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**SCOTT HETSKO IS COMING!
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WHERE: Shipmates' April meeting
Scott will answer every question you have about Rochester weather.

WHO is Scott?

He's the TV meteorologist on Channel 13.

WHEN: Thursday, April 4th, large hall at Bethany at 10:30 AM

NOTICE DATE AND TIME CHANGE FOR THIS MEETING

COST: \$10.00 for lunch and a donation to Scott's charity choice, AUTISM UP.

SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX. Virginia Britton will be collecting the fee.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME to this exciting event.

Community Suppers followed by CPR Class Active Shooter Training

We are excited to be hosting two regular dining events in Bethany's Large Hall run by Episcopal SeniorLife Communities—Lunch and Learn as well as a Community Supper. Meals are prepared by Chef David Watkins, Director of Dining and Hospitality at Episcopal Senior Life Community and are delicious. And, dietary restrictions can be accommodated as long as Chef David knows in advance—just notate that when signing up!

Lunch and Learn is \$8.00 and takes place on a Tuesday or Thursday (usually the last week of the month) at 12:30 followed by a presentation. For Lunch and Learn, the program following lunch is arranged by Beatrice Place.

The Community Supper is \$10.00 and takes place the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00. Programs after the Community Supper are being organized by the Spiritual Growth Committee with help from Jim and Cindy Hetzler.

Please join us for the Community Supper and stay for these valuable programs afterwards:

Wednesday, April 17—Community Cares CPR Class

Wednesday, May 15—Active Shooter Training

All money is collected at the door but, to make planning easier, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you can call Eileen Sengillo at (585) 663-3000. Keep in mind that final counts are due the Sunday before the event. These events are open to the community, so please invite your friends!

Bethany Mission Statement

We are a welcoming Christian family who worships God and nurtures spiritual growth through friendship, learning, music and serving others.

Special points of interest:

- Stephen Ministry
- Church Calendar
- Presbyterian Women
- Jennifer's Closet
- Pancake breakfast
- Shipmates
- Adopt-a-Highway
- Bethany Swingers Golf League

**Deadline for the
May
Newsletter is on
April 15, 2024**

Pastor's Page:

Dear Friends,

Our society is fascinated with space. We lie back and imagine images in the sky we call constellations. We count stars. We contemplate life on other planets. We attach astrological significance to shooting stars and asteroids.

Many of us will watch on April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse that will cross North America, passing over Mexico, the United States, and Canada. A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. The sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk.

Safety is the number one priority when viewing a total solar eclipse. Be sure you're familiar with the need to wear specialized eye protection designed for solar viewing.

The last solar eclipse was on August 21, 2017. That eclipse covered a more rural area with only 12 million people in the path of totality. This upcoming eclipse will be visible from Mexico, the U.S. and Canada to an estimated 31.6 million people and will cover more densely populated areas.

During a passing span of about 90 precious minutes, on a "path of totality" the sun will be entirely eclipsed by the moon. Darkness will cover the earth. Cold will blanket the planet. Then as the sun emerges from its eclipse, the light, and the day, and warmth will return.

Perhaps this is what it felt like in the dawn of creation, as The Creator's hand swept across the pitch-black canvass of the universe and sprinkled stars within the heavens "like a tent." Night separated from day, and "time," as we know it, began.

This is the mighty hand of God, that caused mountains to form, and winds to blow, and Christ to come among us which connects us to God's awesome and all-encompassing and eternal presence to heal us, redeem us and renew us.

I pray as we watch the eclipse, we will be able to feel the immense and exquisite creative power of God.

Grace and Peace,

Dr. Bob Spratt

With Our People

With sympathy

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Rich & Pam Hemmenway and family, at the passing of Pat Hemmenway.



MORE Library News

Be sure to check out the amazing variety of jigsaw puzzles, 64 in all, displayed on the shelves in the narthex. These puzzles range from 500 pieces to 1,000 in your choice of a rural scene, multi-colored popcorn or a beautiful Monet painting. Enjoy any of them on the honor system.

Save Saturday June 8th for the annual Shipmates picnic at Greece Canal Park- Towpath Shelter. All Bethany members are invited to attend. More information will soon follow.

Fiscal Focus

2024	February	Year to Date	% Budget
Income	\$24,838.71	\$52,937.00	10.72%
Expense	\$34,147.98	\$71,814.64	14.55%
Surplus/ (Deficit)	-\$9,309.27	-\$18,877.64	



Spring is definitely here at Jennifer's Closet! As the weather warms, volunteers will be starting to remove winter clothing, and bringing out some lighter items in Jennifer's Closet. We are no longer accepting Winter Clothing, and will begin looking for these items in the Fall. To move out our heavy clothing Jennifer's Closet will host a winter Clothing Give-Away on Sunday, April 14th from 1-3:30. No appointments are needed for this special event.

