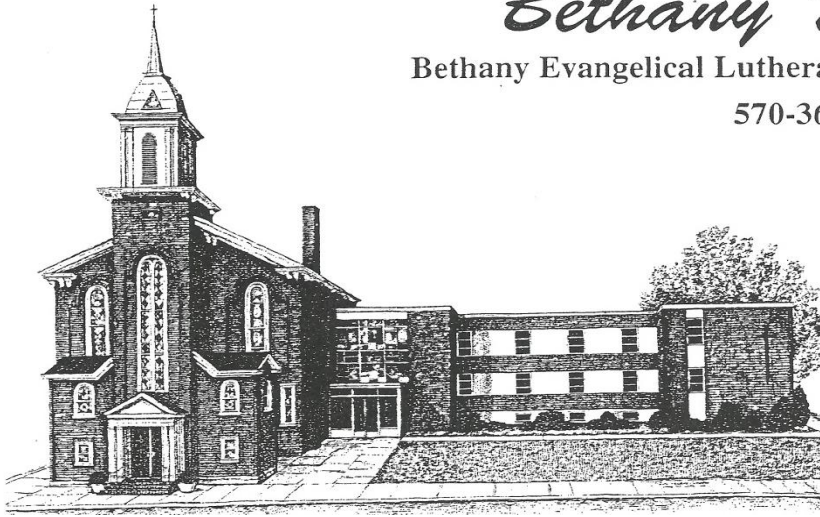


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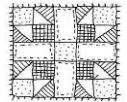
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## **BLANKET SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**

There will be the Blessing of the warm, beautiful quilts made with love by our quilters, and an opportunity to make a donation toward their shipping costs for their journeys to those in need around the world! The quilts will be on display during the service, and then our quilters will transport them to Lewisburg the following Saturday, to prepare them to go to their next destination, where they will be given to those in crisis, showing Christ's love shared with those from far away.



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

...will also be held on Sunday, October 3, from 2:30 – 3:30 pm. on the Golden Strip in Loyalsock. According to lifechain.org, the first Sunday of October is National Life Chain Sunday, “a time to stand in peaceful, prayerful public witness alongside other local believers”. If you are interested in Standing for the Unborn, contact Sharon Barnard at (570)435-5408 for more information.

## **43<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL CROP WALK**

This year's local Crop Walk will be held on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, beginning 1:00 pm. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Williamsport. Walkers can walk 3, 6, or 9 miles on the River Walk, or you can participate in other organized events in Hughesville, Quiggleville, or Trout Run. You may also choose to walk in your own group! Last year over \$9,000 was raised to help the hungry in our community, our country, and the world! Contact Tammy Aichner, (570)322-1110 or at [director@uclc.org](mailto:director@uclc.org), or Ken Wagner-Pizza (570)322-0126 or [trinityrector@comcast.net](mailto:trinityrector@comcast.net) for more information.

## **SAMARITAN'S PURSE – OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

The Mission Committee is again looking to fill as many Christmas shoeboxes as possible for Operation Christmas Child! Shoeboxes are available in the church office along with information with ideas of what is appropriate to pack. If you are unable or would rather not shop, consider contributing funds by leaving a donation in the church office and the committee will be happy to do the shopping for you. *Deadline for returning boxes to the church office is Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. If possible, include \$9 per box for postage. Make checks payable to Samaritan's Purse - note on the memo line: Operation Christmas Child.*

*Last year we filled 25 boxes. Let's see how many more we can add this year!*

## **FIVE BELOW**

Five Below store in Muncy is working with our Mission Committee for a fundraiser. From October 27<sup>th</sup> until November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10% of the purchases made with the *bright red coupons located outside the sanctuary and in the newsletter* will be donated to Bethany Lutheran Church for our mission committee.

You may ALSO share coupons with friends and neighbors – we have an ample supply!

**\*Double your impact - purchase some *Operation Christmas Child* gifts as part of this fundraiser!**



**CHURCH COUNCIL ACTIONS:**



The Church Council held meetings in August & September.

Highlights from August 9<sup>th</sup>: **(September 20<sup>th</sup> highlights are on pg. 2)**

- The Usher volunteer list has been reorganized, reflecting those who have been attending services regularly.
- The office ceiling, which had experienced some cracking and crumbling, is now repaired.
- Small budget surplus exists because we are not currently paying a permanent Pastor.
- Annual Congregational Meeting - Sunday, December 6, 2001, at 10:00 am.  
(immediately following the worship service).

