

BETHANY

Care Packages

College

We are sending packages to our college students who are away from home. If you are willing to bake cookies for them, please contact Ron or Gladys Buck. The baked goods need to be brought to church on September 18th to be packed on the 20th. Thank you for helping with this ministry. Please update office of new college students moving away.

Military

If you would like to donate for the military needs, please pick up a list at the Welcome Center. Most of the items like toothpaste, lotions, and pain medicine, can be purchased at drug or grocery stores. Thank you for your donations. The military personnel greatly appreciate receiving packages from home. See Ron or Gladys Buck if you have any questions.

Single Seniors


Thursday, September 15th @ 11:30pm


We will be dining at the **Voyageur Restaurant** 525 S. Riverside Ave. St Clair. Meet at Bethany for transportation and also sign up at the Welcome Center.

Men's Lunch

September 7th @ 11:30am

Men, come enjoy some food, fellowship and savings as we gather together at Scrambler's Restaurant. Need more encouragement? We will be receiving a 20% discount courtesy of Scrambler's. Located on Masonic east side of Gratiot.







Celebrate Recovery

Mondays at 7pm

This is a 12-step Biblical Program with anonymity and confidentiality as basic requirements. What is shared in the group stays in the group! This will always be a safe place for you and uses a Christ-centered ministry to help through recovery. For more info contact Brian or visit <http://www.celebraterecovery.com/> Our small group helps people dealing with life's hurts, habits and hang-ups caused by drug, alcohol and sexual addictions, as well as anger, co-dependency & enabling adult children who are chemically addicted.






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Bethany has been established on the corner of 15 Mile Road and Beaconsfield for almost **60 years**, and has a rich heritage that involves Christ followers who are devoted to seeking the will of God. We know it is no accident that we have been placed on this corner and we strive to reach out to our community with the love of Christ.

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Bethany Newsletter

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September

For the last few years Bethany has been using the slogan, "Come, Consider, Connect." But what does that really mean? Join us this September as we take a biblical look at how God wants all men to come to Him. Considering what Jesus has done for us on the cross, so that we can connect with God. This series will be beneficial not just to the members of Bethany but also for friends who have not connected with God.



September Memory Verse

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Fall Kick-Off

September 7th @7pm -8:30pm

As our young people head back to school, we are preparing to kick-off our Wednesday night programs for students in K-12th grades.

The goal is to build relationships, learn new things, and to walk with Christ. Together as we accomplish these goals we are building future leaders and families who will love and live for Christ.

Moms Connect

Beginning Wednesday, September 7th @7pm

We are starting a new group for Mothers of school-age children at Bethany. Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center.

9/11 Patriot Day Ceremony

September 11th @7pm

Clinton Township is recognizing the fifteenth anniversary of 9/11 on Patriot Day. A memorial service will be held that day at 7pm at Resurrection Cemetery, 18201 Clinton River Rd. The service will be an opportunity to remember and honor our first responders, our military and those who died during the attacks on September 11, 2001.

Transportation from Bethany will be provided at 6:30pm. Some seating is provided but those planning to attend are encouraged to bring a lawn chair.

Trail Life USA

K - 6th grade boys

GEMS

1st - 6th grade girls

Souled Out

7th - 12th grade

Events This Month

- Sept. 4 Communion AM No PM Service
- Sept. 5 Labor Day Observed
- Sept. 7 Men's luncheon, Kick-off Mid-week Programs & Moms Connect
- Sept. 8 Choir Practice Begins
- Sept. 11 Donut Sunday, CE Meeting, Patriot Day Observance
- Sept. 15 Single Seniors Lunch
- Sept. 17 Crop & Craft Charity Event
- Sept. 22 PrimeTimers Event
- Sept. 23 Comedy for a Cause

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Fall Weekly Schedule

<u>Sunday</u>		<u>Tuesday</u>	
9:45am	Connection Bible Classes for All Ages Nursery through Adults	1:00pm	Quilting Time
11:00am	Worship Service Kidz Konnection 1st-6th grades	<u>Wednesday</u>	
6:00pm	Worship Service	7:00pm	Bible Study & Prayer Service, Youth Groups, Moms Connect, Women's Bible Study
6:15pm	CrossRoads (18-29 year olds)	<u>Thursday</u>	
<u>Monday</u>		7:00pm	Choir Practice
7:00pm	Celebrate Recovery Committee Meetings (see Calendar)	<u>Saturday</u>	
		8:00am	Men's Bible Study

Crop & Craft Charity Event

Saturday, September 17th

It's a whole day of crafting, gathering new ideas, and building relationships with other women. This event is from 9am-9pm, at Bethany. The cost is only \$40 which includes 3 meals and beverages. Last year we had 45 ladies crafting & scrapbooking. The group raised over \$1800 plus received 4,261 donated diapers, for "Compassion Pregnancy Center."

