



Bethany Presbyterian Church Chat



February-March-April 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I am writing this just two days before my last Sunday in Bethany's pulpit which was January 22. First, I would like to thank you for the gracious retirement recognition you gave me January 15. The potluck was tasty, the cake lovely, the compliments and your generous parting gift appreciated greatly.

Brenda and I have truly enjoyed living among you and serving Jesus Christ with you in the ministry of Bethany Presbyterian Church. The scenery here in Northeastern Pennsylvania is breath-taking. We've truly enjoyed living in the mountain. Never before have we lived where deer wandered through our yard.

Yes, there have been some challenges, but I have learned from them. Yes, I am at a different point of the theological spectrum than many in our church, but this has reinforced my understanding that we are one in Jesus Christ. I believe this is of the utmost importance for us to remember in today's often divisive climate in which we live.

In the end, it's all grace.

Although I'm transitioning into retirement, I'm not quitting preaching. Brenda and I shall remember you fondly and hold you in prayer as you search for the person God is calling to serve as your next Pastor.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Pastor David

CHRISTIAN CARE COMMITTEE NEWS



The Christian Care Committee continues to forward email prayer requests whenever we receive them and are more than happy to do so.

Each of us in Bethany Presbyterian Church has received answers to prayer many, many times. I have listed many of the answered prayers we have received during the last year. I list these to glorify God for what He has done and also to encourage everyone to ask for prayer when a need arises.

The answers we have received are: successful surgeries for knee replacements, hip replacements, cardiac by-pass surgery in N.C., rib, ankle and pelvis fractures, disc fractures, recoveries from slips and falls, cataract surgery, pneumonia, blood clots, torn knee tendons, heart attack, Covid infections and one boy who is now declared cancer-free! Others have been touched after suffering discouragement, loneliness and the passing away of loved ones.

As we have experienced, our God is a loving, healing and faithful God. To request a need be sent along the prayer chain contact me, Sue Seber.



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The mission Committee collected about 50 men's, women's and children's coats, jackets, hats, and scarves to give away.

The Return of 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 April 30th and July 20th, 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.

Account Balances as of January 23, 2023	
General Account	\$28220.99
Rental Account	\$1195.34
Capital Account/Living Nativity	\$3511.83
Savings Account	\$78671.58

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)*

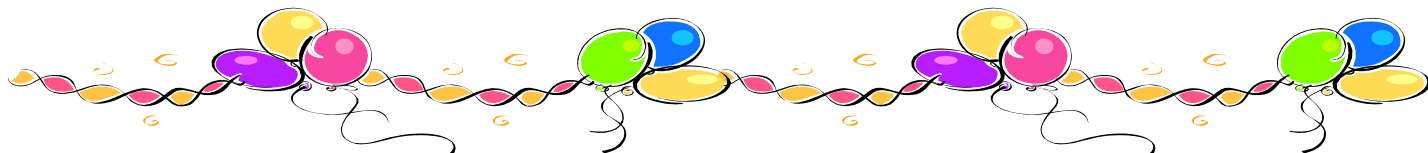
The bank will forward your payments, on your behalf to the church following your requested frequency.

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

Daylight saving time will begin at

2:00 AM on Sunday, March 12





Happy Birthday!!! Happy Anniversary!!!

February Birthdays

- 1-Betsy J. Lacey
- 2-Joni Stark
- 7-Forrest Goodenough
- 8-Brad Bates
- 9-Susan Seber
- 10- Kevin Rine
- 20-Haylee Goodenough
- 21-Leslie Gunuskey, Lorraine Gallik
- 22-Amanda Gunuskey, Kyler Gunuskey



February Anniversaries

- 6-Kevin & Anita Rine

March Birthdays

- 1-Sharon Gunuskey
- 2-Mark Zimmer
- 4-Janet Olver
- 8-Marilyn Barbe
- 9-Patricia Watson
- 14-Bianca Plastaras
- 17-Eileen Dyer
- 18-Walter Schweizer
- 24-Clark Bonear
- 27-Charles Thomes
- 30-Elle Plastaras



March Anniversaries

- 16-Sharon & Glen Gunuskey

April Birthdays

- 3-Pat Rine
- 8-Betsy Lacey
- 9-Susan Thomes
- 10-Glen Gunuskey
- 12-Joan Green
- 13-Mary Evans
- 14-Ruth Ann Swingle
- 16-Yvonne Plastaras
- 19-Beth Hopkins
- 20-Gretchen Erk
- 21-David Czapnik
- 22-Sarah Hiller
- 25-Brooke Hopkins



April Anniversaries

- 11-Forrest & Stacey Goodenough
- 17-Betsy & Frank Lacey



Mission Committee at Bethany Village delivering gift bags



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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!



