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CHURCH SERVICES CONTINUE AT BETHANY!

As Worship Services continue, here are the main procedures of which to be aware:

- One service will be held Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. through Sunday, Sept. 6. ٠ Coffee/Fellowship time begins at 10:15, and Adult Sunday School begins at 10:45.
- Physical Distancing and mask wearing are both strongly encouraged.
- We will enter and exit from the East Door (by the elevator).
- Bulletins (regular and large print) are on the stand at the East Door. Please pick up one as you • enter.
- The Offering Plate will also be on that same East Door stand. You may place your offering there • as you enter, or you may place your offering in the plate on the front pew as you leave. Ushers are not collecting the offering during the service at this time.
- Greeters will not yet be utilized; you will be contacted when Council decides to have you resume your duties.
- We will be celebrating Continuous Communion, while keeping a six foot distance from person in front of you. We are using wafers, so we ask that you leave your hand open as Pastor places the wafer onto your palm. Dark grape juice (in the first chalice) and light colored wine (in the second) are both offered.

HOW TO REACH US CONTACTING PASTOR DAVID: At church: (570)368-8933 email: pastorbethanyNALC@gmail.com At home: (570)322-3685 If leaving a message on the home answering machine, please make sure to at least leave your name when you call. Thank You CONTACTING THE CHURCH OFFICE: (570)368-8933 email:secyBethanyNALC@gmail.com 9:00 am. to 4:30 pm., Monday through Thursday. (570)368-8933 email: secyBethanyNALC@gmail.com **BETHANY'S WEB SITE:** www.BethanyNALC.org **BETHANY'S FACEBOOK PAGE:** www.facebook.com/BethanyNALC.org

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2020 NALC MISSION CONFERENCE HAS BEEN MOVED

The 2020 conference was scheduled to be held in Pittsburg in August, has been moved even closer – it is now going virtual! It is being held online on <u>Friday Aug. 7th – Saturday Aug. 8th</u>. Pastors, delegates, and members are all invited to attend; the cost is FREE for members and nonvoting delegates.

For more information (and some informative and inspiring articles as well) go to <u>www.theNALC.org</u> to read more!

CHURCH COUNCIL ACTIONS:



The Church Council did not meet in July. Their next meeting is Monday, August, 10th at 7:15 pm.

RECONCILIATION OF BETHANY CHURCH FINANCES

The reports for June and July will be in next month's newsletter.

AUGUST HAPPENINGS

Healing Service NALC Virtual Mission Convention	- Sunday, August 2, 11:45 am. - Friday, August 7, 6:00 – 9:00 pm.			
- Saturday, August 8, 2:00 – 6:00 pm.				
Church Council	- Monday, August 10, 7:15 pm.			
Lifeline Screening	- Thursday, August 13, 9:00 am.			
Mission Committee	- Monday, August 17, 7:15 pm.			
Finance Committee with Committee Chairs				
- Tuesday, August 18, 7:00 pm.				
Deadline for Newsletter Items	- Tuesday, August 18			
Church Picnic	- Sunday, August 23, 4:00 pm. at Indian Park Vespers Service 6:00 pm.			

Weekly:	Quilters	- Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 am.	
	Prayer	- Wednesdays at 12 noon	

HEALING SERVICE - SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

There will be a Service of the Word for Healing - Sunday, August 2nd, 11:45 am. Please join us.

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CHURCH PICNIC - SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

Plan to attend the Church Picnic on Sunday, August 23rd at Indian Park. Plan to meet at 4:00 pm. Bring a dish to share, table service, and beverage. Hot dogs will be provided. <u>A Vespers Service will be held at 6:00 pm</u>. Please make reservations by contacting the church office (570)368-8933 no later than Thursday, August 20th.



HOMEBOUND COMMUNION FOR THOSE AT HOME



Home Bound Communion is available to shut-ins who are at home *(nursing homes and apartments still have many restrictions).* If you desire to have Pastor David stop by, please call the Church Office (570)368-8933.

HOSPITAL VISITATION HAS BEEN PERMITTED TO RESUME

If you or someone you know is hospitalized (or is planning to be), please notify the Church Office. Please keep in mind that due to HIPAA Laws that hospitals are not permitted to contact individual's home churches, so families, please make sure to keep us informed!

BLOODMOBILE NEWS

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A Bloodmobile will be held at our church on Friday, September 4th from 1 – 6 pm.

You are encouraged to register online or by phone: <u>RedCrossBlood.org</u>

(800)733-2767, and if possible, do the pre-donation screening and health history online at <u>RedCrossBlood.org</u>/RapidPass.

Donations overall have been adversely affected by the Coronavirus, but everyone was pleased that 33 units were donated here at Bethany back in June, and we're praying that many will be able to share the gift of life with a donation in September. The generosity of everyone who contributes their gifts of time, support, and/or blood truly makes a huge difference in saving lives!

LIFE LINE SCREENINGS

The screening event postponed in the spring has been rescheduled for Thursday, August 13, beginning at 9:00 am. Additional protocols due to Covid-19 will include:

- Temperature checks will be done at the door. No more than 10 total individuals (including staff and participants) will be allowed at any one time. Social distancing will be followed. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will be asked to reschedule.
- A series of questions regarding any current symptoms will be asked.
- Participants (and all employees) will be asked to wear a face mask/covering for the entire visit. Masks/coverings will be provided to those not having one. If a participant cannot or will not wear one, the appointment will need to be rescheduled.
- All surfaces will be disinfected after each participant; participants will be asked to wash/sanitize hands prior to registration.

