

Summary of Bill Easum’s Recommendations*

- **Before moving to the new location, add 4 full-time program staff positions.**
 1. Executive Director – As soon as feasible
 2. Outreach Director – Before September 2011
 3. Small Group Director – Before we move to the Macungie Campus
 4. Director of Lay Mobility – Before we move to the Macungie Campus
- **Develop a New Worship Service by September 2011**
- **During 2011, improve the current worship options**
- **Upgrade the Nursery**
- **Additional Recommendations**

*Note that Church Council is reviewing the entire (68 page) ministry audit results and will be communicating and distributing details in an organized, consistent, and systematic manner. Each high-level recommendation listed above has significant detail behind it, including job descriptions, ideas, best practices, and a detailed demographic analysis.

Collectively, we are excited about the results and the opportunities for Bethany Church. Bill affirmed that Bethany is an outstanding church, with even greater potential to make a significant impact for God’s Kingdom in the Lehigh Valley.

Please pray for wisdom and discernment that God’s will be done as we move forward with many of these recommendations. Council asks for your support through your prayers, service, and gifts in 2011 and beyond.

From Pastor Ralph:

First, let me offer words of appreciation for your thoughtful gifts and cards this past Christmas Season. I am blessed to be a part of the Bethany Ministry.

Since April, 2010 I have been fulfilling the Executive Director’s position at Bethany Church, along with other duties as Associate Pastor. The Executive Director’s position includes day-to-day staff management (working with Pastor Jim), Church Finance responsibilities (working with our Office Manager, Donna Long, and the Finance Team) and chairing the Operations Team. This was considered a temporary position for me, as Church Council evaluated our long-term staff needs and commissioned the recent Ministry Audit by Bill Easum.

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Church Council

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Lay Leaders, (LL)

David Hahn - class of 2011 serves on Finance and Staff-Parish Relations
 Laurel Kegley - class of 2012 serves on Nominations/Lay Leadership & Council

Lay Delegates to Annual Conference, (LD)

Cathleen Woodbridge	Wayne Benjamin
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Janet Smith Chair	Wayne Benjamin	Gene Davis	Terry Hacker
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Staff - Parish Relations

Class of 2011

David Hahn, LL
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Class of 2013

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Class of 2011

Gene Davis	Robert Huber
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Class of 2012

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Class of 2013

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Lay Leadership (Nominations)

Class of 2011

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 Bob Ingalls

Class of 2012

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 Ed Miller

Class of 2013

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Amanda Furbeck, Pianist

If you have ideas, vision, etc. for Bethany UMC, contact any of the Council Members or the Operations Team Members. You can also communicate any feedback and/or questions to these teams via the FamilyForum@bethanyumchurch.com



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Church Council is hopeful to hire a new, full-time Executive Director as soon as feasible, at which time I will be relieved of these responsibilities. At that time my hope is to reduce my weekly hours from fifty-sixty down to forty. I plan to spend these hours teaching Disciple courses, fostering new small groups, and overseeing the Missions program at Bethany Church as well as the Seniors' Fellowship. I expect I will be sharing in the leadership at Catasaquua Campus as well as preaching at worship every six or seven weeks.

When I came to Bethany in 1992, I thought I would be slowing down a bit. Well quite the opposite has happened. The various ministries here have kept me more mobile and engaged than I ever thought I would be. However it is time to slow down, so that I can finish the course well. My hope is to reduce my hours by ten per year for the next few years so that in the end of 2013, I will retire and do limited work at Bethany for whatever years I am able and needed.

With best wishes to you in this New Year,
Pastor Ralph



Dear Bethany Church,

I wanted to thank the members of Bethany for all of their support, prayers, and donations during my recent medical mission trip to Port Au Prince, Haiti. Through your support, I was able to collect and distribute 210 tubes of toothpaste, 257 toothbrushes, 105 bottles of children's Tylenol, 35 bottles of children's vitamins, and lots of toys, puzzles, and silly bands. The items were given to children treated in the Partners in Development feeding programs, their child sponsorship programs, and those treated in their medical clinic. We were also able to distribute some to those living in a local tent village where we held a mobile clinic and to the forty children living in the local handicapped orphanage.

My time in Haiti was spent providing medical care to hundreds of people stricken with illnesses ranging from mild cases of ringworm and parasites to those seriously ill with typhoid and malaria. On my last day in the clinic I even got to deliver my first baby! I was blessed to spend a week witnessing a people so poor living in poverty, while so rich in faith. They had very little food or clean water, they had no shoes and very little clothing, and many slept on the bare rock floors of their empty tents. However, while these people lined up outside the clinic early every morning, they started their days with scripture, prayer, and the most beautiful Haitian worship songs. While the woman labored in childbirth on an old cot with no pain medication, her husband bowed his head in prayer and she sang to Jesus. I am so grateful for the time I was able to spend in the country of Haiti and ask your continued prayer and support for this country in need.

Sincerely,
Lisa Siminski





Short-Term Missions

Contact Rev. Gordon Hendrickson, our Short Term Mission Consultant at 267-258-9507

Kenya Update: "Teach to Reach 1 Million for Christ"

In the last issue of the Post, we were still looking for one more person to help us reach our goal of teaching to reach 2,000 pastors in the next three to five years. Since that article was printed, two pastors came forward to help teach. God does answer our needs to build His Kingdom.

Our non-profit group, Spirit in Action, acquired a piece of property and will build a community center for teaching, water needs, and other needs yet to be determined.

There is a movement to help create an orphanage from one of the members of our team who went home to share what she feels is a need. You can see a video of the land by going to: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PCvC5wIz_n4



On Fri, Nov 19, 2010 at 8:46 a.m., Gordon Hendrickson <gordonacts6@msn.com> wrote:
Hi John, we have been training pastors in Meru Kenya and surrounding areas for 6 years. We use the Licensing School courses and will have our first graduating class in 2012. We also have a ministry called "Saving God's Children" which identifies destitute children who can't attend school unless someone pays for them. We work with pastors and principals to identify and select such individuals. Look forward to meeting with you. Gordon

Note: Gordon will be meeting with the Pastors from Hempfield UMC and Litiz UMC to discuss mutual ministry in Kenya in the near future.

We also visited the Kaaga School for the deaf and will look at helping them. Two people will join the group in March to do work at the school. In addition, these individuals will be working with the school to bring the Methodist World Deaf Conference in 2013. Carol Stevens will join the team going to Jamaica to see what type of help she can bring from her United Methodist connections.

Jo Hovis sent a note on the possibility of an orphanage:

How have things been going with the community center? Has there been any more discussion about the orphanage (in Kenya)? I did get James in contact with Tor Jansen who has set up orphanages in Mexico. I know they corresponded a little initially, but haven't heard anything lately. It is my understanding after a discussion with Tor that people won't commit any funds until there is some definite progress on the establishment of the home. Tor's group is called Caring Action for Children and they have (I believe) seven sites in Mexico. The funding for Tor's group comes not only from USA but also from Norway.

