

Bethany  
Presbyterian  
Church

Sharing, Caring,  
Believing, Doing

# The Church Mouse



**Bethany Presbyterian Church**

## Sunday School

*Growing Together  
in Christ*

**Sunday, May 22**

### Sunday School Celebration

The youth and teachers will be honored with a cake after the service. This date will be the last day of Sunday School for the summer.

### Presbyterian Women May Meeting/Field Trip

BPWC will be visiting the Islamic Center of Rochester on May 10 during our monthly meeting time from 10 am to 12 p.m. We will meet in the church parking lot at 10 a.m. and ride share. During our visit, no head covering is required. However, shoes will need to be removed prior to entering the Prayer Room. If you plan on attending, please let Linda Lamb know by May 1 by calling 770-4586 or emailing her at [giulind@frontiernet.net](mailto:giulind@frontiernet.net) to confirm.

Tabassam Javed Ph. D. is the President at Islamic Center of Rochester based in Rochester, New York.



## Pentecost Offering

Please support our Pentecost Offering on June 5th. 40% of the offering will go to the Center for Youth - CFY located at 905 Monroe Avenue in the former Monroe Y building in support of the C&GM committee focus of Rochester housing. The Center was started in 1971 by youth, for youth. Among the services they provide are homeless, temporary, and transitional housing; crisis nursery services in two locations; school-based counseling; street outreach; and food assistance. Their stated mission is to "partner with youth to realize their full potential, by creating opportunities, removing barriers, and promoting social justice."

The shelter services include both long-term and short-term assistance through an extended housing program, Chrysalis House, New Beginning House, the Arnett House for LGBTQ+ and trafficked homeless youth, transitional living program apartments and rapid rehousing program. They also provide emergency shelter for youth aged 12-17 for up to 30 days.

### Bethany Mission Statement

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

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### Special points of interest:

- Stephen Ministry
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- Life Group
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**Deadline for the  
June  
Newsletter is on  
May 14, 2022**

## Pastor's Page:

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Dear Friends,

April Showers bring May flowers. What do Mayflowers bring? Pilgrims.

After more Winter than we needed, the colors, the textures, the scents of Spring are in the air. It's a beautiful time of the year in Rochester.

David Lenniger writes "I have found that gardeners are eager to show azaleas, roses, and lilies, but I have never had anyone invite me to look at petunias. Flower shows feature the earliest tulip to the last poinsettia, but I have never seen exhibits of the petunia. Brides carry flowers ranging from edelweiss to lilies of the valley, but no bride would consider carrying a petunia. Everyone ignores the petunia, but the bloomin' thing goes right on blooming. The time has come to appreciate it."

Flowers remind me of people, and a group of people has about as many varieties of "plants" as does a garden. Every group has "roses" which demand to be handled with care, to be caressed with kid gloves to avoid pain and hurt.

Every group has a few "azaleas" which produce only if soil and sunshine are to their liking, and show spectacularly for a while, then fade into the background.

Every variety of people needs some special attention to make them bloom---except the "petunia." For petunias, just planting them is enough.

It takes all kinds of people to make this world. "Petunias" are those folks who go right on doing their part without any special attention. No one fusses over them, pampers them, or cultivates them.

Some varieties will always need special attention to help them bloom. We expect that. There are always those who need extra encouragement and those who want to be recognized for every deed. There are always those who want to feel important. This is all in a day's work.

But there are humble folks who labor without thought of recognition or reward... "petunias" in the beautiful portion of God's garden called Bethany Presbyterian Church.

Blessings,

Dr. Bob Spratt

## With Our People

### With sympathy

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Jocelyn, Craig, Norm and family at the passing of their brother, Scott Discher.

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Linda and John Jagusiak at the passing of Linda's mother Harriet Aldinger.

## NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC

Come "Meet and Treat" our Neighbors Saturday July 23rd join C&GM and the Social Justice Group providing a free meal and games for our Dewey/Stone Neighbors. Contact Cheri Livoti if you are interested. Many hands make light work!

## Fiscal Focus

2022	March	Year to Date	% Budget
Income	\$22,079.13	\$80,740.94	18.76%
Expense	\$28,462.71	\$86,185.02	20.03%
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## TEAM technology

### THE BETHANY TECHNOLOGY TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP

We are looking for people who would be willing to help livestream Bethany's Sunday worship services by operating the camera or soundboard. No experience necessary. You will receive all the training you need by completing our "5 Minutes or Less" certification program, so that you are fully qualified to learn as you go, just like the rest of the team. Livestreaming has become an important component to sharing the Good News and supporting our congregation. We average about 30 people watching live on-line each Sunday through Box-cast, YouTube, or Facebook. Each worship service is archived on these sites and linked to the Bethany webpage for those who want to watch or rewatch the service later. We need your help to keep this going. Please consider joining us for one Sunday a month. If interested, contact Jim Hetzler (jmshtzler@gmail.com / 585-317-1956) or stop up in the choir loft after the service any Sunday.

