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LENTEN RECITAL AND SERVICES: Our Thursday night Lenten Recital Series and Candlelight Services are back! This year will feature recitalists including organists, improvisation, an early music ensemble from the Eastman School of Music, and duets for piano and voice. The recitals will begin promptly at 6:30PM and last 25 minutes, followed by a special choral service from 7:00PM-7:35PM. This special candle-lit service is almost entirely sung by the choir, featuring Harold Darke's Communion Service in F, Gabriel Jackson's Preces and Response, and more. We hope you can join us starting on March 2nd, occurring every Thursday evening during March.

Maundy Thursday Service
The Actual Passover During the Time of Jesus

Maundy Thursday (also known as Holy Thursday) is a movable feast in the Christian calendar. It falls during Holy Week, three days before Easter and commemorates the Maundy and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles as described in the Canonical gospels.

The Passover was a festive occasion—a celebration of the nation's release from Egyptian bondage. On Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 7 PM, we will be presenting *The Actual Passover During the Time of Jesus*. We will celebrate as Jesus' disciples did, for only did they realize the irony of this joyous occasion that pointed to the death of the Messiah.

Please note that this is not a regular meal, and that you should eat dinner before coming.

Also, if you are planning on attending, but worship remotely, or forgot to sign up, please call Eileen at the church office at 663-3000 to make your reservation.

Special points of interest:

- Stephen Ministry
- Shipmates
- Church Calendar
- Presbyterian Women

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
April
Newsletter is on
March 14, 2023**

Pastor's Page:

Dear Friends,

On Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 7 pm in the Large Hall, we will be celebrating the Passover as it was celebrated by Jesus with his disciples. Records are sketchy in some places, but the majority of aspects of the evening are authentic for that time.

We will not eat gifilta fish, have a boiled egg or a bare lamb shank bone on our plates, since this practice does not date back to the time of Jesus.

The meal itself will be a simple tasting of: lettuce dipped in vinegar, lamb, unleavened bread, Charoseth, and wine. The wine used was red and warm as was the custom, we will be using warm grape juice. Be sure to eat your supper before you come. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.** The Passover was a festive occasion—a celebration of the nation's release from Egyptian bondage.

As we replicate what the Jews of Palestine did at the time of Jesus, try to reflect on what may have been going through the disciples' minds as well as our Lord's, as we partake of that last Passover before his death.

This was to be a time of total relaxation. So, relax and prepare to have a good time!

Grace and Peace,

Dr. Bob Spratt

With Our People

With sympathy

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Michele Ciehomski and family at the passing of her husband, Dennis Ciehomski.



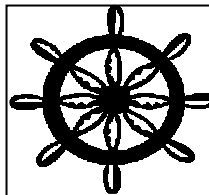
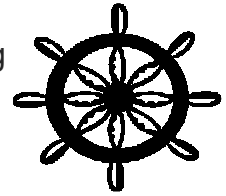
Per Capita: It Doesn't Grow on Trees

What is Per Capita? Per Capita is the amount of money per confirmed teen and adult member that each congregation pays each year to make the Presbyterian Church [USA] 'work'. How much Total Will Bethany Remit for Per Capita in 2023? \$36.45 for each one of our confirmed teen and/or adult members. What we don't receive from generous donors like you has to come directly out of the church budget, reducing funds available for programming right here at Bethany. It's as easy as putting it in the offering plate marked "Per Capita".



If you would like to beautify the sanctuary on Sunday mornings by purchasing flowers for the chancel in memory of a loved one or in honor of, order forms are available on the table in the narthex. Make your check payable to: Bethany Presbyterian Church, in the amount of \$46.00 for a communion table piece. Place a check in the envelope and place in the offering plate or mail to Bethany church office.

SHIPMATES: Come this Saturday – March 11th ...to make certain you're recycling correctly! Join Tina Stevens the County's Waste Diversion and Education Coordinator, for a presentation on these efforts and what is – and is not – acceptable in the recycling bin and why! Come find out this Saturday March 11th at 11:30 am in the large hall. Sign-up in the narthex. \$8.00 per person for lunch. Cash or check. Please make the check out to: Bethany Presbyterian Church with Shipmates in the memo section. We will collect money/checks in the narthex or mail to: Edna Hamlin 165 Tioga Dr. 14616 See you March 11th at 11:30 am. In the large hall. All are welcome to attend.



AHOY!! SHIPMATES!!

