



“I Love It When a Plan Comes Together!”

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026
10:00AM

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To trust in Jesus
To love like Jesus
To grow in Jesus
To bring others to Jesus

WORSHIP THE LORD

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

Tune: St. Agnes by John B. Dykes; arr. Sarah Douglas; cpr 1992 Lorenz Publications

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Larry Ruby

OPENING PRAYER

Edgar Shaffer

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please Stand)*

Edgar Shaffer

One: It was confusing and astonishing --

All: A mighty wind blowing inside the house;

One: Tongues of fire that didn't burn but brought to life;

All: Many languages spoken but everyone understood.

One: Bewildering and amazing!

All: Words only hint at the wonder of that day:

One: No words can contain the power of the Spirit who is still alive today.

All: Touching us with life,

One: Filling us with joy,

All: Causing us to sing.

HYMN *(Please Stand)*

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

No. 134

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face, And I know they feel the
presence of the Lord.

Refrain: Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us, filling us with
Your love. And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; Without a doubt we'll
know that we have been revived, When we shall leave this place.

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Please be seated)*

Edgar Shaffer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Edgar Shaffer

O Holy Spirit, we recognize that we have grieved you time and again, by ignoring you, by going our own way, and by acting as if you did not exist as a force in our lives. In this time, we open ourselves to you to repair and restore our relationship with you. (time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Edgar Shaffer

Even in our moments of doubt, our lack of faith, and the blindness which means we fail to see God amongst us, God is still at work. God is still healing. God is still forgiving.

Even when you fail to see God, God still sees us and still loves us. Sisters and brothers, our sins are forgiven.

RESPONSE (*Please Stand*)

“Gloria Patri”

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Edgar Shaffer

Since God has forgiven us in Christ. Let us be at peace with one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all...**and also with you.**
The kids can come forward for the Children’s Sermon as you all take a moment to share the peace of Christ with those around you.

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN’S SERMON

ANTHEM

"On the Wings of a Dove"

Mountain Dulcimer: Joe Oyler

by Bob Ferguson; cpr 1958 Husky Music Inc. and Larrick Music Co; (Last verse written by Joe Oyler)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Edgar Shaffer

FIRST READING

Joel 2:25-29 (NIV)

Edgar Shaffer

I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten—the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm—my great army that I sent among you. You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the LORD your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed.

Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the LORD your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed. And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1-13 (NIV)

Pastor Larry Ruby

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of

Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs--we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "I Love It When a Plan Comes Together!"

Pastor Larry Ruby

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe God created families, small communities where we learn to love up close, celebrate life around the table meal, pray through difficulties, discover that we are children of God. We believe God created humans not to be alone, but to live in relationship as friends, partners and companions.

We believe God sent Jesus so we could see the heights and depths of love, know that we have a second chance, discover that in loving service the world and our lives become better.

We believe God delights in our laughter, rejoices in our kindness, celebrates our faithfulness.

We believe God made us miracles and surrounds us with reminders, including this blessed family of faith.

WE RESPOND

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

"Fall On Us"

Bethany Choir and Ukulele Choir

by Mary McDonald; cpr 2016 Lorenz Publications

THE RESPONSE *(Please Stand)*

"Doxology"

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(Please Stand)*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray this in the name of our Savior, who taught us to pray, saying... Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE ARE SENT

HYMN (*Please Stand*) **"Every Time I Feel the Spirit" African American Spiritual**

Chorus: Every time I feel the Spirit Moving in my heart I will pray
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit Moving in my heart I will pray

1 Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke, Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine, Til I asked my Lord if all was mine (chorus)

2 Jordan river, chilly and cold, It chills the body but not the soul There is but one train
upon this track; It runs to heaven and then right back. (chorus)

BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE **"Every Time I Feel the Spirit" Reprise**

POSTLUDE

"Toccata"

from Symphony No. 5; Charles-Marie Widor

WELCOME TO BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are delighted to have you in worship with us this morning!

FOR OUR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN - A Nursery Room is across the hall from the pulpit side of the Sanctuary. It is equipped with a speaker system from the sanctuary so any parent(s) who wishes to stay with their child(ren) in the nursery can hear the worship service. **A Cry Room** is at the rear of the Sanctuary – entry is through a door in the Narthex near the usher's table. *We encourage you to use these rooms as needed.* **Worship Bags** are available for children to use during the worship service. The bags can be found at the Usher's Desk. **Sound amplification devices** are available to those who might need or want to use them. Our ushers are available to help with any needs that you have during worship.

Worship and Wonder has concluded for the school year and will resume in the fall.

NEWS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

Today's ushers are Laura Dugan, Deb Perkins, Pat Mishizen, and Doreen Grove.