Save the Date  
June 21st

1:00 - 6:00



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In Memory of Jerry Vogt

Contact Cheryl Fisher or  
schedule online at  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)





## Stephen Ministry

I have to admit that there are times when I sit down to write for the Stephen Ministers that I don't have a clue where I am going with this, and then something just hits me and I realize that our congregation at Bethany has been a wonderful source for me and off I go!

I watched the people today at church, and at the passing of the Peace, I saw some reach out to make sure they spoke with someone they knew and some new faces. I also saw some that did not have to leave their seat but still had people come up to them to wish them the Peace of the Lord. That says a lot for our Bethany group. Sometimes I wish we had just a little more time for that part of the service, but at least on my part, my husband starts herding me back to my seat as he notices everyone else has already started going back to sit down.

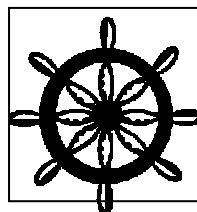
This, my friends, is such a showing of our devotion and love of the Lord. We are close and care about each other. We may not know all that each person is dealing with, but we notice them and look forward to seeing them every week.

That's where the Stephen Ministers come in. We are the part of Bethany that you can turn to when you need to deal with a situation that has troubled your soul and spirit. Are you still grieving when others think you should be done by now? Are you concerned or worried about your future or something in your past that just still lingers in your heart? Would you just like to talk with someone that will listen to your thoughts and maybe help you pray about it? As I have mentioned in the past, we prepare you so God can repair you. We are ready to spend the time with you that you need to help ease your sadness or concerns.

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

Peace to you from the Stephen Ministers.

Cindi Sywulski



### SHIPMATES:



**"Mark your calendar"  
It's back!!!!  
The luncheon at  
Hurd Orchards  
will be on the THIRD  
Saturday...May 21st.  
Cost: \$15**

**Please call Karen Dobbins (227-7719), or  
Cindy Stanek (727-7853) with your reservation. Send your check \$15 (with the Shipmate activity noted in the lower right hand corner)  
To: Karen Dobbins 327 Orchard Creek Lane,  
Rochester 14612**



### A Reminder...

Filling out the Use Sheets for the Kitchen were not just for COVID Time. Much of our kitchen equipment is OLD and cannot be repaired but would need to be completely replaced.

**PLEASE follow the directions and fill out the use sheets AFTER YOU HAVE USED WHAT EVER PART OF THE AREA.**

**THANK YOU !!**



THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE hopes our Bethany Family and friends have experienced and enjoyed a loving Easter season. In honor of Jesus, we asked the congregation to think of some names for the donkey or colt Jesus thrones into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

We feel our project was successful, and we want to thank and share the names as written and chosen:

Dominic.	Kampala.	Marvin
Harry.	Vladimir.	Giddy-Up
Simeon.	Saddle.	Neater
Diamond.	Nickel.	Alfa-O-Mega (or AM)
Junior.	Dime.	Listen
Second.	Lazyboy.	Casper
Destiny.	Bethany.	Toby
Shalom.	World	Bob (Beast of Burden)
Tracks.	Faith.	Cookin'
Way.	Palm.	Presence
Silver.	Fisherman.	Arrow
Rochester.	Pebbles.	Majesty
Elvis.	Stormy.	Don-Kay-hote
Gold.	Frankincense.	Myrrh
Peace.	Eeyore.	Harry the magic donkey
Dove.	Cornelius.	Steve ~ Stevie
Aloha.	Presbyterian.	Marvin
Bow.	Nester.	Earth

Lastly:

"Jack.... you know there's one in every crowd."

Thank you again for joining us, but let's allow Jesus to let us know his choice someday.

God Bless us all this Spring with Christian Love from The Welcoming Committee: Richard Britton, Wayne Crawford, Gail Kuhner, Beverly Neroni, Mike Kuitunen, Cathy Stuart, Bev Bennett

## BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under Heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1 ~ NRSV

"Life Group 4 Bible Study" has grown with many blessings since beginning September, 2020. We have decided on a new name for our group: "BIBLE FELLOWSHIP".

We want all to feel welcome to join us and we hope to continue strengthening our foundation, fulfillment, forgiveness, and freedom through Jesus Christ sharing God's word. Our own various versions of the Bible miraculously come together like a melodious rainbow from God.

We also wholeheartedly volunteer our life experiences encouraging and learning from one another. Sharing these things is a gift, and we invite you all to join in this harmony.

Friday, May 20, @ 3:00 pm  
All welcome!

