



BETHANY
CHURCH OF BERWICK
A Global Methodist Congregation

116 Summerhill Avenue
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BETHANY BEACON

Mission Statement: We are a Beacon for God—
Helping people to see, to accept and to grow in the light of Jesus Christ

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**THE LORD IS LONGSUFFERING
AND ABUNDANT IN MERCY,
FORGIVING INIQUITY
AND TRANSGRESSION.**

NUMBERS 14:18, NKJV

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Capital Campaign Total Swells to \$116,916.78

Thanks to God’s grace and your generosity, the New Beginnings Capital Campaign reached 78% of goal as of Sept. 22. The \$116,916.78 total includes \$813.44 from the VERY Noisy Offering collected by our children on Sept. 15.

This brings us much closer to covering estimated expenses for roof repairs. Help us keep up the pace to close the campaign and complete those last two projects—roof and outdoor LED sign—in early 2025.

Remember that you can support the campaign in three ways:

Capital campaign envelopes, available in church pews or at the information desk.

Your bank’s online bill pay feature, made out to Bethany Church of Berwick and designating “Capital Campaign” in the memo line.

A mailed check with “Capital Campaign” in the memo line.

We’ve made amazing progress in just six months. We greatly appreciate your prayers and your commitment to making Bethany Church a welcoming space for ministry!

Capital Campaign Committee:

Kathy Brown

Lamont Brown

Kelly Noroski

Russ Shields

Don Shiner

Kim Spence

Kim Volkel



Short Term Prayer Concerns

Marilyn Hess, Larry Zimmerman, Holly, Chuck, Ruger W, Elijah Jurbala, Robert Hoffman, Danny, Caroline Moyer, Rena Williams, Kathy Kerfoot, Bob Klingerman, Harvey Eckart, Deb Springman, Libby Kishbaugh, David Ezzyk

Please note: If you would like someone to be moved to the long-term list, please contact the church office.

Long-Term Prayer Concerns

Wendy McClintock, Donna Stubbs, Sam Miller, Shirley Hornberger, Kim Varner, Marlene Eckrote, Jim & Carol Zeart, Warren Wolfe, Edna Mae Belles, Kent Williams, Rosemary Martz, Joe Phillips, Sr., Betty Morgan, Karen Hunsinger, Bill Mausteller, Billy Robbins, Samantha Scoblink, Nick Pritchky, Renee Ptashinski, Mike Mattern, Esther Bower, John Ptashinski, Joan Harmon, Carmella Picarello, Dick and Bethann Savage, Edna McClintock, Judy Harvey, Gloria Varner, Frances Houseknecht, Pam Price, Tod Locher, Gary Fisher, Jackie Fisher, Pastor Ed Cope, Tammy Smith, Wendy Shultz, Julie Hartenbach, Norman and Dorothea Peter, Ruby Sherman, Gerda Leek, Bernie Snedeker, Peggy Miller





- 10/01 Shawn Cleaver, Jennifer Kishbaugh,
Logan Noroski
- 10/03 Wendy Locher, Rosemary Martz
- 10/05 Gary Bowman, Sally Evans
- 10/07 Cole Bower
- 10/10 Kimberly Freed
- 10/11 Bonnie Kulp
- 10/12 Gretchen St. Clair
- 10/13 Gianna Leiby
- 10/14 Daniel Spence
- 10/16 Aubree Bowman
- 10/17 Tara Sidwar
- 10/18 Myron Long
- 10/20 Kathleen Koons, Willa Ptashinski
- 10/24 Crystal Davis
- 10/27 Katelyn Styer
- 10/30 Betty Grasley
- 10/31 Pauline Arbegast, Debra Kile

Pastors appreciate your prayers

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, an observance that some clergy don't publicize. It's an ideal time to thank pastors for their dedication to God's people and the ministry. A written note, a card or even a free meal is a nice gesture of appreciation. But if you were to ask pastors what they'd like or what they need, most would probably reply, "Pray for me."

That's what the apostle Paul requested throughout his letters. To the church at Rome, he urged, "Join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company" (Romans 15:30-32, NRSV).

As you appreciate and encourage your pastor, remember him in your prayers. Then let him know you're doing so!

Bethany Church of Berwick Peacemakers Prayer Support Ministry

Matthew 5:9

**Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.**

General Prayer for Departments:

- Borough of Berwick Police Department**
- Briar Creek Township Police Department**
- Salem Township Police Department**
- Nescopeck Borough Police Department**
- Columbia County Sheriff's Office**
- South Centre Township Police Department**
- PA State Police Shickshinny Station**

