



Bethany Presbyterian Church Chat

July–August 2026



Happy Birthday!!! Happy Anniversary!!!

July Birthdays

- 10-Julia Hopkins
- 11-Kaitlyn Gunuskey
- 12- Lee Swingle
- 26-Linda Stiles



July Anniversaries

- 15-Joan & Dennis Green
- 30-Helen & Frank Ward

Septmber Birthdays

- 9-Morgan Delemarre
- 13- Kevin Knapp
- 14-Marian Knapp
- 20-Mark Bartocci
- 26-Taniesha Rine
- 28-Richard Erk



September Anniversaries

- 8-Kevin & MaryAnn Swingle

August Birthdays

- 1-Gibsen Goodenough
- 4-Tara Olver
- 6-Emily Gunuskey
- 19-Dan Gallik
- 25-Helen Ward
- 27-Keith Gunuskey



August Anniversaries

- 7-Kevin & Leslie Gunuskey
- 18-Dave & Sue Seber
- 29-Justin & Marchel Paule-Green

Did You Know?



We have a box in which your questions, suggestions, or concerns can be heard? It is located in the vestibule on the right.

Did you know that you can get a copy of the session meetings minutes?

Contact our wonderful Clerk of Session, Linda Zimmer, and she'll be glad to give you a copy of the notes.

A set of them are on bulletin board in the Ladies' Parlor.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Ruth Ann Swingle, Rick & Kathie Dulay, Glen Gunuskey, Alyson Dame, Anne, Deanna Sandlin, Steve & Mary Lou Popson, John G., Sean, Jimmy, Family of Stephen Moulton, Tony, John Regan, Pastor Katie.



Christian Care Committee News



During the months of April and May, 2026 we have continued to record the weekly attendance of our congregation. The totals are as follows:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Average</u>
April	143	29
May (5 Sundays)	135	27

We served communion to our Ellen Memorial Healthcare residents who continue to attend our monthly hymn-sings.

The e-mail prayer chain has continued with each request passed along, recorded and reported to Session each month. There has been a decrease in the number of prayers requested.

When God answers our prayer requests I have asked that those answers be reported to me so that Pastor Katie can make the good news known to the congregation.

This will not only glorify God for what he has done, but will also encourage others to ask for prayer.

Any questions about this committee may be directed to Sue Seber.

NOTES FROM THE SESSION



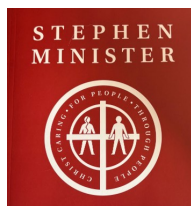
Following our congregational meeting with the Wayne County Community Foundation in May, the Session has been receiving updates from the Finance Committee on moving our investments to improve the financial health of the church. Thanks to Craig Olver, Annie Dame, Pat Rine, and Sally Rutherford for their time and efforts in this endeavor.

Pastor Katie's back surgery is scheduled for June 26. During her recovery, Pastor Jimmy and Sue Seber have graciously agreed to fill the pulpit. At our June meeting we hosted a visit from our Presbytery liaison, Jan Nolting Carter. She is also a specialist in churches in transition. At that meeting we received the news of Pastor Katie's intention to retire at the end of August. Rev. Carter will be our guide through that transition process, and we look forward to hearing what she has in mind to help us. The Session will be meeting with Rev. Carter on July 26.

We will be planning a celebration of Pastor Katie's ministry on her last Sunday, August 30, or whenever her health permits. We have been blessed to have Pastor Katie with us for the last two and a half years, and will be sorry to see her leave.



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Stephen Ministers

LIST OF STEPHEN MINISTERS' MONTHLY ON-CALL LIST

During Pastor Katie's surgery and recovery, and once she retires, the Stephen Ministers will be available for pastoral care. You may feel free to contact any one of them if you or someone you know needs a hospital visit, prayer, meal assistance, or some other kind of help. In case you've forgotten, our Stephen Ministers are Sue Seber, Craig Olver, Sally Rutherford, Dave Seber, Joan Green, Linda Zimmer, and Annie Dame.

1. Joan Green- June 28 – July 4 570-253-3625 570-470-5231
2. Linda Zimmer – July 5 – July 11 570-470-0881
3. Craig Olver – July 12 – July 18 570-253-4161
4. Sally Rutherford – July 19 – July 25 570-253-0685
5. Dave Seber – July 26 – August 1 570-253-6881
6. Sue Seber - August 2 – August 8 570-253-6881 570-352-4136
7. Annie Dame August 9 – August 15 610-655-5376

A weekly schedule has been set up, and there will be a Stephen Minister of the week available for your calls. The list and schedule, together with phone numbers, is listed to the right.

