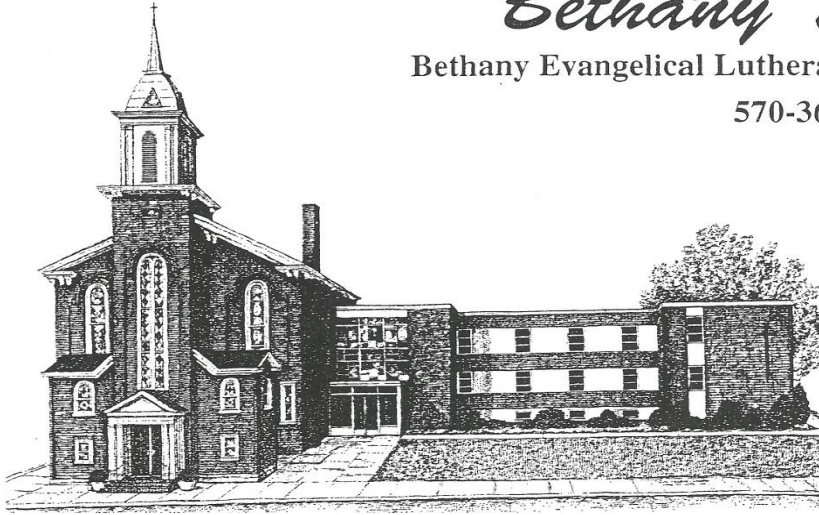


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PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US for HOLY WEEK and EASTER SUNDAY

Holy Wednesday - March 31st

7:30 pm. - Service of Corporate Confession and Forgiveness

Maundy Thursday - April 1st

7:30 pm. - Service of Communion

Good Friday - April 2nd

10:00 am. - egg coloring for Saturday egg hunt

Good Friday - April 2nd

7:30 pm. - Tenebrae Service

Saturday - April 2nd

10:00 am. - egg hunt, activities, and games

Resurrection of Our Lord - April 4th

6:00 am., 9:00 am., 11:00 am. - Services of Holy Communion
Sunday School at 10:30 am.

Easter flowers may be taken after the 11:00 service



SPECIAL WORKSHOP for ALL CONGREGATION MEMBERS for CALL OF OUR NEW PASTOR

⇒ *Reservations Needed by Thursday, April 15th*

Sunday, April 18, 2021 following worship **Held in the Social Hall** **LUNCH is included**

This workshop is being led by Pastor David McGettigan, Dean, NALC Atlantic Mission Region and Pastor Steve Shipman, Western Mission District Dean.

- Input from all members re: direction of congregation for the future
- Input from all members re: new Pastor's gifts
- Assist the Call Committee w/ preparation of Congregational Profile
- Inform about the unfolding of the remainder of Call Process
- Congregation's opportunity to talk to the Call Committee

The NALC Call Process is a congregation centered, open and transparent process and this important workshop is the FIRST step! Please plan to attend.

⇒ **Reservations due by Thursday, April 15th, so we can provide lunch for those interested.**

You may call the office at (570)368-8933 or drop/mail this form so it is received at the office.

Name _____ Phone _____

Numbers of adults attending _____

*Lunch including Subway sandwich, water,
and dessert will be available*

CHURCH COUNCIL ACTIONS:

The Church Council met on March 8th, 2021.

March report was not received by time of printing – it will be included in the May Newsletter



Council will hold its next meeting on Monday, April 12th at 7:15 pm.

RECONCILIATION OF BETHANY CHURCH FINANCES

Income: Received through February 28, 2021	(9 Sundays)	\$ 25,046.26
Expenses: " " "		\$ 28,451.84
	Current Balance	\$ - 3,405.58

Income Received through February 29, 2020	(8 Sundays)	\$ 27,895.68
Expenses: " " "		\$ 39,812.36
	2020 Balance	\$ - 11,916.68