We still need individuals who will go to help with our sponsored children and health ministry.
The dates for this trip are March 10-21, 2011.

Ghana Update:

The Royal Gate Mission Church continues to grow. Pastor Kojo called and wished us Merry Christmas. He thanks us for our prayers and continued support. He continues to pray for our church and pastors. We are still awaiting pictures of the updated church building before we send some funds for bathroom needs.



Seminary in Maputo, Mozambique Update:

We met with individuals from the seminary we helped build. Many pastors are being helped and new churches are being started. They continue to thank Bethany for helping to make this building a reality.

Possible Mission Ideas From the Large UM Church Mission Conference:

1. Work on inserting the mission DNA in all ministries of the church—each ministry of the church has been asked to select a mission project. We are constantly encouraging ministries to join a special mission project or create their own. Jason Thompson and the young adults are looking at Costa Rica and West Virginia.

2. Partner with other churches to do mission ministry—within the conference and with large churches. We have received permission to send people on trips with other churches.

-We are working with some local UM churches to help with the parsonage in Bethlehem for a Korean Church. Contact David Weider and Dale Heffner.

-“Too Busy Not to Pray” by Bill Hybels will be offered again in the near future. Please check the bulletin for signups.

3. Do a parent/child mission project. We are planning a Friday to Sunday event within driving distance of our church. This will be May 20 – 22, 2011. We will be going to West Virginia to work with World Vision. This relationship was developed with another church in the area. The cost is estimated to be \$200 but final details have yet to be sent to us from World Vision. Stay tuned for more details.

Short Term Mission Bible Study:

February 16 and March 16 are our meeting dates at 7:00 p.m. in the Parsonage. Please bring your Bible and learn about short term mission trips. Everyone is welcome.

Saving God’s Children:

Traci Llado is heading this ministry. We have seventy-some students from the areas in which we are doing short term missions and are especially in need of sponsors for Africa. We ask for sponsors to contribute \$25.00 per child per month. Please contact Traci at lladot@rcn.com for more information.



Here is a note from Jo Hovis from Lehman Memorial UMC in Hatboro who went last year to Kenya:

Gordon - I have been trying to get some people involved with funding for the students’ tuitions in Africa. There has been some interest and I do have some money to send to you. I have requested that checks be made out to Bethany. Some people have just given small cash donations. I will combine them and send them off in one check. I would like to wait until mid-late January to send what money that I have. If you need it sooner let me know. It’s not too much, but it’s a start.

Jamaica Christian School for the Deaf:

Jay Cogley and a team of six will be heading out on a mission trip February 2-6. They will be giving part of the Christmas Eve offering and will bring back a video of this for the congregation. Thank you for your support of this mission. Please contact Jay at skijay0520@yahoo.com for more information.

Gulfport, Mississippi

Some of the camps are closing but they still need help. This will be our last year going to MS. Our February team can still use some help. Cost is approximately \$700.00 per person. Dates: February 20-26 and June 19-25. You can contact Leslie Truckenmiller at: trucken@rcn.com nanatruck@gmail.com truckenmillerl@dnb.com cell: 610-509-7333.



**Costa Rica Update:**

So far we have a team of five who want to go this April, and we are still looking for more. The cost will be about \$1,000.00. If you have an interest, contact Gordon for more information.

Alaska: End of July 23-31 of 2011

Several people have stepped forward to do the building work. Thank you Lord!
Here are the notes from our January 5 meeting:

Alaska Notes: Beta PLAN

July 23-30/31 — extra days

Costs: \$1,200.00 - \$1,400.00 — airfare is the unknown

Fundraising — allowing family, friends, and others to support you

Scholarship help

No group airfare - will own your ticket

Frequent Flier Miles

Insurance

Church Location: Homer UMC

Pastor Charles will be here in March to meet with us

Ministries: Sports for children - soccer, baseball - maybe mini Bible stories

Building project - community selected/Mayor

Food and Lodging - at the church

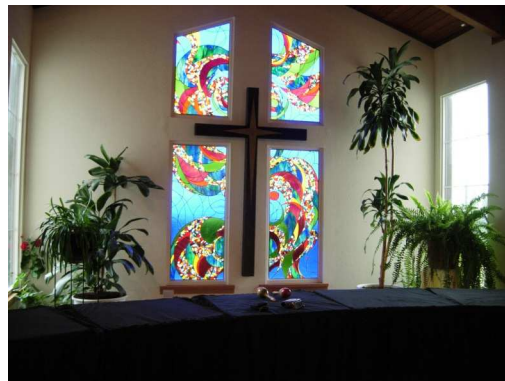
Homer people want to share their stories

Bible study - Prayer

Days to see the area

Church van

Car Rentals - some may want to rent especially if they will be staying later

**Haiti: Summer of 2011**

Our plans are to go to Haiti August 20-27, 2011. Chris Gibson is coordinating the project. Please contact her at cjgibson@cedarcrest.edu.

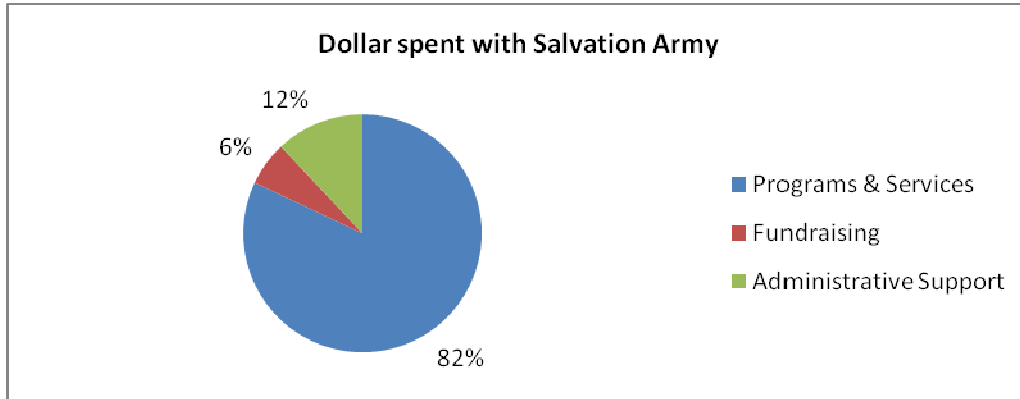
Future Trip Being Reviewed: Greece: May of 2011/12

At this time, we are gathering people who are interested in helping Eirini & Efthemes Sioukiouoglou with their missions work in Athens. We will be meeting with them to plan a team for 2012. Please stay tuned for more information.

