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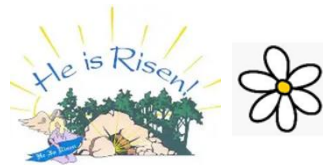
Adult Sunday School

9:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 a.m.

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MARCH APRIL MAY

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Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; His going out is sure as the dawn; He will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth. Hosea 6:3

Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone. Zechariah 10:1

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection & the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he dies, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die, do you believe this? John 11: 25 & 26.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Andrew Koval, Jr.
- 6 Liberty Wilson
- 7 Jim Melius
- Richard Dotts
- 9 Cindy Koval
- Micah Levadnuk
- Charizma Wilson
- 11 Brett Edwards
- 16 Randy Roxby, Sr.
- 22 Allyson Emerick
- 23 Chase Lohr
- 24 Gary Shaffer
- 25 Richard Horner
- 26 Audrey Levadnuk
- 28 Josh Emerick
- 31 Lucas Levadnuk

- 3 Ed Luther
- 5 Rene Luther
- 6 Pastor Larry Dunn
- 8 Amelia Levadnuk
- 9 Kaylee Melius
- Hanna Brown
- 13 Mike Cassidy
- 15 Ryan Eash
- Judy Thurman
- 17 Eli Fresch
- 18 Nicole Wood
- 27 Gloria Shaffer
- 30 Barbara Mickle

- 12 Jace Wyar
- 13 Jahee Kim Chang
- 15 Karen Lear
- 27 Cody Hofecker
- Meghan Steigert
- DJ Wilson



Dan & Barb Malcolm
Chuck & Vivian Bowser

- 7 Pastor Adam & Amy Dotts
- 10 Seth & Colleen Levadnuk
- 23 Jared & Heidi Levadnuk
- 29 Bill & Shirley Moyer
- 30 Clark & Vicki Hofecker



- 1 Ross & Jean Miller
- 9 Larry & Lori Lechak
- 17 Nate & Kris Manges
- 19 Tom & Fiona Spessard
- 23 Adam & Keathe Steigert
- 24 Tom & Laurie Karl
- 25 Mark & Jolene Levadnuk
- 29 Andy & Cindy Koval
- 30 Ben & Charlotte Goller



HAPPY TEACHER'S DAY



Bible

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ACTS
JAMES
JOHN

JUDE
KING
LORD

LUKE
MARK
RABBI

ROMANS
SAVIOR
TITUS

What is Easter?
It's not about the eggs to hunt
It's not about a bunny
It's not about brand new clothes
Or candy as sweet as hunny

On this day many years ago
A man named Jesus Christ
Upon a cross for you and me
Gladly gave his life

Not for sins that He had done
Or crimes He must repay
He did it all for you and me
For our sins He died that day

But that's not the end of Jesus Christ
They put Him in a grave
But three days later He rose again
Our sin debt had finally been paid

So this Easter as you hunt for eggs
Dressed up in brand new clothes
Don't think about the Easter Bunny
Think about why Christ arose

MARCH

SPRING - March April May 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 COMMUNION 2 nd Sun. in Lent 9 am Adult S. School. 10 am W. Service		3 9:30 am Wellness Warriors	4 9:30 am Quilters 6:30 pm Choir	5 5:30 pm Girl Scouts	6	7 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
8 3rd Sun. in Lent GIRLS SCOUT SUN 9 am A. S. School 10 am W. Service	9	10 9:30 am Wellness Warriors	11 9:30 am Quilters 6:30 pm Choir	12 5:30 pm Girl Scouts	13	14 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
15 4th Sun. in Lent 9 am Adult. S. School 10 am W. Service	16	17 9:30 am Wellness Warriors	18 9:30 am Quilters 6pm Missions Mtng. 6:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm Bible Study	19 5:30 pm Girl Scouts	20	21 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Precious Life Banquet 9-11:30am
22 5th Sun. in Lent 9 am Adult S. School 10 am W. Service 6 pm Foundation Bldrs.	23 6 pm Trustees Mtng. 7pm Council/Finance	24 9:30 am Wellness Warriors	25 9:30 am Quilters 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	26 5:30 pm Girl Scouts	27	28 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
29 PSALM SUNDAY CASH DAY 9 am Adult Sun. School 10 am W. Service Pizza/Game Day	30	31 9:30 am Wellness Warriors	Notes: ALL SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE			

