



Bethany Presbyterian Church Chat



Aug.– Sept.– Oct. 2023

Dear church family,

I have selected two scriptures for your reading in this newsletter.

II Samuel 22:47 – “The LORD lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let God be exalted, the Rock of my salvation!” and Psalm 16:8 – “I have set the LORD always before me. Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.”

God is the foundation and focus of our lives – One that will not be shaken. Ever since He became our Savior, we have been building on the rock of His Presence. Some of the things we have worked on have flourished and others have not, but we always have a firm place to stand – on the Foundation that He has provided for us.


The key to steadiness in our lives is to set Him always before us. When we make Him our focus, we can walk steadily along our life-paths. Many distractions will try for our attention along the way, but He is the Guide who is always before us.

As we relax in His Presence, we should realize that nothing can separate us from His love. The worst-case scenario in our lives – that He might stop loving us – is not even in the realm of possibility. We can rejoice that we don’t have to perform well enough to earn His love, or to keep it. His love is a pure gift, securing our connection with Him for all eternity.

Even though we live in a world where trouble is inescapable, we can be of good cheer, because He has overcome the world! Let us, therefore, keep looking ahead to Him as He leads us step by step – all the way to Heaven.

In Christ’s service
Susan Seber, CLP

Special Concert at Bethany Presbyterian Church Saturday, September 16 at 7PM

 Come and join us for a special concert with The Millers, a nationally known gospel group, who will perform at Bethany Presbyterian Church Saturday, September 16 at 7:00 P.M. This group is excited to share what God has accomplished in their lives, both individually and collectively. Their desire is to communicate the Gospel in a way that the love of Christ would shine through them and emphasize that all are eligible to receive the free gift of salvation. They share that there is hope, grace, mercy, and forgiveness when casting our cares and burdens upon the Lord and trusting Him as Lord and Savior. A free will offering will be taken. Hope to see you there!



For more information call 570-698-7525 or email hwardmusic@yahoo.com



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Save the date!!!! Church Picnic Saturday, October 7th at 2PM

Come and enjoy an afternoon of food, fun, fellowship and relaxation at the home of Marian and Kevin Knapp.

Their address is 65 Turner Rd Pleasant Mount.

A sign-up sheet will be in the lady's parlor closer to the date. We ask each family to bring a dish to share.

Please let us know if you can make it. Hope to see you there!!!

Any questions call Marian or Kevin 570-647-9282, 570-470-2012

Coffee/ Refreshment Hour

Please join us each week after worship, a coffee hour with refreshments is held. There are always interesting conversations and great fellowship during this time.



Coffee Taste Tester

People were invited to a "blind" taste test of 4 different brands of coffee during refreshment hour. The favored flavor of coffee was Dunkin Donuts. Dave Czapnik already knew that would be the favorite!!

Account Balances as of July 18, 2023

General Account	\$28290.29
Rental Account	\$3731.27
Capital Account	\$2280.15
Living Nativity	\$1597.60
Savings Account	\$78691.20
Money Market	\$22506.41

ONLINE BANKING FOR GIVING OFFERING

Some of our local banks and our national banks are offering "Online Banking" to pay our expenses or bills, but did you know that you can also use Online banking to pay your "Estimate of Giving Offering?"



Payments online can be made on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly from Your bank by listing our church as a vendor.

On the Bill Pay Page Enter:
BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
431 Wayne Street
Bethany, PA 18431

Phone #570-253-6316

Account Number: *(would be your church envelope number)*

Amount to be paid: *(List the frequency that you would like it to be paid)*

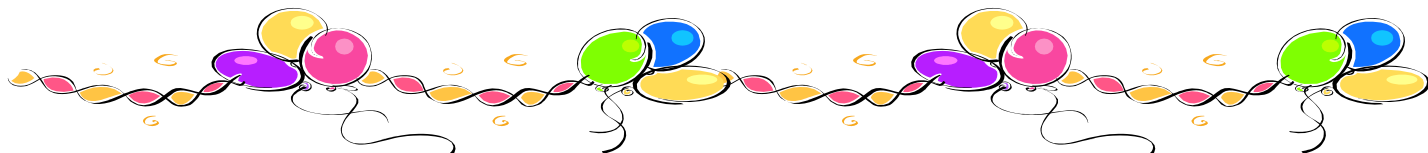
The bank will forward your payments, on your behalf to the church following your requested frequency.

If any additional information is needed please talk to Pat Rine.

Attention All Men

Join us the first Thursday of every month for breakfast at 8:00 AM and the third Thursday for lunch at noon. See David Czapnik.