Specific Daily Prayer for Officers: October 2024

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| 1. Sarah Klingaman |
| 2. Deputy Scott Mayernick |
| 3. Officer Shawn Timbrell |
| 4. Deputy Kristie Rospendowski |
| 5. Kristen Cunnington, Patrolman |
| 6. Deputy Michael Tkach |
| 7. Officer Kyle Trenholm |
| 8. Deputy James Dalton |
| 9. Officer Michael Salebba |
| 10. Officer Joseph Gainley |
| 11. Deputy Kevin Bradley |
| 12. Officer Michael Klinetob |
| 13. Vincent Figureido, Patrolman |
| 14. Officer Raymond Thonkinson, III |
| 15. Detective Gregory Martin |
| 16. Sgt. Thomas Hegland |
| 17. Officer Joshua Switzer |
| 18. Chief Deputy Michael Beyer |
| 19. Officer Daron Lupacchini |
| 20. Officer Joshua Lowery |
| 21. Tyler Soboleski, Patrolman |
| 22. Officer Brandon Shultz |
| 23. Deputy James Arter |
| 24. Officer Steven Torres |
| 25. Officer Scott Sienkiewicz |
| 26. William Lefevre, Patrolman |
| 27. Officer Victor Guevara |
| 28. Detective Reagan Rafferty |
| 29. Deputy Brandon Batiuk |
| 30. Deputy Kevin Katch |
| 31. Officer Phil Mainiero |

Missions & Evangelism

Extra Mile Giving for October will go to the Unseths

Our Extra Mile Giving will be in support of Pete and Carol Unseth, who serve at the Dallas International University, where future missionaries are learning the languages they will need to spread God's Word, and the Bible is translated into many languages. Please give generously to help Pete and Carol as they enable the sharing of the Gospel to those who have never heard it in their own language. Envelopes are available at the Information Desk.

Pieces of Prayer

Pieces of Prayer will meet Thursday, October 10, at 9:00 a.m. in the Stained Glass Room. Details of the craft show (October 19, 9:00 -2:00) will be finalized. All are welcome!

Attention Bakers and Candy Makers!

There will be a Bake Sale featured at our Craft Show on October 19, 2024. Bake up your Best as you support your church. All proceeds go directly to Bethany's Capital Campaign. Baked items may be dropped off Friday evening between 5:00 and 7:00 pm (October 18th) or may be brought to the church by 9:00 am (Oct. 19th). Thank you in advance for making this day a success for Bethany!

Craft Show on October 19, 2024

Members and friends of Bethany have been busy preparing for our Craft Show. Doors open from 9:00-2:00 on October 19, 2024. You will be able to purchase coffee, tea and cake to start your morning. There will be a Bake Sale and luncheon foods will be available as well. We look forward to seeing you and providing many handcrafted items to help you 'kick start' your Christmas shopping. All items for sale are hand crafted by local artisans which include painters, woodworkers, photographers and needle artists. Come to see some surprises as well as you support your church!

All proceeds from this Craft Show will go directly to Bethany Church of Berwick's Capital Campaign.

Operation Christmas Child is right around the corner.

Spread the love of Jesus by packing a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child. Contact Connie if you would like to learn more or need help packing a box. Preprinted boxes and information on Operation Christmas Child are available by the Information Desk in the main entrance hallway. Packed boxes and the \$10.00 cost of shipping are due in the office by November 17. Thank you!

****Mark Your Calendar:**

A Special Sunday at Bethany Church on November 3rd!**

Join us for a truly special service on ****Sunday, November 3rd**** at Bethany Church! This day will be special for three important reasons:

1. ****All Saints Sunday**** – We will honor and remember our "saints," church members who have passed away in the last year.
2. ****Fall Baptisms**** – Celebrate with those receiving the sacrament of Christian baptism.
3. ****Welcoming New Members**** – For the first time since becoming a Global Methodist Church, we'll officially welcome new members into our congregation.

If you're interested in becoming a member of Bethany Church, please schedule a meeting with the pastor by no later than **Sunday, October 27th**. To arrange your meeting, contact Connie at the church office.

Don't miss this meaningful and joyful Sunday as we come together to worship, remember, and celebrate!

the gift of GRACE

Make this craft as a helpful reminder of Jesus' free gift of grace.

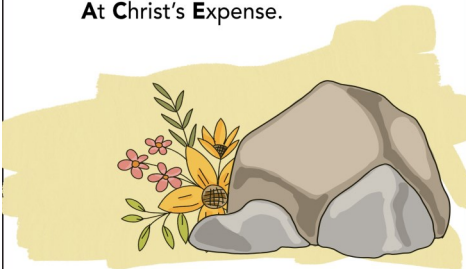


What you need:

- Small cardboard box
- Small stones
- Tape
- Wrapping paper and bow
- Permanent marker

What you do:

1. Fill the box with small stones to weigh it down. Tape the box securely closed.
2. Wrap the box and add a bow on top.
3. With marker, write a capital letter on each side of the box and the bottom to spell GRACE.
4. Use this as a decoration or paperweight, or give as a gift.
5. Explain GRACE to someone.
For help, use Ephesians 2:8-9 and the acrostic **God's Riches At Christ's Expense**.



