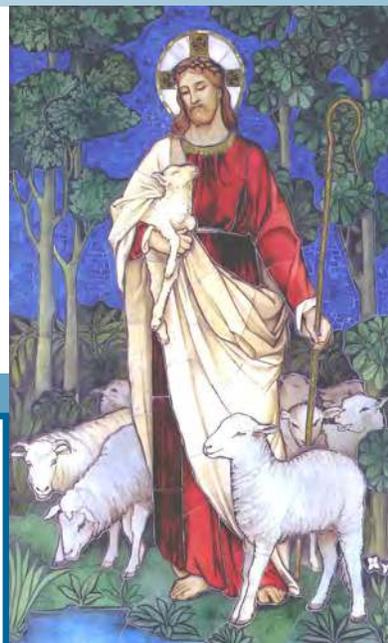


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News of Bethany



Our Pipe Organ Needs Some TLC !!!

If it isn't one thing it's another! Just when life is starting to get back to normal, our precious Pipe Organ needs some tender loving care! The pneumatic "Swell Shades," the louvers which make the sound louder or softer, are badly leaking air. "Oh, no," you cry! "Not the Swell Shades! Unfortunately, yes. "Curses!" I won't go into all the details -- suffice it to say the pneumatics which control the shades are leaking in both divisions and require "releathering." The total cost of the project is \$12,460, which includes releathering two flute ranks, as well. The good news is that we can do the project in two sections: one this year and the other in 2022. I've talked with the folks at Columbia Organ Works and they've suggested we repair the Swell Division this year and the Great Division in 2022. That would mean \$6,660 this year, and \$5,800 in 2022.



Mission Statement:
Bethany Presbyterian Church is a church making an impact on the lives of all people through the love of Jesus Christ.

That's where you come in! The Session has discussed the issue and authorized me to relay their concerns to you. I suggest we establish an "Organ Repair Fund" to underwrite the project. (As an Organ Major in college and a Certified Associate Church Musician in the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, I'm honor bound to preserve all Church Pipe Organs!) Seriously though, it is a lovely instrument which has served this congregation well for many seasons. The alternative is to pull out the existing Pipe Organ and install a digital organ at cost of \$50,000 plus. And then all we'd have to show for our money would be an electric toaster organ!

If you would like to participate in the Organ Repair Fund (and we hope you all will), please send your checks to the church made out to "Bethany Organ Repair Fund," or drop them off when you come to Worship on Sunday morning. Lastly, I am pleased to announce that one of our members has generously offered to match, dollar for dollar, any monies raised for the Organ Repair Fund. An extraordinary gift for which we are all grateful! Thank you all for your support of this important project.



Soli Deo Gloria, Kent

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Bethany News & Notes



Special Dates in April & May 2021

**Administrative
Professionals Day**
Wednesday, April 21

National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 6



Mother's Day
Sunday, May 9

Ascension Day
Thursday, May 13

Pentecost
Sunday, May 23

Trinity Sunday
Sunday, May 30



Memorial Day
Monday, May 31



Spring Basement Sale Saturday, May 15 8am-12pm

It is time for the Annual Spring Basement Sale. Quality clothing, household goods, and collectibles will all be fairly priced. Something for everyone! Proceeds from the Basement Sale will go to help support Scout Troop 4. Also, the women do appreciate everyone who has already donated but would like to note that **NO new donations are being accepted.** They are seeking volunteers to help clean-up following the sale that day at 12pm.

Scout Troop 4 Chicken BBQ Saturday, May 15, 11am-1pm

The Scout Troop 4 Chicken BBQ will take place on Saturday, May 15 from 11am until 1pm. Full dinners are \$10.00 and a half chicken is \$7.00. Tickets are now on sale. Please contact Jim Grossman at 717.295.3454 for BBQ tickets.



Pat Rineer would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who sent a card and helped her celebrate her 90th Birthday. **It was a wonderful surprise!**

From Pastor Kent's Desk

It feels wonderful to be back in the pulpit again, looking out into your eyes! It's been a long-time coming, but it was worth the wait. Something integral to my life was missing, and it was you! No matter how good "on-line" worship is nothing compares to the experience of being gathered together as a worshipping community. In this case, familiarity does not breed contempt! [We will continue to record our services for those of you who wish to view them online www.lancasterbethany.org]

We are a fellowship of Christians drawn together by the Risen Christ. "In the Season of Easter courage now flourishes where fear once dominated," writes Norman Sawchuck. "We no longer tremble before powers of darkness and evil for we know that their ultimate defeat already has occurred. And we can face them unafraid." Given the uncertainty of our days, that is an important knowing. We are not alone on our journey. The Risen Christ walks alongside us, comforting and encouraging as we skirt the myriad pitfalls we encounter each day.



Each of us brings our own unique stories to the community. Amazing stories which confound the imagination and bring hope to us all. It is the community of faith which enables us to let go of the dark places in our lives and walk in the light of love. That's why it's so important for us to be together again. Your energy gives me energy Your humor lifts my spirits. Your compassion enables me to bear the grief and sorrow which we all encounter at some points in our lives. **That is the essence of Christian community: ordinary people, enriched and enlivened through the word and work of the Risen Christ in our lives.**



My prayer is that we take seriously, too, our role in the larger community. It is all well-and-good to live in community, but it is also important to share the word and work of the Risen Christ with the world around us. We live in a "hurting" world, one filled with uncertainty and unfulfilled dreams. Christ's love, shared with our neighbors-in-need, is an integral part of our communal life. The cup of cold water goes a long way in healing the hurts of the world. Simply sharing a word, a message of hope, an ear of understanding can and does do wonders for the least, the lost, the last, and the lonely in our midst. They too are members of our community.