New Interim Music Director

In April, the church hired Dr. Mona Kreitner as our interim music director. Here are some fun facts about Mona. She earned a Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy from Mansfield University, a MM in Vocal Performance and Literature from Eastman School of Music, and a PhD in Historical Musicology from the University of Memphis. She has taught at the University of Memphis and Rhodes College. In her retirement, she is a volunteer at the Dorflinger Glass Museum, a mother of cats, a knitter of lace, and is learning to play the ukulele and nose flute (although, she notes, not at the same time).

Mona will be playing the piano and directing the choir and soloists until October. Already the choir has performed three anthems under Mona's direction. She is looking for anyone who has any musical talents (instrumental or vocal) who is interested in performing special music over the summer.



You can contact Mona at (901)246-0164 or monakreitner@outlook.com or speak to her after the service.

The church is grateful to Sally Rutherford for her months of service playing the piano for our services since Tim Bell's departure. God bless Sally!



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The Whole Armor of God

Pastor Katie's most recent sermon series has centered on the Whole Armor of God, complete with visual aids. On June 7, we learned about the Belt of Truth; on June 14, the Breastplate of Righteousness, and on June 21, Feet Shod with the Gospel of Peace.



Coffee/ Refreshment Hour

Please join us after worship for coffee hour with refreshments . There are always interesting conversations and great fellowship during this time.



Fifth Sunday Brunch

Bring one of your favorite dishes to share and join us on the fifth Sunday of the month for great food and fellowship with one another.



The upcoming dates are August, & November. Hope to see everyone there.

We'll relax, laugh, and enjoy great fellowship while tasting good food.

Account balances as of 6/20/26:

- General Account: \$9931.90
- Rental Account: \$16678.30
- Capital Account and Living Nativity: \$4515.54
- Savings Account: \$14317.15
- Money Market Account: \$40638.20



Greeter/Usher List 2026

July

- July 5, 2026 - Dave and Sue Seber
- July 12, 2026 - Kevin and Marian Knapp
- July 19, 2026 - Cindy Henry and Pat Rine
- July 26, 2026 - Mark and Linda Zimmer

August

- August 2, 2026 - Joan Green and Betsy Lacey
- August 9, 2026 - Joan Green & Cindy Henry
- August 16, 2026 - Craig and Janet Olver
- August 23, 2026 - Morgan Delamarre, Linda Malakin and Sally Rutherford
- August 30, 2026 - Annie Dame and Lorraine Gallik

September

- September 6, 2026 - Dave and Sue Seber
- September 13, 2026 - Kevin and Marian Knapp
- September 20, 2026 - Cindy Henry and Pat Rine
- September 27, 2026 - Mark and Linda Zimmer

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

The Mission committee has once again been busy planning some fun events during 2026.

We will be hosting an “Ice Cream” party for our friends at Bethany Village on July 2, 2026. Last year our “Popsicle” party was a success with many enjoying red, white and blue popsicles in celebration of July 4th.

Our “Christmas in July” Operation Christmas Child will be announced soon to give participants plenty to buy gifts to fill their shoeboxes. This is always a fun and popular event.

Every first Thursday of the month we continue to enjoy our hymn-sing at Bethany Village and Ellen Memorial Healthcare. Residents are always pleased to sing many of their favorite hymns they have sung all of their lives.

If anyone is interested in joining this committee, you may attend one of our monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. We have lots of fun joining together to serve others in the name of the Lord!



Graduation Sunday



On June 7 our church celebrated our graduates.

Frank "Bubby" Lacey received Masters of Science In Cybersecurity from NYU Tandon School of Engineering.

Bianca Plastaras earned a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Illustration from Rowan University.

The Pastor presented both graduates with personalized throws. Congratulations, Bubby and Bianca!

New Bench

Have you noticed the green bench on the patio of the Wilder House? This is made from recycled plastic. The recycling box in the Ladies Parlor of the church has been used to recycle soft plastics such as bread wrappers, grocery bags, and bubble wrap. Once a certain amount of plastic has been collected, the church receives one of these benches. Keep those plastics coming as we work toward our next bench!





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Pentecost

On Pentecost our church was ablaze with red! Our congregation wore red, and the altar was filled with red geraniums. Thanks to Joan Green for organizing the geranium sale and arranging them both inside and outside the church. What a beautiful display and celebration of the birth of the Christian church.



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Class of 2026
Pat Rine
Sally Rutherford

The Session
Class of 2027
Linda Zimmer
Annie Dame

Class of 2028
Sue Seber
Todd Watson
Craig Olver

**Please inform our
Stephen Ministers if
you are aware of any-
one in the hospital
or in need
of a visit**



**“I was glad when they said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”**

Clerk of Session – Linda Zimmer
Church Treasurer – Pat Rine
Church Secretary – Marian Knapp

Choir practice is usually held Sunday mornings @8:30am September-May. New members are always welcomed and encouraged to join! If you have any questions see Mona Kreitner



**Church sermons are
Now available
on our website and YouTube
www.bethanypresbychurch.org
Audio version will be made
available every Sunday**