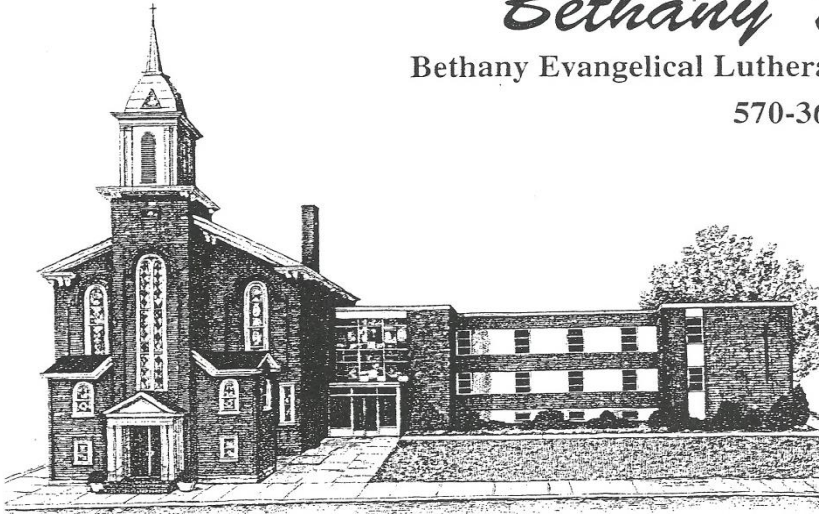


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TUREEN LUNCHESES HAVE RETURNED!

Tureen luncheons are back! Upcoming date is Sunday January 16. Games & merriment will follow the meal.

There is a sign up for main course on the bulletin board across from the Church office. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dish to share.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend - We hope you can join us!

CHURCH COUNCIL ACTIONS:



The Church Council held meeting on Monday 15th.

Highlights from December 20th meeting:

-- New officers for the Church Council are:

President – David Grube

Vice President – Michael Stover

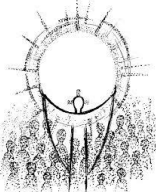
Secretary – Nicole Carey

Treasurer – Wes Miller

Approved Megan Shaffer as an intern. Specifics to be determined before a start date

*** Council will hold its next meeting Monday, January 17, 7:15 pm. ***

- ***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** - 2nd, 4th (& 5th) Tuesdays at 7 pm.



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.



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



Winter is coming, and we *know* that cold days are ahead! If you are considering some closet cleaning, we certainly can use more coats, especially as we know that there are some local families who are going through difficult times. We accept children’s and adult’s sizes, and have a bin for hats, mittens, scarves, and gloves.

Also, if you know **anyone** in need of a coat or jacket, please remind them of our supply.

When someone receives a gift of warmth, it helps show others that people who Love Our Lord also care about them!

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.



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<u>CONTACTING THE CHURCH OFFICE:</u>	9:00 am. to 2:00 pm., Monday through Thursday
	(570)368-8933 & email: secyBethanyNALC@gmail.com <i>*this email can reach ALL STAFF</i>
<u>IN AN EMERGENCY:</u>	Rev. Steve Shipman, Interim (570)916-7780 / PrSteveShipman@gmail.com
	Gail Stover - Prayer Chain (570)971-5710 / stover1104@gmail.com
<u>BETHANY’S WEB SITE:</u>	www.BethanyNALC.org
<u>BETHANY’S FACEBOOK PAGE:</u>	www.facebook.com/BethanyNALC.org

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UNITED CHURCHES FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry currently is blessed with an abundance of food, but that will probably change as we go into the fall. They are beginning to prepare for the upcoming holidays, and are also beginning to distribute gift cards (\$5-\$10) to each client so that they are also able to purchase if they need something that is not available at the pantry (so monetary donations are also very appreciated).



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

- Coffee
- Rice
- Condiments
- Pop Tarts
- Hamburger Helper
- Potatoes
- Jello & Pudding mixes
- Pie Filling

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 September United Churches' News:

"We are constantly helping people with monthly hygiene kits and we rely on your donations of specific items for the kits.

Listed below are a few items that we currently need:

- Kleenex
- Shaving Cream
- Paper towels
- Feminine Hygiene items
- Conditioner
- Women's Deodorant
- Band aids

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 is continuing into this new school year. Families are grateful for the items that we are able to contribute!



They continue to appreciate our donations of:

- Oatmeal (1-2 oz. packets)
- Boxed Cereal (Individual, 1.5-2 oz)
- Multigrain Bars; Breakfast Bars; Pop Tarts; Belvita Breakfast Biscuits (1.76 oz.)
- Cream of Wheat (1-2 oz. packets)
- Cereal Bars (individually packaged)

Thank You for your blessings of these donations for our local families!

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ARE AT HOME

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Jackson MI, 49203

Marjorie Gower

Elmcroft of Loyalsock
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Julie Griffiths

Thornwald Home

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Lewisburg, PA 17837
Richard (Fred) Shultz
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Montoursville, PA 17754

Cella Taylor
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1445 Sycamore Rd.
Montoursville, PA 17754

Sandra Long
Muncy Skilled Nursing
215 E Water St.
Muncy, PA 17756

Paul Wertman
275 West Lincoln St.,
Muncy, PA 17756

Thomas Long
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Montoursville, PA 17754

Darla Starr
Valley View Nursing Center
2140 Warrensville Rd.
Montoursville, PA 17754

**PLEASE contact the office if we need to add anyone to this list
AND if you know of ANY address changes**

œ **NOTES of GRATITUDE** *œ*

Service Assistants January 2022 9:00 am. Service



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If for any reason you are unable to serve, PLEASE help us by trading with someone and calling the church office at (570)368-8933. If you are unable to find a substitute, please also call the office so we can assist you. Thank You.

ALTAR COMMITTEE
December: Earla Gower & Barb Winchester

COMMUNION COMMITTEE
December: Tracy Rhian & Yvonne Sechler

GREETING CARDS December: Jane Leiter
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COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
Jan. 2: Gary Inch Wes Miller
Jan. 9: David Neidig Tim Logan
Jan. 16: Tracy Rhian Karen Paulhamus
Jan. 23: Michael Brouse Barbara Winchester
Jan. 30: Kim Fremberg Yvonne Sechler

LAY READERS

Jan. 2: Gary Inch
Jan. 9: David Neidig
Jan. 16: Ruth Lundy
Jan. 23: Michael Brouse
Jan. 30: Kim Fremberg

LOCK-UP

Jan. 2: Denice Palmeter
Jan. 9: Thomas Gower
Jan. 16: David Grube
Jan. 23: Charles Lichter
Jan.30: Philip Oechler

USHERS

Jan. 2: Richard Hillegas, Michael Brouse, Gary Inch
Jan. 9: Michael & Gail Stover
Jan. 16: Deb Harmon, Fred Paulhamus, Beverly Brown, Michael Brouse
Jan. 23: Philip Oechler, Gary Oechler
Jan. 30: Tracy Rhian; Thomas Gower

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

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JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER



Our Newsletter "Team" will meet on Monday, January 31st at 9:00 am. If you would like to submit an item to be included, please call (570)368-8933, drop off submission at the office, or send: secyBethanyNALC@gmail.com

Deadline: Tuesday, January 25th at 4 pm.