

Bethany
Presbyterian
Church

Sharing, Caring,
Believing, Doing

The Church Mouse



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**Sunday May 2, 2021
Reservations required**

Bethany Presbyterian Church In person worship begins May 2, 2021 COVID-19 REOPENING GUIDELINES

SUNDAY WORSHIP, FUNERALS AND WEDDINGS

- Streaming the worship service live on Facebook, Zoom and Boxcast will be continued.
- Congregants make reservations in order to attend the service using the link on the church website or by calling the church office (663-3000) in order not to exceed the sanctuary capacity requirements.
- Masks are required. Those who do not have one will be provided one.

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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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**Deadline for the
June
Newsletter is on
May 7, 2021**

- People will enter the Clark Entrance and exit out the wheelchair ramp. The elevator will be cleaned after each use.
- Congregational singing and choir music will be omitted until such a time as it is deemed safe. Soloists will be used.
- Bibles, Hymnbooks, envelopes, cards and pencils have been removed from the pew backs. There will not be a paper worship bulletin distributed. Prayers and scripture will be projected using electronic means at the front of the sanctuary and will continue to be emailed to the congregation for Zoom/Facebook/Boxcast use. Congregants are encouraged to bring their own Bibles if they prefer a paper copy and their own pew cushions.
- Seating for attendees who do not live in the same household will be spaced to least six feet apart by blocking off alternate pews.
- A stationary collection box will be used as a means of collecting regular financial contributions instead of shared collection trays.
- Communion will be observed by people bringing their own bread and juice.
- Microphones will not be passed during joys and concerns. People may share their request using their cell phone to post on Facebook or by standing in place and speaking loudly.
- Dismissal from church will be done pew by pew to ensure social distancing.
- There will not be a fellowship/coffee hour after worship. People will be encouraged to leave rather than to mingle.
- An additional Contemporary Worship service will be offered once a month at 8:30 am before the 10:00 am worship service.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

- Doors will be left open so they do not have to be touched.
- Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected between the contemporary and the traditional worship service.
- Use of items that are not easily cleaned, sanitized, or disinfected will be avoided.
- Safe and correct application of disinfectants will be used and kept away from children.
- Air Conditioner filters have been replaced and sanctuary windows will be opened to increase circulation of outdoor air. Ceiling fans will remain off.
- The drinking fountain will be unavailable for use.
- Signs will be posted indicating the way in and out of the sanctuary.
- Signs will be posted about washing hands in bathrooms with appropriate guidelines for doing so.
- Two automatic hand sanitizer stations will be available for use—one on the way into the sanctuary and one on the way out.

OFFICE WORK PLACE

- Church Business and Regular office functions will resume on May 3, 2021 while maintaining social distancing and wearing masks. Cleaning and sanitizing the office will be done daily.
- Office functions will be as limited as possible to ensure essential operations. Those in the office should be wearing masks; if there is more than one person in the office, make sure that surfaces, including the phone, are regularly sanitized.

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- A good stock of tissue, touchless hand sanitizers, and disposable paper towels for drying hands will be maintained in the rest rooms.
- High risk individuals and those with underlying conditions, whether staff, volunteers, or program participants, should continue to shelter in place. Please do not come to church if you don't feel well.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND GROUP MEETINGS

- The church nursery will be closed and there will not be Roots and Wings or Sunday School until the fall.
- Beginning May 3, 2021 all groups with a maximum of 25 people can only meet in the Large Hall and a maximum of 10 people in the Small Hall. Groups need to be divided to maintain social distancing standards. Each group must disinfect all surfaces before they leave.