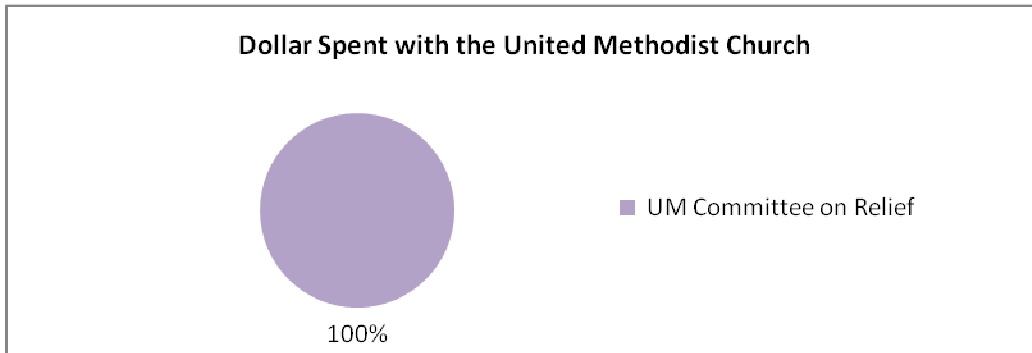


2010, A Year Of Generous Giving To Missions

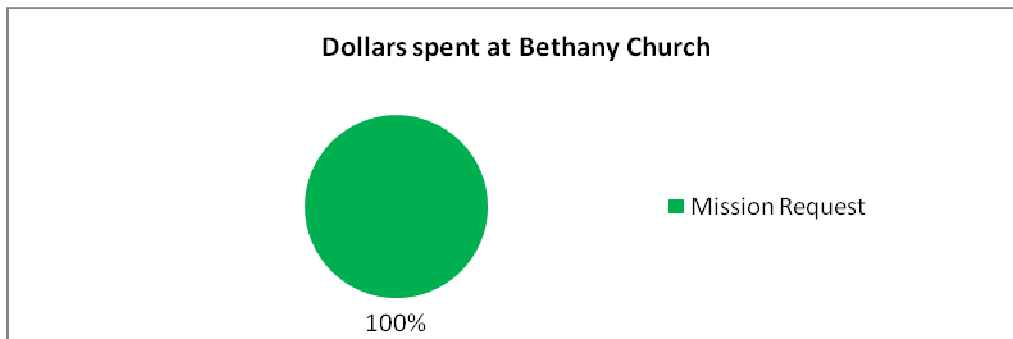
Everyone should agree that the Salvation Army is a good steward of money received to help the needed. Below is a graph which illustrates that 82 cents of every dollar goes to a specific target.



In the United Methodist Church, 100 cents of every dollar goes to the target of the giver, when you respond to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (such as Haiti). The General Conference of the UMC budget covers all administrative costs.



At Bethany Church 100 cents of every dollar goes to the target of the giver when you respond to a mission request. Our general budget covers all administrative costs and fundraising costs.



In 2010 our Church families gave almost \$500,000.00 to mission ministries and emergency offerings in disaster areas. Every penny donated was used for its specific purpose.

Thanks for caring!



Kingdom Builders

Submitted by Megan Slifka

It's way more than a building... It's a ministry that will bring people to Jesus Christ *Forever!*

Pastor Jim and the Kingdom Building team are pleased to share the new updates from the property at Macungie Campus:

- The fence around the retention pond is completed.
- The water line is in and tested.
- Our parking lot is now completely paved.
- Other than some very minor curbing work, all site work is completed.
- Minor site cleanup and spot mulching is underway.
- We have contacted our engineering firm to perform a site review in preparation of our NPDES permit completion submission, which hopefully will take place within the next couple of weeks.
- Our new Bethany Macungie Campus sign is in.
- When all the numbers are in, we could be way under budget.

Fundraising: To support the work of KB teams

A new event for the whole family is coming in FEBRUARY! Flapjack Fundraiser will be sponsored by The Kingdom Building team on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at the Applebee's Restaurant, located at 7150 Hamilton Blvd, in Trexlertown. Breakfast will be served between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and will include pancakes, syrup, butter, link sausage, and a beverage choice including coffee, orange juice, soda, and tea.

Tickets are \$5.50 per person and \$3.50 for kids ten and under. You can purchase your tickets at the table in the MPR, in the church office or you can sign up on the pew sheet and someone will contact you. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. We can only seat 300 people so make sure you get your tickets ahead of time. Head counts are needed for staffing and supplies, so please let us know you are interested. Bring neighbors and friends.

Anyone willing to help out at this event or get ticket requests should contact Karen Schrantz (karenschrantz@aol.com) or Paul Abbott (pauldeanabbott@gmail.com).

The fundraising efforts for KB team are still active in the Bookstore and Change for Heavens Sake. Please visit both frequently.

Capital Campaign

This campaign is being done to raise the funds for the building of our new worship center and educational wing on our Macungie Campus, and to do an in-gathering of funds for the Main Campus general fund. The KB team interviewed three firms in the middle of December and two in January. The KB team will then recommend the two best firms to be interviewed by Bethany Church Council. Our Church Council will select the firm by the end of this month with the thought that Bethany's capital campaign can begin by March 1, 2011.

Prayer team

The Kingdom Building Prayer Team Mission is specific:

"To bring through prayer, faith, dedication and obedience to God's plan for Bethany and the Kingdom Building Mission."

There is power when we pray. Our omnipotent God, for whom nothing is impossible, hears our petitions. We access the greatest force in the universe when we enter the presence of the Father. Therefore the prayer team asks at this time that we all pray for a unified front as we continue our Kingdom efforts. The prayer team is also beginning to pray for the Capital Campaigns that will begin soon.



New Signs are Here

Thanks to the team at Sharp Signs, Bethany Macungie Campus has a new corner sign. We are working on installing interior signs, and should have them up at printing time. Please patronize Sharp Signs in Emmaus. They have been very generous to Bethany Church.

ALLENTOWN CHILDREN'S PROJECT is sending home a bag of food every Friday afternoon to keep these children fed over the weekend! There are 31 children that we are helping immediately, and many more that are hoping we can include them. (These children were identified by the school as the most needy.)

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The following food is needed to feed these children. Please pick up some of these items while you're out shopping:

- Box of Cereal - any size or variety
- Box of Crackers - any size or variety
- Canned Soup - any size or variety
- Dinty Moore Beef Stew - any size
- Canned Pasta - any size or variety
- Box of Pasta - 1 lb. any variety
- Canned or plastic jar of Pasta Sauce - any size or variety
- Canned Tuna - any size
- Canned Chicken - any size
- Bag of White Rice, NOT INSANT - any size
- Bag of Kidney Beans - any size
- Bag of Pinto Beans - any size
- 4 or 6 pack of Fruit Cups - any variety
- 4 or 6 pack of Applesauce - any variety
- 4 or 6 pack of Pudding - any variety
- Plastic jar of Jelly - any size or variety



Donations can be placed in the marked bins in the MPR on Sunday or any time the church is open during the week.

Donations are collected EVERY week, then packed EVERY Thursday night, and delivered to an Allentown school EVERY Friday afternoon.

Thank you for serving in this way!

This should not replace the food given for Bethany's own Food Pantry.



Allentown Children's Project



Dear Bethany Congregation:

Thank you very much for your donation of backpacks, hats, gloves, and mittens to Jefferson Elementary.

