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Dewey-Stone Family Picnic

**Saturday July 23rd
12:00-2:30PM**

3000 Dewey Ave

(Bethany Presbyterian Church & Barnard Fire Department Parking Lot)

Free Food and Games

Call 663-3000 or email bethpreschurch3000@gmail.com
to sign up

Bring a non-perishable food item to support the Greece Foodshelf

**Special points of
interest:**

- Stephen Ministry
- Shipmates
- Ice Cream Social
- Worship in the Park
- Habitat for Humanity
- Rochester Presbyterian Home
- Church Calendars
- Presbyterian Women (insert)

Bethany Mission Statement

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

**Deadline for the
September
Newsletter is on
August 14, 2022**

Pastor's Page:

Let's Promote Living in Place!

Bethany Presbyterian Church is exploring the opportunity to partner with Episcopal SeniorLife Communities to provide a health and wellness program for seniors in our community. Episcopal SeniorLife Communities (ESLC) will utilize the church gathering space and facilitate activities through their Neighborhood Program. To learn more about ESLC's Neighborhood Program, please visit EpiscopalSeniorLife.org.

We would like to understand your interest in a program of this type, please take a moment to fill out the survey below.

If a lunch gathering were offered as part of the program, how often might you attend?

- Once per month
 Once every other month
 3 – 4 times per year
 I am not interested in attending a lunch gathering

Do you prefer that the lunch is entirely a social event, or that it includes educational topics as well?

- Social only
 Educational
 A mix of both

I would also be interested in the following types of activities, either as part of a lunch gathering or separately (check all that apply):

- Discussions on History / The Arts / Literature
 Discussions or Workshops on Science and Technology
 Discussions on Civic or Community Development
 Book Club, Card-Playing Group, or Similar Groups
 Art, Craft or Music Classes
 Exercise Classes or Walking Club
 Outings or Trips to Local Attractions (Theater, Museums, etc.)
 Organized Volunteer Work (Community Gardens, Visits to Childcare or Senior Centers, etc.)

Would you need transportation to attend the lunch or activities?

- Yes
 No

I would be interested in working with a committee to develop this program.

Yes, I would. Name: _____



With Our People

With joy

We welcome to the Bethany family, Lillian Kathleen Ruggiero. Proud parents Beth and Vinnie Ruggiero. Proud grandparent Dave Clark and Sandy Covey.

We welcome to the Bethany family, Logan Caroline and Harper Jean Purdy. Proud parents Kailin and Ann Marie Purdy. Proud grandparents Donna Bour-Purdy and Trevor Purdy.



SAVE THE DATE: WORSHIP IN THE PARK 2022 - Please join the Spiritual Growth committee for Worship in the Park, September 11, 2022 at 11:00 AM. More information to follow. We hope to see you there!



On Sunday July 24th, we will have the Presbyterian Homes Offering. Rochester Presbyterian Home offers traditional assisted living as well as memory care for persons living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. In addition, they offer respite services and enhanced care at out three residences. Please support this cause that some of our church family has used in the past. Thank you!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Please join Congregational Life for an ice cream social after the worship service on August 14th in the large hall.

Fiscal Focus

2022	May	Year to Date	% Budget
Income	\$38,880.71	\$149,137.67	34.66%
Expense	\$32,312.82	\$151,431.00	35.19%
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$6567.89	-\$2294.00	



On Sunday August 28, C & GM will be collecting your donations for Habitat for Humanity. We believe "affordable housing plays a critical role in strong and stable communities." Habitat for Humanity volunteers work in local communities along with the future homeowner to build a decent and affordable place to live. Fifty percent of the donation will go to Women's Build and the other 50% will go to the Greece Coalition. If you have more questions, see their FAQ page, www.habitat.org/about/faq#how



Stephen Ministry

School is out, and our days are being filled with going to the baseball games, cook outs, hit the pool, ride the bikes and make the most out of the weather that goes with these months. Aren't we ambitious!! All of this takes planning, and making sure these are things that are set up so all involved will have a good time.

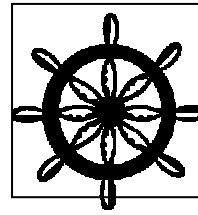
But, sometimes there may be one or two people – could be young, could be golden – that just don't seem to look at the schedule the same way as we do. It's too much; it's boring, etc, etc. So, what do we do now? Let the compromising begin. Maybe we just need to ask them what they would like to do. That's all, just ask. There may not be an answer right away, but given the options, chances are they will come up with an interest and the rest of your group can be flexible and follow through with their wish.

