

**Next Week – Psalm 23; 1 John 1:5-10**

The grit of God's grace purifies us from all unrighteousness. Based on Louie Giglio's "Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table."

**God, as I encounter others at worship today, help me look on their hearts, as you do. Then lead me to share a caring word.**

**Welcome to worship. May God's Word help us each see something or someone in a new way today.** We especially welcome any visitors this morning and invite you to attend our services again.

**Please complete the Connection Card found inside your bulletin if you are new to Bethany so we can get to know you. Welcome! Please complete the Connection Card if your information has changed. Thank you.**

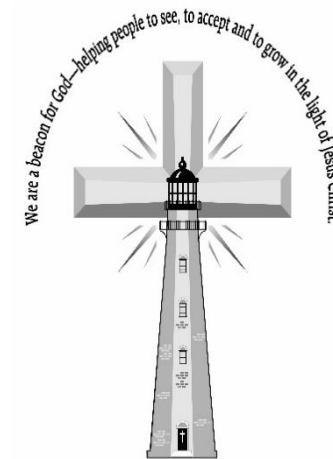
**The flowers on the altar** are in "Memory of Landyn Zerby. Happy Heavenly Birthday, Landyn" by Family.

**Ushers: 9:00 am - Joe Cope, Willis Forsythe, Lamont Brown, Barry Volkel, Mike Powlus, (when needed - Don Shiner & Russ Shields)**  
Next Sunday – Team C

March 19, 2023



**THE PRAYER OF POWER OVER TEMPTATION**



**BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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March 19, 2023  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

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*An asterisk \* invites the people to stand, if able*  
*The bold print invites the people to participate*

**GATHERING**

Welcome  
Prelude  
Call to Worship

**PRAISE AND PRAYER**

\* **Hymn #395** "Take Time to Be Holy"

\* **The Gloria Patri (#71)**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy  
Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall  
be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer/ The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

\* **Doxology (#95)** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all  
creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* **Offering Prayer**

\* **Hymn #496** "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

\* **Affirmation of Faith #881** The Apostles' Creed, Trad. Version

**PROCLAMATION**

Scripture Readings – Psalm 23 (ICB)  
2 Cor. 10:3-5 (ICB)

Sermon Pastor Steve Portner  
*"The Prayer of Power Over Temptation"*

**SENDING FORTH**

\* **Hymn #504** "The Old Rugged Cross"

Announcements  
Postlude

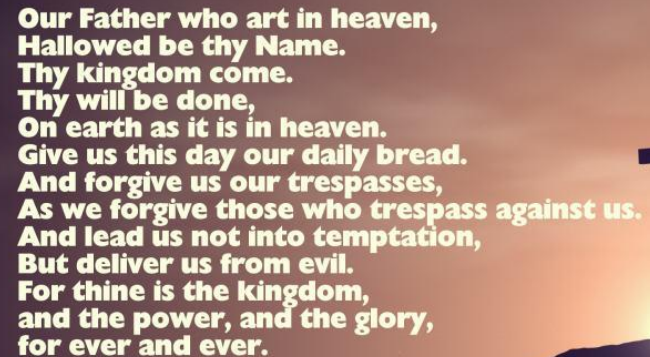
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Songs of Praise  
Prayer  
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Sermon Pastor Steve Portner  
*"The Prayer of Power Over Temptation"*  
Response  
Announcements

**The Lord's Prayer**



**Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>Mar 19</b>
9:00 am	..... Worship Service –Pastor Portner (Sanc) <b>Jr Church – Kellie, Judy, Mike, Ashley</b>	<b>11am Ashley, Kim</b>
10:00 am	.....Adult Sunday School ... Children – <b>Ashley, Mike</b>	
11:00 am	.....Contemporary Service – Pastor Portner (BR)	
6:00 pm	.....The Bridge Meeting (Evansville UMC)	
7:00 pm	.....Lenten Services (Evansville UMC)	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>First Day of Spring</b>	<b>Mar 20</b>
6:30 pm	.....Grief Support (RM2)	
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Mar 21</b>
8:00 am	.....TOPS (SGR)	
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>Mar 22</b>
1:30 pm	.....Membership Class (Lib)	
6:15 pm	.....Praise Team (BR)	
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>Mar 23</b>
6:30 pm	.....Scouts (Scout)	
7:00 pm	.....Chi Rho Concert (First UMC)	
<b>Fri/Sat</b>		<b>Mar 24 &amp; 25</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>Mar 26</b>
9:00 am	..... Worship Service –Pastor Portner (Sanc) <b>Jr Church – Sally, Edna</b>	<b>11am Kim</b>
10:00 am	.....Adult Sunday School ... Children – <b>Cristie</b>	
11:00 am	.....Contemporary Service – Pastor Portner (BR)	
7:00 pm	.....Lenten Services (Summerhill UMC)	
<b>Monday</b>		<b>Mar 27</b>
6:30 pm	.....Grief Support (RM2)	
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Mar 28</b>
8:00 am	.....TOPS (SGR)	
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>Mar 29</b>
1:30 pm	.....Membership Class (Lib)	
6:15 pm	.....Praise Team (BR)	
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>Mar 30</b>
10:30 am	.....Bible Study (Wesley UMC)	
6:30 pm	.....Scouts (Scout)	
7:00 pm	.....Bible Study (Bethany UMC)	

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### BETHANY STAFF

Pastor – Stephen Portner

Pianist – Beverly Collins

Administrative Assistant - Connie Wech

Custodians –Joan Kishbaugh, Melvin Kishbaugh, and Paul Miller

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Please pray for:** Joann Gearhart, Dan, Jim Zeart, Megan, Eric Black, Tod Locher, The Family of Robert Bull, Doug Stroup, Dick and Bethann Savage, Brenda, Jamie Trego, Corie Bush and Baby, Brandon, Linda Eyer, Judy Harvey, Karen Hunsinger

*Please note: If you would like someone to be moved to the long-term prayer list, please contact the church office.*

**Easter Lily orders are due Monday, March 20th.** Each lily cost \$13.50 which is due with your order. Please complete the enclosed order form and return it to the office with payment by March 20th.