Congratulations to our graduating high school seniors who will receive the Bethany Education Award at today's 10:00 service!

Katelyn Gilmore will graduate from Seton LaSalle High School. She plans to attend the University of South Florida to pursue dual degrees in business and political science.

Riley Mendenhall will graduate from South Fayette High School. She plans to attend the University of Cincinnati to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering.

Isabella Sysak will graduate from Bishop Canevin High School. She plans to attend Georgia Tech to pursue a degree in neuroscience.

Best wishes and prayers for a safe and successful transition to this next chapter for each of you! With love, The Discipleship Team.

PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS

MUSIC MINISTRY SUMMER NEWS! - Although our regularly scheduled groups will take a well-deserved break for the summer months, music ministry will still offer some really wonderful ways for you to share in fellowship, hymns/choral works, modern Christian music, and also enhance your music skills :). Check the newsletter for more details about Sacred Music Sampling, Bell Tree Hour, and Creatives in the Chapel that will all start after VBS. **Starting in June**, though, we will offer **Choral Courtyard at 9:30 on Tuesdays**- No experience necessary to attend- we meet in the courtyard and sing hymns, learn a little about singing parts, and offer a sneak peek at some of the music the choir will sing in the Fall! Our **Music Associate, Caleb Auldridge**, will offer some 1:1 and small group sessions this summer to encourage our musicians to share their gifts in worship! Have you wanted to have a way to jam at Bloom or thought you'd like to give choir a try? These coaching sessions are offered this summer through music ministry- for YOU! Connect with him to schedule to practice your voice, guitar,

bass, or ukulele so you can join us in worship with your gifts! We'd love to have you jam with us at Bloom or offer your music in a time of worship this summer or upcoming regular season! Contact Nadina or Caleb for more info music@bethanypresby.org or musicassociate@bethanypresby.org

BETHANY CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE – Our next Blood Drive is scheduled for **Sunday, June 28, 2026, from 8:30am-1:30pm. OUR BLOOD DRIVE GOAL IS 18 DONORS!!!** If you can, would you please help this happen? Schedule your appointment ASAP to select a donation time that is best for you. Posters are at each door entrance with information or call 1-877-25VITAL to schedule your appointment; and vitalant.org provides a lot of information about donations and the urgent need. Thank you!

USHERS NEEDED – Ushers are need for the summer months. If you are available, call or text Dale Anderson at 724-699-5631.

JOIN THE BETHANY AUDIO & VIDEO TEAM - Have you ever wondered how we operate our sound board or record our services with video cameras? Volunteers are needed to support each service here at Bethany and we would love to have you join our audio & video tech team! This important ministry is another way to offer your God given talents to support the services and mission here at Bethany. No experience is necessary, we can teach you everything! Talk to any one of us after a service or Call or text Mike Segeleon at 412-389-0985 or email msegeleon@msn.com.

VBS REGISTRATION – Hooray! VBS registration is now open for children age 4 up to those who will enter 6th grade in the fall. Older children & adults can register as volunteers through the link on our website. Please register by signing up in the Welcome Center, reaching out to Celina Farabaugh at 724-554-6370, or by clicking the link on our website! We can't wait!

DEACONS SOUTHWOOD BOYS HOME COLLECTION -The Southwood Boys Home residents love blankets and throws and there is always a need for more of them. The boxes for the blanket donations (**new only**) are in the Welcome Center till May 31st. It's a way for Bethany to help support the residents with some additional comfort and love.

BYG FAMILY COOKOUT will be Sunday May 31st! BYG and their families are invited to come for a cookout 5pm-7pm to celebrate a great year together, enjoy some fellowship and games, and discuss plans for this summer and upcoming fall (including Laurelville Mud Weekend!)

WILD AT HEART MEN'S FIRES - **Next Date Wednesday May 27th at 5:30pm** - Men of all ages are invited to this opportunity to bring Proverbs 27:17, iron sharpens iron, into their life! Lite bites, good conversation, and great men. To RSVP or if you have any questions, reach out to Josh Gardner at 412 855 9029.

FLOWER BINGO NIGHT! - Hosted by the **Women's Ministry!** On **Wednesday, May 27th from 7-9pm** in the Welcome Center, please join us for a fun and colorful evening

of Bingo, fellowship, and flowers! Childcare will be provided! Here's How it works:

🌱 Bring a **potted plant** (valued at \$5 or less) and 🍪 Bring a **snack to share**

🌹 **GRAND PRIZE:** 🌹

A stunning **hanging basket from Bedner's Farm and Greenhouse**

🌸 Come enjoy a night full of laughter, community, and blooming fun! 🌸

CHURCH BBQ - It's a Red, White & Blue Celebration! Join Us for Food, Fun & Fellowship! On **June 14th at 11:00am** in the Inner Courtyard/Fellowship Hall at the Church we will have **Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Chips and Cookies, Kids Crafts and Cornhole and a BALLOON ARTIST!** Bring your family, and friends for an afternoon of summer fun! We can't wait to see you there!

