



BETHANY CHURCH
TO LOVE, OBEY, AND PROCLAIM JESUS CHRIST

May 21, 2023

WORSHIP ORDER

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Worship Center
3801 Brookside Rd.
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Church Staff Information:

For a full staff listing, please visit the church's website at www.bethanyumchurch.com or contact the church office.

Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Missions and Missionaries
CEF of the LV

Neil & Janeen Newman/CMF International

Bethany Shut-Ins

Bill Fackler, Joan Hyland, Debby Larimer, Rebecca Loven, Marilyn Michael, Lorraine Nicholson, Thelma Ronemus, Curtis Shiflett, Robert Shoemaker, Sammie Trumbore.

Special Prayer Requests

David, Petra, Willow & Eden, The Deutsch Family, Donna, Bill and Shirli, Bill Flook, Jeff, Cheyenne Jones, Viola Lapatka, Walter Leitenberger, Sharon McKeirnan, Donna Price, William Prueter, Luis Rivera, Charles Schubert, Joshua Scoble, Paul Spiegle, Tazion and Melissa, Nora Ulecka, Caleb, Noah, Hannah & Luke Weaver, Jarrod Wolfe, Ann Tanner

Our Mission Statement:

To Love, Obey and Proclaim Jesus Christ!
Welcome to Bethany Church!

Call to Worship: *Lori Trumbauer, Choir Director*
Steve Skekel, Worship/Associate Pastor
Karly Cicale

Songs: We Praise You, King of Kings, Promises Never Fail

Children's Message: *Marleah Doyle, Pastor of Family Ministry*
Brittney Lutseo, Children's Assistant

Announcements/Offertory Prayer: *Landon Hevalow, Youth Pastor*

Song: Goodness of God

Sermon: *David Alderson, Lead Pastor – The Temple Tax*

Song: Faithful To The End

Attendance *	Weekly Need	Last Week	Weekly Average
May 14, 2023 413	\$30,798	\$21,211	\$26,375

attendance 331 in person, 82 individual IP addresses streaming

Our Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Rick and Vickie George on the death of Rick's brother, David George. Condolences may be sent to 345 Longsdale Drive, Mertztown, PA 19539.

Disaffiliation Update

As we shared with our last update in February, the Bethany Strategic Planning Committee's efforts to bring about a Christ-centered, amicable way to affect disaffiliation with the United Methodist Church have been unsuccessful. The Conference has been unresponsive to our outreach; they changed, delayed, and elongated the process we were asked to follow and also raised the total cost of disaffiliation.

As a result – we worked with our attorneys and 50 other churches in eastern Pennsylvania to begin more formal legal action. The Committee would like to provide the following update to the legal actions taken to date.

"Our legal team has filed a Writ of Summons and are requesting discovery under Pennsylvania law that allows for discovery prior to the complaint actually being filed. This strategy gives us the ability to place more pressure upfront on discovery than waiting for a motion to dismiss (MTD) to be filed with the request to stay discovery pending the resolution on the MTD. Our goal is to continue to put pressure on the conference to settle this matter in a Christ centered, amicable manner allowing the churches to leave as expeditiously as possible in an affordable manner."

The Strategic Planning Committee will continue to provide timely updates as we have more information to share. Please continue to keep the Strategic Planning Committee, Bethany Church, and the Eastern PA Conference in your prayers...

Thank you!

Strategic Team

Exciting Opportunities This Summer

Spiritual Gifts Class - Monday evenings, 6:30-8pm at Wescosville, beginning in July

Christian Writing Group - Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8pm at Wescosville, beginning in July

Studies on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John – beginning in June

Watch for more details on each opportunity in the upcoming BMAILS.

Women's Study on 1st, 2nd, 3rd John

Women, you are invited to join other women to study the books of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John through the study materials of Jen Wilkin. This 10-week study will be held at the Wescosville Campus on Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8pm, beginning on June 6. Please sign up so a book can be ordered for you.

Women's Ministry Breakfast at Superior Diner

Saturday, June 10, 9am

We have confirmed breakfast reservations at the Superior Diner, 102 State Road, Emmaus at 9am. RSVP by Sunday, June 4 so we can give the restaurant a final count. You can RSVP for breakfast at the link below and see various other opportunities available through Bethany Women's Ministry:

<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/a162f6fb/TcuM1pp4WUm06zGHJO3qQg?u=>
<https://sites.google.com/view/bethany-womens-ministry/home>

Graduation Sunday (please note date change)

June 4th: Graduation Sunday. If you are graduating (college/high school), please send info to Pastor Landon at lhevalow@bethanyumchurch.com by May 28th. Please include where you are graduating from, degree if applicable, and a photo.

Look for more details about a celebration following the 10:30a service

Bright Hope Fundraiser

If you weren't able to pick up a baby bottle last Sunday, it's not too late! You can find one at the information desk. The bottles are a fund-raiser for Bright Hope Pregnancy Center.

You can fill the bottle with spare change, paper money or checks and return it on Father's Day.

New Woman's Study Begins May 20th

Ladies, Women of the Word Women's Group invites you to join them in their next study, Praying the Bible by Donald Whitney. The book is small in size but powerful in its message about prayer! Women of the Word meets on Saturday mornings from 8-9:30am at the Wescosville Choir Room. Please sign up by going to the Group Life table on Sunday mornings or call the church office if you plan to participate so a book can be ordered for you.