Registration flyers are available at the Welcome Center. All profits for this event go directly to the Compassion Pregnancy Center. If you have any questions or would like to donate prizes, please contact Patti DeKeyser.

PrimeTimers Trips

Thursday, September 22nd

The PrimeTimers will be spending the day touring; **Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park**. This a 158-acre botanical garden and outdoor sculpture park located in Grand Rapids. Please sign up for the all-day trip by September 11th to have transportation. \$15 per person, see flyer for more details.

Save the dates

- October 18th trip to 'TurkeyVille.' We will have dinner & a show. Please signup and pay Sheryl by September 25th.
- December 14 Christmas Luncheon at Avante'.



Operation Christmas Child

Now through November

On Sunday, September 11th, we are kicking off our church wide project to collect Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse to disburse globally to kids in need.

You can participate in 4 different ways:

- Obtain shoeboxes at the display table in lobby to fill on your own. You will also receive an envelope to include \$7 to cover postage.
- Donated items can be placed in the bin in lobby area. These will be packed into boxes at our church-wide Packing Party on November 12th.
- Write a check directly to Samaritan's Purse as a donation. This would not be part of this project but a direct donation to Samaritan's Purse.
- If you are unable to shop and would still like to participate in this project, please see one of the Missions Team members .

Visit the display case in the lobby to see a sample filled box and donation ideas. A list of approved items is at the Welcome Center as well as a list for specified suggestions for September.

We are excited to present this project and see how God transforms the lives of children and their families around the world through the Good News of Jesus Christ.

www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child

"What goes into the boxes is fun...what comes out is Eternity"
Quote from Samaritan's Purse



New for Boys this Fall—Trail Life USA

Begins September 7th @ 7pm

Bethany Baptist is proud to announce the adoption of our new boy's club program, Trail Life USA! This is a Christ-centered development adventure program. Boys will love the fun and adventure! Parents will love the commitment to a Christian worldview and moral consistency.

We are having an open house event to kick off our first meeting on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00pm for boys K-6th grades. Parents are encouraged to come and explore the new program with their sons and to meet with the leadership team. We are looking forward to sharing our Savior, Jesus Christ, with your son with this fun new program. Please don't hesitate to contact our troop master, Justin Kane, with any questions at kane_75_189@yahoo.com.



TRAIL LIFE USA

GEMS Fall Kick-off

GEMS club for girls in 1st-6th grade is ready to start back up again!!!! We'll kick off the year with our new theme, "LOVE OVERFLOWS" based on 1 Thessalonians 3:12. Learning about how God's love overflows for us and how we need to pass that on to others. As we study this overflowing love we will celebrate with several SPLASH party events throughout September. Our first club night starts September 7th!! See you then!!

Upcoming events for GEMS: Annual Pal/Gal Party October 5th at 7 pm - Beach party; Splash Village water park field trip - October 15th - all day



Souled Out Kicks Off 2016

September 7th @7pm

There is no other place that JR HI and SR HI students should be every Wednesday night over this coming school year because that's when Souled Out is happening! Each week is another opportunity to build relationships with others and with the only God! It is a place for friends to come and explore what life can be like when we live it the way our Creator has told us. Souled Out can have some crazy games, food, and a time where we put the pieces of our lives together; the things we wonder about, struggle with or need to learn. We'll finish up the night with some fun in the gym. Don't miss a single week!

See You At The Pole

Wednesday, September 28th @7am

This annual event is on Wednesday, September 28, at 7am at your school's flagpole. All around the globe, in every time zone, students will be gathering at their flagpoles, praying for their school, friends, families, churches and communities. See You At The Pole is a day committed to global unity in Christ and prayer for your generation. Make a commitment to go before God with other believers at your school and ask that He do something that He's never done before. SYATP could be the beginning of God doing something great on your campus this year. Visit the Facebook page or syatp.com

Souled Out Online

If you are looking for information about Souled Out and our upcoming events, we have two great resources; Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SouledOutBBC> and Bethany's website <http://connect2bethany.org/#/connection-groups/teens>.

While there may be down sides to Facebook, one positive is that it allows us to quickly get detailed information out to everyone. That same information will be on Bethany's website, as well, for those who do not have a Facebook account.



Upcoming Events

October 2016

- 2 Communion AM
- 5 Mens Luncheon, GEMS Pal/Gal Beach Party
- 9 Donut Sunday
- 13 Single Seniors Lunch
- 15 GEMS Field Trip
- 18 PrimeTimers Outing
- 30 Quarterly Business Meeting
- 31 Fall Festival

November 2016

- 2 Mens Luncheon
- 6 Connection Sunday Communion PM
- 8 Election Day
- 10 Single Seniors Lunch
- 11 Ladies Auction
- 12 Missions Packing Party
- 13 Donut Sunday
- PrimeTimers Outing
- 23 Thanksgiving Concert "Beauty for Ashes"

December 2016

- 4 Communion PM
- 7 Mens Luncheon
- 8 Single Seniors Lunch
- 11 Donut Sunday
- 14 PrimeTimers Luncheon
- 24 Christmas Eve Service

Bethany's Prayer List

Did you know we have a prayer list that you can receive by email? It's easy to join! You can go to Bethany's webpage or send your email address via text message:

Text - BETHANYPRAYER to 22828 to get started.