Drop Anchor! We're traveling across land on April Fool's day! Mark your calendar for April 1st Where are we going, you ask?

Along the infamous Route 66, then head into Arizona

Our guide...Steve Eggert

More information to follow in the church bulletin. Start packing your bags.

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.



Stephen Ministry

This is a very unpredictable time of year. Is it possible that winter is finally going to release its clutch and let spring start to spring? When that happens, it then becomes a magical time of the year with life changing from the blanket of white to a more colorful collection. You can smell it in the air. That's anticipation. We look forward to this at every season change and just need to be a little patient of when it is truly going to get started.

Patience. The words patience and anticipation are an interesting mix. When Jesus prepared us for the anticipation of our life after this world, I can only imagine how many times his patience was tested with his disciples and those who could just not understand and accept his teachings and promises. But, his patience was always there for them. He repeated his stories as they related to the events of the time and gained the love and trust he was sent here to do by his Father. He was patient with the followers and demonstrated how we are to treat and love those in our lives – both known and unknown.

Bethany church has available to us many directions of love and patience waiting to be taken advantage of. We reach out to each other and our community, and fill missions of need with that love and patience. We anticipate the season ahead of us as one of the most blessed of the Christian celebrations. Starting with Ash Wednesday, we then continue on through the balance of the Easter season with the anticipation of the most amazing story opening up to us. We become aware once again of the love God has given us in his son Jesus.

Stephen Ministers are one of the many offerings that Bethany gives back to you. We would be honored to be one of the directions of love and patience that you take advantage of. We hope that at any point in your life if you need that extra patience, you will contact Dr. Bob or Wendy Watt.

As always, blessings of Peace be with you.

thank you!

I want to thank everyone for their prayers and cards with the passing of Clifford.

~Love, Charlotte Streams

Special thanks to all for the lovely cards I have received; also, the calls and prayers. Sure helps to lift the spirit.

~ Irene Crawford

A sincere thanks to all who have sent me Christmas and Valentine cards. There were greatly appreciated.

~ Don Cork

**Potluck Dinner and
Line Dancing at
Bethany
April 29, 2023
6:00-8:30**



Please join the Congregational Life Committee for a potluck dinner followed by a fun evening of line dancing at Bethany! We will eat at 6:00 and then David Interlicchia of Dance Biz will lead the group in line dancing from 7-8:30. Many of you are familiar with David as he teaches at the Greece Community Center, Hilton Parma-Rec, Nashville's, as well as his own studio. David does a great job teaching a group with all experience levels—from master to novice. So, there's no experience necessary—just come for the fun!! All age groups and, of course, friends are welcome! Please bring a dish to pass and \$6/person to cover the cost of the instruction. Sign-up for this event will take place in the narthex in April or you can contact Carrie Buri (716-390-8941 theburis@yahoo.com) or Jen McGarrity (585-764-5529 mcvamp22@gmail.com) or Deb Haskins from the Congregational Life Committee.



BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
in the CONGREGATION



Our Purpose:

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves:

to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
to support the mission of the church worldwide,
to work for justice and peace, and
to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

BPWC Budget Update:

Bethany Presbyterian Women continue to hear the Lord's call and give generously to support the mission work we've set out to do in 2023. As of February 17, we have received 29 pledges which total \$3245. We had four expenses totaling \$469.27. The expenses included supplies for the P.A.D.s Project, Valentine and Easter cards for the home bound, food/supplies for Memorials, and an Honorarium for our January speaker.

February Meeting-

Executive Director- Tracey Jagula presented on Journey Home. She shared the goal at Journey Home is to embrace loved ones on their final journey by offering them physical, emotional and spiritual care. This care is given by a dedicated team of volunteers, nurses and an all-volunteer board. Since 1999 we have had the honor and privilege of serving over 500 residents. Nestled on the corner of Vintage and Long Pond Road in Greece, our residents and their families can enjoy a lovely treed lot alongside a flowing stream, providing a peaceful, tranquil setting. There is no charge to come to Journey Home. They survive solely on donations, memorials, and fundraisers.

Women's Brunch:

At our January Brunch 11 women enjoyed sharing time with each other. During the months February, and March, all women and friends are invited to share fellowship at **Olympia Restaurant on the last Saturday of the month at 10:00 am.**

Sawyer Park Gathering:

We will begin gathering at Sawyer Park on the last Saturday in April, May, and June at 10:00 am. Please bring a chair to enjoy fellowship and the beauty of God's world.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 10:00 am (Large Hall)

The topic for our meeting will be ROCoverly Fitness.

