

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE NEWSLETTER

JULY 2017

JULY WORSHIP

Sunday July 2 is our first Sunday with new pastor Jared and Elizabeth Stoltzfus. A time for greeting and refreshments follow 10:00 worship.

Sunday July 9 has Pastor Stoltzfus preaching and at 7:00 in the evening Mt. Lebanon Campmeeting kicks off its summer season with a multimedia pageant celebrating 125 years of encountering God in the grove.

Sunday July 16 will feature our Bible School children sharing the songs and memory verses they learned of how God is a mighty fortress.

Sunday July 23 has Pastor Stoltzfus bringing God's word to us.

Sunday July 30 is our opportunity to greet and hear from dear Rachel Nicholson. She is home on summer break from her missionary teaching position in Germany.

GREETINGS FROM OUR NEW PASTOR

Greetings,

Elizabeth and I are excited to join the Bethany UMC family. We look forward to getting to know you over the next months and wanted to take just a little time to begin to introduce ourselves to you.

I, Jared, grew up in Parkesburg PA. Elizabeth is Lebanon County native growing up in Jonestown. I am the youngest of four and Elizabeth is an only child. We met one another in college at Eastern University, where I used her room for a refuge from my roommate and his girlfriend. She had seen me the year before and just thought I was the nerdy guy who was always early for class. I had felt the call to ministry in high school and so the next step after graduating college was to attend seminary at Eastern Mennonite Seminary in Harrisonburg VA. Elizabeth and I were married in 2010 and upon finishing seminary we moved back to PA.

I served as a Youth Pastor for 3 years at a Mennonite Church in Lancaster and the past two years at Covenant UMC in Lebanon. Currently, I am also the Chief Operating Officer of Jubilee Ministries overseeing all of our retail operations.

Elizabeth works at Suzanne's Dance and Gymnastics in Lebanon where she drives the Jumpin' Jitney during the day and teaches dance classes at night.

In our free time, we are taking care of our seven pets (three dogs, three cats, and a rat), reading, spending time at the beach, volunteering at Pocono Plateau, or cheering on Penn State football.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Greeters/Ushers: Paul and Karen Leicht and Richard and Susan Lasher

Scripture Readers;

JULY 2: Pastor Stoltzfus
JULY 9: Larry Strait
JULY 16: Bible School Children
JULY 23: Ed Kaylor
JULY 30: Rachel Nicholson
Lasher

Sound System Operators:

JULY 2: Don Brubaker
JULY 9: Dick Lasher
JULY 16: Barry Smith
JULY 23: Don Brubaker

JULY 30: Dick

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 - David Finney	23 - Kenneth Schaeffer
1 - Michael Reigle	24 - Lisa Harman
3 - Brittany Dunlop	25 - K. Byron Light III
8 - Melba Shenk	29 - Helen Lutz
20 - Lory Walborn	31 - Carissa Smith



HERE YE! HERE YE!

Calling all children from ages 3 years to 5th grade to join us for Vacation Bible School. The theme is “Mighty Fortress, In Jesus The Victory Is Won.” The date is July 10th to 14th from 6-8 pm. The closing program is to be held on Sunday July 16th at our regular 10 am service. You can pre-register by contacting Vicki Smith at 838-5665.

MARK YOUR CALENDER

We look forward to seeing you and your friends for fun, bible stories, crafts, music, games and more. Thanks, Vicki Smith.

THANK YOU

Our outdoor worship and picnic will be enjoyed on Sunday August 6. Once again we will gather at the Annville Church of the Brethren pavilion at 10:00. It promises to be a great day of worship, children’s games, and bar-b-q chicken!

I would like to thank the loving people of Bethany for allowing me to work along side of you for the past three and a half years as your church secretary. As I re-retire for the fourth time know that you have made lasting memories in my heart. And just like crab grass in a perfect seeming lawn you may see me around from time to time. ~ Karen Neidigh