PUZZLE

SAVED BY GRACE

Leaders of the early church discussed whether newly converted Gentiles must keep the Law of Moses. How did Peter answer?

Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks below to complete Acts 15:11, NIV.

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 CEIOFXOUKRLHORCDJSESP
 USGTHWATYWEOARBESPAVLED
 RJUCSTQASH~~T~~HBEYFAROE



" _____!"

_____." Acts 15:11, NIV



Answer: "No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are." Acts 15:11, NIV



Common ground

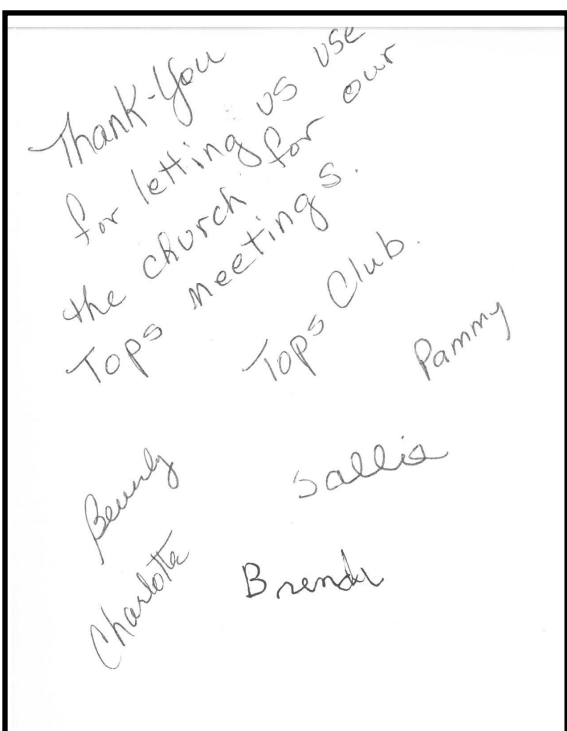
"Christianity was never intended to be a solo walk with God," says pastor Jeremy Basset. "A conversion to Christianity is also incorporation in the body of Christ, the church."

That's a fitting reminder as we observe World Communion Sunday in October. Christians don't take Holy Communion alone; the very name of this sacrament refers to unity with God and others. We don't baptize ourselves. We don't learn Scripture or Christian theology and history alone. We can't have Christian fellowship by ourselves.

The New Testament is clear that one cannot be a solitary Christian. We are members of Christ's body (Ephesians 5:30) and "belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10, NIV). As you gather for worship and receive Holy Communion, thank God for "our common salvation" (Jude 3, ESV) granted to all followers of Jesus.




October 6, 2024



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8 am TOPS (SGR) 7 pm Bells Practice (Sanc)	2 6:15pm Praise Team (BR) 7:30 pm Worship Team (Lib)	3 6:30 pm Scouts(Scout) 7pm Nominations (SGR)	4	5
6 World Communion 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10am Sunday School 11am Contemporary Srv 6pm Youth Fellowship (Youth)	7 6:30 pm Grief Support (RM2) 6:30 pm Erb Class (SGR)	8 8 am TOPS (SGR) 7 pm Bells Practice (Sanc)	9 6:15pm Praise Team (BR)	10 9am Pieces of Prayer (SGR) 6:30 pm Scouts(Scout) 7pm Nominations (SGR)	11	12
13 9:00 am Traditional Worship (Joyful Noise Bell Choir) 10am Sunday School 11am Contemporary Srv 6pm Youth Fellowship (Youth)	14 Columbus Day Office Open 9-12 6:30 pm Grief Support (RM2) 6:30 pm Erb Class (SGR)	15 Office Open 9-12 8 am TOPS (SGR) 7 pm Bells Practice (Sanc)	16 PB&J Carepack Office Open 9-12 6:15pm Praise Team (BR)	17 Office Open 9-12 6:30 pm Church Council Mtg (SGR) 6:30 pm Scouts(Scout)	18 Office Open 9-12 1pm Craft Show Setup (BR)	19 Craft Show 9am-2pm
20 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10am Sunday School 11am Contemporary Srv 6pm Youth Fellowship (Youth)	21 6:30 pm Grief Support (RM2) 6:30 pm Erb Class (SGR)	22 8 am TOPS (SGR) 7 pm Bells Practice (Sanc)	23 6:15pm Praise Team (BR)	24 10 am Cancer Support Group (Lib) 6:30 pm Scouts(Scout)	25	26 1-3 pm Ladies Fellowship
27 Reformation Sunday 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10am Sunday School 11am Contemporary Srv 6pm Youth Fellowship (Youth)	28 6:30 pm Grief Support (RM2)	29 8 am TOPS (SGR) 7 pm Bells Practice (Sanc)	30 6:15pm Praise Team (BR)	31 Halloween 6:30 pm Scouts(Scout)		

More Calendars from WinCalendar: [Nov 2024](#), [Dec 2024](#), [Jan 2025](#)