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



**Worship
in the
Park**

**WORSHIP IN THE PARK
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2022**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP
AND WORSHIP AT:**

**GREECE CANAL PARK IN THE
MILLENNIUM LODGE
TIME 11:00AM**

We are once again asking to "bring a dish to pass"
There will be a sign-up sheet and someone to an-
swer any questions at the back of the church after
services.

We will provide hots, hamburgers, beverages, paper
products and utensils.

Hope to see you at this special event.

The Spiritual Growth Committee

C&GM will be collecting new socks and underwear.

YOUTH STUDIES

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Attention youth: our Sunday School will
now be known as Christian Youth Studies.
It will be an all ages class from 11:15-12
downstairs. It may be located in different
rooms depending on the studies for that
day (either the K-5 red room or movie room most likely). Our
first class will be Sept. 18 which is the week after Worship in
the Park. Come join us for some music, fellowship and fun.

Every Sunday children leave for "Roots and Wings"
activities in the library and return to their pews after
the sermon.



Bethany Mission Statement

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

Pastor's Page:

Dear Friends,

Leonard Sweet writes about a dreaded moment that exposes all our inadequacies and inconsistencies. The dentist, poking around your molars and bicuspid, simultaneously scrapes plaque and your conscience with the pointed question, "And have you been flossing every day?"

Despite all the flavored, waxed, stringless improvements, despite all the high-tech, low-tech gadgets and gizmos, flossing is still an unloved and unlovely chore. Nobody likes to do it. Nobody likes to see it being done. And--dentists will look offended as they tell you--few of us do it with determined regularity. Thanks to corn-on-the-cob perhaps September is a higher-flossing month than most. But once we move into October, flossing is easily forgotten. Flossing is never a labor of love. It's always just plain laborious.

Every six months, you visit the dentist for a cleaning -- and likely a lecture about the importance of flossing. But if you're like many dental patients, the advice travels in one ear and out the other -- much like, dental floss gliding between the spaces of your teeth.

"There is no instant gratification with flossing -- that's the problem," says Allan Wheeler, of the New York University School of Dentistry. "Patients don't think it does anything."

Going to church is like flossing your teeth. Many people say they do it regularly; few do. There are people who think church doesn't do anything.

A few years ago, Beyonce told a magazine that churchgoers' reactions to her celebrity status keep her from attending church. "I think God understands if I miss Sunday service," she said.

Well, Beyonce may not be one of them, but according to the National Council of Churches, 147.3 million people—or just under half of the American population—attend church.

I believe that church attendance is vital for education and fellowship with other believers. Week after week, God moves in churches across America to bring salvation, healing and deliverance. There are people in other countries who risk their lives to have an organized church service.

We are truly blessed to have worship every Sunday. See you there.
Blessings,

Dr. Bob Spratt

With Our People

With sympathy

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Bill, Janet, Beth, Mark, Bobby and Sharon Nichols at the passing of Ginny Nichols.

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

This novel takes place in 1962 Jackson, Mississippi and revolves around three women. One, Aibileen, is a black maid, raising her seventeenth child. Skeeter has just returned from college; normally Skeeter will find solace in Constantine, the beloved maid who raised her, but Constantine has inexplicably disappeared. These three women plot secretly to write a tell-all book about what it's really like to work as a black maid in the white homes of the south.

Who is your favorite character and why? How much of a person's character would you say is shaped by the times in which he or she lives?

On a personal note, this book is among my top five favorites ever! ~ Beth Thomsen



WELCOME NEW YOUTH LEADER

Bethany warmly welcomes Andrew Ferreira as our new part-time Youth Leader!

Andrew joins us with a great deal of experience as a program director in many non-profit organizations and pastor. He has served all generations and has designed/implemented a variety of programs that enrich the intended audience. Uniquely, Andrew has utilized magic within each ministry opportunity. During our meeting with him, Andrew exemplified the characteristics and qualities of the person we were hoping to fill this position with. His calm demeanor, yet vibrance in explaining past programs and methodologies we feel are a perfect fit for Bethany's youth ministry. One reference described Andrew as one who "looks to build relationships, not just fill a spot." Among the tasks for this position are working with CEC in creating a curriculum to grow our children's education programs and lead Bethany Youth Fellowship. We look forward to his presence, ideas and leadership. He will be looking upon all of us for assistance in making sure our children's programming flourishes!

