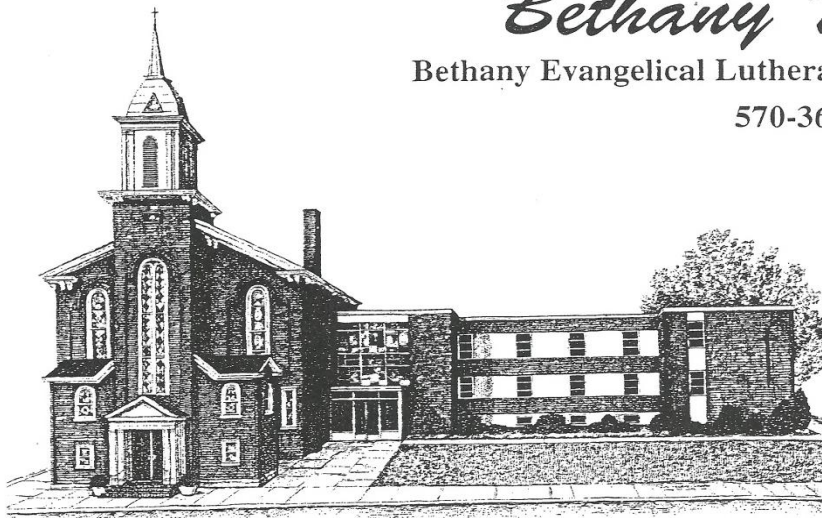


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SAMARITAN'S PURSE – OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



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.

* *If possible, include \$9 per box for postage. Make checks payable to Samaritan's Purse note on the memo line: Operation Christmas Child.*

* *Deadline for returning boxes to the church office is Sunday, November 8th.*

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

FIVE BELOW FUNDRAISER

Five Below store in Muncy is working with our Mission Committee for a fundraiser. From now until November 3rd, 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!**

TUREEN LUNCHEONS HAVE RETURNED!

Tureen luncheons are back! Upcoming dates are Sundays November 14th and December 19th at noon. 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!

LOOKING AHEAD - STANDARD TIME RESUMES

On Saturday night, November 6th, 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 7th!



CHURCH COUNCIL ACTIONS:



The Church Council held meeting on October 18th .
 Highlights from October 18th 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, 2001, 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

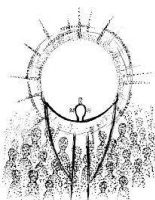
Income Received through Sep. 30, 2021	(39 Sundays)	\$121,153.45
Expenses: " " "		<u>\$103,889.35</u>
	2021 Balance	\$ 17,264.10

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

- Return to Standard Time** - Sun., Nov. 7, 2am. – set clocks BACK (get extra hr.sleep)
- Mission Committee** - Monday, Nov. 8, 7:15 pm.
- Veteran’s Day** - Thursday, Nov. 11
- Tureen Dinner** - Sunday, Nov. 14, noon
- 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.
- Hoss’ Night Fundraiser** - 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

- 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

- * **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.



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

❖ Evelyn Eck passed on September 14^h, 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. 17th. Deadline for the Christmas meal is Dec. 17th. Please call Bob Hocker at 570-368-5937 to schedule meal delivery and for more information.

PROJECT LINUS & SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS

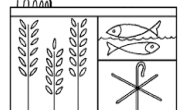
We are still sharing our knitting, crocheting, and quilting gifts with others by making blankets of all sizes (baby, children, adult) for those with cancer or going through traumatic experiences at hospitals. You may bring these items to the Church Office. We are also collecting winter hats, gloves, and scarves to share with the Shepherd of the streets.



<u>CONTACTING THE CHURCH OFFICE:</u>	9:00 am. to 2:00 pm., Monday through Wednesday (570)368-8933 & email: secyBethanyNALC@gmail.com <i>*this email can reach ALL STAFF</i>
<u>IN AN EMERGENCY:</u>	Larry/Sharon Barnard (570)435-5408 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

UNITED CHURCHES FOOD PANTRY

YOU give them
something
to eat. Mt. 14:16



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!

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**

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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
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Montoursville, PA 17754

Joan Swartz
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Waynesboro VA, 22980

1445 Sycamore Rd.
Montoursville, PA 17754

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

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

Cella Taylor
Embassy of Loyalsock

**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*

œ 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**

œ 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**

œ 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**

Service Assistants November 2021 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

November: Andrea Ryan Yvonne Sechler

COMMUNION COMMITTEE

November: Gail Stover & Deb Harma

GREETING CARDS **November:** Yvonne Sechler

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

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

Nov. 7: Larry Barnard

Nov. 14: Gary Inch
Nov. 21: David Neidig
Nov. 28: Ruth Lundy

Nov. 7: David Grube
Nov. 14: Charles Lichter
Nov. 21: Philip Oechler
Nov. 28: Denice Palmetter

LOCK-UP
USHERS

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

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

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DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



Our Newsletter "Team" will meet on Monday, November 22nd 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, November 16th at 4 pm.