Lisa Clement would love to hear from you if you have time before the clothing give-away to help her pull Winter items.

The plan is to change over the clothing to Spring and Summer a little at a time. If you have items to donate, please let me, Jennifer or Jim Cruppe know so we can arrange to receive your items. A special shout out from Brenda and Jennifer to all the volunteers who make Jennifer's Closet a success!

Jennifer Smith & Brenda Spratt

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Join us one and all for our next community adventure: Saturday April 27, 2024 for our Spring Adopt-A-Highway Clean up. We will meet at the Clark Park entrance at 8:45 am, weather permitting. Hard Hats and Trash bags will be provided. Please bring work gloves. Sign-up in the Narthex beginning Sundays in April or email Ron Fisher at rfisher97@gmail.com or 362-3823. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or adult. We will return to Bethany @ 11:30 and those interested can gather for lunch afterward at a local establishment. I hope you can join us as we help keep our Highways clean and green! Rain date May 11th.



Stephen Ministry

Every member of the congregation is invited to an upcoming Stephen Ministry event. There will be a live Zoom presentation from the founder of Stephen Ministries Dr. Kenneth Haugk.

The presentation is titled **“What’s New and Upcoming at Stephen Ministries”**.

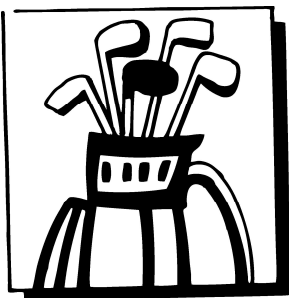
This will be a 45 minute interactive live event hosted on Zoom, free of charge. There are 2 opportunities to view online:

- Wednesday April 10th from 11 – 11:45 am
- Thursday April 11th from 8 – 8:30 pm

Please contact any Bethany Stephen Minister for details on how to register online for this event.

I hope you take advantage of this rare opportunity.

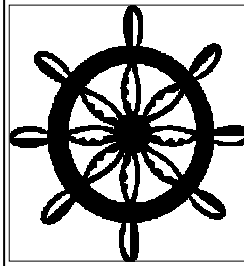
Kim Bolinger kimbolinger@rochester.rr.com



Bethany Swingers Golf League

All are welcome to join us –
at Buttonwood Golf Course
600 Trimmer Road
Spencerport, NY
4 PM on Fridays

Come one, Come All,
For fun & fellowship
Play starts on May 3th.
if the Temperature is 55 or more
Call Bev at 865 -8507 or just show up!



SHIPMATES Saturday May 11th at Noon A Virtual Tour of Greece Neighborhoods

Looking ahead to our May program. Have you ever been driving through a Greece neighborhood and wondered about some of the homes? How old, who lived there, or what style a house might be? Come hear this interesting program by Maureen Whalen and Bill Sauers from the Greece Historical Society. Maureen and Bill provided this program twice last year and ran out of chairs the second time as there were so many that came to see it. Join us to see the beautiful, famous, historical, or just simply interesting Greece homes. More information will be coming as we get closer to the date.

BETHANY WOMEN

March Meeting Service Project Birthday Boxes

The congregation responded tremendously to our request for supplies and monetary donations for our Birthday Box project with the Community and Global Missions Committee. We surpassed our goal of 50 boxes and assembled a total of 55! The completed boxes were delivered to the organization designated by Mothers in Need of Others: The Saving A.J. Emergency Daycare Program run by Sweet Ida’s Pantry on Dewey Avenue.



BETHANY WOMEN



BPWC believes that an environment grounded in Christian beliefs promotes the full growth and expression of the individual. Such an environment renews, strengthens, and empowers the individual to participate in the life and work of the church, the servant community of Jesus Christ in the world.

SAVE THE DATE:

You are cordially invited to a Women's Tea

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Nine thirty in the morning

Bethany Presbyterian Church - Large Hall

Catered by The Red Bird Cafe

Given with love by

Bethany Presbyterian Women and Spiritual Growth Committee

Kindly respond by April 4, 2024, Karen 585-227-2540

Sign-up will be each Sunday through April 7, 2024 in the narthex.

**In lieu of a registration fee, there will be a donation basket available at the sign-in table.*



Budget:

We received \$1150 in pledges during the month of February which brings our year-to-date total to \$2090. We are closing in on our goal of \$2500. In addition, Bethany Presbyterian Women collected donations from the congregation for Church World Services - Blankets. We collected \$315 and BPWC gave \$100 from the budget to this cause. A check was mailed in the amount of \$415 for the purchase of 41.5 blankets which will go to victims of natural disaster worldwide. Thank you to all who contributed.

