

BETHANY CHURCH  
OF BERWICK  
116 Summerhill Avenue  
Berwick, Pennsylvania 18603

# BETHANY BEACON

Mission Statement: We are a Beacon for God—  
Helping people to see, to accept and to grow in the light of Jesus Christ

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You will be enriched  
in every way  
for your great  
*generosity,*

which will  
produce

*Thanksgiving*

to God  
through us.

2 Corinthians 9:11, NRSV

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## **Pastor Search Update**

It's an exciting time to be part of Bethany Church! Church Council has invited a Global Methodist pastor with 10 years of experience to join us in ministry, and he has accepted. We're eager to introduce you, but we await final approval from the GMC.

The pastor and his family are expected to join us in February. They plan to live in the parsonage, so you may notice activity there as we make a few updates.

We're blessed to have our talented pool of retired clergy and lay speakers to lead worship through January. Please keep Bethany, our new pastor and his family in prayer as we prepare a warm welcome.

Church Council



### Short Term Prayer Concerns

Joseph Potocnak, Thomas Makar, Joshua, Lisa, Shawn N., A Family in Turmoil, Marie Grace, Pam Davis, John, Sally Luthi, Dean Bowman, Thomas Karem, Marge Seewagen, Sandy Slowick, Tracy

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

### Long-Term Prayer Concerns

Wendy McClintock, Donna Stubbs, Sam Miller, Shirley Hornberger, Kim Varner, Marlene Eckrote, Jim & Carol Zeart, Kim Kishbaugh, Warren Wolfe, Edna Mae Belles, Kent Williams, Rosemary Martz, Joe Phillips, Sr., Betty Morgan, Karen Hunsinger, Bill Mausteller, Billy Robbins, Samantha Scoblink, Nick Pritchuk, Joyce Noroski, Renee Ptashinski, Mike Mattern, Esther Bower, John Ptashinski, Dick and Bethann Savage, Eric Black, Judy Harvey, Joan Harmon, Tod Locher, Carmella Picarello, Gloria Varner, Edna McClintock, Lisa Hubley, Gary Fisher, Pastor Ed Cope, Jackie Fisher, Frances Houseknecht, Pam Price, Tammy Smith

Sympathies for the families of:

Jean Deitterick, Kathy Seely, Ian Missien, Harvey Longenberger, John Bower, Isabel Bower



### **Bounty of thanks**

We thank thee, Lord, for the glory of the late days and the excellent face of thy sun. We thank thee for good news received. We thank thee for the pleasures we have enjoyed and for those we have been able to confer.

And now, when the clouds gather and the rain impends over the forest and our house, permit us not to be cast down; let us not lose the savor of past mercies and past pleasures; but, like the voice of a bird singing in the rain, let grateful memory survive in the hour of darkness. If there be in front of us any painful duty, strengthen us with the grace of courage; if any act of mercy, teach us tenderness and patience.

—Robert Louis Stevenson



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 11/02 Marian Collins, Debra Springman
- 11/05 Holli Sult
- 11/06 Lamont Brown
- 11/08 Betty Shelhamer
- 11/09 Bob Eyer, Karen Fetterman
- 11/11 Eric Klingerman, Lauren Rauch
- 11/12 Kimberly Levan
- 11/13 Lloyd Welliver
- 11/14 Timothy Stroup
- 11/15 Jaxon Schenkel
- 11/17 Russ Shields
- 11/18 Joe Cope, Martin Harmon Jr
- 11/19 Kathleen Keller
- 11/20 Tom Kobeck, James Zeart
- 11/21 Kelsey Aten
- 11/24 Dennis Force
- 11/26 David Shields, Aiden Walsh
- 11/27 Ben Wojciechowski
- 11/28 Adam Bowman
- 11/29 Marinna Grasley, Sarah Hazlett,  
Donna Schechterly
- 11/30 Aurora Aten, Belinda Dowell

