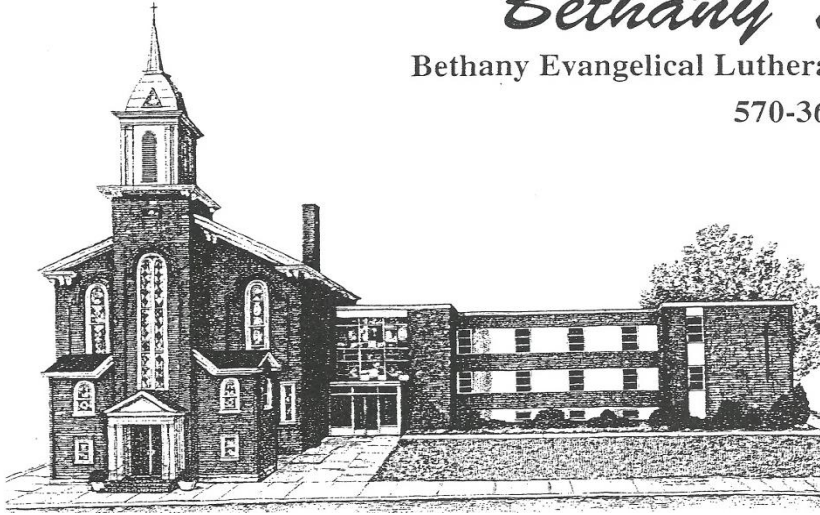


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## UPCOMING "HAPPY"-NINGS AT BETHANY...

### **CHANCEL CHOIR & BELL CHOIRS RESUME!**

Our Chancel Choir will begin singing together again on Wednesday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.  
AND our Handbell Choir will also begin ringing together on Thursday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

*If you would like more information on possibly participating in either of these creative and inspirational groups, please contact Mary Paulhamus!*

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!*

### **RALLY DAY – SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:45 am. – ALL are INVITED!**

Rally Day, to celebrate the new "School Year" for Sunday School, will be held on Sunday, September 13, 10:45 am. in our downstairs Sunday Memorial Hall.

**You do NOT want to miss it!**

### **OUR TUREEN DINNER RETURNS – ALL are WELCOME!**

On Monday, September 20, 2021 at 5:30 pm., the Women of Bethany will have a tureen dinner for ALL at the church!

Broasted chicken will be served. Please bring a dish to share.

Tim Logan will deliver a short program.

\*Please make a reservation at the church office by Tue., Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**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) \*this email can reach ALL STAFF

**IN AN EMERGENCY:** 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 held a special meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

-- Discussions regarding Pastor Scheck's final compensation took place, along with discussions about Pastor Shipman's possible compensation, and possibilities of how he will lead and guide our congregation during the next part of the Interim process. There was also discussion on possibly moving monthly Council meetings to the third Monday of the month so that Pastor Shipman might be able to attend regularly .

-- The Church Council held a regular meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Notes from that meeting were not available at the time of printing.

**Council will hold its next meeting Monday, September 20, 8:00 pm., (after the Tureen Dinner)**

**RECONCILIATION OF BETHANY CHURCH FINANCES**

Income: Received through July 31, 2021	(30 Sundays)	\$ 92,814.27
Expenses: " " "		<u>\$ 83,087.33</u>
	<b>2021 Income over Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 9,726.94</b>

Income Received through July 31, 2020	(30 Sundays)	\$119,909.21
Expenses: " " "		<u>\$124,957.56</u>
	<b>2020 Balance</b>	<b>\$ - 5,048.35</b>

**SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER HAPPENINGS**

- Labor Day** (Office Closed) - Monday, September 6
- Tureen Dinner - reservations due** - Tuesday, September 14, 4:30 pm.
- Bloodmobile** - Friday, September 10, 1:00-6:00 pm.
- \*new date **Mission Committee** - Monday, September 20, 7:15 pm.
- Tureen Dinner** - Monday, September 20, 5:30 pm.
- \*new date **Church Council** - Monday, September 20, 8:00 pm.
- Deadline - Newsletter items** - Tuesday, September 21, 4:00 pm.
- Property Committee** - Tuesday, September 21, 7:00 pm.
- Linus Blanket Making Day** - Saturday, September 25, TBA
- Newsletter Team** - Monday, September 27, 9:00 am.
- Worship and Music Comm.** - Monday, September 27, 7:00 pm.

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- Blanket Sunday** - Sunday, Oct. 3
  - Life Chain** - Sunday, Oct. 3, 2:30 – 3:30 pm.
  - Church Council** - Monday, Oct. 18, 7:15 pm.
  - Deadline - Newsletter items** - Tuesday, Oct. 19, 4:30 pm.
  - Finance Committee** - Tuesday, Oct. 19, 7:00 pm.
  - Staff Support Committee** - Tuesday, Oct. 19, 8:00 pm.
  - NALC Atlantic Mission Convention-** Fri. Oct. 22 – Sat. 23
  - Newsletter Team** - Monday, Oct. 25, 9:00 am.
  - Christian Ed. Committee** - Monday, Oct. 25, 7:00 pm.