So, walk gently and peacefully through the world, exhibiting and sharing God's love with those with whom you come in contact. By doing so, the Risen Christ continues to be present in our world.

Grace & Peace,

Kent



PRAYER REQUESTS

Polly Snyder & Agnes Taylor

Homebound of Bethany



Betty Gehman Homestead Village, 1800 Village Circle Lancaster, Pa. 17603	Helen Cumpston Mennonite Home 202B Jackson Run Lancaster, Pa. 17601	Agnes Taylor 65 Mill Pond Dr. Lancaster PA 17603
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				APRIL
04/01	Susan Piefer	04/18	Jacqueline Huber	 BIRTHDAYS
04/02	Frederick Benson	04/23	Lori Pickell	
04/06	Jim Grossman	04/23	Hanh Menger	
		04/27	Elaine Bornstein	
MAY				
	05/06	Zach Cole	05/16	Jan Moore
	05/10	Jane Sweringen	05/21	Christine Kauffman
	05/12	Adam Cole	05/29	Roslynn Martin
	05/13	Susan Fetterman		
 BIRTHDAYS				

WORSHIP



Sunday, April 25, 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Message: "With Actions and in Truth"

Scripture: 1 John 3:16-24

Preaching: Rev. Holmes



Sunday, May 2, 2021 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Message: "A Chance Encounter" Scripture: Acts 8:26-40

Preaching: Rev. Holmes

Sunday, May 9, 2021 - Sixth Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day

The Message: "Loving the Other" Scripture: John 15:9-17

Preaching: Rev. Holmes

Sunday, May 16, 2021 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Message: "Blessed is the One" Scripture: Luke 24:44-53

Preaching: Rev. Holmes

Sunday, May 23, 2021 - Day of Pentecost

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21 Preaching: Rev. Holmes

Celebration of the Lord's Supper



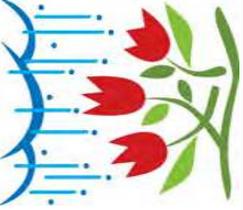
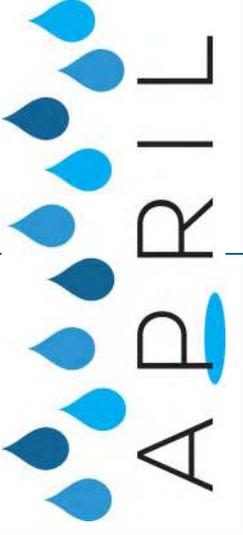
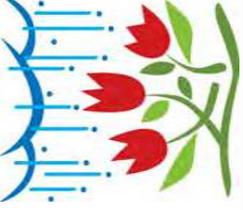
Sunday, May 30, 2021 - Trinity Sunday

Scripture: John 3:1-17 Preaching: Rev. Holmes



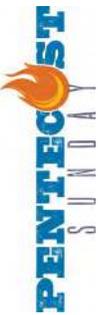
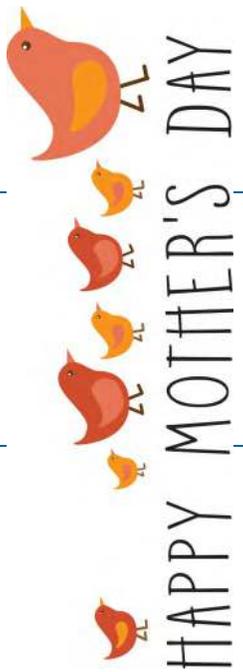
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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Maundy Thursday	2 Good Friday 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	3	
4 Easter Sunday 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection	5 6:45 P.M. Boy Scouts	6	7 10:00 A.M. The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	8	9 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	10
11 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection	12 6:45 P.M. Boy Scouts	13	14 10:00 A.M. The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	15	16 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	17 6:45 P.M. White Deer Run
18 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection	19 6:45 P.M. Boy Scouts	20	21 Admin Prof. Day 10:00 A.M. The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	22	23 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	24
25 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection	26 6:45 P.M. Boy Scouts	27	28 10:00 A.M. The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	29	30 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	

May 2021



Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2</p> <p>10:00 A.M. Online Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:45 P.M. Boy Scouts</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 A.M. The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. Al Anon</p>	<p>6 Day of Prayer</p>  <p>Day of Prayer</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon</p>	<p>1/8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Mother's Day 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>6:45 P.M. Boy Scouts</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00 A.M. The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. Al Anon</p>	<p>13 Ascension Day</p>  <p>Ascension DAY</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8 A.M.—12 P.M. Basement Sale 11 A.M.—1 P.M. Scout Chicken BBQ 6:45 P.M. White Deer Run</p>
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<p>23</p> <p>Pentecost 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>6:45 P.M. Boy Scouts</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00 A.M. The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. Al Anon</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Trinity Sunday 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection</p>  <p>TRINITY SUNDAY</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>  <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p>		 <p>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</p>			