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES HAVE RESUMED EACH SUNDAY DURING WORSHIP!



With the help of donations from the congregation Thanksgiving baskets were put together by Mission Committee and were given to Children & Youth & area families in need.

CAROLING WAS HELD



Many carolers were blessed to spread good cheer by singing Christmas songs at the homes of Gretchen and Dick Erk, Shirley Olver, and Marge Gregor.

Smiles were seen as the carolers' wonderful voices were heard, and their smiles became wider when they were given homemade bread.

Wayne Woodland's Personal Care Facility were thrilled to have us carol there, too, since residents have not had carolers since covid outbreak. Praise God for the joy that was shared!

Successful Christmas Crafts

On November 5th, soft Christmas carols could be heard in the background along with giggling and laughter as 17 people attended an afternoon of making Christmas crafts at the Wilder House.

As a member of the Fellowship Committee, Susan Darville organized the event where participants made Christmas ornaments and completed origami projects.

A big thank you to all who attended, to Pat Watson who brought the most visitors, and to Susan Darville for a wonderful afternoon of fun. We are looking forward to more crafts next year!

CPR Course



To the church family. Dan Gallik would like to see if there is any interest in scheduling a CPR certification course with Wayne Memorial Hospital education department. The cost of the course is \$25/ person. The location will either be

at the Wilder House or at the hospital, that is up to the instructor.

If anybody would like to do this course, please either email Dan Gallik at dlgallik@gmail.com or call 570-352-4761. Let him know by the end of February, so he is able to get a date for the class.



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Session Notes

The last time there was a newsletter, we were preparing for the Advent and Christmas season. Here we are now looking forward to Lent and Easter and many changes at Bethany Presbyterian Church. We hope you will all be with us during the journey and the next chapter in the very long life of this church.

There are many pictures in this newsletter which will give you an idea of what has been going on and most are self-explanatory. Enjoy them – we were busy!

As I'm sure you all know, Rev. Choate preached his last sermon on January 22nd and is heading off into retirement. He and Brenda are returning to Ohio to settle into their own home. We wish them all the best as they enter a new chapter of life. Rev. Choate was officially retired at the Presbytery meeting on January 21st, along with Rev. Blackie.



So now what happens – no Transitional Pastor and no Installed Pastor? Well, we are incredibly blessed with members who have the faith and ability to lead us in worship every Sunday. Along with them, there are pastors in the area that will aid us in ministry. Susan Seber, CLP, will lead us in worship on the first Sunday of every month, as she is able to serve communion. Elder Mark Zimmer will also be leading worship during the months ahead. You will find a listing of the worship leaders for each Sunday in February, March and April in this edition of Church Chat. Rev. Samford has been appointed by Presbytery to serve as our Moderator for meetings. He has also volunteered to help us in any way he can.

The Elders will continue do their best to meet the needs of the congregation during this time. There will be Office Hours every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00AM until Noon. Two Elders will be available to listen to your concerns (and joys), answer questions, pray with you and help you in any way. Please stop in the Wilder House and chat with us. Let us know what's going on and how we can help.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation was held on Sunday, January 22nd. The booklets were given to people in attendance and include a year-end report for each committee, the annual statistics and the 2023 Budget. There are copies available in the church. If you would like one sent to you, please contact Marian Knapp, Church Secretary.

It is 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 FOR 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



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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.

2/5/23 – Susan Seber, CLP	3/5/23 – Susan Seber, CLP	4/2/23 – Susan Seber, CLP – Palm Sunday
2/12/23 – Rev. Joanne Weiss	3/12/23 – Elder Mark Zimmer	4/9/23 – Susan Seber, CLP – Easter Sunday
2/19/23 – Susan Seber, CLP	3/19/23 – Susan Seber, CLP	4/16/23 – Elder Mark Zimmer
2/26/23 – Elder Mark Zimmer	3/26/23 – Rev. Wm. Samford	4/23/23 – Rev. Wm. Samford
		4/30/23 – Susan Seber, CLP

We will continue to observe the Sacrament of Communion on the first Sunday of each month with Susan Seber leading the Worship Service. Sue will also lead the **Mauddy Thursday Communion Service** on 4/6/23 at 7:00PM and **Easter Sunrise Service** on 4/9/23 at 6:30AM. Many thanks to all of the above named people for sharing their faith and leading us each Sunday.