That's pretty much how things are when dealing with many issues in our life. If someone seems to be a non participant, maybe they just need to be asked what they would like. Feeling out of touch with the world can become very overwhelming and affect our entire spirit.

A suggestion for the first step to find out why you feel out of touch is to contact a Stephen Minister here at Bethany. I know you have read this before, but things change in our life. We promise you confidentiality, good listening, and as many visits as you would like. You pretty much run the show. No long term contract, just an easy process to give you the time and chance to feel like you are ready to see what is going on that you may be interested in. Pretty basic stuff.

If you would like to visit with a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Bob or Wendy Watt.

Peace from the Stephen Minister,
Cindi Sywulski



SHIPMATES

September 10th is the Shipmates trip to the Seneca Park Zoo. Suzanne & Theresa Kretovic will lead the group through the



park at 10:30 AM. Theresa had 30 years of volunteering at the zoo. The cost for a group is \$9.00 each. The cost for transportation back to the front of the zoo is \$1.00 each for seniors in the zebra bus. There is a chance to feed the giraffe at 11:45 AM for \$5.00. They do have free wheelchairs if needed. By 12:30 PM we should be back to the front of the zoo for a short walk to the new zoo eatery. A list of food will be available by September. If you are interested please let the Shipmates Officers know so we have some idea. No money needed ahead of time.

~ Sue Kretovic

EMERGENCY CONTACT: At times, families or individuals may find they need pastoral support for various reasons ranging from a long-term matter or an emergency. In the event of a pastoral emergency, this can be sought by calling the church office (585) 663-3000 during normal business hours or after hours at (585) 496-4699. In addition, there are several members of the congregation that can be called on for support called Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. To receive support from a Stephen Minister contact Kim Bolinger at (585) 227-2540 or Wendy Watt (585) 415-2351.

BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

in the CONGREGATION



BPWC Budget Update:

As we break for summer, we can be proud that we have income of \$11,284.69. The ladies of Bethany have been more generous than ever this year. During the month of July, we will be using those funds to do the Lord's work. I will be requesting checks for all the local and worldwide missions we identified for 2021 – 2022 totaling approximately \$7500. In July, the Coordinating Team will be meeting to identify donations to be made in 2022 – 2023. We will be presenting the proposed budget when we meet again in the Fall. Enjoy your summer!

Afghan Mission Project:

Virginia Britton gave Beth Thomsen a shopping bag full of squares and a smaller bag as well. They were donated by a lady @ the Legacy, then Sandy Ericson took them to Sharon Nichols who puts the squares together. Beth sent the lady from Legacy a "Thank You" on behalf of Bethany Women.

June Lunch Meeting:

On Tuesday, June 7th, Bethany women participated in our annual June/Lunch meeting. We had a great turnout and enjoyed a wonderful Family Promise of Greater Rochester presentation. We learned how FPGR assists families at risk of or experiencing homelessness to achieve sustainable independence by providing person-centered, holistic services in collaboration with the greater community.

BPWC Elections:

During our meeting we received nominations for officers. The following women were voted and approved for the following positions: Moderator, Karen Bolinger, Vice Moderator, Karen Dobbins, Treasurer, Linda Lamb, Secretary, Jeannette Johnson, Historian, Lisa Clement, and Member at large, Mary Leader.

Building Caring Relationships:

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

July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> 9-Men's Club Breakfast
<i>3</i> 10-Worship, with communion Childcare, Roots & Wings 11:30-Contemporary Worship	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> 12:30-Staff Meeting 6-C&GM 6:30-Spiritual Growth	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>10</i> 10-Worship, Childcare, Roots & Wings	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> 7:30-Congregational Life	<i>13</i> 12:30-Staff Meeting 7-Budget & Finance 7-Christian Ed	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>17</i> 10-Worship, Childcare, Roots & Wings	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> 10-Personnel Comm	<i>20</i> 12:30-Staff Meeting	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> 12-Dewy/Stone Family Picnic
<i>24</i> 10-Worship, Childcare, Roots & Wings	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> 12:30-Staff Meeting	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>31</i> 10-Worship, Childcare, Roots & Wings						

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Jeff Tabor - Staff Singer

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Eileen Sengillo

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Nursery Child Care Worker

Jennifer Watt

The Session

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Carl DeGraff

For the earth
will be full of the
knowledge of the
LORD as the waters
cover the sea.

Isaiah 11:9, NRSV