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- \* **Weekly:** **Quilters** - Tuesdays at 9:00 am.
- Chancel Choir** - Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.
- Handbell Choir** – Thursdays at 7:00 pm.
- \* **Bi-Weekly+:** **Bible Study** - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> (& 5<sup>th</sup>) Tuesdays at 7 pm.

**BLOODMOBILE NEWS**



The next Community Blood Drive at Bethany is **Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 1-6pm**  
Thank You to ALL who participated in the collection in June. We had 35 donors  
 visiting, and 32 lifesaving units were collected! *There is still a critical blood shortage,  
 and every donor is VITAL to helping to save many who are affected by disaster.*

\*Please note: Due to the evolving health situation, effective from Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>, all individuals  
 participating will need to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status.

**\*Appointments are strongly recommended (and will save you time)!**

**Pre-register by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit Red CrossBlood.org**

\*Please contact Denise Bergenstock at (570) 323-2984 if you are able to assist with our event.

**STILL COLLECTING: OPERATION KID- TO -KID**

We are still accepting donations for the international mission project introduced during VBS, that will  
 provide life-changing resources of alpacas for Ecuadorian families and their communities!

**EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE**



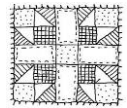
Equipment is always available to borrow during recovering from surgery and for those who  
 may be experiencing difficulties. We have walkers, canes, equipment for the bathtub and  
 commodes are all available. Please let us know if you have any needs, and we will assist you.

**30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LOCAL LIFE CHAIN...**

...will be held on Sunday, October 3, from 2:30 – 3:30 pm. on the Golden Strip in Loyalsock. If  
 you are interested in Standing for the Unborn, contact Sharon Barnard at (570)435-5408 for more  
 information.

**QUILTING NEWS:**

There is a Linus Blanket project date set for Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. More information  
 should be available soon.



Blanket Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our quilters will then be transporting the  
 finished quilts to Lewisburg on Saturday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> so that they may then travel to their next  
 destination.

Our Quilters are currently meeting on Tuesdays at 9:00 am., and welcome any and all new participants!  
 Contact Barb Winchester or Jean Wentz for more information.



**HOME COMMUNION AVAILABLE**

Home Communion may again be available to our shut-ins! If you wish to have a pastor come and visit  
 and administer the Sacrament, please contact Flip Oechler or the church office to schedule a visit.

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



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.



**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.



**UNITED CHURCHES FOOD PANTRY**

The following is a list of the items of which they are currently requesting:

- Tuna & canned meat
- Canned "veggies"
- Pasta & noodles
- Ramen noodles
- Beef stew
- "Helpers": hamburger, chicken, and tuna
- Mac & Cheese and Soups (esp. microwavable)
- Cereal & oatmeal (esp. individual packets)
- Canned fruit & applesauce



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

**SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS**



Rev. Mark Brumbach, [(570)322-6538] the leader of this ministry, shared 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."

As of August 24<sup>th</sup>, they are currently asking for donations of the following:

- Shampoo
- Disposable razors
- Band aids & bandage supplies
- Large bars of soap
- Bath towels & wash cloths
- Tissues
- Hand lotion
- Gel shaving cream
- Sanitary napkins
- Combs

*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 will be continuing - the school year will be starting up soon!

They continue to appreciate our donations of:

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 blessings of these donations for our local families!*

**MISSIONS EXPO 2021!**

There will be a collaborative, multi-ministry event to pack a variety of humanitarian and ministry aid through October 18-23, 2021 at the First United Methodist Church in Muncy...exact dates/times/sessions throughout that week will be announced in the coming weeks – Stay Tuned!

***Look for the donation box outside of the office, or call the church office if you would like someone to pick up items at your home!***

**NOTES of GRATITUDE**

- ☞ Thank you, Thank you! The altar flowers are beautiful and brighten my day and my apartment! I also appreciated the lovely talk I had with Jean Beard! - **Ruthie Kissell**
- ☞ Thank you so much for the lovely altar flowers and the wonderful visit! I'm thrilled that many of the flowers continue to bloom into the second week! - **Joan Hiller**
- ☞ Thank you, Thank you, Thank you for the beautiful altar flowers delivered by Bill and Loreen Bagwell. We also want to thank Pastor Ray for the visit and communion. - **Peggy & Fred Shultz**
- ☞ Thank you so much for the altar flowers and thanks to Linda for delivering them to me. - **Carmen Kremser**
- ☞ Thank You for the beautiful altar flowers delivered by Beverly Brown. I also want to thank Pastor Scheck for the Sunday afternoon visit. - **Vonnie Hawley**
- ☞ A great big THANK YOU to ALL that assisted with Bible School in any way! Also, thank you to the children that attended. We really enjoyed the time with all of you. - **Christian Ed Comm.**