St. Patrick's Day Word Search

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 F E R R N P F E O T S O N M J
 N P G O C Z Q L X I V A N Y L
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CELTIC	LEPRECHAUN
CHARM	LUCKY
GOLD	PATRICK
GREEN	POT
IRELAND	RAINBOW
IRISH	SHAMROCK
JIG	SNAKES
LEGEND	



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Easter Services at BPC



Mauddy Thursday
April 6 at 7PM

Palm Sunday
April 2 at 10AM

Easter Sunrise
April 9 at 6:30AM-Coffee & donuts following service at David Wilder House

Easter Sunday
April 9 10AM

Spring

Wondrously February withdraws to warm March with a golden glow from Spring's shining sun sent down to lead the way for April's soothing showers soon to bring fragrant flowers and dance on May's blossoming bounty.



~ by Barbara R Johnson ~



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Greeters and Ushers February to December 2023

February

5th Joan Green & Sue Thomes
12th Dave & Sue Seber
19th Cindy Henry/ Aaron Haviland
26th Mark & Linda Zimmer

March

5th Pat Rine & Marilyn Czapnik
12th Dave & Sue Seber
19th Frank & Helen Ward
26th Dan & Lorraine Gallik

May

7th Joan Green/Sue Thomes
14th Kathleen Noonan/Gary Heller
21st Pat Rine/Cindy Henry
28th Frank & Helen Ward

July

2nd Frank & Helen Ward
9th Pat Rine & Cindy Henry
16th Kevin & Marian Knapp
23rd Kathie Dulay & Marilyn Czapnik
30th Kathleen Noonan & Gary Heller

September

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

November

5th Craig & Janet Oliver
12th Dave & Sue Seber
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April

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16th Cindy Henry/Marilyn Czapnik
23rd Dan & Lorraine Gallik
30th Kathie Dulay/Aaron Haviland

June

4th Kevin & Marian Knapp
11th Dave & Sue Seber
18th Dan & Lorraine Gallik
25th Mark & Linda Zimmer

August

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

October

1st Joan Green/Sue Thomes
8th Cindy Henry/Marilyn Czapnik
15th Forest & Stacy Goodenough
22nd Dan & Lorraine Gallik
29th Aaron Haviland/Kathie Dulay

December

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

Commissioners Report

Camp Lackawanna is accepting campership reservations for children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors, for June 23rd - July 14th. For additional information please contact Wendy at camplackawanna.registrar@gmail.com or 570-550-2391.

They are also holding a Prep Day at the camp on June 17th. There will be all kinds of different projects to be accomplished.

The State Park System has purchased the Howland Preserve, which borders Camp Lackawanna. The State is going to temporarily lease two buildings for staff and equipment for their park.

The Presbytery also approved the retirement of Rev. Bill Blackie and Rev. David Choate.

The combined Presbytery of Lackawanna and Lehigh will be having 3 joint meetings 1 in April, 1 in September, and 1 in November of 2023.

Submitted by:
Commissioner Dan Gallik



Third Sunday Brunch

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

Come join us to see what wonderful cooks and bakers we have in church.





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Mission and Service Committee

Our committee has been blessed to have new members join. They've given us ideas for opportunities to actively help others. After researching and discussing some options, we decided to focus on local missions because of the need in our area. We eliminated some of the organizations we were supporting last year and added some new ones.

We decided to have a winter coat giveaway. Although we collected a large amount of coats, scarves and gloves from our generous congregation, the response was less than expected, so we gave the coats to an organization that provides clothing for victims of abuse or disaster. We organized a food drive by requesting the congregation to give Thanksgiving food items so were able to provide hearty meals for six families.

We requested donations for various Christmas gifts from our congregation for Bethany Village residents and collected a large amount of gifts. We made candy sleighs and contributed boxes of soft tissues for each resident also. We have offered gift cards to those in need. This is a standing offer to anyone who knows of a person or family who is struggling financially.