Please phone Bev Bennett 585-225-0206

A peace that preeminents all understanding by Jesus way.  
-Philippinans 4:7 ~ Our Bible



We would like to thank everyone for the cards, sympathy and prayers of kind words that you gave us at the time of my brother's passing.

Linda Taylor and family

**GREECE CROP HUNGER WALK:** This year's Greece CROP Hunger Walk will begin on May 1, 2022 at Aldersgate Church. Walkers will confirm their registration at 1:00. Choose either the 0.5 or 2.5-mile route. 25% of funds raised will be donated to the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf and 75% will go to CWS for fighting hunger worldwide. Join Bethany's team or sponsor our team online here: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/bethany-presbyterian-church>. To make a cash donation, contact Cheryl Fisher, provide after Sunday Service or contact one of our walkers directly.

## **BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN in the CONGREGATION**



**Bethany Women's Retreat 2022: WonderFull World- Where Women Explore God's Wonder and Love**  
On Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Bethany women took a journey packed with friendship, God, and spiritual growth. We had a whirlwind tour of four continents, where we experienced meaningful Bible studies, explored the wonders of a woman's heart, and had time for quiet reflection, singing, good food, plenty of fun and laughter! We also made baby blankets to donate to local organizations.

### **BPWC Budget Update:**

During the month of March, Bethany Presbyterian Women in the congregation pledged another \$375. We were able to continue God's work during March. We mailed a check in the amount of \$800 to Save the Children designating the funds be used for Ukraine. We also sent a check to ROC Recovery Fitness for \$200.

### **Afghan Mission Project:**

Beth Thomsen has two completed afghans and one lap robe which was delivered to Saints Place, in Pittsford.

### **June Lunch Meeting:**

**We will be meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am instead of June 14<sup>th</sup>.** Paper goods, beverage+++ and ham will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. We will also be voting on BPWC Officers. Nominations will be received on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Our current officers have agreed to serve again: 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](mailto:kbolinger@rochester.rr.com).

# May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9-Present Word 10-Worship, with communion Childcare, Roots & Wings 11:15-Sunday School 11:30-Contemporary Worship 1-Crop Walk	<b>2</b> 7-Stephen Ministers	<b>3</b> 10-Belles & Beaux	<b>4</b> 12:30-Staff Meeting 6:30-Worship & Music 7:30-Celebration Ringers	<b>5</b> 7:15 Bethany Choir	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9-Men's Club Breakfast 9-Adolpt -a-Highway
<b>8</b> 9-Present Word 10-Worship, with communion Childcare, Roots & Wings 11:15-Sunday School	<b>9</b> 7-Life Group #2	<b>10</b> 10-Belles & Beaux 10-Presbyterian Women (offsite) 7:30-Congregational Life	<b>11</b> 12:30-Staff Meeting 6-C&GM 6:30-Spiritual Growth 7:30-Celebration Ringers	<b>12</b> 7:15 Bethany Choir	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9-Present Word 10-Worship, Childcare, Roots & Wings 11:15-Sunday School	<b>16</b> 7-Stephen Ministers	<b>17</b> 10-Belles & Beaux 10-Personnel Comm 7-Contemporary Worship Task force mtg	<b>18</b> 12:30-Staff Meeting 7-Budget & Finance 7-Christian Ed 7:30-Celebration Ringers	<b>19</b> 7:15 Bethany Choir	<b>20</b> 3-Bible Fellowship	<b>21</b> 11-Shipmates
<b>22</b> 9-Present Word 10-Worship, Childcare, Roots & Wings 11:15-Sunday School 12-Session	<b>23</b> 7-Life Group #2	<b>24</b> 10-Belles & Beaux	<b>25</b> 12:30-Staff Meeting	<b>26</b> 7:15 Bethany Choir	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10-Women's Brunch
<b>29</b> 9-Present Word 10-Worship, Childcare, Roots & Wings	<b>30</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> Church building closed	<b>31</b> 10-Belles & Beaux				

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## Ministries Team

### Head of Staff / Sr. Pastor

Dr. Bob Spratt

### Music Ministry

Jacob Montgomery - Music Director

Jean Coniber - Bell Choir Director

Jeff Tabor - Staff Singer

### Bookkeeper

Tom Olney

### Administrative Assistant & Mouse Editor

Eileen Sengillo

### Custodian

Jim Cruppe

### Nursery Child Care Worker

Jennifer Watt

### The Session

Craig Johnson, Budget & Finance

Wendy Watt, Christian Education

Judy Price, Community & Global Miss.

Jennifer McGarrity, Congregational Life

Bev Murray, Nominating

Jim Hetzler, Personnel

Steve Watt, Property

Carrie Buri, Spiritual Growth

Bev Bennett, Welcoming Committee

Connie Slapar, Worship & Music

Dr. Bob Spratt, Moderator

### Treasurer

Carl DeGraff



*"I will follow you  
wherever you go."*

LUKE 9:57