Message and data rates may apply.

September Birthdays

- 1 **Nancy Murphy**
- 2 Eleanor Sochor
- 3 Todd Wallace
- 5 **Betty Kuhnle**, Brenda Sutton
- 6 Suzanne Dolan, **Elyse John**
- 7 Rob Levos
- 8 Ann Castro, Erin Madak,
- 9 Millie Demers, Linda Holtzhause, Richard Groves, **Wilma Harmon**
- 11 Joshua Agbay, **Tommie Dulz**
- 12 Micayla Agbay, Fred Lewis
- 13 **Don Block**
- 14 Kathy Bulak
- 22 Kim Grueneberg
- 23 Nancy Harriman
- 24 Scott Agbay, Doug Crouch
- 25 Tom Mick, Monica Manion, George Small
- 26 Al Bennett
- 27 **Edith Rees**, Cheryl Hill
- 28 Barb Shovan, Kevin Manzella
- 29 Harold Warntz, Jane Welly
- 30 **Ben Walker**



Color Code
Missionary **Child of Missionary** **Shut-In**

To ensure those whose names are color-coded receive their cards, please use the postal service.

September Anniversaries

- 2 **Rhys & Becky John 2002**
- 3 Randy & Carol Hoover 1971
- 4 Carl & Sharon Landt 1964
- 5 Gregory & Yong Hobbs 1985
- 14 Denny & Ev Prentis 1968, Randy & Kendra Gosk 2002, Scott & Jill Brown 2012
- 16 Al & Carol Bennett 1960
- 17 **Cordell & Joan Loken 1966**
- 21 Bob & Beth Dolan Sr. 1985
- 22 Tom & Linda Mick 1990
- 23 Ron & Gladys Buck 1961, Rod & Elli Wegner 1967
- 27 Dick & Marge Langel 1958
- 30 Nahil & Niran Hillawi 1996



Missionary of the week, September 2016

September 4th **Ben & Elizabeth Hagerup** – are involved in campus ministries in Pennsylvania. Ben oversees all the campuses where DiscipleMakers works. Last year DiscipleMakers added five new campuses. The Hagerups are parents to five boys and two girls. Pray for wisdom for Elizabeth as she homeschools six of the children, including Tyler and Zachary, who are in high school.

September 11th **Dick & Vicki Gascho** – are with Greater Europe Mission & Development Associates International. They continue to travel and teach in Asia, SE Asia, and Africa. Pray for their students, who are all nationals and current leaders. Dick is reapplying for a previously denied visa to Nigeria to be used this fall. Pray that it will be granted.

September 18th **Sharon Samson** who retired from Liberia and Ethiopia, recently moved to the SIM Retirement Village in Sebring, Florida. Pray for her health and strength as she adjusts to a new community, the needs of a new church, and discovering the ministry God has for her.

September 25th **Don & Pat Block** – Don is Editorial Coordinator at Bibles International in Grand Rapids, where he prepares new Scripture translations for printing. Pat also works in the BI office and helps Haitian immigrants in the area.

Bethany's Mission Team Goal

... to equip and enable members and friends of Bethany to be personally involved in obeying the Great Commission
 ... to provide a support system for our missions families who are following the Lord in reaching out into the world.

"Farewell and Welcome"

At the quarterly business meeting in July, the following changes to individual missions support were presented by the Deacon Board and the Missions Team and all were approved:

1. **Support for Alex and Megan Mercado** when they leave for Kenya. They are with Wycliffe Bible Translators and will be specializing in Linguistics and Bible translation. The amount approved is \$4,880 annually. They have responded: *This is exciting and happy news. Thank you for choosing to partner with us. We look forward to a long and healthy relationship with Bethany!*
2. **Support to Joshua Javery** effective September 2016 when he returns to Poland. He is with SEND International and serves as a Church Planter. The amount approved is \$2,400 annually. We enjoyed hearing from Joshua in the am service July 31st. He has responded: *Praise the Lord. This is so very exciting. I feel very blessed! Thank you Bethany. God is good.*

Additional changes in Missionary Support:

1. Support of Marty and Debbie Shilling was discontinued effective June 30th. This decision was made because the specific ministry they are involved in is not ready to launch and has been delayed one year. They have returned to live in the United States.
2. Dick and Mavis Buck met with us in April and shared that God has blessed them during their retirement. They requested that their support be decreased from \$1500 to \$750 per year. This request became effective April 1st.
3. Support to Emilie Vinson was discontinued effective July 1st. After 5 years of serving with CRU, Emilie Vinson has chosen to change careers. July 1st she returned home to family and friends in Michigan. She has taken a job with Edward Jones. Emilie thanks you for your prayer and financial support. Please continue to pray for the sale of her condo in Florida as she cannot obtain her new place in Michigan until she is free of this ownership.



