for Pastor John and Sharon, and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as a new pastor comes to Bethany.**



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10:00 AM MOTHER'S DAY May 14, 2017

WELCOME Ed Kaylor

\*PRAISE HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth" # 259

\*INVOCATION Ed Kaylor

\*AFFIRMATION

Leader: I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, who was born to a mother named Mary.

People: I believe in the love Mary gave her son, that caused her to follow him in his ministry and stand by his cross as he died.

Leader: I believe in the love of all mothers, and its importance in the lives of their children. It is stronger than steel, softer than down, and more resilient than a green sapling on a hillside.

People: It closes wounds, melts disappointments, and enables the weakest child to stand tall and straight in the fields of adversity.

Leader: I believe that this love, even at its best, is only the shadow love of God, a reflection of all that we can expect of God, both in this life and the next.

People: And I believe that one of the most beautiful sights in the world is a mother who lets this greater love flow through her to her child, blessing the world with the tenderness of her touch and the tears of her joy. Thank God for mothers!

MUSIC MINISTRY "I Am A Promise" Sunbeam Choir

MORNING PRAYER Ed Kaylor

THE LORD'S PRAYER Congregation

THE OFFERTORY Audrey Scipioni

Presentation of God's Tithe

\*The Doxology

\*Dedication Prayer

SPECIAL MUSIC "M-O-T-H-E-R" Men's Choir

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MESSAGE "It Takes Courage to Be a Mother" Rev. Brenner

\*COMMITMENT HYMN "Because He Lives" # 122

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Brenner

\*POSTLUDE Audrey Scipioni

*\*We stand to honor Jesus Christ*

*Good morning and Happy Mother's Day. 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.*

We welcome Rev. Jennine Brenner, a ministerial daughter of Bethany as our guest preacher today. Many thanks to Jennine and our Loyal Workers for designing our Mother's Day worship.

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.

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.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mildred Strait and June Schell, mothers and grandmothers in our family, and in honor of Amber Schell, mothers of my grandchildren. Happy Mother's Day to each and every mother from Diane Schell.

Serving today: **Sunbeam Choir Director:** Samantha Patrick, **Worship Leader:** Ed Kaylor, **Sound System:** Barry Smith, **Acolyte:** Samantha or Michelle Patrick, **Ushers:** Larry and Joan