Happy Birthday!!! Happy Anniversary!!!

August Birthdays

- 1-Gibsen Goodenough
- 4-Tara Olver
- 6-Emily Gunuskey
- 9-Tim Bell
- 19-Dan Gallik
- 24-Rick Rine
- 25-Helen Ward
- 27-Keith Gunuskey



August Anniversaries

- 7-Kevin & Leslie Gunuskey
- 18-Dave & Sue Seber
- 19-David & Marilyn Czapnik
- 29-Justin & Marchel Paule-Green

September Birthdays

- 2-Jeanny Haverkorn
- 3-Melissa Gonzales
- 9-Morgan Delemarre
- 10-Vicky Bonear
- 13- Kevin Knapp
- 14-Marian Knapp
- 20-Mark Bartocci
- 26-Taniesha Rine
- 28-Jenna Gonzales, Richard Erk



September Anniversaries

- 8-Kevin & MaryAnn Swingle

October Birthdays

- 3-Angelica Dyer
- 4-Jim Budd
- 6-Justin Green
- 7-Sierra Rine
- 8-Frank Ward
- 12-Linda Zimmer
- 16-Kevin Rine, Karen Bates
- 17-Heather Day, Kristin Thorpe
- 19-Bruce Hutchison
- 22-Kevin Gunuskey
- 28-Todd Watson



October Anniversaries

- 11-Linda & Tee Malakin
- 13-Ron & Terry Lawrence
- 21-Kathie & Rick Dulay
- 22-Richard & Gretchen Erk

Third Sunday Brunch

A covered potluck brunch is held the third Sunday of every month after worship.



Come join us enjoy fellowship and see what wonderful cooks and bakers we have in our church family.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Marilyn Barbe, Ruth Ann Swingle, Sharon Gunuskey, Yvonne Plastaras



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Gift Ideas



Looking for a gift for that special someone who has it all?

The church's cookbook, Country Goodness, makes a great gift. It is only \$10, and the recipes are very tasty. Copies are available in the Ladies Parlor in the back of

the sanctuary. Don't forget to pick one up!

Good quality note cards that have a picture of the church on the front can also be found in the Ladies Parlor. Each packet is \$5.

Honesdale Monopoly games (donated by David Czapnik) are available in the Ladies' Parlor for \$15, originally sold for \$30.....such a bargain!

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE LADIES' LUNCHES?



Many ladies from our congregation along with 1 or 2 from other churches have been gathering for lunch during the past few years. Most of the restaurants we have frequented have been in the local Honesdale area.

God has blessed our group with additional friends to fellowship with each month resulting in getting to know one another better and better. A good church family along with good friends are surely a blessing from God for which we are so thankful.

Care to join us? See Sue Seber for reservations.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES HAVE RESUMED EACH SUNDAY

"Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in God."

2023 RALPH A. TAYLOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Finance Committee is pleased to announce that the Ralph A. Taylor Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to the following members of our congregation:

Bianca Plastaras – attending Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ

Gibsen Goodenough – attending Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA

Both students were recognized and their awards presented during the worship service on July 9, 2023.

Congratulations to Bianca and Gibby. They should take pride in how far they've come and have faith in how far they can go.



Rev. William Samford, Gibsen Goodenough, Yvonne Plastaras for Bianca Plastaras, Janet Olver- Finance Committee



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Session Notes

The Session has been meeting on a monthly schedule, with Rev. Samford serving as our Moderator. We continue to do the work of the church, reviewing the Treasurer's Reports, hearing reports from each committee, receiving updates from the PNC and the Presbytery Commissioner, Daniel Gallik. We are very cognizant of the fact that we must work hard to keep moving forward in a positive manner.



In July, scholarships were presented to Gibson Goodenough and Bianca Plastaras, as they continue their college education. Congratulations and best wishes go to these two young people.

The approved meeting minutes and the Treasurer's Reports are on the bulletin board in the Ladies' Parlor for your perusal. As usual, if you have any questions, or would like to meet with Elders, we are available after church or you may set up an appointment at your convenience.

There is a flower calendar on the bulletin board in the Ladies' Parlor. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary in honor of or in memory of someone just sign up for any date. Thanking you in advance.

It continues to be an exciting and busy time for the Session as we look forward to the future to see what God has planned for the Bethany Presbyterian Church. We ask that you keep the Elders, the PNC and the Congregation in your daily prayers for God's guidance in the future.

