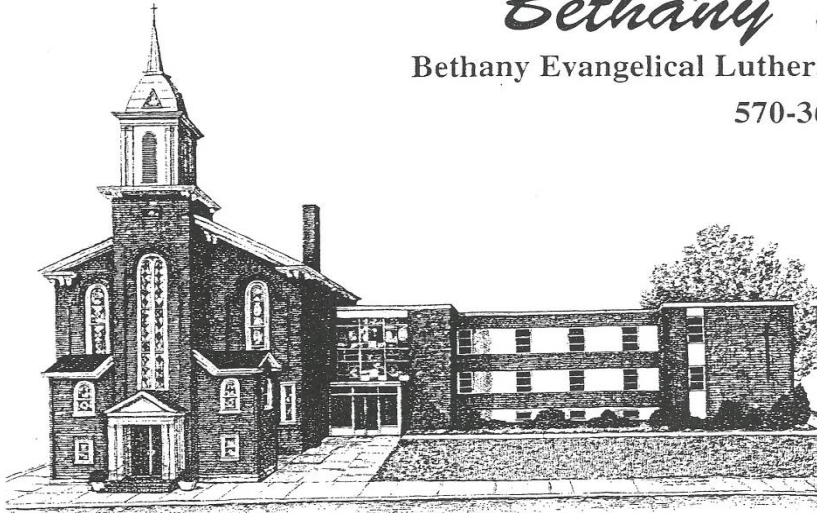


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At A GLANCE, THIS IS WHAT'S GOING ON:

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE March 2nd 7:30PM

Lenten Devotions and Study – Beginning March 9th, Join us each Wednesday in lent for devotions and study

Sunday March 6 - After the Prelude, prior to our traditional service , **Hand Bell Choir is providing music** (In the Garden) C. Zustin Miles / Handbells by Cynthia Dobrinski

Beginning Wed. March 9th Lenten Devotions begin at Noon and 7:00 Pm and each Wednesday in Lent.

Holy Week Beginning April 10 th with **Palm Sunday, Maunday Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday** with Pastor Shipman.

Easter Egg Coloring Friday April 15 10:00 am / **Easter egg Hunt** April 16th 10 am

Spring Banquet April 25, Stuffed chicken breast or Ham \$17.00 each/ all you care to eat. April 25
RSVP by April 11

Order Easter Flowers - Lillies, Mums, tulips 12.00 each by April 4th.



CHURCH COUNCIL ACTIONS: THE CHURCH COUNCIL HELD IT'S MEETING ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 21ST.

Reports are posted outside the church office.

Christian Education Committee Annual Report

Women Of The NALC Audit report

Worship and Music Committee

Mission Committee

New Council Meeting Nominations and Election

Election of officers took place on December 20th

Treasurers Report

2022 Congregation Officers:

Dave Grube – President Mike Stover – Vice President Nicole Carey – Secretary

Council Members:

Larry Barnard,, Jamie Brouse, Michael Brouse, Richard Hillegas, Glenn Kaufman, Ruth Lundy, Weston Miller, David Neidig, Philip Oechler, Kathie Snauffer, Gail Stover, Michael Stover

Council will hold its next meeting Monday March 21st at 7:15pm

Notice:

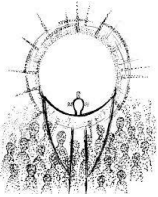
There will not be an announcement for a church closure due to weather but please use your own judgement about weather conditions and coming to church. Your health and well being are important to us.

2022 January Income	\$12,953.51
2022 January Expenses	<u>18,663.87</u>
Expenses Over Income	5,710.36

Church Council - Monday, Mar. 21, 7:15 pm.
Newsletter Team - Monday, Mar. 28 at 9:00 am.

***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 is again 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.



CONTACTING THE CHURCH OFFICE: 9:00 am. to 2:00 pm., Monday through Thursday
 (570)368-8933 & email: 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
BETHANY'S WEB SITE: www.BethanyNALC.org
BETHANY'S FACEBOOK PAGE: www.facebook.com/BethanyNALC.org

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.

"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

Jean Fox

Thomas Long

Darla Starr

Marjorie Gower

Eleanor Mellish

Joan Swartz

Julie Griffiths

Margaret Ryan

Cella Taylor

Joan Hiller

David Erdley

Paul Wertman

Sandra Long

Richard (Fred) Shultz

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

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



April NEWSLETTER Please send items to secyBethanyNALC@gmail.com

Or you may drop them off at the office, or call 570-368-8933. By Wednesday March 23rd. if you have items ready to print and are last minute items they can be submitted by Monday the 28th.

Our Newsletter "Team" will meet on Tuesday, March 29 at 9:00am to stuff envelopes.