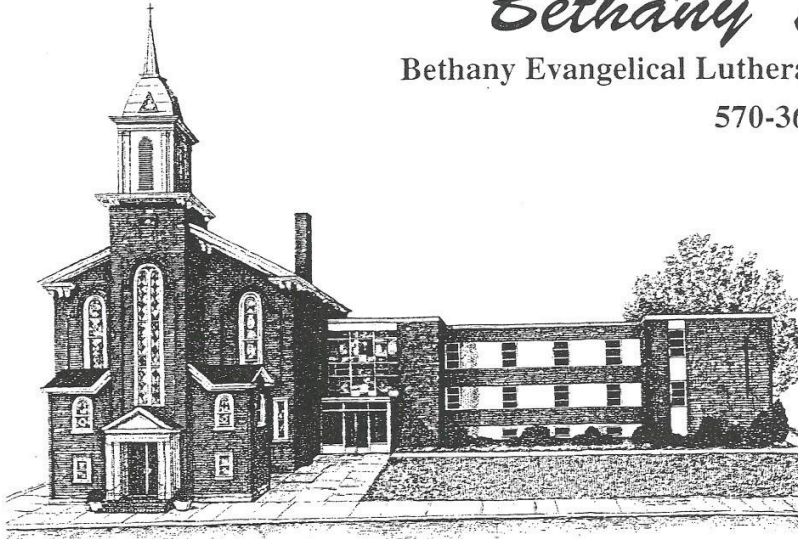


# Bethany Messenger

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**STAYING CONNECTED is SO IMPORTANT and CAN BE LIFE-SAVING!**

In many ways, we ARE our brothers' and sisters' keepers! Two of the most important lessons we have (hopefully!) gained or had reinforced through the last 17 months are:

- 1) God is in control!!!!!!
- 2) We ALL can have an influence on the well-being of those around us, our family, friends, and our community

How many of us can say that we have seen and been a part of *multiple* acts of kindness and compassion over these many challenging months? How many of us have also seen the effect of isolation and fear of the unknown on the spiritual, physical, and mental health of many?

During this time, still many of our members and friends may feel isolated and lonely. PLEASE consider making a phone call or writing quick note or card someone you've had on your heart - it can truly make a difference!



**CARING FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

The pandemic is not over, but... If you notice that someone that had been seated near you has not yet returned to worship, consider giving them a call and check to see how they are doing. Ask if they need something, perhaps a visit, conversation, a ride, etc. We really *ARE* our neighbor's keeper!



**HOME COMMUNION AVAILABLE!**

Home Communion is now available to our shut-ins! If you wish to have Pastor Scheck visit and administer the Sacrament, please contact Flip Oechler (570)368-2876 or the church office to schedule!



--On **page 6** of this newsletter, you will find a form asking for your current contact and birthday/anniversary information. We are updating a number of the office's lists and records and are asking for *YOUR HELP* making that possible!

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*\*As the church's schedule in the summer is less full, we are returning to the decades-long tradition of having one newsletter covering both June & July. If updates need to be sent, you MIGHT receive an additional mailing during this time. If you are a "tech savvy" person, also please periodically check our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/BethanyNALC.org](http://www.facebook.com/BethanyNALC.org) AND our website [www.BethanyNALC.org](http://www.BethanyNALC.org) for updates!*

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**CHURCH COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

*Here are some the highlights from the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting:*



- Received and accepted reports from these committees:  
*Mission; Property; Worship and Music.*
- Worship & Music brought recommendation to return to normal singing and having the offering brought up to the altar after the special music selection. Motion was passed.
- New Business: only one item – Motion to transfer the Scholarship Committee to the Finance Committee. Motion was passed.

*\*The Church Council also met on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.*

*Minutes were not received by time of printing – they will be included in the August Newsletter.*

**Council will hold its next meeting on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm.**

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**✓ RECONCILIATION OF BETHANY CHURCH FINANCES**

Income: Received through April 30, 2021	(17 Sundays)	\$ 56,428.11
Expenses: " " "		\$ 56,321.38
	<b>Income over Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 106.73</b>
Income Received through April 30, 2020	(17 Sundays)	\$ 57,532.79
Expenses: " " "		\$ 74,905.31
	<b>2020 Balance</b>	<b>\$ - 17,372.52</b>

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**✓ JUNE and JULY happenings**

- Memorial Day** - Monday, May 31 (*office closed*)
- Healing Service** - Sunday, June 6, 11:45 am.
- Women of Bethany** - Monday, June 7, 1:00 pm.
- Church Council** - Monday, June 14, 7:15 pm. (*Flag Day*)
- Bloodmobile** - Friday, June 18, 1:00-6:00 pm.
- Father's Day** - Sunday, June 20
- Mini Golf at Hoopla's** - Sunday, June 27, 4:00 pm.