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION – Preschool registration for the 2026/2027 school year is now open on our website! Contact Danielle Gioia at Gioia.preschool@gmail.com with any questions! We are so excited for the coming year!

SAVE THE DATE – For the **All Church Golf Outing for Saturday June 27th!** All are **welcome!** Men, Women and children (father-son, father-daughter, grandfather-grandkids mother-child) Contact Bill Paviol with any questions at 412-722-3102.

MISSION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

WV MISSIONS TRIP - Mark your calendars, the 2026 Summersville, WV trip mission work week (WVMaw) will be from Sunday June 28th through Friday July 3rd. Anyone 12 and older are welcome! This is a great mission for youth who are out of school for the summer. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Doug Bovard at dbovard@verizon.net 412-979-9324, Connie Segeleon at conniesege@gmail.com 412-855-6829, or Mike Segeleon at msegeleon@msn.com 412-389-0985.

CHURCH FINANCES AS OF MAY 17, 2026

Thank you for your continued support.

	2026 YTD (\$)	2025 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 214,380	\$ 213,704	\$ 676
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	148,295	144,229	4,066
Investment Income **	5,860	5,683	176
Total General Fund Income	\$ 368,534	\$ 363,616	\$ 4,919
Year to Date Budget	355,525		
+/- Budget	\$ 13,010		

*For purposes of this report, any prepaid pledges have been spread over 52 weeks.

** Investment income is updated monthly upon receipt of investment statements.

A friendly reminder from the Stewardship team, please write the amount of your giving on the outside of the envelope when turning in your offering. This helps make the job of those counting much easier.



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“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms”. 1 Peter 4:10 calls us to action to share with others our God given talents and blessings. Let us receive His grace and strength so that we may glorify Him and serve generously.

May Special Offering – Youth Mission Fund

The special offering envelope for May supports future Youth Mission Trips. Online giver? Not receiving envelopes? You can still donate to these special offerings either by selecting “Youth Mission Trip” in the online giving portal or noting that your donation is for the Youth Mission Fund on your check or a pew envelope. Thank you for your prayers and support for the youth of Bethany!

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, May 24

Pentecost Sunday

8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship
Ukulele after the second service

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 26

7:00PM – Session Meeting
7:00PM – ALANON

Wednesday, May 27

11:30AM – Knitters
6:30PM - Troop 2 Scouts
7:00PM – Flower Bingo

Thursday, May 28

9:00AM – Quilters
12:00PM – Rotary
3:00PM – Adult Ukulele
6:30PM – Bloom
7:30PM – AA

Friday, May 29

Saturday, May 30

Sunday, May 31

11:00AM - Congregational Meeting
8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship
5:00PM - BYG Cookout



Members and Relatives of Members of Bethany Presbyterian Church who lost their lives serving in the Military

*member of Bethany Church or Sunday School
Thanks to Joe Oyler for compiling this list.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL

Union Army -Civil War -died November 4, 1862, from typhoid fever. Buried at Robinson Run Cemetery. Great-great uncle of deceased member Marion Grafe.

*** JOHN PARK HICKMAN**

Union Army -Civil War -died April 27, 1863 in Aquia Creek Hospital near Fredericksburg, VA. Buried at Melrose Cemetery.

*** RICHARD LESNETT**

Union Army -Civil War -mortally wounded on May 28, 1864 at Haws Shop, Virginia -buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Third cousin of deceased members Dell Lesnett and Edward Schneider, & Richard Schneider. Fourth cousin of members John Schneider and Becky Findlay.

*** JOHN JORDAN**

Union Army -Civil War - died September 20, 1864 in the Confederate Prisoner of War Camp at Andersonville, Georgia. Buried at Melrose Cemetery.

*** BENJAMIN KERR**

Union Army - Civil War -died October 4, 1864 in the Confederate Prisoner of War Camp at Andersonville, Georgia.

DANIEL FINNEGAN

Union Army -Civil War -died from disease at Fort Monroe, Virginia, on October 6, 1864. Great great-grandfather of member Mary Bressanelli and deceased members Nancy Fink and Ruth Kohlmyer.

*** J. BOYD ALEXANDER**

Union Army -Civil War -died November 27, 1864 in the Confederate Prisoner of War Camp in Salisbury, NC. Buried at Bethany Cemetery.

*** LLOYD WARRENSFORD**

U. S. Army -World War 1 - died in France of pneumonia in 1918. Buried in France. Second cousin of deceased member Roberta Gerstacker.