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
APRIL			1 9:30 am Quilters 6:30 pm Choir	2 7pm Maundy Service	3 7pm Good Friday Service CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	4 10 am Easter Egg Hunt
5 COMMUNION EASTER SUNDAY 9 am Breakfast 10 am Worship Service	6	7 9:30 am Wellness Warriors	8 9:30 am Quilters 6:30 pm Choir	9 5:30 pm Girl Scouts	10	11 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
12 9 am Adult Sun. Sch. 10 am Worship Service	13	14 9:30 am Wellness Warriors	15 9:30 am Quilters 6 pm Missions 6:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm Bible Study	16 5:30 pm Girl Scouts	17	18 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
19 9 am Adult Sun. Sch. 10 am Worship Serv. 6pm Foundation Bldrs. (Tentative)	20	21 9:30 am Wellness W. 6pm Preschool Meet 7pm Women's Fellow. (Lois Graham Leader)	22 9:30 am Quilters 6:30 pm Choir	23 5:30 pm Girl Scouts	24	25 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
26 9 am Adult Sun. Sch. 10 am Worship Serv Pizza/Game Day	27 6pm Trustees 7 pm Council/ Finance	28 9:30 am Wellness Warriors	29 9:30 am Quilters 6:30 pm Choir	30 5:30 pm Girl Scouts	Notes:	

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May					1	2 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
3 COMMUNION 9 am Adult Sun. Sch. 10 am Worship Serv.	4	5 Teacher's Day 9:30 am Wellness Warriors	6 Nurses Day 9:30 am Quilters 6:30 pm Choir	7 5:30 pm Girl Scouts	8	9 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
10 Mother's Day 9 am Adult Sun. Sch. 10 am Worship Serv	11	12 9:30 am Wellness Warriors	13 9:30 am Quilters 6:30 pm Choir	14 5:30 pm Girl Scouts	15	16 Armed Forces Day 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
17 9 am Adult Sun. Sch 10 am Worship Service 6pm Foundation Bldrs. (Tentative)	18	19 9:30 am Wellness Warriors 7 pm Women's Fellow.	20 9:30 am Quilters 6:00 pm Missions 6:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm Bible Study	21 5:30 pm Girl Scouts	22	23 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
24 9 am Adult Sun. Sch. 10 am Worship Serv	25 Memorial Day 6 pm Trustees Mtng 7 pm Council/Finance	26 9:30 am Wellness Warriors	27 9:30 am Quilters 6:30 pm Choir	28 5:30 pm Girl Scouts	29	30 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
31 Cash Day 9 am Adult Sun. Sch 10 am Worship Serv Pizza/Game Day (Tentative)						

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – MARCH 2026

March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Counting Stewards Nate Manges Lori Lechak	Counting Stewards Cindy Koval Nate Manges	Counting Stewards Lori Lechak Cindy Koval	Counting Stewards Andy Koval Nate Manges	Counting Stewards Lori Lechak Andy Koval
Acolyte Levi Eash	Acolyte Girl Scouts	Acolyte Levi Eash	Acolyte Levi Eash	Acolyte Levi Eash
Liturgist Amanda Peretin	Liturgist Allison T.	Liturgist Joel Shumaker	Liturgist Cade Shumaker	Liturgist Lois Graham
Children's Sermon Lois Graham	Children's Sermon Harper & Allison L.	Children's Sermon Kris Manges	Children's Sermon Joel Shumaker	Children's Sermon Lori Lechak

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - April 2026

April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26
Counting Stewards Cindy Koval Nate Manges	Counting Stewards Cindy Koval Lori Lechak	Counting Stewards Lori Lechak Nate Manges	Counting Stewards Nate Manges Andy Koval
Acolyte Levi Eash	Acolyte Levi Eash	Acolyte Levi Eash	Acolyte Levi Eash
Liturgist Jeff Ross	Liturgist Amanda Peretin	Liturgist Joel Shumaker	Liturgist Cade Shumaker
Children's Sermon Lois Graham	Children's Sermon Kaylin Gallina	Children's Sermon Kris Manges	Children's Sermon Joel Shumaker

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - May 2026

May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
Counting Stewards Cindy Koval Lori Lechak	Counting Stewards Andy Koval Nate Manges	Counting Stewards Lori Lechak Andy Koval	Counting Stewards Cindy Koval Nate Manges	Counting Stewards Lori Lechak Andy Koval
Acolyte Levi Eash	Acolyte Levi Eash	Acolyte Levi Eash	Acolyte Levi Eash	Acolyte Levi Eash
Liturgist Lois Graham	Liturgist Jeff Ross	Liturgist Amanda Peretin	Liturgist Joel Shumaker	Liturgist Cade Shumaker
Children's Sermon Lori Lechak	Children's Sermon Lois Graham	Children's Sermon Kaylin Gallina	Children's Sermon Kris Manges	Children's Sermon Joel Shumaker

