

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2017

JANUARY WORSHIP

Sunday January 1 has us Focused on New Year Communion at 10:00 worship. There will be Sunday School on New Year's Day at the regular 9:00 time.

Sunday January 8 we look at "Esther the Heroine" from Esther 4:14-17. This is the last Sunday to bring in boxes in support of the Caring Cupboard.

Sunday January 15 features a pulpit exchange. Pastor Lynch will be preaching at Kauffman's and Campbelltown churches, and their pastor, Rev. Bill McNeil, will preach at Bethany. Special music will be offered by our Sunbeam Choir. Bethany youth will usher and Sue Keith will guide our worship.

Sunday January 22 has Pastor Lynch speaking on "Do Wrinkles Hurt?" from Psalm 92:12-15. Althea Hemperly will serve as our worship accompanist.

Sunday January 29 includes Pastor John's message, "End Zone Signs."

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Her name was Joanie. She was in her second month of nursing school when the professor gave a pop quiz. Joanie was a good student and she breezed through all the questions until she came to the last one. The question was "What is the first name of the woman who cleans this school?" Joanie thought, "Surely this is some kind of joke." She has seen the cleaning lady everyday. She was a tall woman with dark hair, probably in her fifties. But Joanie had no idea what her name was. So she turned in her test paper, leaving the last question blank.

Another student asked if the last question would count toward the quiz grade. "Absolutely," said the professor. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All of them are significant. All of them important. All of them deserve your attention, care and kindness." Joanie said later, "I have never forgotten that lesson, and I did learn that the cleaning lady's name is Dorothy."

It is important to remember that all people we meet this new year are persons of value and worth...persons for whom Christ came and died and rose again. Now that's something to think about.

~Pastor John

PASTOR JOHN'S NEW YEAR BLESSING

May the new year bring you
Peace to put the hectic day to rest,
Faith that leaves no room for blind despair,
Joy of small things, daily common ones.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Do you remember 38 years ago when Cindy Eisenhower and Terry Patrick were married at Bethany Church on January 6. Bridesmaids included Debra Confer, Barbara Elliott and Betty Eisenhower, with Cindy Huey as the Matron of Honor. The Best Man was Jeffrey Patrick, and Ushers were Darrell Patrick, Brian Patrick and David Hoover. The Flower Girl was Tracy Dunkle and the Ring Bearer was Shane Strait. Rev. Heller and Rev. Patrick were the ministers, with Helen Lutz playing the organ and Dale Patrick as soloist.

THANK YOU

Dear Bethany Congregation, American Bible Society thank you for your gift of \$620.00 which we received on November 21. You have made it possible for servicemen deployed around the world, and our heroes here at home, to have access to military Bibles.
Yours in Christ, Robert Briggs, American Bible Society

Dear faith family, thank you for all the Christmas kindness. Your prayers, gifts and are appreciated very much.
In Christ's Love, Sharon and Pastor John

Dear Bethany, my favorite congregation to worship with (besides my own.) You are so friendly, complementary and generous. Thank you for your love gift. It is always a joy and honor to speak at your service.
In Jesus love, Jenean Speck

2016 CHURCH DIRECTORY

You may pick up the 2017 directory of active members and friends of Bethany at the information table. Please, one to a household. Thank you to church secretary Karen Neidigh for all her work for our church family, including putting the directory together. Karen will be concluding her ministry at Bethany this coming June when Pastor John re-retires.

JANUARY WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**Acolyte:**

Allison Deimler

Greeters/Ushers:

Richard and Sue Lasher, Dennis and Sue Keith

Scripture Readers:

JANUARY 1: Pastor Lynch
 JANUARY 8: Don Brubaker
 JANUARY 15: Pastor
 Don Brubaker

Sound System Operators:

JANUARY 1: Dick Lasher
 JANUARY 8: Barry Smith
 McNeil JANUARY 15:

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 - Cindy Anspach	16 - Kim Mader
9 - Kalin Scipioni	26 - Alyce Laraia
11 - Ed Bosha (93)	27 - Dennis Walborn