- Christian Ed Committee** - Monday, June 28, 7:00 pm.
- Healing Service** - Sunday, July 4, 11:45 am (*Independence Day*)
- Mission Committee** - Monday, July 19, 7:15 pm.
- Deadline - Newsletter items** - Tuesday, July 20, 4:00 pm.
- Finance Committee** - Tuesday, July 20, 7:00 pm.
- Property Committee** - Tuesday, July 20, 7:00 pm.
- Staff Support Committee** - Tuesday, July 20, 8:00 pm.
- Newsletter Team** - Monday, July 26, 9:00 am.
- Vacation Bible School** - Mon. - Fri., July 26 – 30, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm., nightly

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- \***Weekly: Quilters** - Tuesdays at 9 am.
  - \***Bi-Weekly+: Bible Study** - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> (& 5<sup>th</sup>) Tuesdays at 7 pm.

**SAVE the DATE** : Church Picnic - Sunday, August 22 at 4:00 pm.

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**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

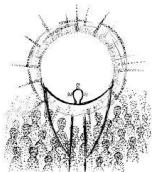
Sunday School for ALL CLASSES will continue through the summer months at 10:30 on Sunday mornings. The combined Adult Class will continue their study of the Gospel of John in the Seekers room.  
*We hope you can join us!*

**WOMEN of BETHANY**

The Women’s meeting will be Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. We will be packing goodies for the 21 shut-ins. Please bring commercially wrapped cookies...NO HOME MADE. Ruthie Kissell and Sharon Barnard will be doing devotions and providing dessert. *Thank You, Gail Stover*

**MEMORIAL GIFT**

A Memorial Gift was given in Memory of the Life of Chris Franquet  
*By Nancy Fazzoni & Betty Ann Arnone*



**GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST**

We are *truly grateful* for the individuals and families who were able to sponsor twenty-four of the 25 flowers (at the time of printing) that we enjoyed during the Pentecost service AND will see in their glory all through the summer in our front church flower beds!

We are also indebted to those who took the time to decorate the church AND to our “green thumb crew” who planted them in our gardens! *Thanks to everyone who made this all possible!*

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**COME JOIN US “FORE” MINI GOLF!**

Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Mini Golf at Hooplas mini golf course. Following the “*Spirited game*” all are welcome to join to eat in the Long Shots Grille.

*\*Please RSVP to Loreen Bagwell by Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup> at (570)368-3957.*

**BLOODMOBILE NEWS**

The next Bloodmobile scheduled at Bethany is Friday, June 18, 2021 from 1:00 – 6:00 pm.



You may go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to pre-register for this or any of the other drives in our area.  
Please contact Denise Bergenstock at (570) 323-2984 if you are able to assist with this event.

**Your simple act can SAVE A LIFE - Please Give Blood if you are able**

**Upcoming Bloodmobiles at Bethany: Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 6:00 pm.**

**Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 6:00 pm.**

**Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 6:00 pm.**

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<b><u>CONTACTING THE CHURCH OFFICE:</u></b>	9:00 am. to 4:30 pm., Monday through Thursday (570)368-8933 email: <a href="mailto:secyBethanyNALC@gmail.com">secyBethanyNALC@gmail.com</a>
<b><u>IN AN EMERGENCY:</u></b>	Larry/Sharon Barnard (570)435-5408 Gail Stover - Prayer Chain (570)971-5710 / <a href="mailto:stover1104@gmail.com">stover1104@gmail.com</a>
<b><u>BETHANY'S WEB SITE:</u></b>	<a href="http://www.BethanyNALC.org">www.BethanyNALC.org</a>
<b><u>BETHANY'S FACEBOOK PAGE:</u></b>	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/BethanyNALC.org">www.facebook.com/BethanyNALC.org</a>

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### **ALTAR FLOWER OPEN DATES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE**

Please contact the office if you are interested in filling either of these available dates:

August 22<sup>nd</sup> and September 12<sup>th</sup> *Thank You!*

### **NOTES of GRATITUDE**

☞ *Many Thanks to John & Carolyn Hunter for absolutely beautiful altar flowers and to June Grube for delivering them to my home – all the kindness is so appreciated! - Vonnie Hawley*

☞ *Thank You to Pastor Scheck and Joan for their wonderful visit and sharing Home Communion with us. We greatly appreciated it.  
- God Bless, Gene and Marian Harris*

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### **EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE**



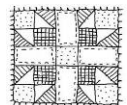
Equipment is always available to borrow during recovering from surgery and for those who may be experiencing difficulties. We have walkers, canes, equipment for the bathtub and commode are all available. Please let us know if you have any needs.

### **QUILTING NEWS:**

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 currently meeting on Tuesdays at 9:00 am., you may contact Barb Winchester or Jean Wentz for more information. Thank you for your support!"



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



As spring will soon move into summer (!!!), 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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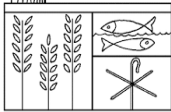
## PROJECT LINUS & SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS

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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|---------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| soups               | Juices and drinks    | Pasta & Sauce |
| Peanut butter/jelly | Ketchup/mustard/mayo |               |
| Cake mixes & icings | Healthy snacks       | Side dishes   |

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

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### SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS NEWS

Rev. Mark Brumbach, [(570)322-6538] the leader of this ministry, shares these thoughts in the May 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:*

- Laundry pods
- Dish detergent
- Shampoo and conditioner

*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"*

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### PREPARING FOR ANOTHER IMPACTFUL MISSIONS EXPO 2021!