While most school districts welcome new students in September, the start of the school year, the Allentown School District welcomes new students all through the year. Each week we have new students entering our building. Students transfer within the district, from other districts, or from other countries. Since Allentown is an urban district, we face many of the issues a large urban population brings: homelessness, poverty, and sometimes chaotic home lives. Your gift of backpacks make a new student feel welcome and wanted. Many of our families are moving due to situations beyond their control. Sometimes they may have to leave behind belongings. When money is tight, school supplies may be last on the list of things they can buy.

Often, backpacks for our children are sometimes much more, they can be used as suitcases to take laundry to the laundromat, as pillows, and are a lot of times the only thing a student can have that is just for them. Children's faces light up when they are able to choose a backpack of their own. It is an extra surprise to them to find goodies inside. We thank you for that gift.

Allentown is also a walking district. A gift of hats and gloves or mittens helps to keep our students warm on the sometimes very cold, long, walk to school. Many of Jefferson's students have to cross the Eighth Street Bridge, which gets very chilly in the winter with winds whipping across it. We have given gloves to kids who arrive with hands that are shaking from the cold. Often we give additional gloves because we hear over and over that siblings in older grades or at home need them too. Your generous gift allows us to be more flexible with the distribution.

We can't thank you enough for reaching out to those less fortunate, thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan Siegrist
School Counselor

Nicolas Perez
Principal

Dear Friends for Life,

Who would have thought that baby bottles would be such a blessing? We are astounded at the outpouring of giving that comes from this campaign. As a participating church of our 2010 Baby Bottle Campaign, you have raised \$1,840.68!

As we honor life and offer hope, we thank you for being a part of our mission. May God bless you for serving Him.

For Life and for His Glory,
Sharon Grant
Executive Director
CARE NET





Congregational Care Sunday School

11:00 a.m. in the Parsonage Front Room
April 10 through May 22

"Like one who takes away a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar poured on soda, is one who sings songs to a heavy heart."

Proverbs 25:20

Have you ever wondered how to best help, or what to say to someone who is in crisis? Come join. This class is open to anyone but also is the required training for those interested in joining our Congregational Care Team (formerly Lay Pastoral Care).

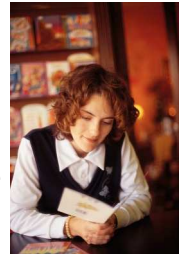
Unemployment Support Group

in the Parsonage Back (the dining room)
Tuesday evenings, April 12 through May 12

This is a group for those who are facing unemployment. We will not only be supporting one another through this difficult time, but also learning the skills needed to pursue future employment.

Encouragement Card Ministry

The Encouragement Ministry sends handmade cards to those who could use a "pick-me-up". These include people who are ill, in the hospital, lost a job, or going through any type of difficult time. If you know somebody who could benefit from receiving a card and knowing that they are being thought of and prayed for, please contact Jennifer Harper at jenbstamps@yahoo.com. Be sure to include the person's name, address, and a short explanation of what the situation is. Requests will be kept confidential. If you'd like to join the ministry and help make cards or write notes of encouragement, the group meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir room. Donations of card-making supplies and gift cards for AC Moore, Joanns, Michaels, and Walmart are appreciated. Contact Jennifer Harper with any questions.



Handbells



Do you love to hear the handbells? Did you always want to learn to ring? Have you wanted to be a part of Bethany's music ministry? Men and women ages fourteen through adult are invited to come join Bethany's new ringers' choir. No musical experience is necessary. You will learn to ring handbells and how to read music, if needed. We meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. in the choir room. Please contact Amy Briggs Miller at 484-432-6059 to express your interest or for additional information.



Bethany In The Home Ministries

Dear Bethany Family and Friends,

Thank you. You have been wonderful in answering God's call and supplying meals to those who are ill, have been hospitalized, or are in crisis. The families who have received these meals at difficult times in their lives have recognized the blessing that you are. Indeed we are blessed to be a blessing.

Through recent circumstances I have heard God's call to move in a new direction. I would like to introduce you to the Bethany In The Home Ministries.

I believe that God is looking for individuals willing to go the next step for those who are suffering by offering:

- Occasional light housekeeping such as dusting and vacuuming
- Help with laundry
- Running errands
- Shopping
- Pet care
- Sitting with individuals who need companionship when their families must be away
- Organizing

If you feel that God might be calling you to fill one of these needs, or you have suggestions for other areas, please sign up on the pew sheet today or call Pastor Kathryn Wieder at 610-395-3613, ext. 16.

Thank you for your willingness to love your neighbor.

Pastor Kathryn

New Special Needs Ministry

For those of us who do not have a special needs child, getting ready each week for worship or Sunday school can be a challenge. However, for parents of a special needs child there may have been many "obstacles" getting children ready for church and then a lot of fear wondering how the child might behave at church or Sunday School.

Many parents of special needs children don't consider coming to Bethany at all because of their child's needs or behavioral issues. Going out in public can turn into a horror movie. It's hard to focus on all the good nurturing things Bethany can offer parents to help them cope with daily spiritual battles when their biggest battle may be whether or not their church family will accept their child.

There are many parents currently attending Bethany with special needs children and there are many parents of special needs children outside of Bethany looking for a church they can call home. They might need assistance and a caring welcome mat for their child so they can feel free to worship with us.

What they need most is to know our Bethany family extends a warm welcome to all of God's children. This is why we wish to make you aware of a new Special Needs Ministry at Bethany. You will be seeing upcoming announcements on how this new ministry would like to love, obey, and proclaim the gospel of Jesus to all special needs families in our community by way of pew sheet sign-ups, Bethany video spotlights, and of course your prayer to make all families with special needs children feel welcome at Bethany when they may have been discouraged in their attempts to worship or just feel it's not worth the effort to try. Let us show our community that we care enough to reach out to special needs families so they will feel welcome to experience the honor of worshiping God in a caring, loving Bethany Church family!



Marriage Enrichment

The Marriage Enrichment seminar is a program that will serve as a foundation for new marriages, rekindle the flame for struggling marriages, and deepen strong marriages. Lyle and I have been married for twenty years and are soul mates. When we signed up for this seminar we weren't sure how this could make our relationship any stronger than it was. We were surprised by what we learned and we were given skills that will enable us to overcome obstacles through our Christian walk. God has started a deep work in both of us and through the struggles and attacks we have found these skills to be more than helpful. Our relationship has been truly blessed by this seminar, and we would highly recommend it to all married or engaged couples.



Lyle And Pam Richardson

The next Marriage Enrichment Workshop is scheduled at Bethany on May 13 – 15, 2011. Contact Charlie Gardner at 610-395-3258 or at charles.e.gardner@verizon.net for more information.

Night for Sweethearts

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12 at 6:30 p.m.
FELLOWSHIP HALL – BETHANY CHURCH
COST: \$40 PER COUPLE

One ticket needed per couple

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 Diana's Catering

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 Ministries



Single Moms Short Term Group Study:

Small Group Study for Single Moms: Interested? Talk with Pastor Ralph. These groups will meet for six weeks. Single women studying the Word of God to strengthen their parenting skills and spiritual commitment. Groups will be held in February and April, with sign ups till mid-February. Sign up now on the pew sheets or call the office.