BIBLE AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE COLLECTION DRIVE

Bethany has a new opportunity to help share God's Word with people all over the world. We are going to partner with the ministry project, "Experience Missions" and be one of the local collection points for materials that will be collected and distributed.

They are looking for:

Bibles (new and used, NT, Psalms/Proverbs, commentaries, concordances); Bibles on cassette (excellent condition); Christian books (hardback, paperback); Christian magazines (NO Guideposts); Devotionals and tracts; music CDs/DVDs (Christian Contemporary, gospel, hymns); Sunday School & VBS materials; Flannelgraph supplies (flannel storytelling items). Donated items can be brought to the church.

BACKPACK BREAKFAST NEWS:



Currently, the Montoursville School District is unsure when the Backpack program will be starting back up. It will greatly depend on the needs of the students, and the plans that the District may need to evolve regarding the health crisis. We are being asked to remain flexible as these decisions are being made.

In the meantime, they anticipate needing:

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).

Your response to this project has been a huge blessing to the recipients in the past; we will share the news when this program resumes again!

EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE



Equipment is available to borrow during recovering from surgery and for those who may have be experiencing difficulties. We have walkers, canes, equipment for the bathtub and commode are all available. If you have a need, please do not hesitate to talk with one of our staff!

SEWING MACHINES AVAILABLE

The Quilting Room has several old sewing machines, some in cabinets, all looking for good homes. They haven't been used in a long time, so will need some servicing. If interested, contact Barb Winchester (570)244-6681.

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FOOD PANTRY NEEDS - PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING:

Soups, canned stews, tomato sauce; cereal, oatmeal, Pop Tarts; peanut butter, jellies/jams; canned fruits, vegetables, meats; pastas (all varieties), ramen; pickles, olives, dressings; mac-n-cheese, microwave dishes; juices, healthy snacks; ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise. You may drop off items at the church and they will be delivered to the pantry!



The Food Pantry folks are so thankful for all of your contributions of food and financial assistance, especially during this time which has been especially difficult for many families!

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Donations to replenish Pastor's Discretionary would be especially appreciated, as there have continued to be greater needs and requests over the last few months. If you would like to donate, please make your check out to Bethany Lutheran Church, and mark the memo line: "Pastor's Fund." Your continued generosity blesses others greatly.

SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS NEWS

This Christian Ministry has an emphasis on medical issues that abruptly invade people's lives. They assist with payments for medicine, supplies, and transportation, and help individuals and families coping with immediate and long-term afflictions. Morris Smith, the long-time Shepherd of the Streets, will be retiring at the end of the summer. The United



Churches greatly acknowledge Dr. Smith's service and commitment to those whose lives have been affected by hunger, homelessness, unemployment, and with health issues. They ask for us to "join in sincere prayer and cooperation that this special ministry will continue".

<u>Please consider giving financial support or donating any of the following, full sized items:</u> Toothpaste and toothbrushes, shaving cream and razors, shampoo and conditioner towels and wash cloths, soap, deodorant, and combs bedding and blankets baby items: diapers, baby shampoo, baby oil, baby Q-tips, baby wipes, baby powder tissues, toilet paper, paper towels; women's hygiene products

BIBLES FOR PRISON



Bibles for Prison are always needed. The Lycoming County Prison Chaplain reports that the number of inmates attending Bible study continues to grow, and requests for Bibles has increased. Donations to help buy Bibles would also be appreciated. Please mark your check "Bibles." Thank you.

YOKEFELLOW PRISON MINISTRY

Yokefellow Prison Ministry is in need of volunteers. As more establishments are reopening, please consider how you could be a part of this ministry along with others? Contact the Yokefellow Office (570)326-6868 if you would like more information.

PROJECT LINUS - STILL MAKING BLANKETS

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.

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

We still have our special donation coat rack in the foyer area by the Broad Street glass doors. 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 for all seasons; we also have a bin for hats, mittens, scarves, and gloves. We appreciate every donation, as there continues to be a great deal of turnover. 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!

<u>SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER</u>

If you would like something to be included in the next newsletter, we would love to make that happen! Please keep in mind that the <u>deadline is Tuesday, August 18th, 4:30</u> pm. You may reach us: (570)368-8933 <u>secyBethanyNALC@gmail.com</u> or drop

off the article/submission at the office.

UPDATED DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

Updated address/phone directories (purple covers) were printed in the spring and are still available at the church. If you would like one, you are welcome to pick one up at the church, or give the office a call and one can be mailed to you.

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Kathie Snauffer for the purchase

hem. Sincerely,

Spitler of the new Paschal candle.

Phil and Theresa

car Pastor David and Betty would like to *thank you* for the sympathy cards sent to us in the death of David's brother. We really appreciated them.

cs Thank You for the lovely flowers and cards. They made my day special. Marjorie Fantaskey

REMEMBERING OUR SENIORS AT HOME

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