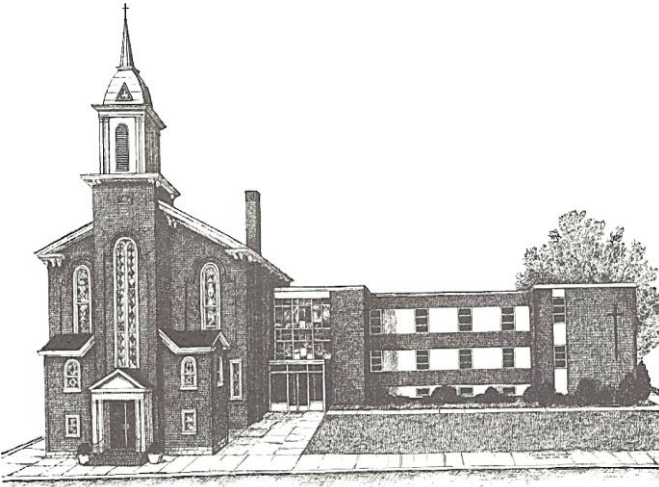


BETHANY MESSENGER



Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church

369 Broad Street

Montoursville, PA 17754 570-368-8933

www.BethanyNALC.org

www.facebook.com/bethlutmtrsvlle

Email secyBethanyNALC@gmail.com

Sunday Services

9:00 am Holy Communion

10:15 am Coffee / Fellowship

10:30 am Sunday School

Emergency Pastor contact Gail Stover 570-368-2282

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday

9 am – 2:00 pm

Special note: Bethany's Handbell Choir will be performing "Love Divine" May 14th 9:00am

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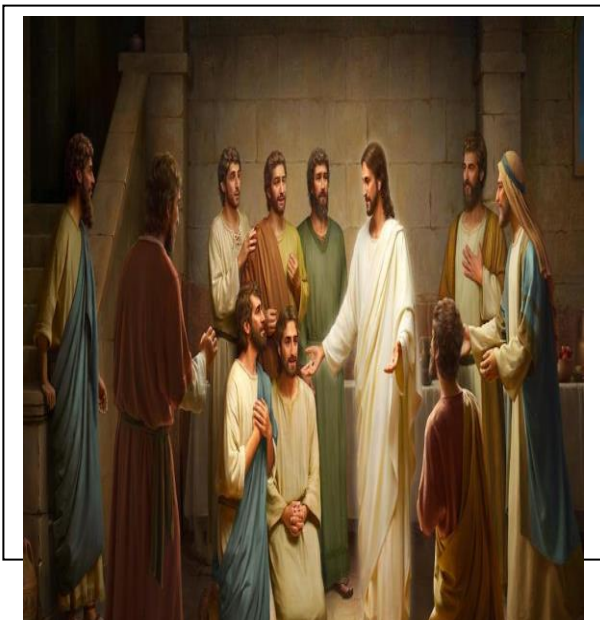
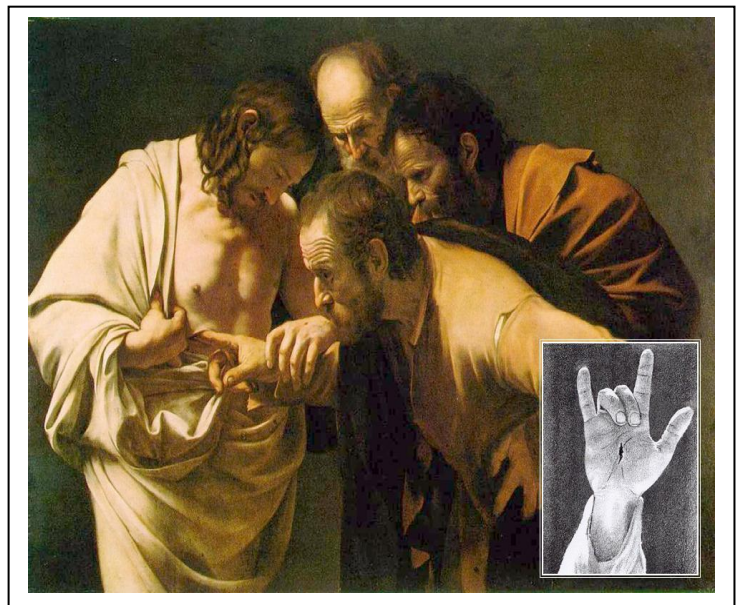
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Bethany's Mission Statement: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