Springtime is finally getting here! Nice to see some grass on occasion. This means that the kiddos will soon be going outside in the afternoons, which will be much appreciated by all! This newsletter will be our last one until after graduation. We are thankful for all the students and parents who have passed through our doors and are blessed by how the Lord is guiding us. We continue to see His hands in the hearts of our little ones. God is Great! This is the time of year when our Four's students have their Art & Science Exhibits. Please check out the display case in the narthex to see the art projects they have worked hard on & happily want to show them. Our preschoolers experience a lot in these last three months of school with all the activities that this time year brings. Our Four's kiddos will be learning the following Bible verses. **March:** *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.* Philippians 4:19. **April:** *He is not here. He has risen, just as He said.* Matthew 28: 6. **May:** *When I am afraid, I will trust in You.* Psalm 56:3.



Our Three-year olds are loving school, meeting new friends, and learning a lot! It is fun watching their transition from being a new student to being a "school Kid". They are, sadly, certainly ready to move on to the next step. The Bible verses the three's are learning - **March:** *You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.* Matthew 5:14. **April:** *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.* Hebrew 13: 8. **May:** *Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD.* Psalm 150:6. The last day of school & Promotion for the Three's Program is May 13 and the last day of school & Graduation in the Four's Program is May 14, 2026. We have a very healthy waiting list of three-year olds wanting to enroll in our preschool in the 2026/27 school year. We serve an Awesome God!



EASTER EGG HUNT
 Please join us on Saturday, April 4 in Bethany Church's Sanctuary for a fun-filled morning! Festivities start at 10:00 am for all children (up to 12 years old). Dress appropriately as we'll be going outside (rain or shine) to hunt for eggs. Please bring a basket (and a friend, too!) Lots of candy and prizes!
 Where: Bethany Church of Richland
 112 Leventry Road
 Johnstown, Pa. 15904
 When: Saturday, April 4 (rain or shine)
 Time: Starts at 10:00 am



Congratulations to our Community Care Advocates, Greg and Tess Winger on the birth of their first grandchild. Harvey was born on January 19th to their daughter Madi and husband Steve. Everyone is doing fine; grandkids are the best!

Bethany's Ladies Fellowship March meeting will be on Sat. the 21st at the Holiday Inn in Johnstown from 9-11:30 am. Precious Life is having their 12th annual breakfast banquet. Our group will have 10 women attending.

Clothes Bin: Mission Partners, a Christian nonprofit from Ligonier, contacted Bethany Church several years ago to ask if we would be interested in having a bin placed in our parking lot to collect gently used clothing, shoes, belts, purses, hats, etc. It was decided to have one placed here. All items go to natural disaster victims, Red Cross & to organizations that help in crisis situations in not only our country but also abroad. We receive a limited stipend. Thank you for your clothing donations.

Cash Day: This offering was created by the Trustees many years ago to help maintain our properties/buildings and to make improvements as needed. Your "Cash Day Dollars" never leave our church and as promised are used solely to fund our church projects. As you know, maintaining and improving our church property remains an ongoing process that would not be possible without your loyal and generous support. We are truly grateful for all donations given. Cash Day is taken on the fifth Sunday of a five Sunday month. In this newsletter, we have two: 3/ 29 & 5/ 31.

The Missions Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that remembered our Shut-in members with a card or a note for Valentine's Day. They really appreciate the thoughtfulness and kindness that you express. We are once again going to be filling Easter Baskets for "Cambria Youth Services" and "Victim Services." Baskets will be in the narthex for you to take and fill with your gifts. They will be due back to the church by March 22, to be delivered on the 25th. Thank you ahead of time for helping with this mission for local children. Also, Bridges Cooperative is always in need of diapers and health care products for their families that need them. If you'd like to donate any of these items, just place them in the Missions Corner or on the shelves and they will be delivered. A list of items needed will be placed on the shelves. Thank you for caring.

Thank you to everyone who has been participating in the prayer shawl ministry. Many people donate yarn, prayer shawls, baby blankets, quilted prayer pocket squares, wooden crosses and many prayers. Items are on the table in the narthex, please feel free to take one as it is needed. God Bless!

SAVE THE DATE: Bethany Church Annual Picnic – August 23- 12pm – Solomon Run Fire Hall Pavillion.