His first day with us is Sunday, September 4th.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

Yours In Christ,
Youth Leader Search Committee
Jim Hetzler, Ken Conner, Cari Buri, Wendy Watt,
Tracey Meville, April Honan, Craig Johnson, Jennifer McGarrity and Dorie Patanella

Fiscal Focus

2022	July	Year to Date	% Budget
Income	\$31,829.74	\$210,943.03	49.02%
Expense	\$26,014.24	\$221,141.29	51.45%
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$5815.50	-\$10,471.26	

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

It's getting close to that time when we give prayerful thought to our commitment to the lord and our church.

We have some exciting things planned for this year's campaign and hope that it inspires you to think generously about your commitment this year.

More news to come soon.

God bless,
Your Stewardship Committee



Stephen Ministry

I am finding it hard to believe that the fall season is here. It has been an exceptionally warm summer so the thought of falling leaves from the trees for other reasons than high winds is not something I seem to be able to wrap my head around!

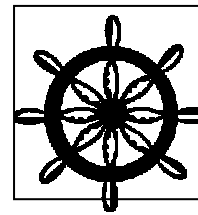
I look forward to fall as it is my favorite time of year, but I want it to follow the traditional way of cooling down, leaves changing colors, and getting my schedule back when I want to set it back. It seems to be on the way too soon also. The stores are starting to fill up with Halloween costumes and goodies. Now, just hold on here!! I personally would like to slow this kind of progress down a bit. But, I can't.

In some ways, I would like the current time to speed up. I know what you're thinking. This lady needs to make up her mind. I want the good things to come at my speed and I want the difficult things to hurry up and go away. I have spoken with many in the church, my friends and family that are dealing with illness, decision making, and planning for the future that need to see the outcome of these events over with and completed. We want our loved ones to be well NOW, and our financial issues assured for the future so we can just continue as we wish knowing that all will be ok.

God has given us the ability of patience. It is not easy to find, but it is worth the search. There are Bible verses and stories of our God showing his people the value of patience, but sometimes they get pushed aside and buried by our impatience. Bethany has Stephen Ministers to help you relocate that patience and they are here ready to help you navigate your search.

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

Blessings to you 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

10:00 AM. 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. If you are interested please let the Shipmates Officers know so we have some idea. No money needed ahead of time.

~ Sue Kretovic



Shipmates

Save the Date! Saturday October 8th, 2022, from 12 noon to 2 PM for a

scenic cruise on the Colonial Belle on the Barge Canal in Fairport, NY. All are welcome! There will be more details to follow in September and October. Please call Dick Bauman at (585)227-3190 with any questions.



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.

Thanks for Blood
Drive Support June 21st



Bethany Presbyterian
Church
In Memory of Jerry Vogt

20 People Came
18 Donated
Many People Supported!

**Did You Know...
From Bethany's History...**

Dewey Avenue Church building, at Dewey and
Haviland Avenues, dedicated
April 2, 1910
112 in 2022

Dewey Avenue Union Church becomes
Bethany Presbyterian Church
April 15, 1929
93 in 2022

New Sanctuary, at present site, dedicated
November 16, 1952
70 in 2022

Christian Education Building, dedicated
November 16, 1952
65 in 2022

Tower erected and dedicated
September 20, 1989
33 in 2022

Presbyterian Women's Association
Began in 1946
76 in 2022

Shipmates began in 1957
65 in 2022

**Handbell Choirs: Our Bells Need
a Few More Hands**



Our two handbell choirs start rehearsals this fall, and it's a great time to join. Whether you are experienced in music or not, you can start at your comfort level and learn as you ring! The Belles and Beaux rehearse Tuesday morning at 10:00, and the Celebration Ringers rehearse Wednesday evening at 7:30. Please contact Jean Coniber at JConiber@frontiernet.net or 233-4994 for more information. Please give us a hand!

Neighborhood Picnic a WONDERFUL SUCCESS

- The parking lot was spruced up
- We met some of our neighbors - perhaps not as many as we hoped
- Had a great game of water balloon toss along with some other games
- Delicious food
- Great representation of our Bethany family
- Team bonding over CHAMBER of commerce tent assembly
- Fed the firefighters
- Collected food for the food shelf
- 200 flyers distributed by the Boy Scouts
- Prayed and prayers were answered with a set of clouds over Bethany to block the sun

**BEST OF ALL - MAJORITY OF LEFTOVERS WENT TO
CAMERON MINISTRIES FOR THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD
PICNIC**

Thanks to all who participated included Dick Bauman for spearheading the cleanup and Jennifer Smith who sees what needs to be done and takes care of it and lastly Cherie Livoti who led this effort after the idea came up in the social justice group.

