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Your Bethany Family will see you later at . . .
Complete calendar on the web at www.bethanyumchurch.com

SUNDAY September 17	9:30 a.m.....Mike Bunner's Adult Sunday School <i>Choir Room</i> 6:30 p.m.....The Blended Step Family <i>Studio</i> 6:30 p.m.....Financial Peace University <i>Room 305 LGR-M</i>
MONDAY September 18	2:00 p.m.....Hand In Hand <i>Carlson Hall</i> 6:30 p.m.....SPR Meeting <i>Room 307</i>
TUESDAY September 19	6:30 p.m.....Handbell Choir Rehearsal <i>LGR-M</i> 7:00 p.m.....Strength in Suffering <i>Studio</i> 7:00 p.m.....Boy Scout Troup 131 <i>Carlson Hall & Room 214/216</i> 7:00 p.m.....GriefShare <i>Room 219/221</i>
WEDNESDAY September 20	6:15 p.m.....AWANA <i>Carlson Hall</i> 6:30 p.m.....Wednesday Night Worship <i>Wescosville Campus</i> 6:30 p.m.....Edge Fellowship <i>Hall</i> 6:30 p.m.....Men's Bible Study <i>Wescosville Campus</i> 6:30 p.m.....Missions Bible Study <i>Room 310-M</i> 7:00 p.m.....Chancel Choir Rehearsal <i>Choir Room</i>
THURSDAY September 21	10:30 a.m.....Pray with Purpose <i>Choir Room</i> 6:30 p.m.....Celebrate Recovery <i>Fellowship Hall</i> 6:30 p.m.....Divorce Care <i>Room 214/216</i> 7:00 p.m.....Constitution Class <i>Room 307-M</i>
FRIDAY September 22	6:30 p.m.....Youth Fellowship <i>Hall, Youth Room</i>
SATURDAY September 23	9:00 a.m.....Spiritual Gifts Workshop <i>Choir Room</i> 7:00 p.m.....SPOKEN Young Adults <i>Fellowship Hall</i>

Weekly Worship Schedule

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.....	Contemporary Worship
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Contemporary Worship & Kids Church
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.....	Blended Worship
Sunday, 9:15 a.m.....	Contemporary Worship & Sunday School
Sunday, 9:30 a.m.....	Contemporary Worship - Catasauqua
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.....	Contemporary Worship & Kids Church

Bethany Mission Statement
To Love, Obey and Proclaim Jesus Christ!

Lord, Hear Our Prayers

OUR MISSIONS/MISSIONARIES

Hurricane Victims and Relief Workers

OUR MEMBERS IN MILITARY SERVICE

Look for the Military Prayer List in various church locations.

EXPECTANT PARENTS

Sean & Katie Christman (10/2017)
Matt & Seneca Transue (1/2018)

BETHANY SHUT-INS

- Gloria Bauer**, 5251 Foxcroft Drive, Schnecksville, PA 18078
- Ransford Campbell**, Cedarbrook Nursing Home, 350 S. Cedarbrook Road, Allentown, PA 18104
- John & Pat Evans** Devon House Senior Living, 1930 Bevin Drive, Apt. 255, Allentown, PA 18103.
- June Hassell** 353 W. 2nd Street, Alburtis, PA 18011
- David Hensinger** Weston Senior L.V. Center, 659 Broad Street, Emmaus, PA 18049
- Debbie Larimer** 168 E. Main Street, Macungie, PA 18062
- Wilma Musser**, Messiah Village, 207 Messiah Circle, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- Lorraine Nicholson**, 1641 33rd St., S.W., Apt. 102, Allentown, PA 18103
- Bill Prueter** Good Shepherd Home, Raker Center #414, 601 St. John Street, Allentown, PA 18103
- Thelma Ronemus** 1315 S. 11th Street, Allentown, PA 18103
- Sammie Trumbore** 819 Chestnut Street, Emmaus, PA 18049
- Robert Shoemaker**, Henry Health Care Center, 1 S. Home Avenue, Room 178 Topton, PA 19562
- Eleanor Stephens**, 6008 Lower Macungie Rd., Macungie, PA 18062
- Jeanne Willett**, Lehigh Commons, 1680 Spring Creek Road, Room 137, Macungie, PA 18062

SPECIAL NEEDS

Contact the office or Pastoral staff with special prayer needs.
Please notify office when prayer is no longer needed.