Christ Centered Christian Counseling

Available at Abundant Life Counseling Services, an outreach of Bethany Church.
 Call 610-965-2698 for questions and appointments.



Hospital Visits



If you or a family member are going to the hospital, please call the office and let us know. When you register, please use our **Church Code 747**. They may no longer call us, but we can ask if anyone is registered. If you have questions call Pastor Kathryn at 610-395-3613, ext. 16.

Twice Blessed is now accepting children's and adult's winter clothing. Especially needed are hats, gloves, socks, and towels. Schedule large item pick ups with Ed Lineberger at 610-395-4316 or EDL1041@ptd.net.

Store address is: 25 N. 10th St., Allentown
 Phone: 610-351-7458

Small donations may be placed in the Twice Blessed locker located in the hallway outside Fellowship Hall.

Please contact Linda Bowers at 610-336-5834 if you have any questions.

**Next pick up dates are Saturday, February 5, 2011
 and Saturday, March 5, 2011.**



Bethany Church at Catsauqua

We had an inspirational Christmas together. Thanks to all who decorated and undecorated. Thanks to the bell choir, Amanda Furbeck, and Barb Fackler who participated in our Christmas Carol Sing along. Fifty-five people attended our hospitality time and Christmas Eve worship service. Now we are in the second month of a new year!

We need servants (our name for volunteers) to help in hospitality ministries on Sundays. We need greeters, communion servers, nursery workers, children's church workers, and the list goes on. Please refer to the sheet in your attendance booklet for areas to serve Christ and His Church at the Catsauqua Campus.

Leadership Directory:

Catsauqua Campus

Who to contact with any questions in these areas:

Church Office – 610-395-3613
Worship Leader – Matt Gerry 302-220-0940
Hospitality – Bart Bierer 610-266-1328
Sunday School – Marilou Wieder 610-799-3644
Greeters – Mike & Terry Iacocca 610-264-3741
Grounds – Mike Iacocca 610-264-3741
Publicity – Terry Iacocca 610-264-3741
Outreach – Jeff James 610-266-1362
Child Care – **Need Coordinator**
Prayer Breakfast – Barb Cousland 610-965-9566
Hospital – Rev. Kathryn Wieder 610-395-3613

Our Sunday Schedule:

9:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship with our praise band and nursery.
11:00 a.m. - Sunday School for children and adults.

All **Catsauqua Older Adults** are invited to our Senior Citizens' Fellowship Events. For further information call our Information Line at 610-395-3613 extension 49, check this edition of the Post or call the office and request a monthly post card be sent to you.



Catasauqua Church Calendar of Special Events

Sunday, February 13 – Holy Communion at morning worship. Lasagna will be served at Noon. Bring a salad, veggie or dessert to share.

Friday, February 18 - Beginning at 6:30 p.m. there will be a Coffee House for adults (21 and up) in our social area. Snacks, live music, and conversation are planned. This is a community-wide event, so invite your friends.

Saturday, February 26 – Beginning at 8:00 a.m. join us for breakfast and prayer in our social room. This prayer time will focus on revival in our community.

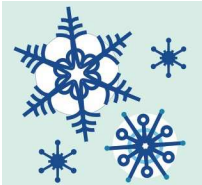
Sunday, March 13 – Holy Communion at morning worship. Sloppy Joes and Hot Dogs will be served at noon. Bring a salad, veggie or dessert to share.

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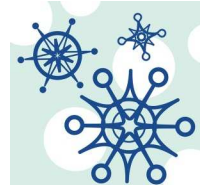
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Do you get regular e-mails from Bethany Church? We call it B-mail ("B" for Bethany). It is up-to-date information about what's happening at Bethany Church. Call the Church office at 610-395-3613 and request to be put on the B-mail list.

We hope to introduce a Mom's Morning Out program to the Catasauqua community. Preschool age children are brought to the church for a half day of Bible stories, recreation, snacks and crafts. This gives Mom the morning free to shop or do whatever else she needs to do. Look for more information about this upcoming program for children three to five years old.



Weather-related worship service cancellations are broadcast on WFMZ-TV Channel 69 (Service Electric Cable Channel 8) and on the web at wfmz.com. Our new website has the capability of posting it instantly on the front page so please look there also. A B-mail will be sent out plus we will get it on the message line at the church office.



**ATTENTION all Redner's Shoppers**

Remember to bring in your Redner's Grocery "Save A Tapes" and deposit them in the proper receptacle in the area next to the MPR. The Church receives a small percentage of sales from the company, which is put towards our Church mortgage. REMEMBER TO GET A "Save A Tape" CARD AT THE SERVICE WINDOW IN REDNERS to participate in the donation program. Then swipe the card when you check out. Over the years several thousand dollars have gone to deplete our Church indebtedness. In July, \$170.00 was received as a donation to our mortgage payment for tapes submitted since January 1. This amount could be much larger if more people participated in the program. Thanks.

**Emergency Food Pantry: "Thanks for Sharing!"**

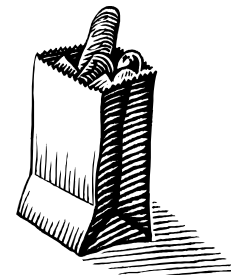
Each week of the month attendees to a different worship service are encouraged to bring in a donation for the food pantry. Look for reminders on B-Mail and the Worship Bulletin. More and more people are using this ministry to keep their families fed during hard times.

Saturday 5:00 p.m. worship – 1st Saturday of each month

Sunday 8:00 a.m. worship – 2nd Sunday of each month

Sunday 9:15 a.m. worship – 3rd Sunday of each month

Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 4th Sunday of each month



Thank you for your tremendous support! Thank you for caring.

Deadlines For Bulletin and Post

Worship Bulletin deadline is each Tuesday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. You may send your announcements to bulletin@bethanyumchurch.com or put them in the bulletin folder outside the Church office. All announcements are limited to 25 words.

The Post deadline for April/May is Friday, March 4, at 5:00 p.m. You may send your articles to post@bethanyumchurch.com. All Post articles are limited to 225 words each.

The April/May Post will be distributed following worship on the last Sunday of March. Contact Donna Long in the church office with any questions.





Disciple 1 and Disciple 2 Bible Study Groups

Meetings will start in February. On the first and third Tuesdays, Disciple 1 will meet with Rev. Gordon Hendrickson and Jeff Markle as the co-teachers. On the second and fourth Tuesdays, Disciple 2 will meet and Pastor Ralph is the teacher. All Disciple meetings are held in the front room of the Parsonage.

