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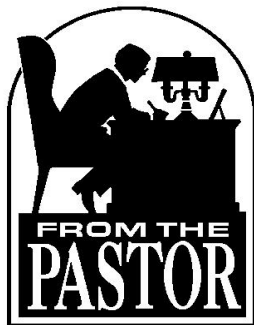
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Committee Meetings

- * **Property** February 5 at 6:30 p.m.
- * **Outreach** February 5 at 7:00 p.m.
- * **Deacons** February 6 at 6:30 p.m.
- * **Christian Education** February 6 at 7:30 p.m.
- * **Finance** February 7 at 7:00 p.m.
- * **Member Involvement** February 12 at 7:00 p.m.
- * **Worship & Memorials** February 12 at 7:00 p.m.
- * **SESSION** February 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Standard Time?



The 40 days of Lent, which starts on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 13), are traditionally a time of prayer, devotions and fasting. The Sundays are not counted as part of the 40 days. They are reminiscent of the fact that we worship on the first day of the week, which was the day of resurrection. So each Sunday is a 'little Easter' in the midst of Lent. Therefore the question at this time of year is always - "*How are you spending your time?*"

The New Testament talks about two kinds of time. The kind with which we are familiar is '**CHRONOS**' time = (quantity time) the measurement of time in days, hours, minutes etc. The other kind of time that is mentioned in the Bible is '**KAIROS**' time = (quality time). It might be a short amount of measured time (*Chronos*), but it can be completely permeated with God's presence and purpose, which truly is *Kairos* time.

We talk a lot about spending 'quality time' (*Kairos* time) with our children, family and friends. How about some *Karios* time with our creator! It's up to you whether Lent will just be another *Chornos* time of religious observance or will it be a real '*Karios*' adventure in your Christian pilgrimage? My hope is that your *chronos* time will be filled with *kairos* time.

"You're in a rut, Pastor. Every time I come here, you preach about the resurrection?"

"Time and Tide wait for no one"

See you in church, *Rick Vogeley*

From the Desk of the Clerk. . . .

Over the last two months, the Session has been doing a balancing act in order to make sure all the responsibilities of Session are completed in a proper, yet timely manner. The Finance Committee has been assembling the requests of the various committees and then presenting for its approval a 2013 budget in order to provide for all the needs of the church. This budget was approved at the December Session meeting. In that budget there are a number of extraordinary expenses for 2013 including updating of computers and software, paving the parking lot and additional roof repairs. Preparations were made for the Advent Season and services (isn't it hard to believe that Christmas was a month ago?) The Christian Education Committee dealt with scheduling training sessions under Bethany's Protection and Sexual Misconduct Policy. Also, because of declining enrollment, the Parents' Day Out Program closed its doors on December 21. The Pre-School is still meeting. The Member Involvement Committee is providing new and exciting fellowship opportunities for the members and friends of Bethany. Watch for specific details in articles in the Bethany Road and weekly bulletin announcements. Some changes in staff include the hiring of Larry Candiotti, to replace Ken Knechtel, as a part-time custodian with Dayle Wilkins remaining. Mrs. Gerri Weaver requested that the position of choir director be removed from her responsibilities. With this request accepted, Session approved the hiring of Patty Vogeley as temporary choir director. Session has spent considerable time continuing its study of ECO and EPC. In fact, a special Saturday morning meeting was devoted to this very important decision to be reached in the future. Remember~~Session will recommend its choice, but the members on the active roll of Bethany will make the final choice.

The following are the new officers, who were elected at the January congregational meeting, for the class of 2015: Elders—Steve Amsler and Gary McElfresh (both returning), Glenn Hogue, Dick Seger, and Sue Danielson. Deacons—Rita Thompson and Laurie Waugaman (both returning), Chuck Kite, Tami Iman, Andy Heckathorn, and Dorothy Wester.

If you would like a copy of the annual report, please feel free to stop in the Church Office for a copy. Till March. . .

Choir Rehearsal

Choir rehearsal will be starting again on Wednesday, February 13 and will meet again on February 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Please plan to attend.

Lenten Lunches Begin on February 17th:

The delicious tradition of Lenten Lunches begins on February 17, 2013 in the Social Hall immediately after the worship service. The Deacons will be preparing and serving chicken noodle soup with ham or chicken salad croissants. We hope to see you during the Lenten season for some heartwarming soup and fellowship!



Help Needed for Lenten Luncheons:



One of the table ministries supported by the Deacon Board is the Lenten Lunches which begins February 17, 2013. This fellowship following each worship service helps us to build our anticipation for the celebration of Our Risen Savior on Easter Sunday. It takes many people to make this table ministry successful. Please consider participating in the Lenten Lunches this year. We need volunteers to cook, set up, serve and clean for February 24, March 3, March 10, March 17 and March 24, 2013. The Deacons will provide a Deacon Coordinator to work with the volunteers each week to ensure that the burden is not solely on the cooks who generously volunteer. We ask that families or groups such as Sunday school classes, Bible Study, Youth Groups consider volunteering to cook, serve or clean. Please consider helping to make this another successful year of Lenten Lunches by contacting Michele Thompson at 724-662-0105.