Abbitt, Amanda	Focht, Wally	Leone, Janet	Schubert, Charles
Bannon, Bob & Janet	Fred	Lichtenwalner, Elaine	Scoble, Joshua
Bauder, Marian	Haveroy, Sandra	Matthews, Debbie	Slemmer, Pat
Berry, Sandi	Hines, Norma	McCann, Bill	Snyder, Timothy
Brandon, Christopher & Kris	Jones, Cheyenne	McKiernan, Sharon	Spiegle, Paul
David, Petra, Willow, Eden	Kirkner Family	McNabb, Nancy	Stevenson, Ralph
Deutsch Family	Knauss, Jack	Miguel	Taylor, Kevin
Federico, Al & Terry	Lapatka, Viola	Prueter, William	Weaver, Caleb, Noah & Hannah
Flieger, Jeanne	Leitenberger, Walter	Rivera, Luis	



Contemporary Worship

(Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 9:15 am & 11:00 am)

WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

Opening Song *I Am Free*

* Worship Music.....*You Never Let Go*
Great I Am
What A Beautiful Name

* Lighting theSebastian Coyle (9:15)
Altar Candles Chris Smerek, Brittany Larimer (11:00)

DISMISSAL TO KIDS' CHURCH

(Saturday 5:00, Sunday 11:00)

ANTHEM

How Great Thou Art..... Hallelujah Handbells (9:15)

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

We invite you to join us in praying at the altar railing.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

O Lord..... Kera Reinhard

WE MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading.....Genesis 21:1-3, 22:1-14
Message..... Pastor Tony Guerrero (Saturday 5:00)
Pastor Nelson Alleman (9:15, 11:00)

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Worship Music.....*Everlasting God (You Never Change)*

The prayer team will be at the altar railing during the closing song.
If you would like to pray with someone, we invite you to
come forward at this time.

Visitors: Please use the connection card found in your bulletin or in the Bethany Book to let us know that you worshipped with us today. We are happy you visited Bethany Church! First time visitors please pick up your free gift at the Information Desk. You are also invited to stop at that desk for information about children, youth and adult education classes.

The Bigger Picture—Faithfulness

1 CORINTHIANS 1:9

*"GOD, WHO HAS CALLED YOU INTO FELLOWSHIP WITH HIS SON
JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, IS FAITHFUL."*

Have you ever made poor decisions in your life that resulted in suffering or that placed you in a difficult situation? I have! After a long wait, God finally blessed Abraham and Sarah with Isaac. God had been _____in keeping his _____ to them. What God was about to ask is unimaginable... Imagine how difficult it must have been for Abraham to say, Okay Lord – this _____was yours before he was mine.

In every situation I just mentioned, the characters in those situations, Sarah, Hagar, Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, and me and my family could only see the here and now. None of us had the potential to _____beyond that. We can surmise, we can plan, we can hope for good results – but one thing that is consistent in every person's life, we cannot see the _____.

The other consistent part of all of these stories and it is also consistent for you as well is this: God Knows the _____ Picture.

I cannot tell you what the future holds, but I know God knows. I cannot see what God is up to, but I know God sees the Bigger Picture and from what I can see in scripture – my God is _____.

You and I cannot see the bigger picture. Yet, we know beyond any doubt that because God has proved faithful in years past, he will be faithful in the here and now and in the _____.

Will you trust the God who gave you life, who kept his promises, who secured your salvation? If we could only trust him, we would be at _____with whatever God is doing in our lives, in our family's lives, and in the life of Bethany. Remember, this church was his long before we got here... Trust God, He is faithful and He is trustworthy.

FOLLOW ALONG ON YOUR PHONE



Get the free app at bible.com/app. Once installed, tap the "Live" option from the menu on the left to access our online tools.

Or, simply scan the code to the left or visit bethanyumchurch.com/live for the web version.

MEMORY VERSE

"...FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING THE LORD'S LOVE IS WITH THOSE WHO FEAR HIM..."

PSALM 103:17

Blended Worship

(Sunday 8:00 am)

WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Kathy Anthony
Christians, We Have Met to Worship

HYMN SING

Hymn #587 *He Keeps Me Singing*
Hymn #581 *It Is No Secret*

WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

* Hymn #345 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*
* Hymn #230 *His Name Is Wonderful*
* Lighting the Altar Candles..... Nate Smeltz
Psalms 121 Chancel Choir

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

We invite you to join us in praying at the altar railing.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory.....Hallelujah Handbells
How Great Thou Art
* Choral Response *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*

WE MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD

O Lord Kera Reinhard
Scripture Reading..... Genesis 21:1-3, 22:1-14
The Bigger Picture..... Pastor Nelson Alleman

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Hymn #98 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

The prayer team will be at the altar railing during the closing song.
If you would like to pray with someone, we invite you to
come forward at this time.

The Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Erik Kirkner from the AFC 2014 Fall Soccer Team and from all of his family.

Please see our website at www.bethanyumchurch.com for more detailed announcements.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Illuminate Youth Conference—SAVE THE DATE

November 10, 6:00—9:00 p.m.
November 11, 6:00—11:00 p.m.
1208 Brookside Rd., Wescosville
More info: www.illuminateyc.com

The purpose of the conference is to challenge and motivate students of the Lehigh Valley and surrounding communities to dive deeper into their faith in Jesus Christ. Check our website for our weekly activities.

YOUNG ADULTS

SPOKEN If you are between the ages of 18-28 you are invited to join our young adult ministry called SPOKEN. This group meets on Saturday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the Wescosville Campus in Fellowship Hall.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Come and join **AWANA** this Fall! We're happy to announce that AWANA will start its new year on September 20 from 6:15—7:45 p.m. at our Wescosville Campus. We invite all children between the ages of 2 years old through 4th grade to join us on Wednesdays for a great time at AWANA! Register at the AWANA table in the narthex. Questions? Contact Children's Director Libby Barringer at ebarringer@bethanyumchurch.com.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Breakfast—Saturday, September 16, 7:00 a.m. Wescosville

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Potluck Breakfast Join us on Saturday, October 14 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the Macungie Campus. Come and hear our speaker, Traci Alleman.

MUSIC

Back to Bells Ice Cream Social Have you ever wondered what it takes to ring bells and be a part of Bethany's two handbell choirs? Bethany has a beginner bell choir (no music reading experience necessary. You just need to count to 4!) and an advanced bell choir. Come to our fellowship evening of fun and games and have all of your questions answered. We will have "hands-on" time and instruction and plenty of one-on-one time with our dedicated and experienced ringers. We always have room for more full-time dedicated ringers and even substitute ringers. Come out and help us make a joyful noise! Contact Carol Geiger at c.ann.geiger@gmail.com with questions.

Please make sure to pass the Bethany Book found in each row so all have the opportunity to sign up, too!

MISSIONS

HURRICANE VICTIM RELIEF

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) spends 100% of your donation on the project you select. All operative and administrative costs are paid for out of General Boards. If you would like to donate to the victim relief from Hurricane Harvey, please go to www.umcor.org and highlight national disasters. Read about the latest info and make a donation. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Ralph. Thank you for caring.

Food Pantry and Allentown Children's Project Cupboards are BARE!!!! Please provide only the items requested. No glass jars and no expired or soon to be expired dates, no open containers, please. **Canned Chicken 5 oz, Canned Tuna 4.5—5 oz., Canned Fruit**, 20 oz. jelly, 18 oz. peanut butter, 15-24 oz. tomato sauce, 15 oz. vegetables (including potatoes), 15 oz. chili and beef stew, 10.75 oz. soups (vegetable, tomato, chicken rice/noodle), 6.9 oz. Rice-A-Roni, 7.25 oz. Mac-N-Cheese, 15-20 oz. fruit (any kind), 15 oz. canned spaghetti, 11-28 oz. baked beans, 4-pack pudding cups, 6-pack applesauce cups, instant oatmeal (8-pack individual serving packets), ramen noodles. We are no longer saving plastic bags. Thank you for your generosity.

Twice Blessed is our inner city outreach store located at 931 Hamilton Street, Allentown in The Caring Place. Twice Blessed is now accepting new or gently used clothing, household items, sheets and towels. We **NO LONGER** accept any TV's, electrical equipment, mattresses or box springs. Please drop off your items at the store between 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday thru Saturday. You can also drop your items off at Bethany Church at the bottom of the ramp near Fellowship Hall. If you would like to volunteer at the store contact Sue LaBelle at 610-737-3346 or [sign up in the Bethany Book](#).

Saving God's Children Sponsors Contribution envelopes are located at the literature stand near the Information Desk at the Macungie Campus.

SENIORS MINISTRY

Senior Citizen's Bible Study

Tuesday, September 19
9:30—11:00 a.m.
Choir Room

Happy Birthday

9/22 Liz Phillips 4029 Westview Drive Allentown, PA 18104
9/27 Larry Leitenberger 76 Madison Lane Whitehall, PA 18052

DID YOU KNOW?

Backpacks will be collected in the bins in the Narthex during the months of August and September. Please drop off gently used backpacks and school supplies for the children in the Allentown School District who otherwise would not have these items. Call Amy Kirkner at 610-349-7283 with any questions.