***RAYMOND ROACH**

U. S. Army -World War 1 -died in the United States after being exposed to mustard gas in France in 1918. Buried at Melrose Cemetery. Childhood friend of deceased member Arthur Godwin.

RUDOLPH KOVACH

U. S. Army -World War 1 -killed by machine gun fire in France. Buried at Holy Child Cemetery. Great Uncle of deceased member Richard Kovach.

EDWARD SCHOLLAERT

U. S. Army -World War 1 -died of wounds inflicted at Exmorieux Farm, France, on November 24, 1918. Third cousin of deceased member Lois Kirsopp.

LAWRENCE SCHOLLAERT

U. S. Army Air Corps -World War 2 -killed during a Japanese Air Raid on the Island of Biak in the Pacific Theater on March 22, 1945. Second cousin of deceased member Lois Kirsopp.

JAMES STEIN

U. S. Navy World War 2 -died when his airplane was shot down over Saipan in 1943. Brother of deceased member Joan Marshall.

JOHN HOWARD

U. S. Army -World War 2 -died in combat in Europe. Brother of deceased member Marion Franks.

JOSEPH O'BRIEN

U. S. Army Air Corps -World War 2 -died when his B 24 was shot down over Italy in 1943. Uncle of deceased member Jack O'Brien.

ANDREW ZURA

U. S. Army Air Corps -World War 2 -killed in action on November 27, 1943, when his troop Ship was sunk in the Mediterranean Sea. Uncle of deceased member Emily Brady.

BERNARD KRAMER

U. S. Army -World War 2 -died in combat at Saipan August 7, 1944. Uncle of deceased member Eileen Sturgill.

HARRY GREEN

U. S. Army Air Corps -World War 2 -died when his airplane was shot down over Germany in 1944. Uncle of deceased member Natalie Walters.

ROBERT KENNEL

U. S. Army Air Corps -World War 2 -KIA, on June 7, 1944 during Normandy Invasion. Cousin of deceased members Richard Kennell and Lois Bettine.

*** SAMUEL ALLENDER**

U. S. Army Air Corps -World War 2 -Flight Engineer on B17 missing following bombing of mission over Greece in January 1944. Son of deceased members Samuel and Edith Allender.

WILLIAM HAGERTY

U. S. Army -World War 2 -died in combat on Guam July 28, 1944. Second cousin of member Thomas Jones.

WILLIAM FRANKS

U. S. Navy -World War 2 -died when he was swept out of his LST by a large wave during the invasion of a Japanese held Pacific Island. Cousin of deceased member Lois Lewis.

SAMUEL BALLOTTI

U. S. Army -World War 2 -was killed in action while crossing the Rhine River in Germany in March 1945 -buried at Holy Souls Cemetery in Robinson Township. Brother-in-law of deceased member Helen DiGiovanni.

WILLIAM BARZANTY

U. S. Army Air Corps -World War 2 -accidental death on March 21, 1945, during basic training. Buried at Robinson Run Cemetery. Uncle of former member Dane Barzanty.

JAMES KELVINGTON

U. S. Army -World War 2 -died when his truck crashed at a bombed out bridge in Germany on November 15, 1945. Left a wife and two children. Cousin of member Sandra Miklavic.

***AMOS JONES**

U. S. Navy -died in an airplane crash on a reconnaissance mission in Iceland in December 1953 -buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Brother of deceased former member Gary Jones.

JAMES HUEY

U. S. Army -World War II and Korean War -died September 24, 1954 when his ship went down during a typhoon while returning to U. S. from Japan. Brother-in-law of deceased member Marie Gillis.

***RICHARD JOHNSON**

U.S. Air Force -died in an airplane accident while training to be a fighter pilot in October 1954. Buried at Melrose Cemetery. Son of deceased members Richard and Sally Johnson.

*** LESLIE (SAM) PATTON**

U. S. Army -died in an automobile accident January 31, 1955 -buried at Melrose Cemetery. Brother of deceased member Jane Patton and uncle of deceased member Diane Bellotti.

THOMAS PREAUX

U. S. Air Force -Vietnam War - died when his airplane was shot down on April 24, 1967 in Vietnam. Cousin of deceased member Ruth Jones.

KENNETH BROWN

S. Air Force -Vietnam War -accidental death in Thailand May 1, 1968 -buried at Melrose Cemetery. Son of deceased member Isabel Brown.

ROBERT ROUNDING

U. S. Air Force -Vietnam War -died in an airplane crash while on a training mission in California in 1968. Father of former member Julie Pitts.

MARK WOLSTONCROFT

U. S. Army -died in an accident in 1974. Brother of former member Ralph Wolstoncroft.

RYAN LANE

War Against Terrorism -killed in action July 2009 in Afghanistan step-son of former member Dawn Lane.