



Bethany Presbyterian Church Chat

September–October 2026



Happy Birthday!!! Happy Anniversary!!!

September 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

November Birthdays

7-Rick Dulay

11-Sally Rutherford, MaryAnn Swingle

24-Frank Lacey

25-Marchel Paule-Green

28-Linda Malakin



December Birthdays

5-Craig Olver, Lisa Hutchison

9 Ryder Brennan

11-Kevin Swingle

16-Seth Gunuskey

25-David Seber



December Anniversaries

17-Rev. Dr. Katie Kelly & Rev. Dr. Jimmy Hopper

October Birthdays

6-Justin Green

8-Frank Ward

12-Linda Zimmer

14-Rev. Dr. Katie Kelly Hopper

16-Kevin Rine, Karen Bates

19-Bruce Hutchison

22-Kevin Gunuskey

28-Todd Watson



October Anniversaries

11-Linda & Tee Malakin

21-Kathie & Rick Dulay

22-Richard & Gretchen Erk



PRAYER CONCERNS

Rick & Kathie Dulay, Glen Gunuskey, Alison Dame, Anne, Deanna Sandlin, Steve & Mary Lou Popson, John G., Sean, Gretchen & Dick Erk, Helen Ward, Pastor Katie.



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Christian Care Committee News



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

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Average</u>
June	119	29
July	110	28

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 the good news can be reported 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



After skipping our July meeting, the Session met in August. This was our final meeting with Pastor Katie. We received committee reports, reviewed our budget, and held a spirited discussion of the direction the church is headed following Pastor Katie's retirement.

We will be guided through the future months by Presbytery, specifically Rev. Jan Nolting Carter. Please feel free to speak to any Session member about concerns or questions you may have.

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 date is November. Hope to see everyone there.

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



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.

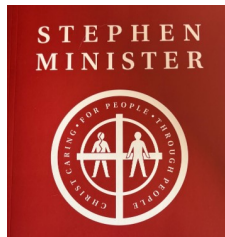
Did you know that you can get a copy of the session meetings minutes?

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.



Stephen Ministers



Stephen Ministers will be available for pastoral care. 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 and Judy Funk.

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.

LIST OF STEPHEN MINISTERS' MONTHLY ON-CALL LIST

Each week one of our Stephen Ministers will be available to help with needs that our congregation may have.

Joan Green August 23 – August 29 570-253-3625 570-470-5231

Linda Zimmer August 30 – September 5 570-470-0881

Craig Olver September 6 – September 12 570-253-4161

Sally Rutherford September 13 – September 19 570-253-0685

Dave Seber September 20 – September 26 570-253-6881

Sue Seber September 27 – October 3 570-253-6881 570-352-4136

Annie Dame October 4 – October 10 610-655-5376

Judy Funk October 11 – October 17 503-758-3191



Historic Sign Found on the Church Grounds

This sign was found behind some bushes in front of the David Wilder house. Craig Olver did some research and found it very interesting. This is what he found.

Based on the photo, this appears to be an original Wayne County Bicentennial Committee directional sign from 1976, created for the United States Bicentennial celebration.

Here's what the sign tells us:

"Wayne Bicentennial Committee" indicates it was produced by the committee that organized Wayne County, Pennsylvania's participation in the nation's Bicentennial. The USA '76 logo at the top is the official emblem of the American Revolution Bicentennial (1776–1976). This logo was used across the country on official signs, souvenirs, and government publications. "Wilder House 1809" identifies the destination the sign.

What is the Wilder House?

The Wilder House, built in 1809, is one of the oldest surviving homes in Wayne County. It is located in Wayne County, Pennsylvania, and was recognized during the Bicentennial because it represented the area's early settlement history. During 1976, communities across the country highlighted historic homes, churches, cemeteries, mills, and landmarks to celebrate both local history and the nation's 200th birthday. Signs like ours were placed along roads to direct visitors on self-guided historic tours.

Is it rare?

Yes. These signs were generally made of painted plywood or Masonite, installed outdoors for the Bicentennial year, and discarded afterward. Because they were exposed to the weather and considered temporary, relatively few survive today. An original Wayne County Bicentennial sign is a neat piece of local history.

Potential value

While it's a niche collectible, similar Bicentennial directional or commemorative signs often sell in the \$50–\$200 range, with exceptional or highly decorative examples bringing more. The local Wayne County connection could make it especially desirable to regional collectors or historical societies. If this was found in Wayne County, it's quite possible it was actually used during the 1976.

We would like to have somebody make a replica of this sign and put it out in front of the Wilder house. Keep the original and put it inside the Wilder house. Please see Craig Olver if you have an interest.





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Greeter/Usher List 2026

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

October

October 4, 2026 - Joan Green and Betsy Lacey
October 11, 2026 - Joan Green & Cindy Henry
October 18, 2026 - Craig and Janet Olver
October 25, 2026 - Morgan Delemarre, Linda Malakin and Sally Rutherford

November

November 1, 2026 - Dave and Sue Seber
November 8, 2026 - Kevin and Marian Knapp
November 15, 2026 - Cindy Henry and Pat Rine
November 22, 2026 - Mark and Linda Zimmer
November 29, 2026 - Annie Dame and Lorraine Gallik

December

December 6, 2026 - Joan Green and Betsy Lacey
December 13, 2026 - Joan Green & Cindy Henry
December 20, 2026 - Sunday before Christmas - Craig and Janet Olver
December 24, 2026 - Christmas Eve - Annie Dame and Lorraine Gallik
December 27, 2026 - Morgan Delemarre, Linda Malakin and Sally Rutherford



Coffee/ Refreshment Hour

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



MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

On July 2nd we visited with our friends at Bethany Village and provided them with an ice cream party. We purchased individual servings of vanilla ice cream from the Ice Cream Cottage for the residents to enjoy. They were each offered different toppings to add such as chocolate sauce, caramel sauce, whipped cream, a cherry, and/or red, white and blue sprinkles. They were each given holiday necklaces to wear to add to the festive party celebrating Independence Day. Everyone enjoyed the treat along with a bit of singing which included one or two Christmas tunes to help us get our minds off the excessive heat.

The Operation Christmas Child boxes will be available in the ladies' parlor for anyone who would like to fill one, two or many of them. It's always a fun activity to purchase items that children would enjoy for Christmas. This is heart-warming way to be the hands of Jesus for those who really need to be shown the love of God.

We look forward to continue to serve others and be a blessing to whoever God leads our way.

Looking to join our fun committee? Contact any member or show up at one of our monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:30.





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As our students head back to school, the church presented scholarships to our youth. Recipients were Elle Plastaras, Emily Gunuskey, Seth Gunuskey, and Katelyn Gunuskey.

Congratulations to all recipients, and many thanks to the Stewardship and Finance Committee for reviewing the applications.

On August 16, Pastor Katie returned to the pulpit following her successful back surgery. We were delighted to see her back in church. Katie was assisted by Pastor Jimmy for parts of the service, and she resumed her sermon series on The Full Armor of God. There will be one more sermon on the Full Armor of God, and she will conclude with a sermon on "The Grass Withers and the Flower Fades." Pastor Katie's last day will be August 30, and we wish her well in her retirement. Her retirement plans include a family trip to Jamaica in the fall of 2027.



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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.’”**

Choir practice is held Sunday
mornings 9:00–9:40am
New singers are always wel-
comed and encouraged to
join! Come make a joyful
noise with us!

If you have any questions see Dr. Mona
Kreitner.



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

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