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS OF ELDERS

Susan Seber, CLP – 570-352-4136 – Available in case of emergency

Mark Bartocci – 570-251-4266

Dan Gallik – 570-352-4761

Joan Green – 570-253-3625

Emily Gunuskey – 570-647-9887

Bruce Hutchison – 570-251-2595

Marian Knapp -570-647-9282

Craig Olver – 570-253-4161

Yvonne Plastaras – 267-895-5105

Linda Zimmer – 570-470-0881



Precious New Additions to Our Church Family

Beau Andrew and Carter Craig Brennan

Twin boys to Tara Olver and Bill Brennan, Mayfield, PA

Grandchildren of Craig and Janet Olver

Born June 28, 2023 at Lehigh Valley Hospital near Allentown

Beau was 5 pounds 12.6 ounces and 18.2 inches

Carter was 4 pounds 7.4 ounces and 16.5 inches

They are doing well and we hope they will come home soon.

Thank you everyone for your prayers!!!!



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The following people have agreed to lead our Worship Service for the next quarter.

Please join us in welcoming them each Sunday.

8/06/23- Susan Seber, CLP	9/03/23- Rev. William Samford	10/01/23- Susan Seber, CLP
8/13/23- Rev. William Samford	9/10/23- Susan Seber, CLP	10/08/23- Rev. William Samford
8/20/23- TBA	9/17/23- Rev. William Samford	10/15/23- Elder Mark Zimmer
8/27/23- Elder Bruce Hutchison	9/24/23 – Elder Bruce Hutchison	10/22/23- Elder Mark Zimmer
		10/29/23- Rev. William Samford

We will continue to observe the Sacrament of Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Many thanks to all of the above named people for sharing their faith and leading us each Sunday.

From the Worship Committee

Thank you to Tim for his leadership with beautiful music and Sue Seber, Bruce Hutchison and Rev. Samford for their great spiritual leadership. Hope everyone is having a beautiful summer. May Christ bless all of you.

Free Tick Testing

Have you gotten bitten by a tick? Save the tick and send it to PA Tick Research Lab, 562 Independence Rd, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301. Their website www.ticklab.org, will give you information about their lab and free testing to PA residents. The lab will analyze the tick and tell you the type of tick it was, the sex, how long it was attached to you, and what diseases, if any, it carries. It's a great report to give your doctor.

Christian Care Committee News



Over the last three months we have continued to record the weekly attendance of our congregation. The totals for April through June are as follows:

	Total	Average
April	325	55
May	154	39
June	149	37

We continued our home communion visitation to Marilyn Barbe when she was feeling well enough to do so.

The e-mail prayer chain has continued with each request passed along, recorded, and reported to Session each month. The prayer requests have decreased significantly over the past three months. I don't have a reason for this, but if you or someone you know needs prayer, we are still ready and willing to intercede on anyone's behalf.

Many different categories of cards were sent to several individuals over the last three months, namely, get-well, encouragement, and sympathy.

If you know that a member of our congregation is celebrating a major event, a big accomplishment or some other wonderful blessing, let our committee know and we will be sure to recognize them and the blessing they have received.

Any questions about this committee, contact any member or Sue Seber, chairman.



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Greeters and Ushers August - December 2023

August

- 6 Dan & Lorraine Gallik
- 13 Cindy Henry/Aaron Haviland
- 20 Joan Green
- 27 Dave & Sue Seber

September

- 3 Craig & Janet Oliver
- 10 Frank & Helen Ward
- 17 Kevin & Marian Knapp
- 24 Mark & Linda Zimmer

October

- 1 Joan Green
- 8 Cindy Henry/Marilyn Czapnik
- 15 Forest & Stacy Goodenough
- 22 Dan & Lorraine Gallik
- 29 Aaron Haviland/Kathie Dulay

November

- 5 Marian & Kevin Knapp
- 12 Dave & Sue Seber
- 19 Frank & Helen Ward
- 26 Kevin & Marian Knapp

December

- 3 Pat Rine/Cindy Henry
- 10 Mark & Linda Zimmer
- 17 Joan Green
- 24 Dan & Lorraine Gallik
Kevin & Marian Knapp
- 31 Kathie Dulay/ Aaron Haviland

Church Supports Community Pantry

Non-perishable items continue to be collected for Honesdale's Community Pantry. Items can be placed in the wooden box which is located in the ladies parlor in the back of the church. Donations of non-perishable items are always needed.

Proverbs 19:17- Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed.

GOSPEL CONCERT

Come and join us for a special concert with
THE MILLERS, a nationally known southern gospel group!

