

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2017

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

November 5— All Saints Sunday- Pastor Jared will preach on 1 Thess. 4: 9-13.

November 12,- Worship at Campbelltown UMC— 10:15am (meal to follow)

Pastor Jared will preach on 1 Thess. 4: 13-18

November 19 - Pastor Jared will preach on 1 Thess. 5: 1-11.

November 26— Christ the King Sunday— Pastor Jared will preach on Matthew 25:31-46

PASTORS' REFLECTION

Each year, as a part of charge conference (our annual meeting with the DS to set leadership positions and pastor salary for the next year) the pastor is asked to set goals. This year I set three broad goals for my work here at Bethany.

- 1) *Growing Deeper—spending time as a church nurturing our own faith.*
- 2) *Growing Out—Spending time reaching out into the Palmyra community.*
- 3) *Growing our Worship Attendance.*

To me, these ideas flowed out of the mission statement that is placed on the bulletins every week. *“Our mission is to glorify God by making-maturing-mobilizing enthusiastic disciples for Jesus Christ.”* We seek to make disciples, who are maturing, deepening in their faith, and who are mobilizing, reaching out, doing the work of the kingdom of God. We do all of this not for our own name, but for the name of the one who has saved us. Through these actions, we seek to have people join us in worship and community, to join in the cycle of growing deeper and growing out and in turn making more disciples.

I say that these goals are broad because I have not filled in all the details. What does it look like for us as a church to grow deeper in our faith? How do we reach out into our community? What are we already doing well? Where could we change and grow?

I cannot give all the answers to these questions because it is not just about me as your pastor. God calls all of us to be in the business of building his kingdom. And so, how would you answer these questions? What are your reactions to these goals? What are your ideas?

I shared these goals with our Administrative Council during our October meeting. At our next meeting, I would like to spend some time reflecting on them with the Council. I, also, hope to preach a sermon series around these goals exploring what God might be calling us to do as a church. As we begin this process, I ask for your prayers. Pray for these goals, for me, for the Administrative Council, for us as a church.

-Pastor Jared

LOYAL WORKERS

Thank you to everyone who donated candy and water for Trick or Treat night.

We will have our Mitten Tree outside of the sanctuary. We are collecting mittens, hats, gloves and scarves for the Ronald McDonald House. Please help us, we will be collecting until December 17.

A reminder: Our Holiday Bazaar is November 18. We will be selling soup by the quart, cookies by the pound, crafts and serving lunch. A sign up sheet for the cookies is located on the information table. Please help us, come support us and have a nice lunch.

SUB SALES

Sub orders are due by November 8. Pickup is November 16, between 10:30-11:30.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

The Upper Room daily devotionals for November and December are available in the sanctuary and at the information table in the gathering room. Please take one for yourself and one to give away.

A THANKSGIVING CHALLENGE

At our recent charge conference, those present received a challenge from our D.S. He challenged us to go 21 days without complaining.

21 Days!!? Really!!? Is that possible?

Here we are in November, the month where we set aside a day to be thankful. But what is that really worth if for the other 365 days we complain?

Now there are times to complain. Times to point out issues and problems so they can be resolved. But so often we complain not out of a spirit of helpfulness but out of a negative attitude. We complain to the wrong people, or dwell on those problems when there are so many good things we could rejoice. The complaining attitude can quickly become our default and we can lose sight of what we are actually doing.

So the challenge is, can we go 21 days without complaining? What about the whole month of November? Maybe we also go one step further? Can we name something each day that we are thankful for. What do you think, can we do it?

-Pastor Jared (hold me accountable)

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Acolyte: Casey Funck

Greeters/Ushers: Paul and Karen Leicht, Tom Gussler and Richard Funck

Scripture Readers;

NOVEMBER 5: Pastor Stoltzfus
NOVEMBER 12: @Campbelltown
NOVEMBER 19: Pastor Stoltzfus
NOVEMBER 26: Barry Smith

Sound System Operators:

NOVEMBER 5: Don Brubaker
NOVEMBER 12: @ Campbelltown
NOVEMBER 19: Barry Smith
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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 - Lisa Dowhower	7 - Evelyn Powell	19 - Diane Miller
5 - Lloyd Grumbein	7 - Paul Leicht	20 - Angela Reigle
5 - Shirley Speraw	9 - Robin Strupp	22 - Heidi Reigle
6 - Jeffrey Patrick	10 - Lois Grumbein	24 - James Floyd



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