May 14, 2024 Meeting:

Speaker- Thomas P. Driscoll, PT, DPT from MVPT

Topic: *Tips for Pain, Safety, and Balance*

June 11, 2024 Meeting:

Speaker- Dr. Rebecca Letterman

Topic: *"When God Plays 'Hide and Seek': Dynamics of Intimacy with God"*

Have you ever played hide-and-seek? What is it like to play with someone you love - and who loves you? This session will explore dynamics of intimacy that we can learn from this childhood game that nurture growing in our life with God - and growing in our authentic love of others.

Bethany Women's Meetings:

All women are welcome to share in fellowship. Please feel free to bring a friend. Women meet on the second Tuesday of the following months: September- June except for December and April which meet on Saturday.

We have speakers who share topics such as: *Women in the Church, Home Start Home, Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf and Clothing Closet, Tips for Pain, Safety, and Balance, Journey Home*. We also coordinate service projects, Women's Retreats, and fellowship opportunities.

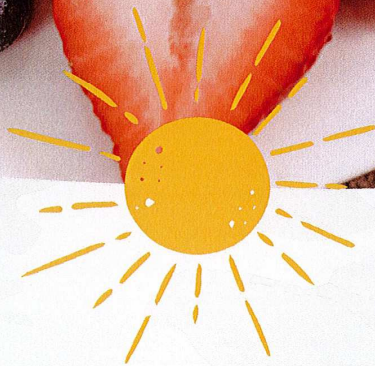
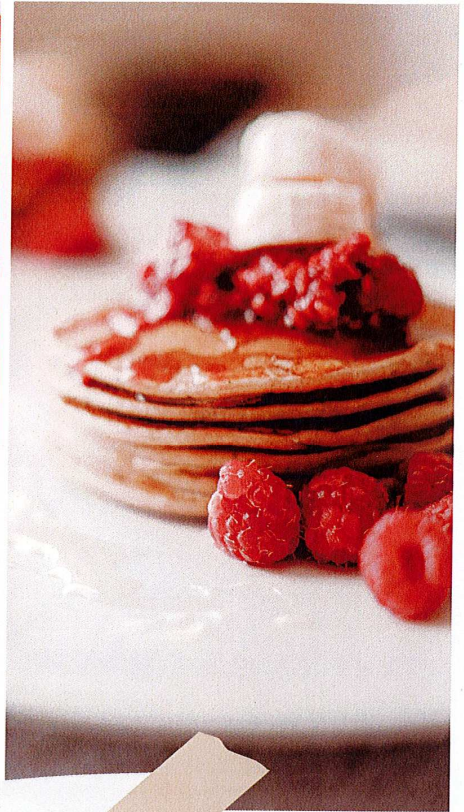
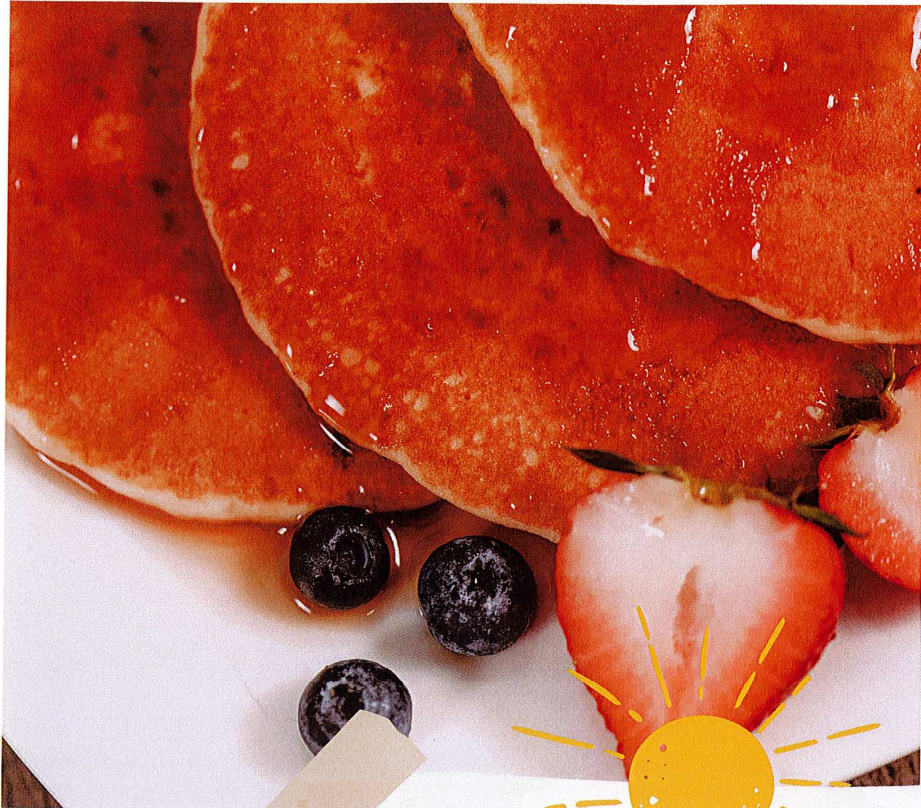
Women's Brunch:

We will be sharing "Brunch and Fellowship" at *Bill's Long Pond Diner* on Saturday April 27, 2024.