**Roberts Wesleyan College—Shewan Recital Hall
Worship and Revival Night
Saturday, October 1, 2022—6PM
No Tickets required**

All people/ages welcomed as we gather all God's people to praise Jesus in spirit and in truth, declare the character of God, and see revival! This free, acoustic-style worship time includes various songs of praise and worship including hymns, classics, and contemporary as well as times of testimony and exhortation throughout the night. This event is free and open to the public. No tickets required! For more information contact boxoffice@roberts.edu or visit Instagram - @war_nights_roc and Facebook - @WaRNightsRoc.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

October 23, 2022 ~ 10:00 AM

(also live stream on Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)

Four Principles of Biblical Stewardship

Matthew 25:14-30

I. The Principle of Ownership (vss. 14-15)

- A. It is clear that man was created to work and that work is the stewardship of all of the creation that God has given him (Gen 2:15, Gal. 6: 4-5)
- B. This is the fundamental principle of biblical stewardship. God owns every thing, and we are simply managers or administrator acting on his behalf (Duet. 10:14, Jn. 3:27)
- C. Therefore, stewardship expresses our obedience regarding the administration of everything God has placed under our control.
- D. Stewardship is the commitment of one's self and possessions to God's service. (Duet. 8:17-18)

II. The Principle of Responsibility (vss. 16-18)

- A. Although God gives us "all things richly to enjoy", nothing is ours. Nothing really belongs to us. God owns everything: we're responsible for how we treat it and what we do with it (I Cor. 4:2)
- B. While God has graciously entrusted us with the care, development, and enjoyment of everything he owns as his stewards, we are responsible to manage his holdings well and according to his desire and purposes.

III. The Principle of Accountability (vss. 19-27)

- A. We are all stewards of the resources, abilities and opportunities that God has entrusted to our care, and one day each one of us will be called to give an account for how we have managed what he Master has given us.
- B. God has entrusted authority over the creation to us and we are not allowed to rule over it as we see fit.
- C. We are called to exercise our dominion in managing his creation in accord with the principles he has established.

IV. The Principle of Reward (vss. 28-30)

- A. Stewards who do the master's will with the master's resources can expect to be rewarded incompletely in this life (Col. 3:23-24)
- B. Biblical stewardship deals with more than finances but encompasses all that God has given us to advance His kingdom on the earth.

September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> 7-Bethany Choir	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 9-Men's Club Breakfast
<i>4</i> 10-Worship, with communion Childcare, Roots & Wings 11:30-Contemporary Worship	<i>5</i> Labor Day	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> 12:30-Staff Meeting 6:30-Worship & Music	<i>8</i> 2-Property 7-Bethany Choir	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 10:00-Shipmates at the Zoo
<i>11</i> 11-Worship in the Park 	<i>12</i> 7-Life Group	<i>13</i> 9:30-Belles & Beaux 10-Presbyterian Women 7:30-Congregational Life	<i>14</i> 11:30-Bethany Staff picnic 6-C&GM 6:30-Spiritual Growth 7-Christian Ed 7:30-Celebration Ringers	<i>15</i> 7-Bethany Choir	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>18</i> 9-Present Word 10-Worship, Childcare, Roots & Wings 11:15-Youth Studies	<i>19</i> 2-Pastoral Care Deacons 6-Audit Committee 7-Stephen Ministers	<i>20</i> 9:30-Belles & Beaux 10-Personnel	<i>21</i> 12:30-Staff Meeting 7-Budget & Finance 7:30-Celebration Ringers	<i>22</i> 7-Bethany Choir	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i> 9-Present Word 10-Worship, Childcare, Roots & Wings 11:15-Youth Studies	<i>26</i> 7-Life Group	<i>27</i> 9:30-Belles & Beaux 12-Lunch & Learn with Beatrice Place	<i>28</i> 12:30-Staff Meeting 7:30-Celebration Ringers	<i>29</i> 7-Bethany Choir	<i>30</i>	

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