



# Bethany

United Methodist

NEWSLETTER

**OCTOBER 2018**

## **PASTOR'S REFLECTION**

During our September Council Meeting, I gave the group some homework. We had spent a bit of time towards the end of the meeting discussing our mission statement (Our Mission is to glorify God by making, maturing, and mobilizing enthusiastic disciples for Jesus Christ.) and how our programs line up with this mission. We do well at maturing, but we do not do as much making and mobilizing. The homework assignment I left them with was to get to know three new things about their community.

If we want to connect as a church with the people around us we need to know who they are. We need to know what they like. We need to know what issues face this community and how we as a church might engage them. We do not get this information from sitting on the sidelines. This is not work just for the 'paid' pastor. This is the work of the kingdom.

Do you know your neighbors? Have you ever greeted them? Do they know you are a Christian?  
Would they be surprised to find that out?

I am not suggesting you run over to their house and knock on their door declaring your faith. But where during a normal day/week/month you might see them and talk to them.

So I give all of you the same challenge as council, learn three new things about your community.

## **OCTOBER WORSHIP: MYSTERY**

Join us in worship during October as we look at the book of Job.

Series Overview: Job is a difficult book to read and interpret, but it can be an opportunity to embrace vivid imagery, human emotion, and the mysterious nature of a God who created the entire universe.

Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup> "Disoriented" – Job 1:1, 2:1-10 (Communion)

Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup> "Deserted"- Job 23:1-9,16-17

Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup> "Silenced"- Job 38:1-7, 34-41 (Sunbeam Choir)

Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup> "Restored"- Job 42:1-6, 10-17

### **2018 CHARGE CONFERENCE**

Will be held on Monday October 29 @ Gravel Hill UMC. The meeting will begin at 6:30pm.

Questions see Pastor Jared.

### **FALL BIBLE STUDY**

Join us Thursday's starting October 4 @7pm for our fall Bible Study. We will be exploring "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton.

From the Publisher:

"Denominations from evangelical to mainline continue to experience deep divisions over universal social issues. The underlying debate isn't about the particular social issue, but instead, it is about the "authority of the Bible." Addressing the key questions and hot-button issues that plague the church and cultural debate, Hamilton organizes the book according to the concerns that matter most:

- What is the Bible?
- The Bible, Science, and History
- The Bible and the Violence of God
- The Bible and Changing Social Values
- The Bible's Power and Authority Today"

Books are available on the Welcome Table in the overflow room. Not a reader, not a problem. Come anyway. Can't come every time? Not an issue, join in on the conversation as your schedule allows. Hope to see you there.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Caring Cupboard Sunday is October 14th. All donations of toiletries and non-perishables are greatly appreciated.

Ad Council meeting is October 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sub and pretzel sandwich orders are due October 17 with pick up on October 25 between 10:30-11:30 AM. All proceeds from the sub sale go towards the front door fund

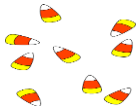
So far the monies collected for our Front Door Fund are:

\$700.00 – last years' sub sales, \$256.00 – bake-less bake sale, \$200.00 – Primary Department, \$710.00 – various donations, giving us a total of \$1866.00.

### LOYAL WORKERS

Monday, October 15, @ 6:30 PM. we will be meeting to fill the goodie bags with the candy that was collected. Come out and enjoy an evening of fun.

Loyal Workers will be meeting, Monday, October 22 @ 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited to help finalize our plans for the Holiday Bazaar. Please help us make this the best one ever.



It is time to collect treats for our goodie bags for Trick or Treat night. Please help us by donating treats and also needed are small bottles of water.

There is a basket in the overflow room for all contributions. Thank you.



The Holiday Bazaar is November 3, from 8-1. We are having crafts, baked goods and lunch. There will be crafts for the children and Attic Treasures is returning this year. And Bethany bakers we need your help in baking the cookies for our cookie sale that day. So, please start thinking about what kind of cookies you want to bring. There is a sign-up sheet on the information table in the overflow room. There is also a sign-up sheet for various items we need for the lunch. Thank you and please come out and help make this bazaar a huge success.



### FLOWER CHART

Anyone interested in sponsoring Alter Flowers, we have openings on October 7, 14, and 28. Sign the flower chart that is on the Railroad St. side of the church or call the church office Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9-11AM - 717 838-9041

### WORSHIP LEADERS

**Greeters/Ushers:** Richard & Sue Lasher and Paul & Karen Leicht

**Acolyte:** Olivia Basham

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#### **Scripture Readers:**

OCTOBER 7: Pastor Stoltzfus  
OCTOBER 14: Samantha Patrick  
OCTOBER 21: Pastor Stoltzfus  
OCTOBER 28: Larry Strait

#### **Sound System Operators:**

OCTOBER 7: Dick Lasher  
OCTOBER 14: Don Brubaker  
OCTOBER 21: Seth Schell  
OCTOBER 28: Barry Smith

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



October 5 - Diane Schell	19 - Audrey Scipioni
12 - Stephanie Laudermilch	19 - Sue Bowman Keith
14 - Bethany Oleyniczak	21 - Timothy Miller
14 - Matthew Hetrick	27 - Reeves Barnhouse
19 - Richard Lasher	28 - Jamie Miller
19 - Carol Marcocci	



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Happy Anniversary to:

October 20 – Rick and Cindy Anspach  
21 – Don and Barb Brubaker