Afghan Donation:

Beth delivered one afghan and one lap robe to the Lipson Cancer Center.

Building Caring Relationships: Any woman currently active or inactive with BPWC who would like to be included in the *Bethany Presbyterian Women in the Congregation Communication Distribution List* please contact Karen Bolinger- 585-227-2540 or kbolinger@rochester.rr.com.



Rise and Shine,
It's Pancake Breakfast Time!
Fourth Sunday of the Month

April 28, May 26 and June 23

Free Pancakes and Fellowship in the Large Hall,
Lower Level at 9:15 AM

Bethany Presbyterian Church
3000 Dewey Avenue
Rochester, NY 14616

Call 585 663-3000 for more information.



April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> Church building closed	<i>2</i> 9:30-Belles & Beaux	<i>3</i> 7:30-Celebration Ringers	<i>4</i> 10:30-Shipmates	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> 9-Men's Club Breakfast
<i>7</i> 9-Present Word 10-Worship, Childcare, 10:15-Youth Studies	<i>8</i> Church building closed	<i>9</i> 9:30-Belles & Beaux	<i>10</i> 11-Staff Meeting 6-Christian Ed 6-Spiritual Growth 7:30-Celebration Ringers	<i>11</i> 7:15-Bethany Choir	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> 9:30-Women's Tea
<i>14</i> 9-Present Word 10-Worship, Childcare, 10:15-Youth Studies	<i>15</i> 7-Stephen Ministry 7-Nominating Comm.	<i>16</i> 9:30-Belles & Beaux 10-Personnel	<i>17</i> 11-Staff Meeting 6-Community Supper 7-Budget & Finance 7:30-Celebration Ringers	<i>18</i> 7:15-Bethany Choir	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> 9-Present Word 10-Worship, Childcare, 11:15-Youth Studies	<i>22</i> 7-Life Group 7-Nominating Comm.	<i>23</i> 9:30-Belles & Beaux 12:30-Lunch & Learn	<i>24</i> 11-Staff Meeting 7:30-Celebration Ringers	<i>25</i> 7:15-Bethany Choir	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> 10-Bethany Women's brunch
<i>28</i> 9-Present Word 9:15-Pancake breakfast 10-Worship, Childcare, 11:15-Youth Studies 12-Session	<i>29</i> 7-Nominating Comm.	<i>30</i> 9:30-Belles & Beaux				

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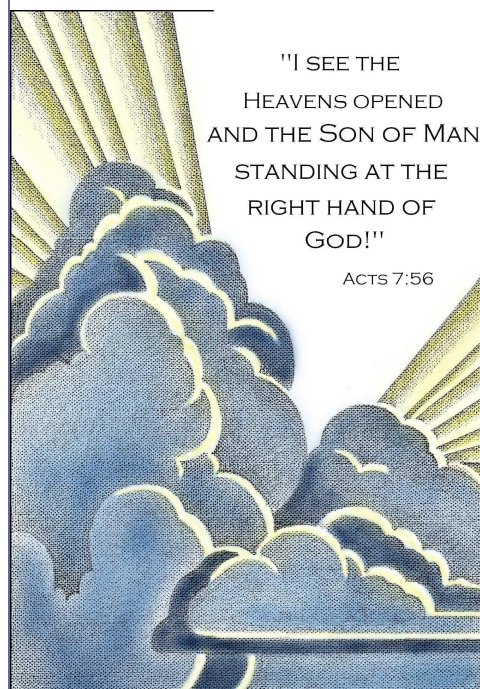
Jennifer Watt

Youth & Children's Ministry Leader

Andrew Ferreira

The Session

Wendy Watt, Christian Education
Judy Price, Community & Global Miss.
Bev Murray, Nominating
Jim Hetzler, Personnel
Heather Kruspe, Spiritual Growth
Liz Whittingham, Worship & Music
Dr. Bob Spratt, Moderator
Linda Lamb, Clerk of Session



"I SEE THE
HEAVENS OPENED
AND THE SON OF MAN
STANDING AT THE
RIGHT HAND OF
GOD!"

ACTS 7:56