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# AUGUST NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE DESK OF.....

*pastor Jared*

As I write this, I am in my third week of ministry here at Bethany UMC, and Liz and I are very grateful for the warm welcome we have felt as week have begun this journey with you. We have enjoyed getting right into it, with an awesome week of Bible School. We have begun to learn some names and faces, but please continue to introduce and Re-introduce yourself to us.

I have been in church all of my life. I grew up in a family where it was something we did. It was part of our routines. I do not say this in a negative way, but instead in a very positive way. It is part of the reason that I am where I am today. Because it is in those routines that God began to speak to me and call me into ministry. Yet as I begin my Ministry here I wonder, why church? Why did God choose to build his kingdom this way? Why do we gather together every Sunday? What is the purpose of the church? Even though this thing called “church” has been a part of my whole life, I don’t think I often reflect on it. During our worship times in August, I want to explore these questions with a series called “*Church is...*”.

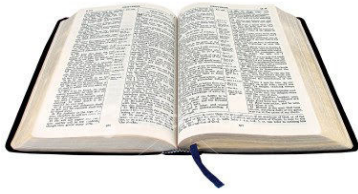
Sunday, August 6 - Church Picnic - “Church is...more than a building.”

Sunday, August 13 - “Church is...not just about me.”

Sunday, August 20 - “Church is...an imperfect place.”

Sunday, August 27 - “Church is...out there.”

## **AUGUST WORSHIP LEADERS**



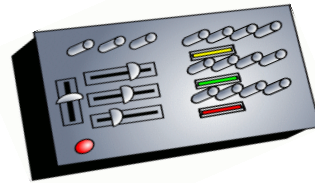
### **Scripture Readers:**

August 6: CHURCH PICNIC  
August 13: Larry Strait  
August 20: Pastor Jared  
August 27: Ed Kaylor

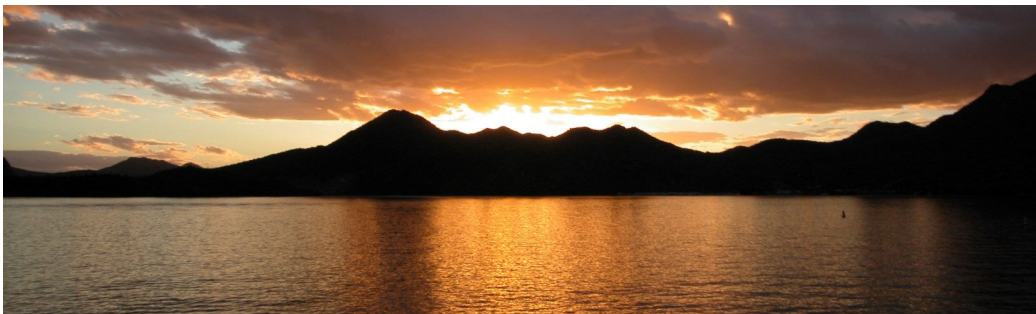
**Greeters/Ushers:** Barry Smith  
Chris Gleyniczak  
Dick Lasher  
Seth Schell

### **Sound System Operators:**

August 6: Barry Smith  
August 13: Don Brubaker  
August 20: Dick Lasher  
August 27: Barry Smith



**Acolyte:** Michelle Patrick



*A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do you know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.*

*"Really?" How do you know?" the teacher asked.*

*"You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven...."*



# Mark Your Calendar

>> UPCOMING EVENTS



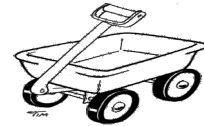
## Annual Church Picnic

When: **Sunday, August 6, 2017**  
**10:00 A.M.**

Where: Annville Church of the Brethren pavilion

It promises to be a great day of worship, games, and bar-b-que chicken! The sign-up sheet is on the information table in the Gathering Room. Please plan to bring a side dish or dessert. See you there!

Caring Cupboard Sunday! **Sunday, August 13th**. Please bring your donations of non-perishable items and place in the wagon at the rear of the sanctuary. All donations are greatly appreciated!



The Administrative Council will be meeting on **Monday, August 14th** at 6:30 pm. Anyone is welcome to attend!

Information for September newsletter due to Judy by **August 20th** please. Thank you!



The Addiction Support Group meets **Sunday evenings** at 5:00 in the social hall.



Bethany yoga will be returning in September. Stay tuned for more details soon!

Yum! Yum! Sub sales will begin again next month!

### Quote of the Month:

*'Why put a question mark where God has already put a period. ?'*





*Our church records need updated! Please complete the following information and return to Judy by August 20th. Thank you!*

**NAME(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Children:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**E-MAIL(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Children:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNIVERSARY:** \_\_\_\_\_

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