Easter Flowers

Tulips, lilies & hyacinths available for
\$10.00 each.

Fill out the order form below, and return it to the Church Office
with your payment
by Monday, March 18, 2013

Your Name: _____

____ Lily ____ Hyacinth ____ Tulip

____ In Honor of: _____

____ In Memory of: _____

____ In Celebration of the Risen Jesus

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary

Marking a Milestone: Walt and Lois Barber will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on February 23, 2013. Their family invites you to participate in a card shower in honor of their Golden Anniversary during the month of February (68 N. Liberty/Plaingrove Rd., Grove City, PA 16127).



8 to 80 Winter Stretch Class



Join us every Monday evening beginning February 4, 2013 at 7:00 pm for a stretching class led by Melissa Evans.

We are blessed to have Melissa leading the class because she is certified to teach at every age and ability level. She can even teach you stretching while you sit in a chair!

Come on out and beat the winter doldrums while loosening and stretching your muscles. If you are going to work out on the floor and have your own mat, please bring it along! If you don't have a mat we have extras you can use! If you have any questions regarding your ability to participate contact Melissa Evans.

If you wish to attend but do not want to drive, call Diana Eperthener @ 724-372-5408 and we will make arrangements to pick you up.

February's Fun and Fellowship. . .February 18



Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. We will be filling precut squares with candy for use as favors for Shenango on the Green and our own April Brunch. All leftover candy will be consumed by those in attendance.

Light refreshments will also be shared. Why not join us?

Look for Bargains!

It is a good time to look for bargains now that the winter items are going on sale. Please look for gloves, mittens, hats, and scarves so you will have them when we put up our Charlie Brown Christmas tree on July 1. This is a wonderful way to stretch your dollars. These winter items will again be sent to our friends at the Kayenta Presbyterian Church. It will make them nice and warm next winter.

P.S. If you knit or crochet this is a wonderful way to use up leftover yarn and make winter evenings go much faster~~all for a good cause.

My Ladies Bible Study. . .Joseph and John the Baptist. . .

We will be meeting on Tuesday, February 5 in the rear of Carson Chapel at 10:00 a.m. with conclusion by 11:15 a.m.

Because of the inclement weather, we will be finishing our study on Joseph, the husband of Mary and beginning our study of John the Baptist.

On Tuesday, February 19 we conclude John the Baptist.

Please watch the weekly bulletin and your post card reminders for specific scriptural selections.

This Bible Study is open to all widows and meets the first and third Tuesdays.



Spring Brunch. . .Circle Saturday, April 6th

Bethany Women's Semi-Annual Spring Brunch, with a theme of "Welcome Spring," will be held in the Social Hall of the Church on Saturday, April 6 at 10:00 a.m.

Our almost two hours together will feature some fun activities, our basket give a ways, an opportunity to chat and share a fellowship time and lunch!

This Brunch will feature the following: homemade Italian Wedding soup, hot sandwiches and a variety of cup cakes. We do need to know if you are coming since we want to have lots of food for every one. Please call the Church Office by Monday, April 1 (no fooling) and let us know how many

will be attending. Why not invite a member of your family, neighbor or coworker?

How much does it cost to attend? It is absolutely free. Please look for the items to be collected in the upcoming Bethany Roads and bulletin announcements.

If you would be willing to provide a basket (any size. . .any theme) please let Lois know in the office or call Nancy Ollinger-Thiess at 724 662-3986.



Children's Ministry Happenings at Bethany Director—Mrs. Nancy Thompson

February News:

***** The children are encouraged to bring their Bible to Sunday School each Sunday.

Theme for February: All Things are Possible with God---Mark 10:27

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

*We will be practicing our verse each Sunday and reciting on February 24th.

Please practice these at home too.

*You won't want to miss Sunday, February 10th. During Children's Church we will be making Valentines for our shut-ins.

*February 13th—Ash Wednesday— The month of February and March we will be doing activities to learn about Lent and get ready for Easter.

A Look Ahead!!!!

Totally Terrific Tuesdays! March 12, 19, & 26

Free after school program held at Bethany Church for all children in **grades 3-6**. (A bus will transport the students from the Mercer Elementary School to the church. Parents may pick up children in the sanctuary at 5:45.)

We will provide food, games, crafts, Bible stories, and time to do homework.

(Grades 1 & 2 will have their program April 9, 16, and 23)

Please fill out the permission slip at the bottom of this paper and **return it to Mrs. Nancy Thompson or the church office by Tuesday, March 5th.**

Questions? Please call Nancy Thompson---724-662-5369.