**Our Extra Mile Giving for March** will go to Beyond Violence, our local women's shelter. In addition to a monetary donation, we will be collecting other items that they need. Some suggestions are: Play food for kitchen set for counseling - diapers - journals for adults & youth—calendar planners - hair ties/hair clips - toilet paper - paper towels - shaving cream and razors. Grocery store gift cards are always welcome. The shelter provides a valuable service to our community and they struggle to make ends meet. The bills have gone up for the center and they are really struggling. Any help we are able to give them is always appreciated. Items can be placed on the table outside the library or dropped off in the office. Thank you for your support. Envelopes are available at the Information Desk and also where you pick up your Beacon if you choose to support Beyond Violence.

**The annual children's Easter Egg hunt** will be held on Easter Sunday, April 9th, 2023 immediately following the 9AM combined service. Donations of candy and additional egg stuffing material are needed to make the egg hunt a success. To make a contribution to the egg hunt please refer to the donation board in the lobby. Contributions can be put in box located below donation board. Please reach out to Chanelle Patel (570)441-9488 with any questions.

**Sunrise breakfast**-We are asking for your help in providing the food for Sunrise breakfast. Please take a note from the bulletin board in the Overflow Area with the food item you are willing to contribute and bring it to the Church on Friday, April 8 by 6:00 pm, if noted. A signup up sheet is on the Information Desk. Please complete the signup sheet with the number of family members attending.

**Bethany United Methodist Church**  
Peacemakers Weekly Prayer Support Ministry

***"Policeman's Prayer"***

*When I start my tour of duty God,  
Wherever crime may be,  
as I walk the darkened streets alone,  
Let me be close to thee.*

*Please give me understanding with both the young and old.  
Let me listen with attention until their story's told.  
Let me never make a judgment in a rash or callous way,  
but let me hold my patience let each man have his say.*

*Lord if some dark and dreary night,  
I must give my life,  
Lord, with your everlasting love  
protect my children and my wife.*

*(Author Unknown)*

**Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called sons of God.**

General Prayer for Departments:

Borough of Berwick Police Department  
Briar Creek Township Police Department  
Salem Township Police Department  
Nescopeck Borough Police Department  
Columbia County Sheriff's Office  
South Centre Township Police Department  
PA State Police Shickshinny Station

Specific Prayer for Officers: March 2023

Su 19. Dustin Sabol, Patrolman  
M 20. Deputy Dale Coombe  
T 21. Chief Kenneth Strish  
W 22. Thomas D. Frace, Chief of Police  
TH 23. Chief Richard Haraschak III  
F 24. Assistant Chief Troy Maneval  
Sa 25. Chief William Richendrfer



**VBS Volunteers** – Volunteers are needed to help with the Community VBS which will be hosted at Bethany Church on June 25-29. Please contact Sarah Brown if you are interested in helping.

**Lent Services 2023 – 250 Years of Amazing Grace**  
Services will be at 7:00pm on the designated dates.

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 19  
Host Church: Evansville UMC, Berwick  
Speaker: Cathy Cope  
Scripture: John 4:13-14  
Topic: The Woman at the Well

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 26  
Host Church: Summerhill UMC, Berwick  
Speaker: Max Sitler  
Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:15  
Topic: Paul

Greetings to all!

Thanks for your orders last month. We received positive feedback. We are glad everyone enjoyed the hoagies. This month the sale will be Thursday, March 30; pick up times will be the same. Orders from churches will be accepted up until 3pm on Sunday, March 26. An order sheet is at the Information Desk.

Thanks to those who helped with the prep and assembly of the hoagies last month. We will again be grateful for anyone who is willing to help either on Wednesday, March 29 beginning at 9:30am or Thursday, March 30 beginning at 7:30am.

Blessings to all,  
Calvary United Methodist Church  
Holly & Howard Steward and the "Hoagie Crew"

Church Attendance – March 12

9:00am Traditional Worship – 68  
Sunday School - 32  
11:00 am Contemporary Worship – 20

Tithes and Offerings – March 12

Current Fund - \$1,787.00  
Building/Missions – \$451.00  
Sunday School - \$54.00



**Holy Thursday Tenebrae Service with  
Communion - 7:00 pm**

**Good Friday Service - 7:00 pm**

**Easter Sunday**

**Easter Sunrise Service - 7:00 am**

**Sunrise Breakfast—following Sunrise Service**

**Combined Worship Service - 9:00 am**

**Sunday School - 10:00 am**

**Please join us for our worship services.**

**Everyone is welcome and hope to see you.**

**Chi Rho  
Singers**

**Susquehanna Conference  
United Methodist Church  
PASTORS' CHOIR**



**IN CONCERT**

At 200 N. Market St. Berwick

Date MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup>

Time 7 P.M.