SEVEN SUNDAYS OF EASTER

Jesus said, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe". John 20:29

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Gospel Readings for the Seven Sundays of Easter

April 9	Matthew 28:1-10
April 16	John 20:19-31
April 23	Luke 24:13-35
April 30	John 10: 1-10
May 7	John 14: 1-14
May 14	John 14:15-21
May 21	John 17: 1-11

Come and See, Come and Hear

**CHURCH COUNCIL ACTIONS: THE CHURCH COUNCIL HELD IT'S LAST MEETING ON
MONDAY APRIL 17 ,2023**

2023 CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT- DAVE GRUBE
VICE PRESIDENT – MIKE STOVER
SECRETARY – NICOLE CAREY
TREASURER – WES MILLER

March Reports are posted outside the church office

Council Members: Jamie Brouse, Michael Brouse, Glenn Kaufman, Kathie Snauffer, Gail Stover, Michael Stover, Sally Lomison, Tracy Rhian, Dennis Smith

Council will hold its next meeting Monday May 15th at 7:15pm

Income & Expenses through March, 2023

2023 Income	\$ 30,870.88
2023 Expenses	<u>56,809.95</u>
Expenses Over Income	\$-25,939.07

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*
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

Attitude of Gratitude

MESSAGE OF THANKS

Thank You for your support of Bethany, your contributions enable Bethany to provide for our mission which is to spread the word of Jesus Christ, to allow us to learn the word of God in our Sunday Services, in our Sunday School Classes and at our Bible Studies, which prepares us all to become disciples in our daily lives.

Bethany Lutheran Church is also participating in these many programs including: Shepherd of the Streets, School backpack Program, Shut- In Visit Ministry, Bloodmobile, AA Group” We Chose to live” program, Bell Choir & Chancel Choir, Soloist Volunteers, Bible School Week Program, Quilters, Women of Bethany, Confirmation Classes, Give a Coat, Take a Coat, Sunday Worship Assistants, Bethany’s Summer Picnic and Vesper Service. Soup Sales and Chicken and Biscuit Dinner, Wednesdays in Lent program, Easter egg coloring, crafts and egg hunt, Samaritans Purse Christmas gift boxes, United Churches of Lycoming County, and more.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Eugene Harris – Marjorie Gower - Kevin Taylor- Julie Griffiths -Marjorie Fantaskey – Joan Hiller - Betty Rosencrans – Joan Swartz - Margaret Ryan – David Erdley- Biddie & Michael - Louise and Jim – Vonnie - Fay and Harold Sausser – Colleen Davidson - Jim Sechler – Lou and Emily Bassler- Ann & Tom Long- Matthew - Evelyn Seaman – Charlie – Piper – John Hunter - Sadie – Iva Kressler – Peggy Shultz – Lenny and Kathy Hinton – Eileen Lauchle

SAVE THE DATES-BLOODMOBILE

Our first Blood Drive at Bethany Lutheran Church will be held Friday June 16, 2023 from 12:30 - 5:30 PM. If you are able to help with time or providing brownies, please contact Beverly Brown (570-368-1866). You are encouraged to register online or by phone: RedCrossBlood.org (800)733-2767), and if possible, do a pre-donation screening and health history online at RedCrossBlood.org/Rapid Pass. We have future Blood Drives scheduled for September 8, & November 10, 2023 also.