RESOURCES

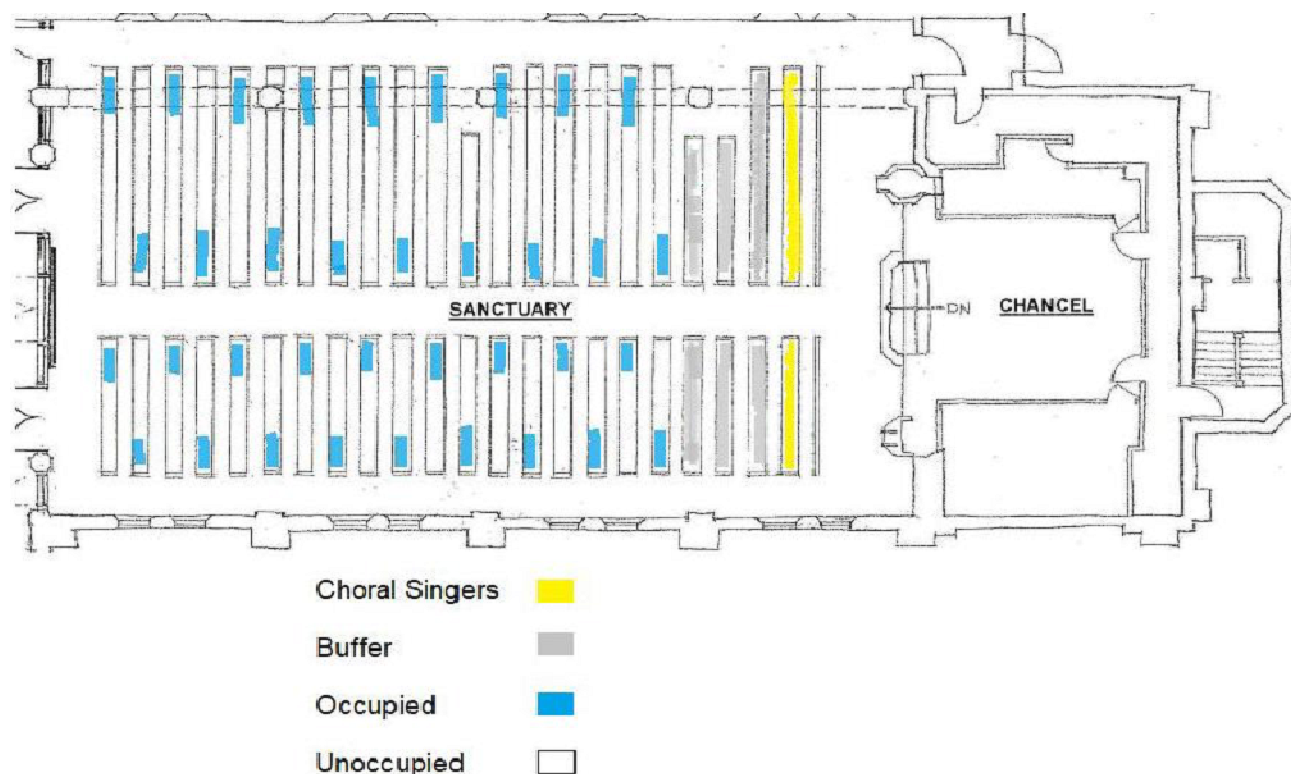
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Stephen Ministry

It has been one of the toughest years we, as a world, have dealt with. It has opened our eyes to the health situation all over the globe and in an awakening way, it has opened our eyes to the idea that we are really closer to everyone on this planet than we realized. It helped us to realize we are not alone in dealing with the quality of life we have all had to adjust to.

Things are slowly reopening. We are starting, very cautiously, to once again meet up with friends, go out, and get our children back to school and on a schedule. I am a person who needs a schedule or I become very "sloth like".

And...Bethany is going to restart services in the church the beginning of May. We have all been looking forward to this for it seems forever!! It will be with guidelines, but we have made it through so far, so we accept the gradual process. We all know that God has been with us this entire time and that he has had his arms wrapped around us. Christians just know.

But sometimes we may need a "booster" to remind us who is there to help us get back to the strength in our faith again. If anyone is facing a difficult time, one of the kindest things you can do for him or her is to say "I'm going to love you through this".

The Stephen Ministers are here to help you feel like someone is going to love you through whatever you are struggling with. Patience is a major issue right now, but hopefully by speaking to one of us, we can talk and pray, and listen to you to help you get through this next step. We are the "set up crew" for God to begin his framework in helping you understand and accept that he is still here and has never left you.

If you would like to speak with a Stephen Minister, please contact Dr. Bob or Wendy Watt. That's the first step. We'll take it from there.

Peace to you from all of the Stephen Ministers.
Cindi Sywulski



**Bethany Swingers Golf
League
Friday Evenings
Buttonwood Golf Course
600 Trimmer Road
Spencerport, New York**

It's almost that time,
To get our Golf Clubs out,
Limber up and un-wind,
And also think about where we can dine.

Come One, Come ALL,
It's the fun that is best to recall,
With Fellowship for everyone.

Due to Covid there will not be a "Kick Off Meeting"

GOLF STARTS on MAY 7th
Weather permitting

Please try to be at Buttonwood by 4:00 & 4:15 pm
so we can have more groups starting at the 1st
Tee !