Saturday, September 16, 2023.
Bethany Presbyterian Church
431 Wayne St, Bethany, PA
The concert begins at 7:00 P.M

A free will offering will be taken

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 570-698-7525
OR EMAIL HWARDMUSIC@YAHOO.COM

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, Joan Green, and she'll be glad to give you a copy of the notes. A set of them are on bulletin board in the Ladies' Par-

Fifth Sunday Out-to-Eat



If you want to take a day off from cooking, then join our church family and friends when we travel to area restaurants on October 29th and December 31st.

The dates were chosen because these are the dates of the last Sunday in the months that have five Sundays.

We'll relax, laugh, and enjoy great fellowship while tasting good food. No sign-up is necessary; we will take a head count before worship.



Missions on the Move

The Mission Committee is a very active group of church members always looking for ways to promote the Gospel, and our church, in both the local community and worldwide.

In May we were blessed with a presentation from our missionary in Africa, Jamie Lungu. She and her family have been in the United States on leave and will be returning to the Mission Field soon. She and her husband work for Pioneer Bible Translators and we have supported them through the Mission Funds for several years. To better explain the program, as they did that Sunday, below is a statement from the website for Pioneer Bible Translators.

“Pioneer Bible Translators® bridges the gap between the church and the Bibleless peoples around the world. Our team is composed of Bible translators, literacy evangelists, church planters and a variety of support personnel working to see transformed lives through God’s Word in every language. Pioneer Bible Translators is working in 29 countries in 115 languages that impact 188 million people.”



Jamie is a sign language translator and works with the deaf in Africa. It is reported by Pioneer Bible Translators that only 2% of the world’s 70 million deaf people know God. What a mission this is!

Lorraine Gallik presented Jamie with our \$300.00 annual donation at that time.

In May we also began an outreach to the residents of Bethany Village Senior Living. A group from the church (including you if you are interested) go the Bethany Village on the fourth Thursday of each month at 1:30pm to sing familiar old-time hymns, read some scripture and have a short devotion. We usually have between 25 and 30 residents join us and it is amazing to hear their voices lifted in praise to the Lord. It brings as much joy to our hearts as it does to the residents. Sue Seber is our fellowship leader and Helen Ward is our pianist. One of the residents, Frank Boast, brings along his harmonica to join Helen in accompanying the singing. Please join us if you are available.



This activity led us to extend an invitation to the Activities Director, Kim Erikson, to bring some of the residents to church on Sunday morning in the 16 passenger bus they own. So, on a Sunday morning in June, we were joined by 14 residents and Kim at our Worship Service. Due to previous commitments, they were unable to come in July, but are planning on coming again in August. What a joy to have them filling up some pews!

We are always looking for new mission projects. If you have any ideas, please see Betsy Lacey, Sue Seber, Yvonne Plastaras, Linda Zimmer or Joan Green. If you would like to be a member of this committee, please join us at any meeting.

God Bless each and everyone,
Your Mission Committee



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BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- ◆ Adopt-a-highway will be done in the fall.
- ◆ The painting project of the exterior of the church has started. Financially the painting of the church will be paid for partially by money from the Lemnitzer Trust Fund. The remainder will come from selling of some of our stock which will be replaced with money from future Lemnitzer Trust Funds.
- ◆ Thanks to Dan Gallik for doing the upkeep on the lawn mowing.
- ◆ The field behind the barn will be mowed.
- ◆ Thank you to those that do the behind the scenes projects.



If anybody knows of something that needs to be addressed, please feel free to contact a member of the building and grounds committee. Or you can use the suggestion box located in the vestibule.

Members are Kevin Knapp-chair, Linda Zimmer, Mary Evans, Pat Plastaras, Craig Olver.

Submitted by Kevin Knapp-chair

Taking Care of Our Earth

You may ask does the Bible say anything about taking care of the Earth?



Yes, it does! In Genesis 2:15, it says "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."

Following God's word to care for our earth, members of our church participated in Roadside Beautification Program called Adopt-A-Highway.

They picked up trash from the fairgrounds to our church. Praise, God for these dedicated servants!

**Daylight Saving time will end at
2:00 AM on Sunday, November 5
Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour**



A RELAXING EVENING Dorflinger-Suydam Wildflower Concert August 12th at 6:00pm

Join us for a relaxing evening at Dorflinger-Suydam Wildflower Concert on August 12th at 6:00pm in White Mills, PA. The McKrells, a Bluegrass/Folk Band, will be playing that night. The songwriting talent in this band is mind boggling! Your toes will be tapping!