The following monetary donations were made:

Bethany 4H Club.....	\$100
Catholic Social Services.....	350
Children & Youth Services.....	300
Children's Christmas Bureau....	300
Daily Bread Devotionals.....	75
Dyberry Day Camp.....	280
Educational materials.....	100
Gift card for lady in need.....	100
Honesdale Emergency Pantry.	215
Pioneer Bible Signing Prog.....	300
Salvation Army.....	100
Samaritan's Purse for Ukraine	500
Victims' Intervention Prog.....	100
Hose Company #1.....	100
Alert Hook & Ladder Co.....	200
Protection Engine#3.....	100
Seelyville Fire Company.....	100
Texas #4 Fire Company.....	100
White Mills Fire Dept.....	100
Christmas Eve Offerings:	
Bethany Library.....	258
Dessin Animal Shelter.....	258
Total:	\$4036

There are several projects in the works for February, March and April.

We are considering collecting used medical equipment such as walkers to give to anyone in need in the community.

We're planning to help fill bags with personal items to be distributed to the homeless.

Camp Lackawanna, our Presbytery camp, has asked for volunteers to help clean a cabin before summer. We're hoping to send a child or two to the camp for a week.

We plan to give small gifts to Bethany Village residents for Easter.

Plans for 2023:

We have many thoughts and plans for this year. One is for us to address the problem of the homeless in this area. We've been giving generously to the Honesdale Pantry and will continue to do so. We're always open to ideas for volunteering our help to those less fortunate.

We plan to designate a Mission Sunday either quarterly or on a certain Sunday, when we'll ask the congregation if they have suggestions and offerings for a mission or service.

We also plan to give gifts for Christmas for Samaritan's Purse and will include St. Jude's Hospital in our donations. May God continue to bless our Church and our efforts to follow Him and His Great Commission.



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BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- ◆ The painting of the exterior of the church and new window shutters will be done this spring/summer.
 - ◆ Linda Z. is filling out applications for a low interest loan for painting the church and for the window shutters.
 - ◆ A application for the community work program is being filled out and submitted to get prisoners to do work at our church grounds.
 - ◆ Adopt-a-highway will be April 22 tentatively. We will meet in the church parking lot at 9am.
 - ◆ The church emergency lighting was completed in Dec. 2022.
 - ◆ Linda Z. also submitted an application for our church to be a Historical site.
- If anybody knows of something that needs to be addressed, please feel free to contact the building grounds chair– Kevin Knapp or any member of the building and grounds committee. Or you can use the Suggestion box located in the vestibule.
- Submitted by Kevin Knapp-chair



Our church bell choir. What a wonderful group of bell ringers we have. If anyone would like to join the bell choir contact Sally Rutherford.

TECH NOTES

The world around us is constantly changing and technology is one area that seems to be going at break-neck speed! There’s no need to miss the church worship service if you’re ill or vacationing in a distant land. You can tune in on any device in your home, on your phone or ipad and “live stream” a church service from anywhere in the world at any time.

Bethany Presbyterian Church WANTS to be one of those churches that can be found when someone tunes in from near or far!

Dave Czapnik has done the groundwork to have a new camera/video system installed with that capability, and has received a quote.

However, the \$6000.00 cost of the project is not presently in our budget. The session has approved \$2000.00 and we have already received a very generous donation of \$1000.00, earmarked for this project. We are halfway there!

If you feel this is something to which you would like to make a contribution, please send your donation to Pat Rine, 24 Miller Drive, Honesdale, PA or place in offering plates and put “video system” on the memo line. Thank you in advance for helping the Church to promote the word of God through this new avenue.

New APP for the church

We have a new APP for the church and all you have to do is go to the app store and download, type in Bethany Presbyterian church at app store. Give it a try and let David Czapnik know what you think.



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.



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2023 RALPH A. TAYLOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Application Deadline Change



Beginning this year, the deadline to submit an application for consideration of a Ralph A. Taylor Memorial Scholarship is being changed from June 30 to **April 15**. This change will allow inclusion of the award of the scholarship in the high school graduate's commencement program and recognition at his/her graduation.

Copies of the applications for First Time Applicants and for Returning Applicants along with the Guidelines/Qualifications will be available in the Ladies Parlor beginning February 5th. These documents may also be found on the Church's website.

Be sure to submit the application to the Scholarship Finance Committee, Bethany Presbyterian Church, 431 Wayne Street, Bethany, PA 18431, for receipt by April 15, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Finance Committee (Janet Olver, Lorraine Gallik, Pat Rine, Elle Plastaras, or Mark Bartocci). Good luck to all applicants.