November 11, 2023



★ **Veterans Day:** ★  
**Thank You for Your Service!**

## Bethany Church of Berwick Peacemakers Prayer Support Ministry

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 Daily Prayer for Officers: November 2023

1. Deputy Anthony Kopitsky
2. Officer Randy Gaugler
3. Dallas Herbert, Patrolman
4. Deputy William Miner
5. Eli MidDaugh, Patrolman
6. Justin Funk, Patrolman
7. Officer Jeremy Mulders
8. Deputy Jessica Surkin
9. Officer Jessica Shoup
10. Officer Philip Schlegel
11. Deputy Dale Stokes
12. Officer Henry Roote
13. Sgt. Tyler Miller-Stephens County, TX
14. Chief Kenneth Strish
15. Thomas D. Frace, Chief of Police
16. Chief Richard Haraschak III
17. Assistant Chief Troy Maneval
18. Chief William Richendrfer
19. Jarrod Noss, Criminal Investigator
20. Officer Christopher Kelchner
21. Sheriff Timothy Chamberlain
22. Chief Michael McNeal
23. Chief Deputy Earl "Skip" Mordan
24. Sgt. Marc Fedder
25. Sarah Klingaman
26. Shawn Young, Patrolman
27. Deputy Scott Mayernick
28. Officer Shawn Timbrell
29. Sergeant Stephen LeVan
30. Deputy Kristie Rospendowski

## Missions & Evangelism

### **Extra Mile Giving for November will be for Harvest Home to support Bethany's Pantry Box/Homeless Ministry**

Our Extra Mile Giving for November will support Bethany's Little Pantry Boxes/Homeless Ministry for Harvest Home. We are asking for store gift cards from Weis Markets, Giant, IGA or monetary donations in support of our mission. We will be collecting donations throughout November. A basket will be placed on the Harvest Home table in the Overflow area during services. Harvest Home giving envelopes are also available at the reception table or information desk.

You may donate food items for Harvest Home which also would be used in our pantry box ministry. Please put your non-perishable food items and personal hygiene items on the Harvest Home table located outside the library in the Overflow area. Any items that cannot be used for the pantry boxes will be taken to the Salvation Army to support their mission of helping the community.

#### **List of the items needed for the Little Pantry locations**

We are hoping the church as a whole might be willing to help with donations of the things we need. This has been an ongoing project. Here are some things we need:

Individually wrapped granola bars, breakfast bars, cereal bars and similar.

Ramen noodles, soups, instant lunch soups, nuts, tuna pouches, individual packs of crackers, fruit cups

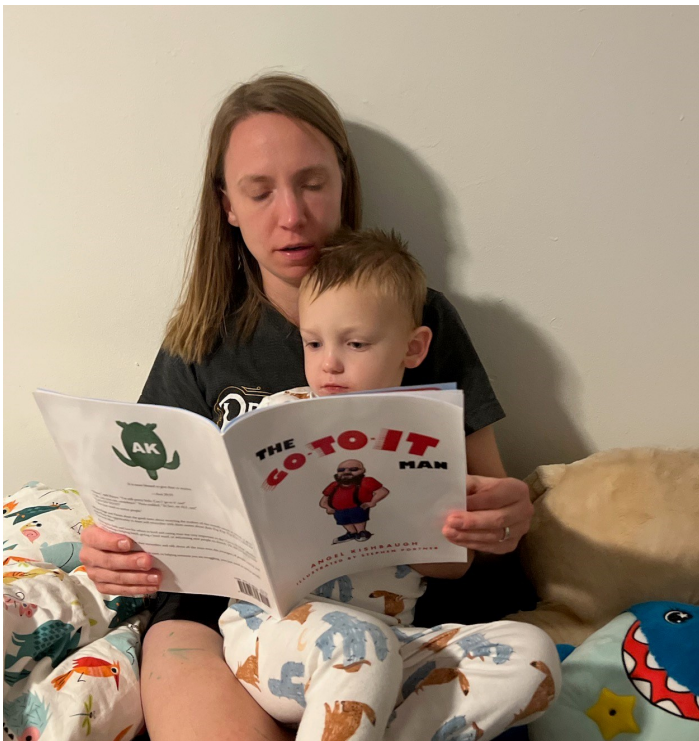
Hygiene products, Individually wrapped toilet paper, Hand sanitizer, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste  
Towels and washcloths, Soap, Drawstring garbage bags (large or kitchen size),

Large or XL ziplock bags,

Tote bags--the reusable kind from grocery stores and similar. These can be used or new.