Be sure to bring a chair or blanket to sit on, and whatever food and beverages you wish.

Come early and tour the Dorflinger Glass Museum and Museum Gift Shop that are open until 4pm.

The cost of each ticket is \$26.00. See Terry Lawrence if you are interested in going.



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Strawberry Festival

The Bethany Historical Society, Bethany Methodist Church, Bethany Library, and our church held a successful Strawberry Festival on June 24th. Since rain and thunderstorm were forecasted, it was decided to hold it indoors but that didn't stop people attending this event!



Between the variety of vendors, fiddle music in the sanctuary, and good food, it was a fun afternoon. It was a pleasure to work alongside the Bethany community and meet new friends.

Besides selling 95 cups of Wahoo ice cream and one cookbook, we had a display highlighting our church's history on the Historical Society table, and we had a strawberry craft and free toys available for children at the Bethany Library. The librarian said she's never had that many kids in the library at one time, and it was great! There is talk about definitely having it next year!

Donations Need for Local Food Pantry



The Wayne County Pantry Program is sponsored through County Government. It is operated with a Pantry Board comprised of private citizens and a lead agency-Wayne County Human Services. Board members are also coordinated at each of the pantry sites. The Wayne County Pantry Program has five sites in strategic areas in the county to serve eligible residents. Our church has been actively involved with the food pantry program for years, and now food is specially needed with so many out of work. Please donate non-perishable food items to the pantry by placing items in the box in the Ladies' Parlor in the back of the church.

Place	Times	Location
Damascus Pantry	1-3 PM third Thursday	Damascus Township Building 60 Conklin Road, Damascus
Honesdale Pantry	10- 1 PM second Tues.	Tri County Beverage 214 Willow Ave. Honesdale
Lakeville Pantry	11-2 PM fourth Thursday	Paupack Township Building 25 Daniels Road Lakeville
Lakewood Pantry	12:30 -2:30 third Wed.	Northern Wayne Health Ctr 412 Como R Lake Como
Newfoundland Pantry	11-1:00 second Friday	Dreher Township Building 899 Main St. Newfoundland



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DYBERRY DAY CAMP

Located near the Wayne County Fairgrounds, Dyberry Day Camp (DDC) celebrated its 51st year this year. DDC runs in the month of July and hosts 36 children with intellectual or developmental disabilities from Wayne and Pike Counties. There is no cost to the camper and free transportation is provided. The camp is sponsored by The ARC of Wayne County and is primarily funded through the generous efforts of the students at local school districts during activities like the Bike Hike or the Wallenpaupack Area Color Run.

The camp has grown over the years. In 1972, it started out with about a dozen campers, a tarp for coverage, one out-house, one shed, and a sand pile. Children had to walk or be pushed, if the child was in wheelchair, to a swimming hole in Dyberry Creek. Through community donations of time, talents, and money, the



camp now contains a swing set, a playground, a large permanent pavilion, many port-a-potties, changing rooms, and storage shed. Campers are transported by bus to the Honesdale pool each day.

This year, Ron Lawrence and his brother, Keith, volunteered their time and donated materials and installed a new gate post. Ron also sprayed a storage shed because porcupines had been chewing on it.

Starting about two decades ago, the Bethany Presbyterian Church has been blessed to visit these campers. On July 11th, Terry Lawrence led a sing-along for the campers using hands-on objects and body movements. We were pleased to see four

of our young church members working at the camp as counselors; they were Seth, Kyler, Emily, and Katie Gunuskey.

Dave Seber made a guest appearance as Barney. He gave joy to the children even though he wore a mask in the heat, and he couldn't see to walk! What a guy!

After that, Ice Cream Cottage's sundaes were served by our members. Thanks to those who showed God's love by helping; they were Linda Stiles, Joan Green, Susan Darville, Dave and Sue Seber, and Ron and Terry Lawrence. And thanks to those who donate money to the church so we can do this type of outreach.



We remember Luke 14:12-14 *Then Jesus said to his host, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'*



Update from the Pastor Nominating Committee

As our journey began looking for a pastor, the PNC, Pastor Nominating Committee, received information from a Presbytery representative, Rev. Brague, who has worked with other churches seeking pastors. He stated that local churches have taken an average of 12 to 18 months to find a pastor and that each church reviewed approximately 150 PIF, Pastor Information Forms. We hoped that would not be the case for us, but as we all know, God is in control, and everything will happen on his timeline, not on ours. We remember Psalm 130:5 "I wait for the LORD, my soul does wait, And in His word do I hope."