**\* Council will hold its next meeting Monday, October 18, 7:15 pm. \***

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**RECONCILIATION OF BETHANY CHURCH FINANCES**

Income: Received through Aug. 31, 2021 (35 Sundays)	\$110,652.60
Expenses: " " "	<u>\$ 95,051.71</u>
<b>2021 Income over Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 15,600.89</b>

Income Received through Aug. 31, 2020 (35 Sundays)	\$135,411.20
Expenses: " " "	<u>\$142,232.19</u>
<b>2020 Balance</b>	<b>\$ - 6,820.99</b>

**OCTOBER & NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS**

- Blanket Sunday** - Sunday, Oct. 3
- Life Chain** - Sunday, Oct. 3, 2:30 – 3:30 pm.
- Crop Walk** - Sunday, Oct. 10, 1:00 pm.
- Tureen Dinner** - Sunday, Oct. 17, 11:45 am.
- Church Council** - Monday, Oct. 18, 7:15 pm.
- Deadline - Newsletter items** - Tuesday, Oct. 19, 4:30 pm.
- Finance Committee meeting** - Tuesday, Oct. 19, 7:00 pm.
- Staff Support Committee** - Tuesday, Oct. 19, 8:00 pm.
- NALC Atlantic Mission Convention** - Friday, Oct. 22 – Saturday, Oct. 23
- Newsletter Team** - Monday, Oct. 25, 9:00 am.
- Christian Ed. Committee** - Monday, Oct. 25, 7:00 pm.
- REFORMATION SUNDAY** - Sunday, Oct. 31

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- Return to Standard Time** - Sun., Nov. 7, 2am. – set clocks BACK (get extra hr.sleep)
- Memorial Service** - Sunday, Nov. 7, 4:00 pm.
- Mission Committee** - Monday, Nov. 8, 7:15 pm.
- Veteran's Day** - Thursday, Nov. 11
- Tureen Dinner** - Sunday, Nov. 14, 11:45 am.
- Church Council** - Monday, Nov. 15, 7:15 pm.
- Deadline - Newsletter items** - Tuesday, Nov. 16, 4:30 pm.
- Property Committee** - Tuesday, Nov. 16, 7:00 pm.
- Tureen Dinner** - Sunday, Nov. 14, 11:45 am.
- Hoss' Night Fundraiser** - Friday, Nov. 19
- Worship and Music Committee** - Monday, Nov. 22, 7:00 pm.
- Thanksgiving Blessings** - Thursday, Nov. 24 (office is closed)

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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.

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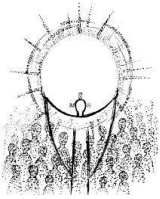
**THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT**

A member of our congregation entered the church Triumphant (Eternal Life)

❖ Eleanor Shaheen passed on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

*A service will be held for Eleanor at a later date.*

***We pray for comfort and consolation for her family.***



**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**



As the days (especially the mornings!) are already feeling a tad cooler, we know that cold days are ahead! If you are considering some fall closet cleaning, we certainly can use more coats, especially those for Fall & Winter. 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. It is a beautiful and loving 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 also collecting winter hats, gloves, and scarves to share with the Shepherd of the streets.



**LOOKING AHEAD - STANDARD TIME RESUMES**

On Saturday night, November 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be "Falling Back"- gaining an extra hour of sleep as we return to Standard Time...so remember to set your clocks *back* and enjoy the refreshment of some extra rest before Sunday, November 7<sup>st</sup>!



**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)

**MISSIONS EXPO 2021!**



First United Methodist Church, 602 S. Market St. in Muncy will be the site for the **Missions Expo 2021**, which will be held October 18-23! This will be a collaborative, multi-ministry event, packing 100,000 nutritious meals, preparing 100's of Family Med Packs, and sorting and packing tons of Christian literature (including the items so generously donated here at Bethany!) which will help provide humanitarian and ministry aid, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ around the world!

If you would like to help with this effort, you may register at [www.experiencemissions.com](http://www.experiencemissions.com) to sign up for a slot to volunteer! *Registration begins on October 1<sup>st</sup>.*

**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"*

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**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!***

**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!

The devotionalists coming up are:

- 10/4 -10/10: Rev. Gwen Bernstein
- 10/11 – 10/17: Ms. Yvonne Shenuski
- 10/18 – 10/24: Rev. Danesta Whaley
- 10/25 – 10/31: Overseer Bernice Coaxum

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**REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ARE AT HOME**

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Lewisburg, PA 17837

**Richard (Fred) Shultz**

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Montoursville, PA 17754

**Marjorie Gower**

Elmcroft of Loyalsock  
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Montoursville, PA 17754

**Virginia Laudig**

1119 Broad St.  
Montoursville, PA 17754

**Darla Starr**

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Montoursville, PA 17754

**Julie Griffiths**

Thornwald Home  
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Carlisle, PA, 17013-3799

