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Bethany Beacon

Session's Report to the Congregation

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*Our Mission:
To equip people
to be fully
devoted to Jesus
Christ through
relevant and
practical
ministries.*

St. Bridget Pantry
donations
1st Sunday of
every month



7/5 Carol Shearrow
7/12 McCormick's
7/19 Lorene Robinson
7/26 Delores Detrick
and Barb Davis

June was an exciting month at Bethany as many activities occurred and lots of people were touched by these events. The Suds and Spuds Clean-Up Day brought lots of members and friends sprucing up the building and grounds. The Potato Bar (Spuds) was delicious and included great fellowship after working so hard all morning.

Vacation Bible School was Bethany's chance to welcome our children, their friends and the community to Bethany to learn more about our Lord. One thing they learned was to imagine what it would have felt like if Jesus had told them to put mud on their eyes so they could see again. The creativity of Chris Franklin always amazes me as she brings Christ to the kids! Congratulations on a successful VBS once again.

The Pastor Nominating Committee continues to review Pastor Information Forms (PIFs) and look at each candidate's talents/gifts and how well they fit the needs of Bethany. The PNC thanks you for your prayers and patience as we continue through this process for finding a new Pastor to lead our church.

As we shared in the last update, we ask you to please continue to contact the individuals below if you have an area of concern.

Sunday Greeters – A Sign-Up Sheet will be on the Information Desk and dates will be assigned by the Deacons (We need you, please sign up or call Kathy Metcalf (815-520-3065 to volunteer!)

Seasonal Flowers –If you have a special occasion floral display to donate please call Cheryl Eickman (815-540-7076).

Weekly Worship Bulletins: Coordinated by Marlys Marsh and Tim Krug (If you have something for the Sunday Bulletin, please email Marlys at mar4806@comcast.net).

Beacon Newsletter – Coordinated by Lori Mitchell (Please email articles to Lori at momm316@yahoo.com) by the last week of each month.

Answering Machine will be utilized for incoming phone calls. However, if you have an emergency, please call Lori Mitchell at 815-494-2753 or Tom Smith at 815-988-9056.

Calendar: Will be maintained by Tami Munger and Marlys.

As always, thank you for your tithes and offerings that keep Bethany serving as a vital ministry in our local communities. We also would like to remind you to continue to give to the Capital Improvement Fund (formerly the green envelopes) through your offering envelopes and mark it on the outside of the envelope.

Continuing to follow God's direction and pray for His leadership of Bethany. Members of Session – Lori, Tom, Dan, Jay, Tami, Gayle, Marlys, LaVerne and Jerry

Kid's Korner

God Will Take Care of Us!

When a mother sheep (ewe) dies, her little lamb will not go to another sheep because the other sheep does not smell like its mother.

Oh, but its good shepherd knows how to take care of this little lamb. He will find another mother sheep whose baby lamb has died.

First he will take the hide (wool & all) off of the mother sheep who has died. Then he will place this hide over the sheep who has lost her baby lamb. Then he will bring the living baby lamb to this sheep. The baby lamb will smell the covering and think that she is its mother and it will nurse and let the sheep take care of it.

The Bible tells us in John 10:11 that Jesus is our Good Shepherd and that He will take care of us. Isn't that wonderful?

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Church Bulletin Bloopers

Miss Charlene Mason sang: "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.



Bright Ideas from the Bible

Please read the whole of Chapter 14 of 1st Samuel. This was written 10 century B.C.

During World War 1(1914 - 1918) the English were fighting the Turks at Michmash. They were surrounded by the Turks and steep, craggy hills. One English officer remembered reading about a similar situation in the Bible in 1 Samuel 14. King Saul was at war with the Philistines in the exact same place! The Philistines did not allow the Israelites to have any Blacksmiths.

Because of this, they could not make any weapons. Only King Saul and his son, Jonathan, had swords. The Israelites were surrounded and scared. God gave Jonathan and his armor bearer wisdom but without anyone else knowing. They found a path to climb up the craggy hill and were able to route out and cause confusion among the Philistines. Israel won the battle that day.

The English officer then went to his general and read him the account from the Bible. The general sent out scouts and found the path that Jonathan had taken. The general's men also went up before dawn - just as Jonathan had and routed out the Turks.

Isn't it wonderful that they got this Bright Idea from the Bible!!!!

JULY DATES TO REMEMBER

July 5 - Communion Sunday

July 4-11 – BYG Mission Trip to New Orleans, LA

July 19 – Pot Luck at 4pm and a Dixieland Report from BYG on their Mission Trip at 5pm.



PAPER ANGEL CLOSET



Bethany's Deacons served five families in the month of July with paper products, cleaning aids and prayer. Items that will be needed to serve families in the month of July are: bleach, laundry soap, toilet bowl cleaner and other cleaning aids, band aids, bar soap, hand soap with pumps, shampoo, dryer sheets, shaving cream, sponges, and tooth brushes. Two quart ice cream pails with handles make very good cleaning buckets as well. Thank you and God bless all of you who give generously to make possible this ongoing mission.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

July's Mission of the Month is Christ the Cornerstone Mission in Jamaica.

Brad and Karen Rostad have served in this mission field for more than twenty (20) years, teaching an indigent people about the love of Jesus through many different endeavors.