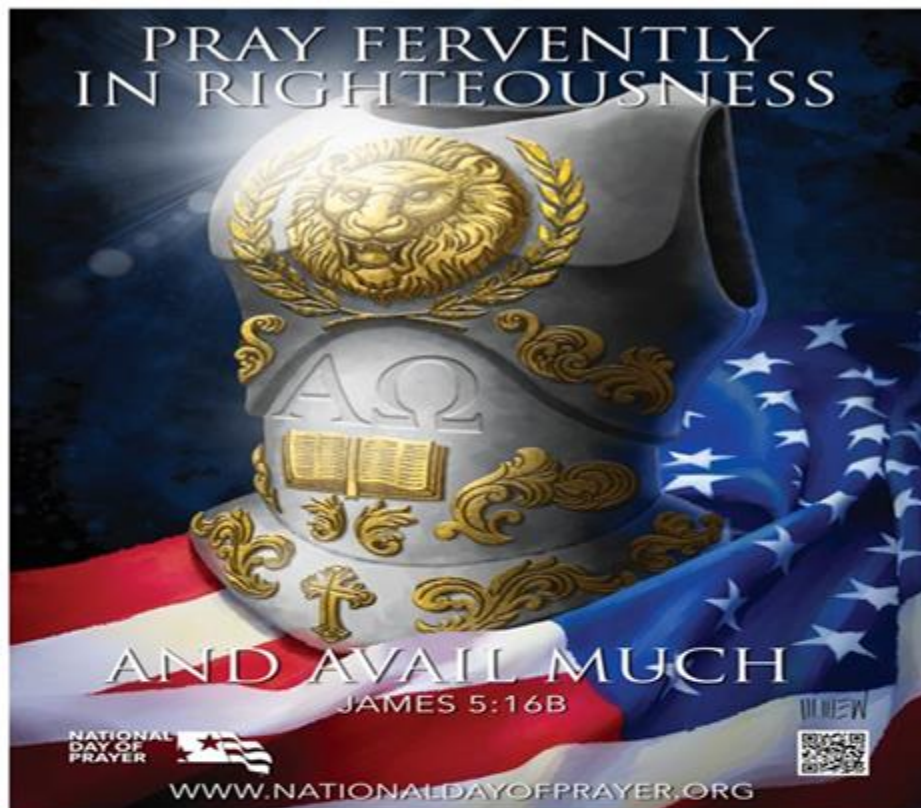
AED (AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR)

Donations are appreciated to purchase an AED for the church. We are past halfway for the purchase of the \$1,800.00 AED. A reduced-price opportunity for purchase is also being pursued. More than one AED would be ideal. Thank You for your consideration in moving this forward with donations.

Donations for Red Geraniums to be planted for Pentecost is being requested. You may indicate how much you would like to donate on the memo of your regular donation check or you may place a note with your cash donation. Thank You

BETHANY ALTAR FLOWERS are needed for **May 7th**, **June 11th**, **August 20th**, and **September 24th**. Please call the office if you would like to provide flowers on any of these dates. Thank You.

National Day of Prayer



Community National Day of Prayer

Date: Thursday, May 4

Time: 6 pm—7:30 pm

**Where: Ways Garden
(corner of 4th and Maynard Streets)**

**Bring seating and gather for a time of guided prayer.
We will enjoy inspirational music, scripture and prayer
led by volunteers from our community.**

*Parking available behind the Thomas T. Taber Museum,
Trinity Episcopal Church, Covenant Central (off of Campbell Street),
and Faith Tabernacle Baptist.*

Sponsored by Lycoming Centre Outreach 570-494-0474

Rise Up Village Bakery



The Rise Up Village Bakery is celebrating its one-year anniversary. We began by baking 5 or 10 loaves of white and wheat bread each week, selling them to friends and neighbors. One year later we are astounded by the support from the community for our vision. The total income from our first three months of operation in 2022 is equal to the amount we received for one baking day on April 3rd,nearly \$700!!! Our production has expanded from bread to include rolls, cookies and muffins. Currently we have 150 individuals on our weekly order email list, and the number of volunteers has grown proportionately as well.

Where do we go from here? How do we meet our goal of providing job training and support for returning citizens? The income from our product sales provides the funds for us to develop our program, and to focus on our trainees. We are excited to develop an intensive, two-week module which will introduce the participants to the bakery environment. They will learn the procedures for making our products, and will be involved in two full production days. This 50-hour intensive will include mentoring and job skills preparation. Our volunteers will lead the training. We anticipate this program model will allow the trainees to move quickly into the job market.

And we cannot say enough about the blessings each of the volunteers and trainees have brought to the bakery, and to the lives of each other. Skills are diverse and hearts are filled with love and service to others. It may be a tip on how to fold the top of the cookie bag, or how to shape a roll, or designing a brochure. It may be to provide the laugh of the day as the mixer erupts with a "flour shower" to cover the baker. Over lunch we may share the joy of a new grandchild, or encourage someone facing medical issues. We lift each other up with our words and our faith. We are a family united in service and caring.