Stewardship Opportunity

DON'T READ THIS UNLESS YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH! (70 ½ or older)

A new tax law has created an opportunity for you to exclude from gross income distributions from an IRA of up to \$100,000 per year if it is made directly by the IRA trustee to a qualified charity such as Bethany. The contribution qualifies towards your required minimum distribution requirements and the distribution is not taxable to you. In addition, any qualified distribution made before January 31, 2011 can qualify as a 2010 distribution.

You should consider taking advantage of this strategy to minimize the taxation of your social security benefits or if you have any other tax benefit that is affected by your adjusted gross income. It is also a "tax saver" if you cannot itemize your deductions.

In addition to saving federal income taxes, you may also qualify for a Pennsylvania real estate tax rebate that you may not otherwise qualify for.

This opportunity expires on December 31, 2011



The 2011 Altar Flower Calendar

is available to sponsor flowers.
The calendar is located at the top of the Worship Entrance and right next to the Book Store.



Bethany Women

From the desk of Donna Cornelius and the Women's Leadership Team:

Get Involved! Grow in God And Fellowship with Others!

It's a New Year and with every New Year comes the list of resolutions - those things you hope to accomplish and goals you plan to meet. According to Wikipedia, the definition is: a commitment that an individual makes to accomplish a personal goal, project, or the reforming of a habit in the coming year. It is an advantageous lifestyle change.

According to statistics 40-45% of Americans make one or more resolutions each year with the top resolutions being weight loss, exercise, money management, and debt reduction. Hopefully for Christians there is a resolution to spend more time in their daily walk with God.

But what typically happens with resolutions? They don't continue. Statistics show: (These are from two different statistic sources for you math wizards who will try to add up the first two items.)

- 30% of all resolutions are broken in the first week
- 75% continue past the first week
- 71% continue past two weeks
- 64% continue after one month
- 46% continue after six months

Just a tip – those who write them down are more likely to keep them.

The Bethany Women's Ministry Leadership Team has not just made a resolution, but a commitment to keep the women's ministry going so that you have an opportunity to grow in the Lord and fellowship with your sisters in Christ!

This last year has seen many changes as Donna had to step down as Director of Women's Ministry. But be assured – there is a fantastic group of God-led women who are committed to seeing this ministry grow. Part of that growth involves YOU!

From bible studies to ladies night out to progressive dinners to larger events, now is a wonderful time to make one of your goals or resolutions this year to get involved in Bethany Women's Ministry. From leadership to attending from studying to learning, make one of your resolutions to be a part of God's ministry helping, encouraging, and growing with other sisters in Christ.

For up-to-date information on bible studies and events for women, please pick up a brochure from the racks located around the church! Email dcornelius@bethanyumchurch.com if you would like more information.

Sincerely, Your Servants in Christ,

Donna Cornelius, Brenda Held, Mary Powell, Bobbi Janson, Nancy Dinger, Grace Harmon, Jenn Riedy, Eileen Stettler, Cindy Mathis, and Barb Hornberger



GET INVOLVED!

If you are looking for a way to get involved in the women's ministry at Bethany, our ministry leaders are looking to build their teams. We need help with events, administration, spiritual growth, mentoring, and hospitality! Call Donna Cornelius at 610-814-6950 or Brenda Held at 610-395-3232 for more information.

Needed Now:

Team leaders and helpers for the Women's Retreat – Call Brenda Held at 610-395-3232

Team helpers for the June Rose Breakfast – Call Cindy Mathis at 610-504-5171 or

Tracy Gaydos at 610-965-2091

Bible Study and Small Group Leaders – Call Donna Cornelius at 610-814-6950

GROW IN GOD!

Who is the Holy Spirit? by Barbara H. Knuckles and Ruth Van Reken

Through God's Spirit we are able to live as children of God, in power and wisdom and unity, equipped for good works. Yet often the Holy Spirit can seem mysterious and elusive. Come to a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit by discovering through Scripture how the Spirit works in our lives.

This is a small intimate bible study hosted by Mary Thomas. Please call her at 610-481-9004 for more information.

Where: Allentown When: Thursday evenings Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Study of Romans by John MacArthur

For those yearning for a deeper understanding of God's Word, this study is hosted by Kathy Kochanek. Please call Marleah Bridges at 610-391-8935 for more information. (No child care provided.)

Where: Wescosville When: Tuesday mornings Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Lord Give Me a Heart for You by Kay Arthur

This is larger on-going group bible study hosted by Barb Hornberger. Please call Barb at 610-398-7528.

Where: Wescosville When: Saturday mornings Time: 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Experiencing God by Richard Blackaby, Henry Blackaby, Claude King

Go deeper in your relationship with God. This new study will be starting in February 13 at the home of Cindy Mathis. Please call Donna Cornelius at 610-814-6950 for more information.

Where: Wescosville When: Wednesday evenings Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Hebrews by Wiersbe Bible Study Series

Early bird on-going small group bible study for women of any age. Please call Jane Miller or Judy Rotkowski at church for more information.

Where: Parsonage Front Room When: Thursday mornings Time: 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

SWEET - Single Women Encouraging and Evangelizing Today

Calling all single women! Are you looking for fellowship, encouragement, deepening prayer, and having A LOT of fun? Take a journey with the SWEET Bible Study into God's vineyard. Starting in February, we will be studying the book 'Secrets of the Vine.' The author of this amazing book, Bruce Wilkinson explores John 15. In this single chapter of the bible, Bruce shows us how we can make the maximum impact for God, open our eyes to the Lord's hand in our daily lives, and uncover surprising insights that will point toward a new path of consequence for God's glory. Are you a single woman looking to deepen your spiritual walk and bring more glory to God? If this sounds like you, come join us as we take a stroll in God's vineyard and explore the secrets of His vine. Starts February 9. Please contact Eileen Stettler at Eileen.stettler@xerox.com or 610-351-5277.

Where: Parsonage Front Room When: 2nd & 4th Wednesday evenings Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**RUTH**

The Naomi Team Project is hosting a six-week study of Ruth that is open to women of any age.

Where: Parsonage Fireside When: 2nd & 4th Saturday afternoons Time: 3:30 p.m.

Women's Prayer Group

If you want to experience the power of prayer in your life, join us every other Wednesday night for prayer. Contact Linda Schissler for more information. Started January 5.

Where: Parsonage Back When: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Join us for Beth Moore's Breaking Free: The Journey, The Stories (Updated Edition) which leads you through a study of the Scriptures to discover the transforming power of freedom in Jesus Christ. Themes for this study come from Isaiah, a book about the captivity of God's children, the faithfulness of God, and the road to freedom. Using Scripture to help identify spiritual strongholds in your life, no matter how big or small, Beth explains that anything that hinders us from the benefits of knowing God is bondage. Come join us for an eleven-week journey beginning February 12, 2011. The cost is \$20.00. Please contact Mary Powell at 610-442-0828 or marypowell23@yahoo.com.

Where: Conference Room When: Every other Saturday Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

If you have a bible study that is not listed or are interested in attending or facilitating a study, please contact the church.

FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHERS!**Ladies' Night Out**

With the New Year comes new opportunities for fellowship. It has been awhile since our ladies' night out, but January 26 we started them again. They will be once a month. Be sure to check the brochures in the hallway racks, online on the Women's ministry page, or in the bulletin for the next ladies' night out.

Book Club – if you are interested in leading or participating in a Christian book club, please contact Donna Cornelius at dcornelius@bethanyumchurch.com.

Women's Weight Loss Support Group

Are you interested in a support group? Are you struggling to maintain your weight? Come pray with other ladies and learn tips on how to lose weight and keep it off. Start date to be determined. Contact Mary Powell at 610-442-0828 or marypowell23@yahoo.com.

Progressive Dinner

Keep your eyes open for information on an upcoming progressive dinner.

The opportunities continue to grow, but remember it takes everyone's participation to make this ministry successful.



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Bethany Youth



Big Game Night!

It's that time of year again! Time for a flag football tournament out under the lights, stuffing your face with food, winning prizes just for showing up, and watching the game on six screens with 200 other friends! That's right, it's Big Game Night! Come on out to the church from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 6 for an incredible night. This is for students in grades six through twelve and costs \$5.00 (for food). Invite as many people as you can! It's going to be worth it.

Senior High Ocean City Conference

This event is awesome! We'll be attending the Metro Maryland Youth For Christ Conference in Ocean City, MD. It's a large youth conference with bands, speakers, games, and tons of opportunities to grow in Christ. Plus, you get to leave school early on Friday, hang out in a hotel, and sit on the beach! Cost is \$130.00. YOU MUST REGISTER BY 2/20/11 OR YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND.

www.mmyfc.org

Missions Trip Summer 2011

Our High School ministry will be going on a missions trip this summer to Washington, D.C. from July 24-30, 2011. This is one of the best experiences our students have had, so if you want to grow in Christ, see Him at work, and build some lasting friendships, register today! Please contact the youth office for pricing, fundraising opportunities, and training information. It's going to be a great summer!

Children's Ministry

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

February Parent's Night Out: On Friday, February 25, we will have our next PNO. From 6:30-8:30 p.m., kids may come and enjoy crafts, games, and other activities. This is a time for you to date your spouse, go shopping or read a book!! Cost is \$5.00/child or \$15.00/max/family. These activities are for children ages three and potty trained through grade five. Registration begins February 5. For more information, contact Darcy Bierer at the church.

Easter Egg Hunt: Come celebrate Easter with a kid's Easter Egg Hunt. This year the hunt will be Saturday, April 16 from 10:00-Noon. This is a family-attended event for children of all ages up through grade five. Collection of candy will begin on March 19. **CANDY NEEDS TO BE INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED AND SMALL ENOUGH TO FIT INTO SMALL PLASTIC EGGS. MINIATURE-SIZE CANDIES ARE GOOD FILLERS. LOLLY-POPS AND SIMILAR-SIZE CANDY DO NOT FIT INTO THE EGGS. WE NEED LOTS OF CANDY!!!!**

Vacation Bible School: Just a heads up that in July we will have our fun, exciting VBS. The dates are July 11-15, 2011. Once again, we will have morning and evening sessions. Kids LOVE the active, fun, hands-on VBS experienced at Bethany Church. WHAT'S THE THEME?? ANNOUNCEMENT TO COME SOON.



Senior Citizen's Fellowship

Senior's Citizens' Happenings:

Keep up with any changes by reading the weekend Worship Bulletin or by calling (610) 395-3613 extension 49 for the Senior Info Line. All seniors are welcome to join us at any time.

February 2011 – "Happy St. Valentine's Day"

Tuesday, February 1 at 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study in the front room of the Parsonage. Chapter 1 of the "Prayer of Jabaz".

Tuesday, February 8 at 11:30 a.m.

We will meet for lunch at the Old Country Buffet in Whitehall. Please call the office with your reservations by Monday, February 7 at Noon.

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Tuesday, February 15 at 10 a.m.

Bible Study in the front room of the Parsonage. Chapter 2 of the "Prayer of Jabaz".

Tuesday, February 22

We will meet for lunch at the Superior Diner in Emmaus. Please call the office with your reservations by Monday, February 21 at Noon.

March 2011 – "Happy St. Patrick's Day"

Tuesday, March 1 at 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study in the front room of the Parsonage. Chapter 3 of the "Prayer of Jabaz".

Tuesday, March 8 at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch together at the Willows in East Texas. Please call reservations into the office by Monday, March 7 at Noon.

Tuesday, March 15 at 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study in the front room of the Parsonage. Chapter 4 of the "Prayer of Jabaz".

Tuesday, March 22 at 11:30 a.m.

Join us for Hoagies, Chips and a Movie in the Studio Room off of Fellowship Hall. Call by Monday, March 21 at Noon.

Call Pastor Ralph at 610-395-3613 ext. 14 with any questions about Senior Citizen's Fellowship.

Don't forget to dial the Senior Fellowship's information line at: 610-395-3613 ext 49.

This contains up to the minute information about events.



Happy Birthday!



Happy Birthday!

Agnes Tredinnick (2/3) 148 Glen Hedge Road, Mantua, NJ 08051

Lee Becker (2/8) 2029 Brickyard Road, Allentown, PA 18104

Dann Hall (2/9) 6150 Blue Church Road, South, Coopersburg, PA 18036

Mary Mixon (2/10) 119 Lone Lane, Allentown, PA 18104

Ruth Tell (2/12) 2425 Emerald Lake Drive, Sun City Center, FL 33573

James Martis (2/17) 4974 Shawnee Court, Schnecksville, PA 18078

Sandy Hohl (2/21) 5041 Cypress Street, Allentown, PA 18106

Charlotte Stokes (2/26) 4105 W. Chew Street, Allentown, PA 18104

Bruce Trotter (2/29) 3946 New Smithville Road, Kempton, PA 19529

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Rev. Elwood Heiser (3/1) 1680 Spring Creek Road, Room 250, Macungie, PA 18062

Raymond Phillips (3/2) 4029 Westview Drive, Allentown, PA 18104

Pat Boyd (3/5) 5767 Whitmarsh Drive, Macungie, PA 18062

George Medzerian (3/7) 300 Willow Valley Lakes Drive, Apt. A312, Willow Street, PA 17584

Sally Rocker (3/7) 6509 Charles Court, Macungie, PA 18062

Barbara Fackler (3/12) 4997 Cypress Street, Wescosville, PA 18106

Jean Markert (3/13) 1023 Redwood Court, Hamburg, PA 19526

Sandra Rauch (3/15) 1316 Dayspring Drive, Allentown, PA 18106

Toni Harris (3/17) 3107 Elizabeth Lane, Macungie, PA 18062

Lorraine Nicholson (3/30) 7426 Marquis Drive, Trexlertown, PA 18087

Penny Sedovy (3/31) 1325 Marathon Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052





THE GRACE FILLED MOUSE

Dear Ladies,

I have an important message for you.

Do you hesitate to become a participant in a prayer group? Do you feel that you must reveal too much personal "stuff"?