Those ministries include the Lighthouse (a center for reaching restless and frustrated youth for Christ and teaching them so that they may use their lives to serve Christ and the society in which they live), training Christians for Christian ministry, teaching school and conducting summer youth mission trips. The Heartbeat Center is designated for youth teaching and development.

Brad and Karen have also made very successful evangelistic trips to remote areas of India and have been blessed with wonderful response for their work there, as they spread the gospel message. In addition, Brad finds time to write of some of their experiences.

Their vision is simple. "To spread the love of God through the Gospel, in a Christ-like attitude. To assist other ministries as they seek to advance the kingdom of God. To be sensitive to the physical as well as spiritual needs of our fellow humans. To reach the world for Christ, through whatever means possible to advance the kingdom of God."

May Bethany continue to open our hearts in prayer and financial support for this very vital work for our Lord.



Bethany Calendar

July 2015

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 Weekly Bulletin deadline 3:30pm: Julie Badowski 6pm: Praise Team	2 Session Reports Due 7pm: Al-Anon	3	4 BYG to New Orleans
5 10:15am: Worship Celebration with Communion	6	7 7pm: PNC 7pm: AA 7pm: Al-Anon 7pm: Al-Ateen	8 Weekly Bulletin deadline 3:30pm: Julie Badowski 6pm: Praise Team	9 6pm: Parents Prayer Group 7pm: Al-Anon	10 4:30pm: Julie Badowski	11
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July 19 – 4pm

Pot Luck and
BYG Dixieland
Report

BYG
Mission Trip
to New
Orleans
July 4-12

Parent's
Prayer Group

July 9
6pm

Bethany is Looking for a Few Good People!

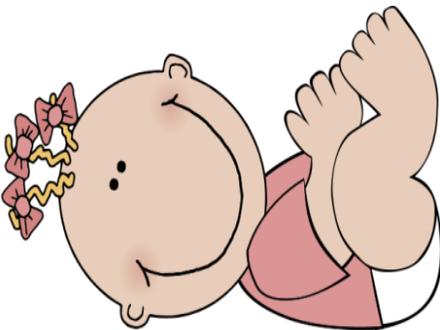
Are you praise band material?

If you play an instrument, you might be!

If you are interested, put a note in the collection plate and we will find you..



The Cradle Roll of Bethany Needs You!



Thank you, Joan Keener, for all the years and time you have committed to keeping the Cradle Roll at Bethany. We were so sorry to hear that you have decided to sign off from this responsibility. We are sure the next volunteer will take this position with an equal amount of dedication that you have shown. That being said, we need a volunteer to step forward to continue keeping the Cradle Roll at Bethany. If you are organized and interested in our little people, you are the one we are looking for. Please see Marlys Marsh in the office. She is waiting for you!



Our Peanut Butter Angel



You may not have heard about this angel. You all know that Enid Euno is a retired teacher and, as such, the little ones are never far from her thoughts. Last year, during the St. Bridget's Mission of the Month, Enid approached a member of the Mission Committee and suggested that now that children are home for the summer; this puts an extra burden on families struggling to put food on the table. How about having a peanut butter drive to fill the pantry and the stomachs of active, busy children? So, beginning last year, at Enid's suggestion, we dedicated two weeks during June (St. Bridget's month) as "Peanut Butter Weeks." Again, this year we are doing the same but some kind soul has stepped forward and stated that he/she would match the peanut butter if we could donate 200 jars during the month of June. Now, the month of June is over, but I believe if we pursue this goal into July, our good Samaritan may still match our total donations. Thank you, Enid, for bringing this to our attention.

**BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT**

January thru December 31, 2015

DATE	DESCRIPTION	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES	BALANCE
01-01-15	Beginning Balance			\$ 686.36
01-21-15	BYKOTA – January Offering	42.00		728.36
02-23-15	Winter Warmth Luncheon held on Sunday, Feb. 22 – Free Will Offering	164.00		892.36
02-23-15	URIEL – January Offering	11.00		903.36
02-23-15	URIEL – February Offering	34.00		937.36
02-23-15	URIEL – Least Coin	1.40		938.76
02-25-15	Marlys Marsh (Check #820) Feb. 22 - Winter Warmth Luncheon Expenses		23.94	914.82
03-10-15	URIEL – March Offering	10.00		924.82
03-10-15	URIEL – Least Coin	.36		925.18
03-19-15	BYKOTA – March Offering	34.00		959.18
03-19-15	BYKOTA – Least Coin	4.72		963.90
04-20-15	BYKOTA – April Offering	50.00		1,013.90
04-20-15	URIEL – April Offering	25.00		1,038.90
04-20-15	URIEL – Least Coin	3.35		1,042.25
04-20-15	NBC Fund Donation (Check #821) (Refer to all least coin deposits prior to this date)		9.83	1,032.42
06-22-15	BYKOTA – May Offering	38.00		1,070.42

(A) Mission Fund

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra M. Hewitt, Treasurer

Bethany Church Confirmation Class - 2015 - 2016

The goal of Confirmation Class is to encourage participants to become warriors for Christ. Through lessons, mission work, praise, and opportunities for service, we will explore our faith, learn about the Presbyterian Church, and ultimately become church members. Beginning August 2015! You are needed to facilitate, to mentor and to encourage. See Chris Franklin!