Information about our program, and a listing of weekly baked goods for sale, can be accessed through riseupvillagebakery@gmail.com . Contact us if you are interested in placing an order, or volunteering in the kitchen. We meet Mondays for production, and Wednesdays for prep work, at New Covenant United Church of Christ, 202 East Third Street, Williamsport. Part of our mission is to provide free or reduced cost baked goods for church and community programs. Call Marty at 570-295-8434 or Wendy at 570-419-9303 for further information. Also, follow us on Facebook.

This article was shared from United Churches of Lycoming County

“HELLO” from Sojourner Truth Ministries!

We are so blessed to serve the community in the capacity that we do. Our March meal count was well over 2000 served - we have been busy! Check us out on FaceBook- “Sojourner Truth Ministries, Inc.”

STM is on the verge of opening the House of Hope- a Christ-based, communal living program for women coming out of homelessness. We cannot move forward without a Director. We continue to seek the ideal candidate for this position please reach out to us for details at 570-323-1797. We are looking for someone amazing! Someone who will be able to take charge, vet appropriate candidates, represent the program, fundraise, oversee and mentor staff and program, budget, work under pressure, lead others, and more. We are also taking applications for volunteer mentors and other various positions. And, we still need two Resident Advocates staff positions someone to advocate for our patrons living with multiple barriers, as well as advocating for the ministry itself. This role requires a confident, organized, goal oriented, can-do multitasker with computer and social skills who is willing to go out into the community to connect on our behalf.

Thank you for your prayers for this ministry, and for those we serve, and all who come here to work in any capacity.

Blessings to you~ Angelique Director,
Sojourner Truth Ministries, Inc.
501 High St, Williamsport

LUNCH MONDAY – SATURDAY 11:30AM - 12:30PM We serve a hot healthy lunch for dine in and brown bag to go with prayers and daily devotions. **SATURDAYS**, join us at "Dinner Church" upstairs in the Sanctuary at 11:30AM. **BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY 10:00 AM-11:00 AM**



ONE WORD BIBLE STUDY WITH GINA THURSDAY 10:30 AM

Article shared from Churches of Lycoming County and Sojourners Truth Ministries website

JOIN

UCLC AT SIGHT & SOUND THEATRES

MOSES

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

**DEPART AT 6:30 AM AT FIRST
CHURCH, WILLIAMSPORT**

**\$140 PER
PERSON**

Return at
7:30 pm

**RSVP BY
MAY 1ST**

Call 570.322.1110

**BUFFET
LUNCH**

Bird in Hand
Restaurant



Figure 1

*\$140.00 per person
RSVP BY May 1st (Call)
Call 570-322-1110*

Information provided from Churches of Lycoming County

May 2023

BETHANY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9:00am Quilters	3 7:00 PM Handbell Choir 8:00 PM Chancel Choir	4	5	6
	<i>Paul & Mary Bausinger</i>		<i>Ann Long</i>		<i>Robert & Shelby Sitler</i>	
7 Fifth SUNDAY OF EASTER	8	9 9:00AM Quilters	10	11	12	13
9:00 AM Holy Communion 10:00 AM coffee / Fellowship – Memorial Hall 10:30 AM SCS/ Confirmation	<i>7:15 PM Mission Comm.</i>			<i>Bible Study 7:00PM</i>		
	<i>Edward & Diane McLaughlin</i>					
14 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	15	16 9:00 AM Quilters	17	18	19	20
9:00 AM Holy Communion 10:00 AM coffee / Fellowship – Memorial Hall 10:30 AM SCS/ Confirmation	<i>7:15 PM Church Council</i>					
		<i>Denice & Joyce Palmer</i>			<i>Bruce & Cindy Knauber</i>	
MOTHER'S DAY <i>Louis & Emily Bassler</i>						
21 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	22	23 7	24	25	26	27
9:00AM Holy Communion 10:00 AM coffee / Fellowship – Memorial Hall 10:30 AM SCS/ Confirmation	<i>7:00 PM Worship / Music</i>			<i>Bible Study 7:00PM</i>		
<i>Durwood & Candace Ford Karl & Sherry Dusman</i>	<i>Donald & Kathy Snauffer</i>					
	<i>Jesse & Jill Cooper</i>					
28 DAY OF PENTECOST	29	30 9:00AM Quilters 9:00AM Stuff Newsletters	31			
9:00 AM Holy Communion 10:00 AM coffee / Fellowship - Memorial Hall 10:30 AM SCS / Confirmation						
		<i>Robert & Jane Leiter</i>				