Bethany Presbyterian Church - PERMISSION FORM



I, _____ do hereby give my permission for my
Parent/guardian (please print)
child(ren),

(please print child's name)

To participate in the three week "After School Program" at Bethany Presby. Church:

Home Phone # _____ Alternate Phone # _____

Medical/Dietary Restrictions _____

Address _____

Grade in School and Homeroom teacher _____

Name of Health Insurance Carrier _____

Is this an HMO that specifies the physician to be consulted? ___ YES ___ NO

IF YES, physician's Name _____ Phone # _____

(please print)

In case of an emergency an alternate contact person is:

Name _____ Phone# _____

(please print)

I give permission for my child/children to ride the bus from Mercer Elementary School to Bethany Presbyterian Church each Tuesday during the program. I do hereby hold harmless and release Bethany Presbyterian Church, Mercer, PA, and any of its agents from any liability arising from any injury or illness which my child might receive or contract while on the above stated activity.

I further authorize Bethany Presbyterian Church or its agents to admit my child to any hospital or medical facility, which they deem necessary, and I further authorize them to consent to any medical treatment needed by my child.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Youth Ministries

TEEN HAPPENINGS – YOUTH GROUP

7TH AND 8TH GRADE=NIKES

9TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE=RENOVATE

Our meeting place: THE WAY CAFÉ YOUTH CENTER – all teens are invited!

Here is a look at our Youth Group Schedule for February 2013

Sunday, February 3: Football Lesson - Super Bowl Night @ The Way Café 6 –8 pm

Sunday, February 10: Praise and Worship Service meet @ the Way Café 6 – 8 pm

Sunday, February 17: Regular Lesson, meet @ The Way Café 6 – 8 pm

Sunday, February 24: Teen Health Issues w/ speaker Tracy Norris, LPN @ The Way Café 6 – 8



Thank you for all the donations and prayers for Laurie Ruhlman's Mission Trip to Haiti. The trip was very successful! Many lives were touched and a great connection was made with our fellow Haitians. Praise God for our teams' health, safety and unity. God was "Illuminated" in many ways! We ministered to about 700 children in various villages and 400 adults received dental treatments in several different locations. Continue to pray for the needs of the Haitian people.

Please, consider donating food or drinks to our teens..."Fill Our Fridge" is an ongoing opportunity! Place donations in the cardboard refrigerator in the back foyer of the church. Thanks to all who donated so far!

Attention: Parents of high-schoolers...Please encourage your teen to attend youth group and Sunday School each Sunday! The older group of teens 9th through 12th should be attending regularly. Our numbers have been down due to the busyness of the students, but let's make 2013 a "God-priority!" 1. God 2. Others 3. Ourselves



-Senior Mission Trip has a new fund raiser...donation of \$10.00 gets a 9 cut pizza w/1 topping @ Pizza Joes. See any senior student, Laurie Ruhlman, or purchase the coupon from Lois in the church office.



Seniors and parents: There will be a meeting for a report on the Haiti trip and the possibilities for Haiti to be our Senior Mission Trip destination. Seniors, plan on attending the Outreach Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 5, at 7:00 pm. Parents and Senior students, our meeting will follow in Laurie Ruhlman's office at Bethany Church (approx 8:00 pm).

Romans 1:8

"First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith in Him is being reported all over the world."

February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Service 6:00 Youth Groups</p>	<p>4 9:00 Preschool 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Stretch Class in the Kappa Chi Room</p>	<p>5 9:00 Preschool 9:30-11:30 & 7-9 Women's Bible Study 10:00 My Ladies 6:30 Property 7:00 Outreach 8:00 Sr. Parent Meeting</p>	<p>6 8:00 Quilters 9:00 Preschool; Moms in Prayer 6:30 Deacons 7:30 Christian Ed.</p>	<p>7 9:00 Preschool 7:00 Finance; District Scout Meeting</p>	<p>8 9:00 Preschool</p>	<p>9 Boy Scout Banquet in the Social Room</p>
<p>10 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Service 6:00 Youth Groups 7:00 Praise & Worship Service</p>	<p>11 9:00 Preschool 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Stretch Class</p>	<p>12 9:00 Preschool 9:30-11:30 & 7-9 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Member Involvement; Worship & Memorials</p>	<p>13 Ash Wednesday 8:00 Quilters 9:00 Preschool 7:00 Military Prayer 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>14 9:00 Preschool</p>	<p>15 No School</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Service 11:30 Lenten Lunch 6:00 Youth Groups 7:00 Chairs Committee</p>	<p>18 No School 6:30 Cub Committee 7:00 Fun & Fellowship; Stretch Class</p>	<p>19 9:00 Preschool 9:30-11:30 & 7-9 Women's Bible Study 10:00 My Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>20 8:00 Quilters 9:00 Preschool; Moms in Prayer 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>21 9:00 Preschool</p>	<p>22 9:00 Preschool</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Service 11:30 Lenten Lunch 6:00 Youth Groups</p>	<p>25 9:00 Preschool 6:30 Cub Scouts Pack Meeting in the Social Room 7:00 Stretch Class</p>	<p>26 9:00 Preschool 9:30-11:30 & 7-9 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>27 8:00 Quilters 9:00 Preschool</p>	<p>28 9:00 Preschool 10:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 SESSION</p>		

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