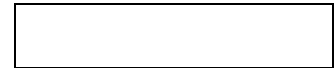
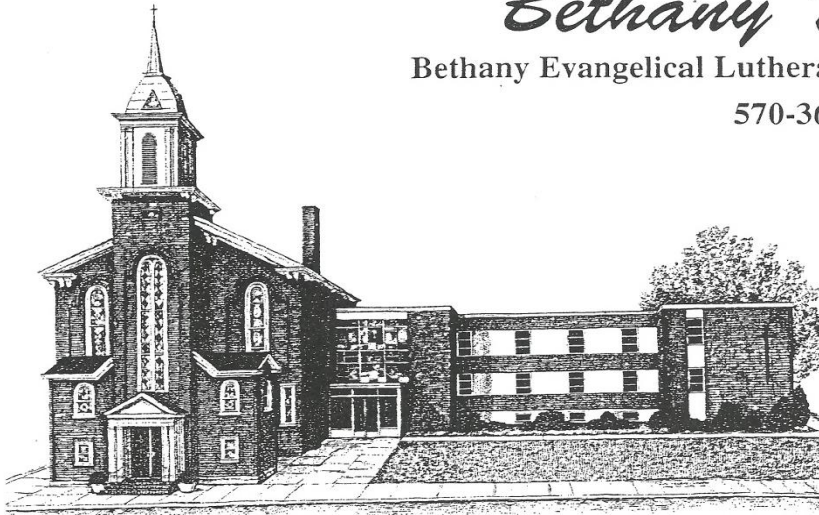


# Bethany Messenger

Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church, Montoursville, PA

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**MARCH AND APRIL HAPPENINGS**

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| Healing Service                         | - Sunday, March. 7, 11:45 am.  |
| Church Council                          | - Monday, March 8, 7:15 pm.  |
| <i>Daylight Savings Time</i>            | - Sunday, March. 14, 2:00 am. <i>spring ahead-clocks forward</i>           |
| Mission Committee                       | - Monday, March 15, 7:15 pm.   |
| Deadline - Newsletter items             | - Tuesday, March 16, 4:00 pm.  |
| Property Committee                      | - Tuesday, March 16, 7:00 pm.  |
| <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>                | - Wednesday, March 17  |
| Newsletter Team                         | - Monday, March 22, 9:00 am.   |
| Worship and Music                       | - Monday March 22, 7:00 pm.  |
| <i>Holy Wednesday</i>                   | - Wednesday, March 31  |
| Maundy Thursday Service                 | - Thursday, April 1 - TBD  |
| Good Friday Service                     | - Friday, April 2 - TBD  |
| <i>Sunrise Service</i>                  | - Sunday, April 4, 6:00 am.  |
| Healing Service                         | - Sunday, April 4, 11:45 am.   |
| <i>Church Office Closed</i>             | - Monday, April 5  |
| Church Council                          | - Monday, April 12, 7:15 pm.   |
| Finance Committee                       | - Tuesday, April 20, 7:00 pm.  |
| Staff Support Committee                 | - Tuesday April 20, 8:00 pm.   |
| Deadline - Newsletter items             | - Tuesday, April 20, 4:00 pm.  |
| Newsletter Team                         | - Monday, April 26, 9:00 am.   |
| Christian Ed Committee                  | - Monday, April 26, 7:00 pm.   |
| * <b>Weekly:</b> <b>Quilters</b>        | - Tuesdays and at Thursdays 9 am.  |
| * <b>Bi-Weekly+:</b> <b>Bible Study</b> | - 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> (& 5 <sup>th</sup> ) Tuesdays at 7 pm. |

**CONTACTING THE CHURCH OFFICE:**   9:00 am. to 4:30 pm., Monday through Thursday  
(570)368-8933   email: [secyBethanyNALC@gmail.com](mailto:secyBethanyNALC@gmail.com)

**IN AN EMERGENCY:**   Laura Schreckengast (570)772-4752 cell phone (call or text)  
    Larry/Sharon Barnard (570)435-5408  
    Gail Stover - Prayer Chain (570)971-5710 / [stover1104@gmail.com](mailto:stover1104@gmail.com)

**BETHANY'S WEB SITE:**               [www.BethanyNALC.org](http://www.BethanyNALC.org)

**BETHANY'S FACEBOOK PAGE:**   [www.facebook.com/BethanyNALC.org](http://www.facebook.com/BethanyNALC.org)

**CHURCH COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

The Church Council met on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.