The speaker is Jonathan M. Westfall, CRPA, CRPA-F, CARC- Executive Director

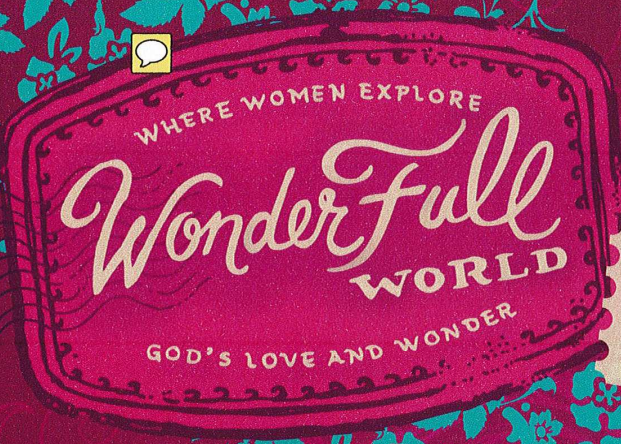
ROCoverly Fitness, Inc, is the NYS premier resource for recovery support through fitness and sober living, connecting peers, friends and family through wellness, acceptance and understanding.

SAVE THE DATE: Bethany Women's Retreat

On Saturday, April 15th at 9:30 am all women and friends are invited to our retreat, *Wonderfull World- Where Women Explore God's Wonder and Love*. Last year we traveled to North America, Asia, Antarctica, and Africa. This year we travel to Europe, Australia, and South America. **We will begin registration in March after each worship service.** Bethany Presbyterian in the Congregation and the Spiritual Growth Committee are sponsoring this retreat. (There is no cost to participants) Get your passports ready!

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.



Take a trip around the world!

WonderFull World takes you on a journey packed with friendship, God, and spiritual growth. It's a retreat you won't want to miss! Join us for a whirlwind tour of the seven continents, where we'll experience meaningful Bible studies, explore the wonders of a woman's heart, and have time for both quiet reflection and laugh-out-loud fun!

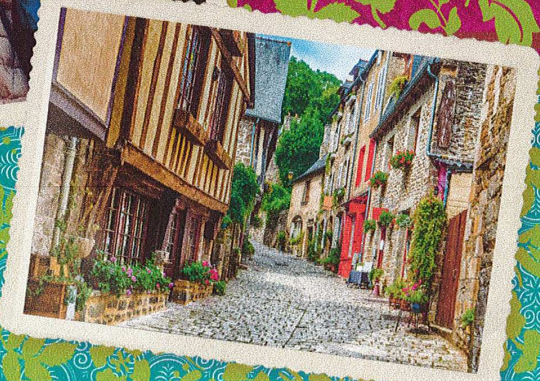
Location: Bethany Presbyterian Church
Large Hall

Date: Saturday, April 15, 2023
Check-in at 9:30 a.m. Lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Cost: Lunch will be provided by Bethany Presbyterian Women in the Congregation and the Spiritual Growth Committee

For more information, contact:

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585-227-2540



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 10-Staff meeting 6:30-Worship & Music 7:30-Celebration Ringers	<i>2</i> 2-Property 6-Bethany Choir 6:30-Lenten recital 7-Lenten Service	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> 9-Presbytery Congregational Learning day
<i>5</i> 9-Present Word 10-Worship, with Communion Childcare, Roots & Wings 11:15-Youth Studies 11:30-Contemporary Worship	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> 9:30-Belles & Beaux	<i>8</i> 10-Staff meeting 2-Memorial Comm. 6-C&GM 6:30-Spiritual Growth 7-Christian Ed 7:30-Celebration Ringers	<i>9</i> 6:30-Lenten recital 7-Lenten Service 7:45-Bethany Choir	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 9-Men's Club Breakfast 12-Shipmates
<i>12</i> 9-Present Word 10-Worship, Childcare, Roots & Wings 11-Crockpot Sunday 11:15-Youth Studies	<i>13</i> 7-Life Group	<i>14</i> 9:30-Belles & Beaux 10-Presbyterian Women 7:30-Congregational Life	<i>15</i> 10-Staff meeting 6-Community Supper 7-Budget & Finance 7:30-Celebration Ringers	<i>16</i> 6-Community Supper 6:30-Lenten recital 7-Lenten Service 7:45-Bethany Choir	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
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