Did You Know We Have A Website & Facebook Page?



We invite everyone to visit our new website www.bethanypresbychurch.com to listen to a sermon each Sunday.

The sermons can be seen our Facebook page and on all smartphones. UPCOMING EVENTS from the church bulletin are being posted and in the future there may be a photo gallery and video to keep everyone informed of church activities.

Our Daily Bread can be viewed on line and on smart phones along with allot of other great information so check it out and see.

If anyone has any interesting information that we could put on our Facebook site please reach out to Dave Czapanik by email davidczapanik@yahoo.com or call 570-698-5006 and he will put it on.

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.*

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.



Commissioner Report: Changes In the Lackawanna Presbytery

Dan Gallik wanted to inform the Congregation of the changes that have been made in the Lackawanna Presbytery.

First, we have combined our administrative staff with the Lehigh Presbytery.

Second, our new Transitional Presbytery Leader is Rev. Rhonda Kruse, her contact info is polackawanna.office@gmail.com.

Third, our new Shared Administrator for both Presbyteries is Hannah Johnson, her contact info is office@lehighpresbytery.org or phone at 570-348-0643. Hannah is taking over for Bruce Jordan who has taken on a church of his own. The new structure is to combine the administrators of both Presbyteries to become more efficient.

The new office address is Lackawanna (or Lehigh) Presbytery, PO Box 12734 Philadelphia, Pa 19134-9998.

If you have any question please contact, Dan Gallik at 570-352-4761.



55 Christmas Gift bags were put together and delivered to the residents of Bethany Village by the mission committee with the help of donations from our church family. How wonderful to have touched so many lives.

January's PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) Update

Happy New Year! The committee is excited to report great things have already happened since the members were elected only a few months ago. The PNC has worked hard on the MIF (Ministry Information Form) and it is complete. This form contains detailed information on what types of things, we as a congregation, are seeking in a new Pastor. You will remember that we began the work of hearing where God is leading us in the Mission Study Report completed early last year. This document, your comments, and the congregational meeting gave us great guidance in how to draft the Ministry Information Form.

The MIF was presented to Session and they provided their guidance. They set the maximum salary we will offer our new pastor and made some additional suggestions. The PNC then made those changes, Session again reviewed it and approved the MIF on January 7, 2023. Thank you, Session, for your input. Then it was on to the Presbytery's Committee On Ministry. On January 12, 2023 the COM accepted the MIF and gave us the green light to go ahead. We now begin the process of entering the MIF into the National PCUSA database where Pastors all over the country can review it and apply. In case a Pastor misses us, the computer also picks its matches. Now comes the real work of reviewing and evaluating the candidates. We will keep you posted as things move along.

We would like to take a minute to thank everyone for the many prayers. They have been felt. We believe with your prayers, God's word, and carefully listening for God's voice we will be able to find the right Pastor to shepherd Bethany.



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CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Committee Members

Chair: Terry Lawrence

Ron Lawrence, Betsy Lacey, Susan Darville,
Susan Thomes, Mary Evans, Yvonne Plastaras

And Bruce Hutchison

We are in the process of creating a congregational activities calendar for this brand New Year of 2023. Beginning with the month of **Month of Love, February**, congregants are invited to sign Valentine cards which will be mailed out to our shut-ins. Cards will be available to write your message and sign on Sunday, February 5th. The following Sunday, February 12th, a special treat will be distributed at the end of the service.

Our goal is to have planned at least on activity per month. Our activities will be scheduled for Saturday's. This may change in the summer. Tentative **March** gathering will occur Saturday March 4th at 1:30 to around 3:30 pm.

Soup Supper / Fellowship Fundraiser / and Games

April, date TBD, we were thinking of Movie-Time (maybe "The Chosen" ??) and snacks. The day will be a Saturday afternoon in April around 1:30, to get everyone home by dark. Some other ideas include: Woodloch dinner and show, Progressive Dinner, The ever-popular Ice Cream Social, AAA Yankees Baseball, board games or cards, Concerts at Bethel Woods, and charades.

We are very excited about these fun Christian Fellowship Events! We hope you look forward to participate as much as you are able! Please talk to any of the above listed committee members if you have any other suggestions.



Elders were installed or ordained to serve on session. From right to left Dan Gallik, Emily Gunnskey, Mark Bartocci, & Craig Olver.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Gretchen Erk, Dick Erk, Marilyn Barbe,
Ruth Ann Swingle, Lisa Rittenhouse &
Sharon Gunuskey

Peanut Butter Bars

If you like peanut butter, this is for you!!!
So Good!!!