⇒ **Summary with Lots of Acronyms!!**

MISSION INFORMATION FORM

The PNC, Pastor Nominating Committee, compiled information from the church's Mission Study Report to complete the MIF, Mission Information Form. Our Mission Study Report contains our church's goals and mission statements. (The Mission Study Report can be found on our church's website.) Also, the MIF needed basics about the church, pastor's salary, housing, etc. The PNC had to fill out narrative questions about the church's visions and mission goals. Another segment of the form had 33 characteristics of a pastor (called leadership competencies), and the committee had to choose what they felt were the top ten skills or competencies a pastor should have that would be most beneficial to the Bethany Presbyterian Church. This information was extremely important because it was one way, later in the process, the PNC's top ten characteristics would be matched up with the top ten characteristics of pastors' responses. Then the completed form was sent to the session for review. Slight changes were made.

Next, the form went to the Presbytery to COM, Committee on Ministry, to review. The PNC heard the COM didn't usually approve the information the first time, but praise God, it was approved. Once completed, the Mission Information Form went to the CLC, Church Leadership Connection, in Lewisburg, KY to be placed online where Presbyterian churches USA pastors viewed it. The system then matched the information the PNC gave to the ones the pastor's filled out on his/her PIF, Pastor Information Forms.

Some possible candidates from Lewisburg were received. The PNC checked to see if the pastor's leadership competencies matched with ours. Based on their responses, there were a few pastors the PNC looked at as possible candidates, but after reviewing the PIFs, Pastor Information Forms, they felt those pastors would not be a good fit for our church.

UPDATES AND OUTREACH

- To reach out to more people, our minister's job description was placed on our Facebook Page and church's website.
- The search was widened by sending our Minister's Job Descriptions to Presbyterian, Evangelical Lutheran, and United Church of Christ seminaries.
- Letters will be sent to Presbyterians in other states.



(Continued from page 12) **Update from the Pastor Nominating Committee**

A HICCUP IN THE PROCESS

The PNC recently received a letter stating that the original MIF (Ministry Information Form) that they had laboriously filled out, had been changed to a different form called the MDP (Ministry Discernment Profile). This required the PNC to make adjustments on narrative questions they originally worked so hard on, and the 33 leadership competencies were gone and replaced with trait descriptions which required re-evaluation also. The PNC recently had a zoom meeting with knowledgeable people on how to fill out the new form. The completed form will once again be sent to session for approval and then to Presbytery's COM the first week in August. We will continue to update you on our progress.

The PNC welcomes your input and is always willing to answer any questions and/or hear your concerns. The committee members and their phone numbers are Craig Olver (chair) 570-253-4161, Sally Rutherford 570-253-0685, Yvonne Plastaras 267-895-5105, Kevin Knapp 570-448-2323, Mark Zimmer 570-253-0300, and Terry Lawrence 570-729-0216.

As we go through this period of time seeking a pastor, remember to:

- ⇒ Trust in God's Timing, because God has a time and a season for everything (Ecclesiastes 3:1)
- ⇒ Keep believing that God knows what is best for us and that He will answer our prayers in His own Timing, His own way according to His wisdom.
- ⇒ Keep Praying and thanking God for His goodness, mercy, and grace.
- ⇒ Keep believing in the promises of God for us which are all Yes and Amen in Christ (2 Corinthians 1:20)
- ⇒ Be patient.
- ⇒ Watch for His answers.
- ⇒ Keep fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).
- ⇒ Trust in His unfailing Love
- ⇒ Remember that He has not forgotten about our prayers, about us.
- ⇒ Remember that we are not alone but that God is with us and that He will never leave nor forsake us.
- ⇒ Believe that God will give us the strength we need while we are waiting on His timing. He will renew our strength. (Isaiah 40:31)
- ⇒ Remember that God is faithful. (2 Timothy 2:13)

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(570) 253-6316

On the web at:

www.bethanypresbychurch.org



The Session

Class of 2023

Dan Gallik
Marian Knapp
Joan Green

Class of 2024

Yvonne Plastaras
Linda Zimmer
Bruce Hutchison

Class of 2024

Emily Gunuskey
Mark Bartocci
Craig Oliver

Please inform Sue Seber CLP if you are aware of anyone in the hospital or in need of a visit



Clerk of Session – Joan Green
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 our choir director Tim Bell.



In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Sue Seber CLP
570-253-6881,
570-352-4136 or
email susan55@ptd.net