BIBLE STUDIES / SMALL GROUPS

[Sign up in the Bethany Book](#) or contact Keri Crawford in the church office if you would like to attend.

Spiritual Gifts Class Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? What good works does God have planned for you to do? You're invited to join this class offered on Sundays at 11:15 a.m. in Room 312 at our Macungie Campus, beginning October 8.

Financial Peace University A new FPU class will be offered on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. beginning on September 17 with a preview on September 10 in room 309 at the Macungie Campus. The cost of the class is \$93 per family. Payment plans and childcare are available. If you plan to attend you can register on line at <https://fpu.com/1044377>.

Constitution Class You're invited to join this 6-week class in Room 307 at the Macungie Campus on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., beginning September 21, as we partner with Faith & Freedom Coalition to teach the Constitution from a Biblical world view. You'll discover the Biblical principles built into the Constitution.

Journeys with the Messiah Beginning on October 5, you're invited to join this group on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in room 312 at the Macungie Campus, as they take this one-of-a-kind Photographic journey created by Michael Belk that depicts the modern-day relevance of the centuries-old messages of Jesus. The result is beautiful and thought provoking images that are comforting, enlightening, full of hope and challenging.

Bethany Basics Starting Point for those that are newer to our church and want to know more about Bethany, we invite you to join us for a short informational session held either on Sunday, October 1 at 11:00 a.m. or on Wednesday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. **Friday Night Fellowship** join us on October 6 from 6:30—8:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at the Wescosville Campus. This month we will feature a mini chili cook off where everyone is sure to cast a vote and have lots of fun. If you are interested in entering a chili or simply want to come for taste testing, games and fellowship please sign up.

Free to be Healthy Class Slavery to food, emotional hang-ups and spiritual untruths can hold us back from healing, affect our immune system and prevent us from being the very best we can be to serve the Lord to our full potential and live life to the fullest. Beginning on October 1, you're invited to join this 4-week class to set yourself free; free to be physically, emotionally and spiritually healthy.

New Members Class Beginning on October 8, you're invited to join us for this 6-week class to learn more about the history of Bethany, the ministries we have to offer, how you can connect and serve as well as an explanation of the membership vows. Come and join us and become part of our church family.

Hospitality Additional volunteers are needed for hospitality/Grace Café Saturdays 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. and Sundays 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m., and clean-up 10:45 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Hospital Visits Please contact the church office if you or a family member will be going to the hospital. When you register at the hospital please use **Church Code 747**. If you have any questions, call the church office at 610-395-3613.

Altar Flowers The cost is \$20. Please sign up at the Information Desk to reserve your date.

Please return pens after the Worship Service. Bulletin inserts are now found in the Bethany Book.

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Special Needs Prayer List If you would like to add your child/teen/young adult with special needs to our prayer list, please contact Paula Dooley at paula@dooleymc.com.

Ben's Special Ventures Dog Biscuits Hand in Hand Ministry with Ben's Special Ventures are selling specialty hand made dog biscuits. These special treats are made with love for your furry friends. Please see our table, on the second Sunday of the month, located in the church lobby before and after services. Contact Mimi Ludwig at mlludwig@ptd.net for opportunities to help sell these special furry treats at your local business.

Special Muffins from Special People Hand in Hand Ministry for Special Needs along with Ben's Special Ventures are baking for your pleasure! Come see us at Grace Café on the Second Sunday of every month! Donations are needed! This will help with supplies and help support our employees. Please contact Lisa Lacko at edlacko@ptd.net for more information. Thank You!

BETHANY STAFF

Jim Brashear, *Lead Pastor*
Nelson Alleman, *Associate Pastor*
Gary Dimovitz, *Associate Pastor/Catasauqua*
Ralph Stevenson, *Associate Pastor*
Phillip Allen, *Director of Youth Ministry*
Libby Barringer, *Director of Children's Ministry*
Tyler Behnke, *Technical Arts Associate*
Quay Brashear, *Director of Sports Ministry*
Scotty Coyle, *Director of Outreach*
Keri Crawford, *Director of Small Groups*
Mark Dougherty, *Facilities Manager*
Amy Hain, *Director of Preschool*
Gordon Hendrickson, *Short Term Missions Consultant*
Ken Hoover, *Director of Music & Worship*
Donna Long, *Office Manager*
Dan Pense, *Worship Leader/Catasauqua*

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Giving: Weekly Goal: \$44,000
Last Week: \$42,347
2017 Weekly Avg: \$41,677

Attendance at Church: Last Week: 968
Attendance Streaming In: 200
2017 Weekly Avg: 1261

Announcements for September 16 & 17, 2017