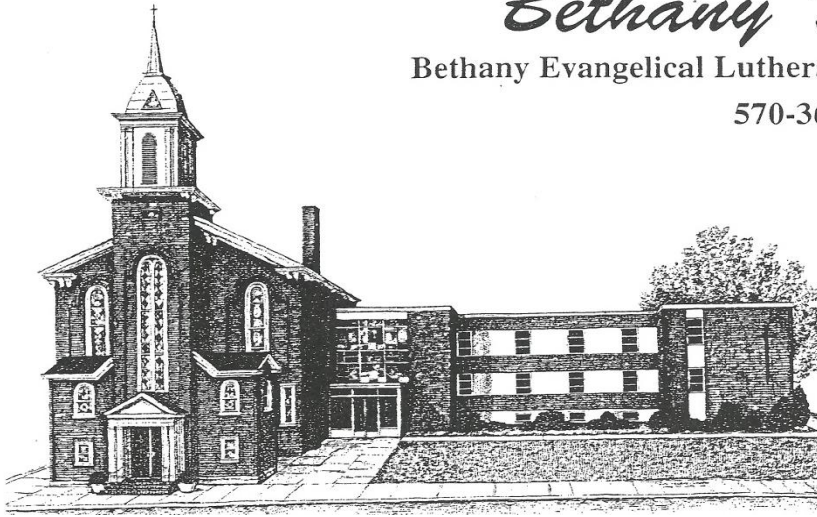


# Bethany Messenger

Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church, Montoursville, PA

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## CHURCH COUNCIL ACTIONS:



The Church Council held meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup> .

Highlights from October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- Council position has been declared vacant
- Church office hours has been temporarily revised: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Voted to outsource payroll for church employees
- Annual Congregational Meeting - Sunday, December 6, 2021, at 10:00 am.  
 (immediately following the worship service).

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

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## RECONCILIATION OF BETHANY CHURCH FINANCES

Income Received through Sep. 30, 2021	(39 Sundays)	\$121,153.45
Expenses:                   “                   “                   “		<u>\$103,889.35</u>
	<b>2021 Balance</b>	\$ 17,264.10

## NOVEMBER & DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

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|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Return to Standard Time</b>     | - Sun., Nov. 7, 2am. – set clocks BACK (get extra hr.sleep) |
| <b>Mission Committee</b>           | - Monday, Nov. 8, 7:15 pm.                                  |
| <b>Veteran's Day</b>               | - Thursday, Nov. 11   |
| <b>Tureen Dinner</b>               | - Sunday, Nov. 14, noon                                     |
| <b>Church Council</b>              | - Monday, Nov. 15, 7:15 pm.                                 |
| <b>Deadline - Newsletter items</b> | - Tuesday, Nov. 16, 4:30 pm.                                |
| <b>Property Committee</b>          | - Tuesday, Nov. 16, 7:00 pm.                                |
| <b>Hoss' Night Fundraiser</b>      | - Friday, Nov. 19   |

**Worship and Music Committee** - Monday, Nov. 22, 7:00 pm.  
**Thanksgiving Blessings** - Thursday, Nov. 24 (office is closed)  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** - Sunday, Nov. 28

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**Women of Bethany** - Monday, Dec. 6, 1:00 pm.  
**Deadline - Newsletter items** - Tuesday, Dec. 14, 4:30 pm.  
**Sunday School Christmas Pgm.** - Sunday, Dec. 19, 10:30 am.  
**Tureen Dinner** - Sunday, Dec. 19, noon  
**Church Council** - Monday, Dec. 20, 7:15 pm.  
**Newsletter Team** - Monday, Dec. 20, 9:00 am.  
**CHRISTMAS EVE** - Friday, Dec. 24, 7:00 pm. & 10:00 pm.  
**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD** - Saturday, Dec. 25

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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)

❖ Evelyn Eck passed on September 14<sup>h</sup>, 2021  
*Services will be private.*

***We pray for comfort and consolation for Evelyn's loved ones.***

**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.



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**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!

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## Holiday Meals For Shut Ins

Again this year the Montoursville Rotary Club will be delivering Holiday Meals for Shut Ins. Deadline for the Thanksgiving meal is Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for the Christmas meal is Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Please call Bob Hocker at 570-368-5937 to schedule meal delivery and for more information.

## 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.



<b>CONTACTING THE CHURCH OFFICE:</b>	9:00 am. to 2:00 pm., Monday through Wednesday
(570)368-8933 & email: <a href="mailto:secyBethanyNALC@gmail.com">secyBethanyNALC@gmail.com</a>	<i>*this email can reach ALL STAFF</i>
<b>IN AN EMERGENCY:</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>BETHANY'S WEB SITE:</b>	<a href="http://www.BethanyNALC.org">www.BethanyNALC.org</a>
<b>BETHANY'S FACEBOOK PAGE:</b>	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/BethanyNALC.org">www.facebook.com/BethanyNALC.org</a>

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

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

*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)

Cream of Wheat (1-2 oz. packets)

Boxed Cereal (Individual, 1.5-2 oz)

Cereal Bars (individually packaged)

Multigrain Bars; Breakfast Bars; Pop Tarts; Belvita Breakfast Biscuits (1.76 oz.)

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

## **REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ARE AT HOME**

### **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**

108 Rockey Lane  
Apt. 111  
Montoursville, PA 17754

### **Virginia Laudig**

1119 Broad St.  
Montoursville, PA 17754

### **Sandra Long**

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

### **Thomas Long**

163 Charles Dr.  
Montoursville, PA 17754

### **Eleanor Mellish**

1246 Deerfield Dr.  
Williamsport, PA 17701

### **Margaret Ryan**

305 East Tressler Blvd.  
Room 308  
Lewisburg, PA 17837

### **Richard (Fred) Shultz**

1275 Broad St.  
Montoursville, PA 17754

### **Darla Starr**

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

### **Joan Swartz**

500 Pelham Dr.  
Waynesboro VA, 22980

### **Cella Taylor**

Embassy of Loyalsock  
1445 Sycamore Rd.  
Montoursville, PA 17754

### **Paul Wertman**

275 West Lincoln St.,  
Muncy, PA 17756

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

### **☞ NOTES of GRATITUDE ☞**

*☞ I so appreciate all of the well-wishes from the congregation as I depart from my employment here at your church. Each one of you with whom I've had any contact has impacted my life in many, amazing ways! You will all continue to be in my prayers, and I expect to be visiting in the near future. God's Love and Peace be With You All - **Laura Schreckengast***

*☞ Thank You So Much Yvonne for sharing the altar flowers with me and my husband for our anniversary. The flowers were so beautiful and they stayed fresh for a long time! - **Jim & Linda Wurster***

☞ Thanks to Flip Oechler for the beautiful flower arrangement; it really brightened my day. Thanks also to Gail and Mike Stover for delivering them and visiting with Ray and me. It helps knowing that I have such great friends that care! Hopefully I will be returning to church after I am better.

- **Linda Bomboy**