\*Bethany will again be a collection site for Christian literature and MORE...

*Look for the donation box outside of the office.*

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**DIAL A DEVOTION**  
**(570)322-5762**

Devotions are three minutes or less, change daily, and are designed to lift your spirits and help you to have "A Closer Walk With God" even when many of us are practicing social distancing! Upcoming devotionalists are:

- 5/24 – 5/30: Ms. Pat Jenkins
- 6/7 – 6/13: Ms. Patricia Jenkins
- 6/14 – 6/20: Rev. Gwen Bernstein
- 6/21 – 6/27: Ms. Rebecca Logan

*Check the United Churches website or call our office to get more summer dates when they become available!*

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**WE ARE UPDATING OUR CHURCH MEMBER INFORMATION!**

We know the information our office has is sometimes out-of date. You may also have been called by Vonnie Hawley months ago who did a Herculean effort in getting in touch with so many of you, but we *still* have some gaps in our information.

With so many using cell phones (some even getting rid of their "land lines") some using e-mail addresses, and sometimes the younger family members have moved out from their parent's home (sometimes many years ago), we would like to update our files. We would also like to start publishing all birthdays and anniversaries in our newsletters (we promise to NOT list your age unless you specifically request it ☺ )!

As we are planning on publishing an updated contact directory to distribute to our congregation in the next few months, please note that if you prefer to share certain info with the office but *not* have it shared with the congregation, we will honor all of your requests!

We are asking that you fill out the information that is appropriate to you and/or your family, AND that you feel comfortable in sharing!

**Thank you in assisting us with this important task!**

*\*(please put a CHECK ✓ on the line if you are allowing the info to be shared in a directory distributed to the congregation)*

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

\* **Phone Number(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

please indicate if any are cell \_\_\_\_\_

\* **email(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

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\* (please put a CHECK ✓ on the line if you allow the month & day to be shared in the church newsletter & bulletin, put 2 checks ✓ ✓ if we can use the year for milestone days) Thank You!

\_\_\_\_ **Birthday(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

Month/day/year \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Anniversary (ies)** \_\_\_\_\_

Month/day/year \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this to the office or phone or email the information. *Thank You!*

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**REMEMBERING OUR SENIORS AT HOME**

**Herbert Bright**

628 Broad St.  
Montoursville, PA 17754

**Jean Fox**

2123 Robinson Rd.  
Apt. 141  
Jackson MI, 49203

**Marjorie Gower**

Elmcroft of Loyalsock  
2985 Four Mile Dr.  
Montoursville, PA 17754

**Julie Griffiths**

Thornwald Home  
442 Walnut Bottom Rd  
Carlisle, PA, 17013-3799

**Joan Hanner**

350 Jordan Ave.  
Montoursville, PA 17754

**Joan Hiller**

The Meadows, Room 312  
2160 Warrensville Rd.  
Montoursville, PA 17754



**Joan Heckrote**

936 Cherry St.  
Montoursville, PA 17754

**Virginia Laudig**

1119 Broad St.  
Montoursville, PA 17754





July 11: Larry Barnard  
July 18: Gary Inch  
July 25: David Neidig  
Aug. 1 : Karen Paulhamus  
Aug. 8: Michael Brouse

Tim Logan  
Tracy Rhian  
Wes Miller  
Barbara Winchester  
Yvonne Sechler

**LAY READERS**

June 6: Dave Neidig  
June 13: Ruth Lundy  
June 20: Kim Fremberg  
June 27: Mike Stover  
July 4: Michael Brouse  
July 11: Larry Barnard  
July 18: Gary Inch  
July 25: David Neidig  
Aug. 1 : Ruth Lundy  
Aug. 8: Michael Brouse

**LOCK-UP**

June 6: Denice Palmetter  
June 13: Thomas Gower  
June 20: David Grube  
June 27: Charles Lichter  
July 4: Philip Oechler  
July 11: Denice Palmetter  
July 18: Thomas Gower  
July 25: David Grube  
Aug.1: Charles Lichter  
Aug. 8: Philip Oechler

**USHERS**

June 6: Louis Bassler; James Foose; Ryan Kane; Ray Bomboy  
June 13: Deb Harman; Fred Paulhamus; Beverly Brown; Michael Brouse  
June 20: Richard Hillegas; Michael Brouse; Eugene Harris  
June 27: Philip Oechler; Gary Oechler; Jesse Cooper; Jay Stabley  
July 4: Jay Stabley; Tracy Rhian; Joshua Rhian; Thomas Gower  
July 11: Richard Hillegas; Michael Brouse; Eugene Harris  
July 18: Philip Oechler; Gary Oechler; Jesse Cooper; Jay Stabley  
July 25: James Sechler; Gary Inch; Ray Bomboy  
August 1: Michael & Gail Stover; Glenn Kaufman; Ray Bomboy  
August 8: 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.***