Sign up by September 15th to be a part of this workshop, “Digging Deeper With Jesus,” hosted by Groups Publishing. This will be a day filled with encouragement and information about the children’s ministry. Bethany is asking all Young Children’s Leaders, Teachers, and Volunteers who are working in these ministries, to come. You’ll learn creative ways to bring the Word of God to life for children. We want to continually strive for improvement in all things. This training is an excellent way to accomplish that objective. Register with Kathy Tucker by September 15th.



**Are YOU ready to
make a difference?**

You, as a member of Bethany, can use this precious resource. To gain access, call the office or see Pastor Mike for an email invite. Then follow the steps online and you will you have this valued information at your finger tips.



RightNow - The Mission of the Church Matters

We are a non-profit ministry with a passionate team committed to a God and a mission that is bigger than us. Our mission is to help people trade in the pursuit of the American Dream for a world that desperately needs Christ. We love the church and we love serving the church through our video resources, leadership events and online tools. For more information about RightNow Ministries and its initiative please visit RightNow.org

GEMS is celebrating their annual Pal/Gal party with a beach party theme this year, so mark your calendars. Wear your best beach outfit that evening and be ready for fun. This is a night where we welcome all Christian ladies of the congregation to join our GEMS girls in a fun night together. This gives the girls a chance to meet some mentors. We usually match each child up with an adult for the evenings activities and try to stay in communication. Please RSVP to Brenda Sutton or sign up at the Welcome Center.

Enjoy a night of comedy by nationally renowned clean comedians.

“Comedy for a Cause” has rapidly grown to be one of the most exciting and entertaining comedy shows in the Midwest! The past events have attracted an audience of approx. 2,500 people each, reaching almost 125,000 in attendance. It has earned a strong rapport with nationally renowned comedians, professional agencies, businesses, and public officials.

A Benefit for Promise Village, Home for Children. The doors will open at 6pm and a love offering will be taken. Woodside Bible Church, 6600 Rochester Road, Troy. For more information call 1-877-A-Promise or promisevillage.com



Many Christians around the world today are persecuted because of their faith in Christ, yet through their lives and words they continue to advance the gospel. Come and be encouraged by persecuted believers' testimonies of courage and faith. Hear how God is working in restricted and hostile nations. Also, learn how we can be a part of advancing His kingdom.

Join us at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 17017 E. 12 Mile Rd., Roseville. There is no cost to attend, but an offering will be received. For more information visit www.vomevents.com or to register call 800-747-0085 or email conference@vom-usa.org



September 2016

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  TRAIL LIFE USA				1 7pm Missions Team Meeting	2	3
4 9:45am -Connection Classes 11am - Worship Service Communion	5  7pm Celebrate Recovery	6 1pm Quilting Time	7 11:30am Men's Lunch 7pm Bible Study & Prayer YOUTH Programs begin Trail Life USA Boys, GEMS Girls; Souled Out Teens; Mom's Connect; Women's Bible Studies	8 7pm Choir Practice Begins	9	10 8:00am Men's Bible Study
9am - Donut Sunday 11 9:45am - Connection Classes 11am - Worship Service 4pm - CE Meeting 7pm - Patriot Day Ceremony	12 7pm Celebrate Recovery Deacons Meeting	13 1pm Quilting Time	14 7pm Bible Study & Prayer, Mid-week Programs	15 11:30am Single Seniors Luncheon 7pm Choir Practice	16	17 8:00am Men's Bible Study 9am-9pm Crop & Craft Charity Event
18 9:45am -Connection Classes 11am Worship Service 6pm - Evening Service CrossRoads	19 7pm Celebrate Recovery Youth Committee Meeting	20 1pm Quilting Time	21 7pm Bible Study & Prayer, Mid-week Programs	22 7:30am PrimeTimers Outing - Meijers Garden 7pm Choir Practice	23 7pm Comedy for a Cause 55th Charity Event @ Woodside Bible Church	24 8:00am Men's Bible Study
25 9:45am -Connection Classes 11am - Worship Service 6pm - Evening Service CrossRoads	26 7pm Celebrate Recovery Trustee Meeting	27 1pm Quilting Time	28 7am See You At The Pole (at your local schools) 7pm Bible Study & Prayer, Mid-week Programs	29 7pm Choir Practice	30	