- Yearly financial Audit is complete and went well. Thanks to those who served on the committee.
- Call Committee: Chair – Jeff Perkinson; Secretary – Tracy Rhian  
The process is moving along.

Council will hold its next meeting on Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 7:15 pm.

**RECONCILIATION OF BETHANY CHURCH FINANCES**

Income: Received through January 31, 2021	(5 Sundays)	\$ 13,154.54
Expenses: " " "		\$ 11,165.85
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,988.69</b>
 Income Received through January 31, 2020	 (4 Sundays)	 \$ 15,225.35
Expenses: " " "		\$ 21,114.96
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ - 5,889.61</b>

2021 Income is currently \$2,070.81 less than at same point in 2020

**ANNUAL REPORTS are due now from Committee Chairs. Thank You.**

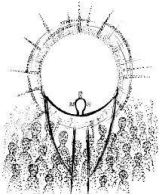


**THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT**

A member of our congregation entered the church Triumphant (Eternal Life)

❖ Julius C. "Chris" Franquet passed on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

*Prayers for comfort and consolation for Marie and all of Chris' family and friends.*



**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP**

For those who are unable to attend Sunday worship and do not have access to a computer or the internet, there are MP3 players (the modern equivalent of the tape recorder!) available to borrow. Each week the audio of the Sunday service is recorded onto them, then devices can be picked up at the church or they can be delivered to you. *Contact the office if interested.*

**HOSPITAL VISITATION**

If you or someone you know is hospitalized (or will be), please notify the Church Office. Depending on the pandemic situation, we may be able to have some clergy coverage for our members' needs.



**NEED A COAT, TAKE ONE; HAVE A COAT, LEAVE ONE**



If you have a coat (or many) for which you no longer need, please consider adding to our supply. We are accepting children's and adult's sizes; we also have a bin for hats, mittens, scarves, and gloves. If you know anyone in need of a coat or jacket, please remind them of our supply. It is a beautiful way of sharing care, by keeping others warm and dry.

**EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE**



Equipment is always available to borrow during recovering from surgery and for those who may be experiencing difficulties. We have walkers, canes, equipment for the bathtub and commode are all available. Please tell a staff member if you have a need.

**PROJECT LINUS & SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS**

We are still sharing our knitting, crocheting, and quilting gifts with others by making blankets of all sizes (baby, children, adult) for those with cancer or going through traumatic experiences at hospitals. You may bring these items to the Church Office. We are also collecting winter hats, gloves, and scarves to share with the Shepherd of the streets.



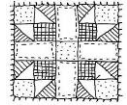
### **BLOODMOBILE NEWS**



The next Bloodmobile scheduled at Bethany is Friday, June 18, 2021. Please mark your calendars for this important event. Also check the [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) for other drives that will be held locally through the winter and spring. *Blood donations are down across the country – please consider giving at one of the other local locations before June. **Save Life – Give Blood***

### **QUILTING NEWS:**

As many know the group of quilters and crafters was a much bigger group in years past. There are 3 of us now.



Please feel free to join us even if you don't feel you can "quilt" as there are other things to do, such as tying them or laying out squares. Also, if you knit, crochet, or anything else and would like to have a place to do your craft with the fellowship of others and space to safely spread out, consider joining us when you feel comfortable doing so. We are back meeting at least once weekly, so you may contact Barb Winchester or Jean Wentz for more information. Thank you for your support!

### **UNITED CHURCHES FOOD PANTRY - UPDATE:**

From the newest United Churches' News, the Food Pantry coordinator, Mona Rudio shares this:

YOU give them something to eat. Mt. 14:16



"The pantry is totally full at the moment, so right now we are very grateful for the monetary donations and gift cards we receive that allow us to purchase the items in high demand by our families, when we need them. Sometimes they are used for a person needing special items for medical reasons, too."

If you have food donations that you need to drop off at Bethany due to space reasons, you may still bring them to the church and we will store them for the few weeks until they are able to accept them again.

*You may drop off items at the church and they will be delivered to the pantry.*

### **SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS NEWS**



Rev. Mark Brumbach, [(570)322-6538] the leader of this ministry, shares these thoughts in the newest United Churches' News:

"I am most often asked, 'Shepherd what do you need right now?' My honest answer is this, we need your prayers, your continued financial support, your gifts of personal hygiene items and finally we need your help in sharing with others about our ministry."