You may be surprised that that is not the case. It is possible to come together with others to pray about deep seated concerns without outlining the need. God knows what is on your heart and what you ask, no one else needs to.

In coming together to pray you have a choice to only say, for example; "My son needs prayer to make a huge change in his life." That gives nothing away about his need, but gives a focus to the group's prayers for him.

The dynamics of group prayer is an awesome thing. We are told that when two or three join together in prayer God is in their midst. (Matthew 18:20) The strength of your prayer combined with those of others adds strength to yours.

If you have needs that so far have not been answered, there is a prayer group that can lift them up to God along with you. Some can tell you that His answer has come surprisingly quick or in totally unexpected ways.

The outpouring of prayer from a group can be a mighty force. The availability of the force is real. Praying with a group can bring you real comfort. Isaiah 26:3 says: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee." Join them once to feel that power, you'll surely return again.

A ladies' prayer group led by Linda Schissler meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the parsonage. Group prayer is uplifted and uplifting. See for yourself that prayer changes lives. Call Linda at 610-967-5338 to let her know you'll attend and if you have questions.

We want to bring glory and honor to God by lifting each other up in prayer.

Instead of closing with my usual joke, I feel the following quote is appropriate: "Somehow the simple act of prayer links a sovereign God to man. When man prays, God responds. Difficult situations change. Unexplained miracles occur." Dick Eastman



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Bethany Beach Delaware Vacation House

3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, central air conditioning, pool, tennis, non-smoking, no pets, close to beach. Nice community.

Summer weekly rentals, partial off season rentals. Please call Nancy or Ken Weiland, 610-298-3378 or email kkweiland@netzero.com



Canada Island Vacation

New 4 bedroom post & beam vacation home on a 3 acre private island. Use of canoe, sailboat, kayaks & fishing boat.

A beautiful 6-hour drive from the valley. Perfect for bird watching, fishing, swimming, boating, A great family adventure or get-away for a couple.

No smoking or pets, please. Prime weeks and partial weeks are available. Cost: \$800-\$1400/wk + \$100 per person. Pontoon boat rental available.

Visit our site at www.summerislandlodge.com or contact Joe or Sue Riley at 610-433-6786.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost items may be claimed at the Welcome Desk. For lost clothing, check toward the back of the coat closet opposite the desk.

These items were at the Welcome Desk on January 4, 2011:

Bible in tan case
Caps – stocking, various, 3
Cup, insulated, silver and black
Cup, insulated, Dunkin' Donuts
Earring, silver hoop, single
Earring, topaz dangle, single
Earring, cherub and pearl,,single
Fabric,white
Glasses, half glasses, dark frame
Glove, black suede, fur trim
Hats, baseball, various, 3
Hoodie, Parkland
Jacket, toddler, multicolor
Jacket men's navy nylon, LL Bean
Jacket black nylon, Nike
Key chain light, 2
Metro card (see church office)
Pocket calendar, 2011, Schantz Funeral Home
Pouch, black
Sansa listening device
Sock, red, 1

Stuffed animals-Halloweenie beanie, tan and brown dog, multicolor lion
Sweatshirt, hooded black
Sweatshirt, Monster Energy
Towel, turquoise
Watch, silver

This is the last call for the following items. Unclaimed items will be disposed of 2 weeks after distribution of this issue of the Post.

Bible – "God's Word for Me"
Cap, blue denim, Tweetie Bird
DVD Case – "Sing and Play Splash Music"
Hoodie Disney fairies, size 6
Jacket – white nylon, blue trim, size M
Jacket - brown corduroy, M
Jacket - brown corduroy, L
Jacket – black corduroy, 2T-3T
Jacket – pink, Osh Kosh
Lunch box – "Speed Racer"
Mug, silver, insulated
Necklace, gold cross
Necklace, silver, "HUGS"
Paint, approx. 18 small tubes
Scarf, blue microfiber
Tote Bag, kids' clothing, water bottles



Thank You

I can't express how very appreciative we are to our Bethany family for the assistance and prayers! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, and know that we can't wait to be back with you!
God Bless you all!

All our love,
The Westling Family
Matt, Beck, Nate & "Baby"

With Appreciation

Bethany United Methodist Church – Thank you so much for your recent donation of clothes, formula, wipes, baby bottles and other items.

Sincerely and Merry Christmas,
The Staff at CareNet

Dear Bethany Family,

We want to express our sincere gratitude for the beautiful plant you sent us upon the passing of my dad, Bobby Werner.

Your kindness and sympathy at this time are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
The Neiley Family
Debbie, Kevin, Matt & Olivia

Dear Bethany Family,

I want to express our deepest gratitude for all the thoughts and prayers that were extended to us by our Bethany family upon the passing of my father. Your kindness and affection have been very comforting and are much appreciated.

John Hacker and Family

To My Bethany Family,

I wanted to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers recently, and for the gift basket. I really appreciate it. It was a pretty scary experience and I really appreciate everyone's support.

God Bless
Scott Matchette

Bethany Church,

I want to say Thank You for the wonderful delicious meals you provided for my family after my surgery! I felt loved and blessed. I know God will bless you all as well.

Doug & Tami Mease Family

Dear Bethany Family,

Thank you for the Christmas flowers that you sent me.

Gordon Jacobs



Dear Bethany Church Family,

Just a note to thank you for your prayers and thoughts during my recent surgery and recovery. Also, thank you for the lovely Kalanchoe plant. It is so pretty with all its yellow blossoms!

I feel very blessed and fortunate to be a member of such a wonderful and caring church family.

Sincerely,
Judy Biechlin

Dear Bethany Church Family,

Thank you for the beautiful rose for Sean's baptism. It is so great to have a church family as special as Bethany. We are so happy to celebrate Sean's baptism with all of you. Thanks again.

Love,
Ali, Joe & Sean

Dear Bethany Church,

On behalf of my Mother, Ada Whitby, I want to thank you for the beautiful Christmas flower arrangement. I also want to thank everyone who sent Mother Christmas Cards. Know if she could understand she would appreciate everyone's kindness and love for her.

Mother is doing well. She will be 95 in April 2011. Continue praying for her.

Thanks again,
Ruth Ledger

Dear Bethany Purls,

Thank you so much for the lap throws. We appreciate the time you spent on making them and bringing them to us.

Thank you again!
Mosser Staff

Bethany Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flower. It brightened my spirits after the surgery. Thanks again.

God Bless,
Kevin Keel

Dear Pastors and Staff,

Thank you so much for your prayers during my recent illness. The plant really perked me up.

God Bless You,
Mary Nogueira

Dear Bethany,

I wish to thank the church for your prayers and thoughtfulness in sending Elwood a beautiful vase of flowers over the holidays. He really enjoyed their beauty and your care.

Also thanks to Rick Musser for his faithful visits and prayers.

God Bless each one at Bethany.
Lois Heiser

Thank You



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**It's a ministry that will bring
people to Jesus Christ**

Forever!