### **Operation Christmas Child boxes are due.**

Spread the love of Jesus by packing a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child. Contact the office if you would like to learn more or need help packing a box. Preprinted boxes and information on Operation Christmas Child are available by the Information Desk in the main entrance hallway. **Packed boxes and the \$10.00 cost of shipping are due in the office by November 12.** Thank you!



This little boy from Ohio has a favorite book to read. It is "The Go To It Man". Thank you, Angel, for sharing your talent and for sharing Chris's love for God with others.

**DECORATE**  
the church

Please come and help decorate the church  
for the Christmas season on  
Sunday, November 26th at 6:00 pm.

Pieces of Prayer will be meeting in the Stained Glass Room on November 14 at 6:30 pm.  
Everyone is welcome to join the fellowship even if you don't know how to sew.

We would love to have you join us.

# Take time to recharge

“Then Jesus said, ‘Let’s go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile.’ He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn’t even have time to eat” (Mark 6:31, NLT). Can you relate? Especially during the holidays, we’re “coming and going” so much that we often run out of steam.

As an introvert, I learned an important lesson while navigating a busy graduation season for my son. I was happy to host a celebration for family and friends, but about 20 minutes into the party, fatigue clouded my spirit. My social battery was empty and desperately needed charging.

I sought out my cousin — who “gets” me — and admitted I needed a break. He kindly replied, “Then go into another room and just be. We’ve got things covered.” I was heard and assured that it was okay to press pause. Even Jesus and his disciples sought privacy and rest.

In what ways do you need a break today? Even if you’re an extrovert, how can you care for your whole self during the holiday rush? Pay attention and give yourself permission to proactively recharge your battery.


—Janna Firestone


# PUZZLE


## THANKS-FILLED GIVING


The virtues of gratefulness and generosity are connected. When we’re truly thankful for all God provides, we want to sow generous seeds in other people’s lives. What will be the harvest?


Directions: Solve the clues associated with each picture. Then write the words in the correct spaces to complete 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV.

This becomes a plant  \_\_\_\_\_

 Willing to give \_\_\_\_\_

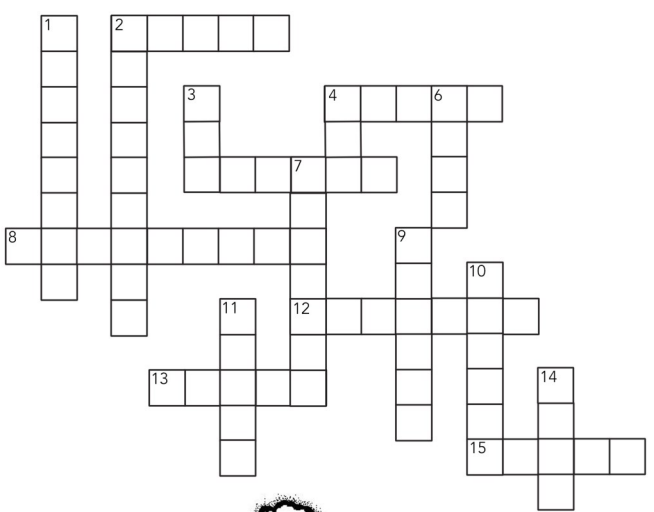

The result of planting seeds  \_\_\_\_\_

 The act of gratitude \_\_\_\_\_

Food made from wheat  \_\_\_\_\_

Now he who supplies \_\_\_\_\_ to the sower and \_\_\_\_\_ for food will also supply and increase your store of \_\_\_\_\_ and will enlarge the \_\_\_\_\_ of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be \_\_\_\_\_ on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in \_\_\_\_\_ to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV

Answers: seed, bread, harvest, generous, thankful, giving

**ACROSS**

2. cause of Job’s trouble
4. twinkling, heavenly lights
6. the Shuhite, a friend (2:11)
8. creature of the deep (41:1)
12. the Temanite, a friend (2:11)
13. sores
15. Job had 7,000

**DOWN**

1. the One who ever lives (19:25)
2. affliction
3. had seven sons
4. ocean
5. precipitation
7. Job had 500
9. the Naamathite, a friend (2:11)
10. Job had 3,000
11. Job’s fourth friend (32:2)
12. Job had 500 yoke

Answers: Across 2. Satan, 4. stars, 6. Bildad, 8. Leivathan, 12. Eliphaz, 13. boils, 15. sheep; Down 1. Redeemer, 2. suffering, 3. Job, 4. sea, 5. rain, 7. donkeys, 9. Zophar, 10. camels, 11. Elihu, 12. oxen

ADVICE FROM A PUMPKIN:

**:: Be well rounded ::**

GET PLENTY OF SUNSHINE.

Give thanks for life’s bounty.

[[ HAVE A THICK SKIN. ]]

Keep growing.

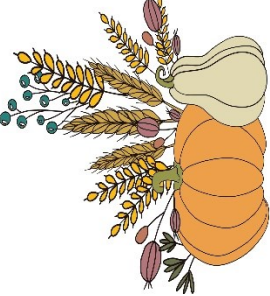



BE OUTSTANDING IN YOUR FIELD.

**THINK BIG!**

—Ilan Shami




# Happy Thanksgiving

November 2023					Dec 2023 ▶		
◀ Oct 2023	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 6:15 pm Praise Team (BR)  <b>ALL SAINTS' DAY</b>	<b>2</b> 6:30 pm Scouts( Scout)	<b>3</b> World Community Day	<b>4</b> 1:00 pm Shultz Party (BR)   Tonight
<b>5</b> All Saints Sunday - Communion Pulpit – Pastor Ralph Hartenbach 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Contemporary Srv(BR)	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm Grief Support (RM2) 7pm Nominations (Lib)	<b>7</b> Election Day (BR) 8 am TOPS (SGR)	<b>8</b> 6:15 pm Praise Team (BR)	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm Scouts( Scout)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Kishbaugh Women's Tea (BR)  	
<b>12</b> Pulpit – Jeff Girton/Angel Kishbaugh 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Contemporary Srv(BR)	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm Grief Support (RM2) Operation Christmas Child Box Deadline	<b>14</b> 8 am TOPS (SGR) 6:30 pm Pieces of Prayer (SGR)	<b>15</b> 6:15 pm Praise Team (BR)	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm Scouts( Scout) 6:30 pm Church Council (SGR)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	
<b>19</b> Pulpit – Gary Bowman 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Contemporary Srv(BR)	<b>20</b> 6:30 pm Grief Support (RM2) 7pm Nominations (Lib)	<b>21</b> 8 am TOPS (SGR)	<b>22</b> 6:15 pm Praise Team (BR)	<b>23</b> Thanksgiving Day Office / Bethany Blessings Closed  	<b>24</b> Bethany Blessings Closed	<b>25</b>	
<b>26</b> Christ the King Sunday Pulpit – Pastor Carvel May/ Angel Kishbaugh 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Contemporary Srv(BR) 6:00 pm Hanging of the Greens	<b>27</b> Bethany Blessings Closed 6:30 pm Grief Support (RM2)	<b>28</b> 8 am TOPS (SGR)	<b>29</b> 6:15 pm Praise Team (BR)	<b>30</b> 6:30 pm Scouts( Scout)	