Base:

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1/3 c. butter flavor Crisco | 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder |
| 1/2 c. creamy peanut butter | 1/2 tsp. salt |
| 1 1/2 c. packed brown sugar | 1/4 c. milk |
| 2 eggs | 1 tsp. vanilla |
| 1 1/2 c. flour | |

Heat oven to 350. Grease 15x10x1 inch baking pan. For base, cream together Crisco & peanut butter, blend in brown sugar & eggs. Mix rest of ingredients at low speed until blended. Spread batter in pan. Bake for 18-20 min. Cool

Frosting: Cream 1/4 c butter flavor Crisco, 2/3 c. creamy peanut butter, 4 c. powdered sugar, 1/2 c. milk, beat until fluffy. Spread on cooled cookie base.

For Drizzle: Melt chocolate. From end of spoon drizzle back and forth over frosting. Cut in 2 inch squares. Refrigerate 15-20 min. until chocolate is firm (3 dozen)

This recipe and others can be found in our Church Cookbook



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Pastor David Retires

The congregation thanked Rev. David Choate for his service of ministry with a gift, a potluck meal and delicious cake. We wish him and Brenda all the best in their future endeavors.



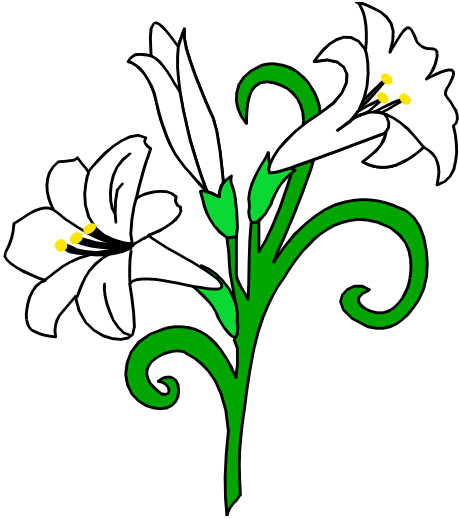
BATS AROUND THE HOME

Bats are extremely important. Yet due to years of unwarranted human fear and persecution, bats are in alarming decline. Bats are the only mammals that fly. Their wings are thin membranes of skin stretched from fore to hind legs, and from hind legs to tail. The name of their order, Chiroptera, means “hand-winged.” Their long, slender finger bones act as wing struts, stretching the skin taut for flying: closed, they fold the wings alongside the body. They maneuver with pinpoint precision through the nighttime sky and home-in on flying insects with deadly accuracy. Bats will not interfere with feeding backyard birds, and pets or children will not disrupt them. As the primary predators of night-flying insects, bats play a vital role in maintaining the balance of nature. And, as consumers of vast numbers of pests, they rank among humanity’s most valuable allies. A single little brown bat can catch hundreds of mosquito-sized insects an hour, and a typical colony of big brown bats can protect local farmers from the costly attacks of 18 million root-worms each summer.

- ◆ You have a higher chance of winning your state lottery than being bitten by a bat with rabies.
- ◆ Bats are very advantageous in this way, one bat can eat roughly 600-1,000 mosquitoes and other insect pests each HOUR in our backyard.
- ◆ Past research indicates that the actual incidence of rabies in bat populations is less than 0.5% in most areas.
- ◆ Bats are not blind.
- ◆ Are actually very clean animals.
- ◆ They do not get caught in peoples’ hair or chew through the attic of your house.

EASTER LILIES

Easter Lilies will be placed in front of the church on
Easter Sunday, April 9th



If you would like to purchase one in memory or in honor of a loved one, please complete the section below and return it with payment to:

Joan Green

**599 Bethany Turnpike
Honesdale, PA 18431
or give to her at church
Questions-570 253-3625**

EACH IS AVAILABLE FOR A DONATION OF \$11.25

(Please make check payable to Bethany Presbyterian Church)

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The Session

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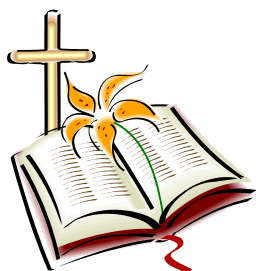
Class of 2024

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



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

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.



Church sermons are available on our website

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Audio version will be made available every Sunday.