*Their current, immediate hygiene needs are as follows:*

- Bars of Dove soap
- Men's and women's body wash
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Baby needs: Size 3 and up diapers, baby wash and baby shampoo
- Children's toothbrushes and toothpaste

*They also are grateful for any financial support. Donated items can be brought to the church; financial donations can be put in the collection plate – please designate memo "Shepherd" or "Shepherd of the Streets"*

### **BACKPACK BREAKFAST NEWS:**



The Backpack Program continues! They are currently filling 125 backpacks for Montoursville children. Each participant receives a bag of food every Friday during the school year. They receive 2 entrees, 2 b-fast items, 1 veggie, 1 fruit, and 2 snack items, along with a special item on holidays. The program runs solely on donations from the churches (such as Bethany) that have made the commitment to participate. We are asking for:

Oatmeal (1-2 oz. packets); Cream of Wheat (1-2 oz. packets); Boxed Cereal (Individual, 1.5-2 oz.); Multigrain Bars; Breakfast Bars; Pop Tarts; Belvita Breakfast Biscuits (1.76 oz.); Cereal Bars (individually packaged). *Thank You for your donations – they are a blessing to all the families participating.*

### **EMPLOYMENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Bethany Lutheran Church is looking for a financial and secretarial person to work in coordination with our secretary for 15 hours a week. Must have computer skills to do payroll, taxes, pay bills, and other office responsibilities. Apply to: Staff Support Committee - Bethany Lutheran Church

369 Broad St. Montoursville, PA 17754. (570)368-8933

**☞ NOTES of GRATITUDE ☞**

☞ A huge Thank You to the Church Ladies for the delicious candy. It certainly brightened my day and was greatly appreciated. - **Jennie Brouse**

☞ Thank You to everyone for the outpouring of prayers and support while I have been recuperating – I feel blessed beyond words by my Bethany Church Family. - **Kim Fremberg**

☞ Thank You to for the beautiful poinsettia at Christmas time – it was greatly appreciated. Thank you to Sara Jane Auker for the beautiful Anniversary Card, I miss seeing you at church. Thank You Ruth Kissell for giving Ray the Altar flowers to bring home to me, it made my day. Thank You to the Women of Bethany for the Valentine Nuts. Thank You to Vonnie Hawley for all the phone calls, I really enjoy our chats. Sorry I am late in thanking each and every one of you, but knowing I have friends that think of me makes me feel special!!! I really miss each & every one of you and hope I can return to church soon. God Bless All of You!! - **Linda Bomboy**

☞ Thank You to the Women of Bethany for the delicious candy. I'm really enjoying it! And Thank You to Larry and Sharon for bringing all the "tapes" of the services – I really enjoy being able to be a part of the worship! - **Marjorie Fantaskey**

☞ Thank You So Much to the Women of Bethany for the wonderful Valentine's candy – it was very appreciated! - **Vonnie Hawley**

☞ Thank You Very Much to the Women of Bethany for the Valentine's gift – it was so very nice to be remembered! - **Peggy Shultz**

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**EASTER FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL**

To order Easter flowers, please call the Church Office (570)368-8933, fill in the information below and put in the offering plate, or bring to the office.

**All orders must be placed by Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> by 3:00 pm. The cost is \$10 for each plant.**

Plants may be picked up following the 9:00 am. Easter Service, or from Tue., April 6<sup>th</sup> through the week.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

MUMS \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10

TULIPS \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10

EASTER LILIES \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 TOTAL COST \$\_\_\_\_\_

*\* If you would like a dedication in the bulletin, please list exactly as you'd like it:*

**In Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_ **By** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_ **By** \_\_\_\_\_

**Or "other"** \_\_\_\_\_ **By** \_\_\_\_\_





ACOLYTES and GREETERS - not being utilized due to the health situation; you will be contacted when that changes. **PLEASE: To allow schedules to be made for the months ahead, please contact the office IF your status regarding attending services changes. Thank You.**

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**☞ ANOTHER NOTE of GRATITUDE ☞**

sorry - this one got cropped by the flower order !!!!!

☞ Thank You to the Women of Bethany Ladies and Jean for delivering the delicious candy. It means a lot to be thought of in so many different ways! Also I appreciate the get well wishes – We Are Blessed!  
- **Mary Ann and Charlie Lichter**