2021 Income is currently \$2,849.42 less than at same point in 2020

**** ANNUAL REPORTS** are still being accepted from Committee Chairs. Thank You.

APRIL AND MAY HAPPENINGS

- Holy Wednesday Service** - Wednesday, March 31 at 7:30 pm.
- Maundy Thursday Service** - Thursday, April 1, at 7:30 pm.
- Egg coloring** - Friday, April 2 at 10:00 am.
- Good Friday Service** - Friday, April 2 at 7:30 pm.
- Egg hunt, activities, and games** - Saturday, April 2 at 10:00 am.
- Easter Sunrise Service** - Sunday, April 4, 6:00 am.
- Resurrection of Our Lord** - Sunday April 4th 9:00 am. and 11:00 am.
Sunday School at 10:30 am.
- Church Office Closed** - Monday, April 5
- Church Council** - Monday, April 12, 7:15 pm.
- Call Process Wkshp. Deadline** - Thursday, April 15
- Call Process Workshop** - Sunday, April 18, immediately following Worship
- 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.
- Healing Service** - Sunday, May 2, 11:45 am.
- Church Council** - Monday, May 10, 7:15 pm.
- National Day of Prayer** - Thursday, May 6
- Mother's Day** - Sunday, May 9
- Armed Forces Day** - Saturday, May 15
- Mission Committee** - Monday, May 17, 7:15 pm.
- Property Committee** - Tuesday, May 18, 7:00 pm. Deadline for Newsletter-4pm
- Newsletter Team** - Monday, May 24, 9:00 am.
- Memorial Day** - Monday, May 31 (office closed)

 * **Weekly:** Quilters - Tuesdays and at Thursdays 9 am.
 * **Bi-Weekly+:** Bible Study – 2nd, 4th (& 5th) Tuesdays at 7 pm.

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.



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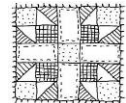
EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE



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 let us know if you have any needs.

QUILTING NEWS:

The quilting ladies would like to let everyone know they are hugely thankful for the recent additions of thread, sheets, and other supplies which have been generously given!



They also want to extend their invitation for *YOU* to consider joining them...

"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!"

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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 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 Lives – Give Blood*

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INFAITH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

If you are (or know of) a graduating senior of a Lycoming County high school, a member of a Lutheran church, plan on attending an institute of higher education in the 2021-22 academic year, have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale, and have demonstrated involvement in your church and community, you are eligible to apply for the St. Paul Lutheran Scholarship (created by the congregation of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Williamsport, which closed in 1997)

Contact: scholarships@infaithfound.org or call (800)365-4172 for more information.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

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CONTACTING THE CHURCH OFFICE: 9:00 am. to 4:30 pm., Monday through Thursday
(570)368-8933 email: 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

BETHANY'S WEB SITE: www.BethanyNALC.org

BETHANY'S FACEBOOK PAGE: www.facebook.com/BethanyNALC.org

*“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did it for Me” **Matthew 25:25:40***



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

As spring has now “sprung” (!!!) we are always grateful for additions to our supply. We accept children’s and adult’s sizes, and 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.

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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 still collecting winter hats, gloves, and scarves to share with the Shepherd of the streets.



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YOU give them something to eat. Mt 14:16



UNITED CHURCHES FOOD PANTRY - UPDATE:

From the newest United Churches’ News, the Food Pantry coordinator, Mona Rundio shares this:

“The following is a list of the items of which we are most in need:

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| Canned meats/fruits/ veggies | Cereal/Oatmeal | Microwave meals/soups |
| Ramen Noodles | Juices and drinks | Healthy snacks |
| Spaghetti/sauce | Peanut butter/jelly | Ketchup/mustard/mayo |

They are would be grateful for Easter meal products and monetary donations and donations of gift cards to distribute out to the families. *They are distributing what families need most right now, a reminder of the Love of Our Lord, Care from their Community, and the feeling of Respect that many don’t always receive. 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:

“Many clients visit us each month to receive a hygiene kit. We believe that our kits help to free up limited financial resources so that they can be used to care for other needs.”

Their current, immediate hygiene needs are as follows:

- Rolls of Paper Towels
- Men’s and women’s body wash
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Baby needs: Diapers Size 4-6,
- Shaving Cream
- Bath Towels and Wash Cloths

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. They continue to appreciate:



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.*

May 2: Jay Stabley; Tracy Rhian; Joshua Rhian; Thomas Gower
May 9: Richard Hillegas; Michael Brouse; Eugene Harris
May 16: Philip Oechler; Gary Oechler; Jesse Cooper; Jay Stabley
May 23: James Sechler; Gary Inch; Ray Bomboy
May 30: Michael & Gail Stover; Glenn Kaufman; Ray Bomboy
June 6: Louis Bassler; James Foose; Ryan Kane; Ray Bomboy

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***PLEASE: Contact the office IF your status regarding attending services changes.
Your Help is Greatly Needed. Thank You.***