All are - welcome to join us,
All that is required - is that you
have a set of golf clubs,
and some golf balls.

Please call or e-mail Bev Murray 865-8507 to sign
up or email: bandjmurray@frontiernet.net
or be at Buttonwood on the 7th of May.
If I know ahead of time who is playing then I can

Fiscal Focus

2021	March	Year to Date	% Budget
Income	\$28,101.49	\$95,211.15	23.78%
Expense	\$31,874.37	\$86,541.38	21.62%
Surplus/ (Deficit)	-\$3772.88	\$12,442.65	

Seeking Leaders Elders, Deacons and Committee Members

God wants us to share both our treasures and our talents. I invite everyone to hand in a sheet with information on where they can best share these talents. We need ALL of you to participate!!! Elders are the spiritual leaders of our congregation and serve on our church's governing body, the Session. Deacons lead in ministries of caring and compassion and assist in with the worship services. Committee members share their gifts to drive committee work and assist the leadership.

You may nominate yourself or provide names of people you believe should be considered to serve as an Elder, Deacon or Committee member by completing this form and placing it in the collection plate or dropping it off in the Nominating Committee mailbox in the copier room.

You may also contact Bev Murray at 865-8507 or email: bandjmurray@frontiernet.net with your nominee suggestions.

Your Name: _____

I feel called to serve as: _____

Interest Areas (check all that apply):

Deacon____	Property____	Personnel____
Welcoming____	Stewardship____	Worship&Music____
Christian Ed____	Spiritual Growth____	Mission____
Congregational Life____	Nominating____	Budget and Finance____
Audit____	Investment Management____	Memorial____

I recommend the following person(s) for Elder _____

I recommend the following person(s) for Deacon _____

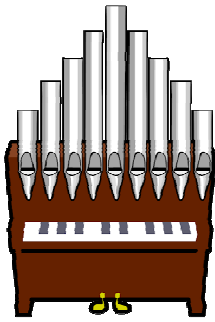
I recommend the following person for a committee:
Name _____ Committee _____

I have obtained permission from this (these) person(s) to submit their name: Yes__ No__

Please return this form no later than April 30, 2021.

Thank you!

April 9, 2021



The Father Willis Organ Committee just wants to let you know that we are still on hold waiting to hear back from the Church committee in England. We understand that England has been hit hard with Covid and is in "Shut Down" mode. As we all know it is very difficult to get much done in shut down mode.

As soon as we hear from the folks in England, we will let you know. In the mean while we have to keep our faith high with the hopes that with God's help everything will work out as it is meant to be.

Bob, Ed, Charlie, Cindy, Helen, Linda, Jacob and Bev

Happy May Birthday

May 15,
Ann Walker
Episcopal Church Home
505 Mount Hope Ave.
Rochester, NY 14620



Many heartfelt thank you's to all who sent cards, prayed, called, have driven me to appointments and other acts of kindness. A special thanks to the Fisher family who went the extra mile to leave flowers on my front porch. They were a great inspiration, Cheryl. Thank you. The Easter bunny also visited me and left a large stuffed egg.

~ Irene Crawford



THANK YOU

Thank you to all my friends for the birthday wishes.

**Wilma Chadwick,
age 97**



With Our People

With sympathy

Christian love and sympathy is extended to the Yarus family, at the passing of Gladys Yarus.



Reservations call Jack & Jan Bansbach at 227-1265
Mail checks to: 161 Luddington Ln, Roch NY 14612



ANNUAL PICNIC
Saturday, JUNE 12, 2021
Greece Canal Ponds Park
Towpath Shelter
12:30 PM until ?



**We have the shelter!
We have NO DETAILS!**

Once details are confirmed
as to
**CATERER, COST
SITE RESTRICTIONS**
We will eMail all members with
the details

**COST TO BE
DETERMINED**

Please make check's Payable to:
Bethany Shipmates Line #37 and in
Remarks indicate **"Picnic"**

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Mailed April 16, 2021

**We're on the
Web!**

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

Deb Petersen, Community & Global Miss.

Jennifer McGarrity, Congregational Life

Bev Murray, Nominating

Jim Hetzler, Personnel

Carrie Buri, Spiritual Growth

Helen West, Worship & Music

Dr. Bob Spratt, Moderator

Treasurer

Carl DeGraff