**Sandra Long**

Muncy Skilled Nursing  
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Muncy, PA 17756

**Joan Swartz**

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Waynesboro VA, 22980

**Joan Hanner**

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Montoursville, PA 17754

**Thomas Long**

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Montoursville, PA 17754

**Cella Taylor**

Embassy of Loyalsock  
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Montoursville, PA 17754

**\*\*\*Joan Hiller**

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Montoursville, PA 17754

**Eleanor Mellish**

1246 Deerfield Dr.  
Williamsport, PA 17701

**Paul Wertman**

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Muncy, PA 17756

**Margaret Ryan**

305 East Tressler Blvd.  
Room 308

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

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**☞ 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 alter 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*

**NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER**



Our Newsletter "Team" will meet on Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 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,**



In recently tidying up some cabinets here in our office, I came upon these little treasures...I'm not sure if/when it was part of another Bethany publication (it had a date of 2007 on it), but it certainly brightened **MY** spirits and I felt as if it should be shared again (some of these made me feel extra-nostalgic)!

\* The attached pink post-it said it was from Margaret Ryan, so thanks to her for passing this along to us!

*L.D.S.*

A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in some way to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the students' examples...

## **God Is Like:**

Bayer Aspirin - He works miracles

A Ford - He's got a better idea

Coke - He's the Real Thing

Tide - He gets the stains out that others leave behind

General Electric - He brings good things to life

Sears - He has everything

Alka-Seltzer - Try Him, you'll like Him

Scotch Tape - You can't see him, but you know He's there

Delta - He's ready when you are

Allstate - You're in good hands with Him

Vo-5 Hair Spray - He holds through all kinds of weather

Dial Soap - Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you  
wish everybody did?

The US Post Office - Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor  
ice will keep Him from His appointed destination

Chevrolet - the heart beat of America

Maxwell house - Good to the very last drop

Bounty - He is the quicker picker upper...can handle the  
tough jobs...and He won't fall apart on you

and MY favorite...

Hallmark Cards - He cares enough to send the Very Best!

**Service Assistants****October – November 2021****9:00 am. Service**

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****October:** Jamie Brouse; Ruth Kissell**November:** Andrea Ryan Yvonne Sechler**COMMUNION COMMITTEE****October:** Loreen Bagwell & **ANOTHER VOLUNTEER NEEDED****November:** Gail Stover & Deb Harman**GREETING CARDS****October:** Jane Leiter**November:** Yvonne Sechler**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

Oct. 3: David Neidig	Wes Miller *
Oct. 10: Tim Logan *	Karen Paulhamus
Oct. 17: Michael Brouse	Tracy Rhian
Oct. 24: Kim Fremberg	Barbara Winchester
Oct. 31: Mike Stover	Gail Stover
Nov. 7: Larry Barnard	Yvonne Sechler
Nov. 14: Gary Inch	Wes Miller
Nov. 21: David Neidig	Tim Logan
Nov. 28: Tracy Rhian	Karen Paulhamus

**LAY READERS**

Oct. 3: David Neidig  
 Oct. 10: Ruth Lundy  
 Oct. 17: Michael Brouse  
 Oct. 24: Kim Fremberg  
 Oct. 31: Mike Stover  
 Nov. 7: Larry Barnard  
 Nov. 14: Gary Inch  
 Nov. 21: David Neidig  
 Nov. 28: Ruth Lundy

**LOCK-UP**

Oct. 3: David Grube  
 Oct. 10: Charles Lichter  
 Oct. 17: Philip Oechler  
 Oct. 24: Denice Palmeter  
 Oct. 31: Thomas Gower  
 Nov. 7: David Grube  
 Nov. 14: Charles Lichter  
 Nov. 21: Philip Oechler  
 Nov. 28: Denice Palmeter

**USHERS**

October 3: Michael & Gail Stover  
 October 10: Deb Harman; Fred Paulhamus; Beverly Brown; Michael Brouse  
 October 17: Philip Oechler; Gary Oechler; Jay Stabley  
 October 24: Jay Stabley; Tracy Rhian; Thomas Gower  
 October 31: Richard Hillegas; Michael Brouse; Gary Inch  
 November 7: Michael & Gail Stover  
 November 14: Deb Harman; Fred Paulhamus; Beverly Brown; Michael Brouse  
 November 21: Philip Oechler; Gary Oechler; Jay Stabley  
 November 28: Jay Stabley; Tracy Rhian; Thomas Gower

□□□ Updated 9/25/20

**PLEASE: Contact the office if your status regarding attending services changes.**

**Your Help is Greatly Needed. Thank You.**