If you feel you are being led into ministry, we always welcome extra Liturgists & Children's Sermon Ministers. Please call office or speak with Pastor Adam.

Just a reminder: Bethany's policy on hospital visitation is that the Pastor will visit patients who are on hospice or if a visit is specifically requested. Hospitals no longer contact churches. If you would like to be added to our Shut-in list and receive pastoral visits, please contact the church office: 814-266-9588.

We are very grateful for the faithful giving of your tithes and offerings. There are several ways to donate/tithe at Bethany Church. On-line giving is available, go to: bethanymc.church & click on giving. This takes you to the donate page. You can mail us at: Bethany Church of Richland 112 Leventry Rd. Johnstown, Pa. 15904, and the traditional way of the Sunday Morning Worship offering plate.



PayPal QR Code makes it easier to tithe/donate online. Scanning this code allows you to go directly to Bethany Church's donation page.

EASTER WEEK

Palm Sunday Worship Service: March 29 at 10:00 am.

Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 pm.

Good Friday Ecumenical Cross Walk- Information as it becomes available

Good Friday Service: April 3 at 7:00 pm.

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 am. (Children up to age 12.)

Easter Sunday: Breakfast 9:00 am.
Worship Service 10:00 am.

EASTER FLOWERS (Orders are due Sunday, March 15)

Order your Lilies and Spring Flowers now. Please circle your color preference(s). Please make checks payable to BETHANY CHURCH OF RICHLAND. Orders with payment may be given to Carol Peretin or placed in the offering plate. Thank you.

_____ **Lilies** \$12.75
(White)

_____ **Tulips** \$12.75
(Red & Yellow)

_____ **Hyacinths** \$12.75.
(Pink, Purple, White)

23 LILIES ARE NEEDED TO MAKE OUR CROSS



This month we are honoring the lives of Jerry and Jerrod Watson. Jerry started attending Bethany Church about 26 years ago. Jerrod was born in 2002, has been baptized here and joined our church when he was 12 years old.

Jerry was raised in Washington, Pa. where he attended school there. He is also the father of a daughter named Shannon who is a singer in Washington County. After high school, he attended Rosedale Tech in Pittsburgh for "Auto Repair." He then became self-employed at various jobs in construction, strip mines, and owner operator of a tractor trailer. He also worked thirty years for the US Post Office from which he retired.

Jerry was an avid hunter in his younger years. He also had a passion for Classic cars of which he owns three, a 1968 Ford XL, 1964 Comet Caliente, and a 1959 Corvette.

Jerry and Jerrod have been attending Sunday School for many years and have probably close to perfect attendance. Jerrod also serves as an Usher Sunday morning in our Worship Service.

Jerrod started his life in 2002 with a few handicaps, the doctors told his mom and dad that he would probably never be able to walk in which he spent the first years of his life in a wheelchair. Jerry's Mother found out about a Karate instructor in Washington, Pa that was crippled at birth and he also had to learn to walk. She became ill and Jerry, thinking she was on her deathbed, promised to take Jerrod to see this instructor, which he did. His Mother amazingly got better. This instructor, Robert Vingiquerra, was inducted into the "USA Martial Arts Hall of Fame." Robert not only taught Jerrod strength training and balance, but this led to his learning to walk on his own. He stated that Jerrod had the most dedicated work ethic of anybody he had ever worked with and used Jerrod as an example in a lot of his demonstrations.

Jerrod attended Richland H.S. and in the 7th grade, had to battle the administrators to let him walk on his own, which he was able to do. When Jerrod was 13 years old, his instructor set up in their basement, Jerrod's own dojo and all the gear he'll ever need, thanks to a donation from the "Make a Wish Foundation". And this was his wish.

Jerrod went on to graduate from Richland High School in 2022, then entered the "Bridge Program" and onto "Life Skills." He became an Eagle Scout with two main projects, one was refurbishing Bethany's Playground, and the second was helping to donate eighty care packages to the Women's Help Center. He has held jobs at serving as a Busboy at the hospital, worked at East Hills Recreation, the 814 Bowling Alley, and is now working at the "Association for the Blind" assembling parts. He attends "Camp Parc" in July, rode horses with the "Best of Friends," rides his three wheeled bike, of which he has done up to 20-mile rides, has hiked up to 5 miles, & still takes karate lessons in Washington, Pa. So in conclusion, Bethany is blessed that Jerrod's Mom and Dad brought him here to us to help show us what determination is all about. Congratulations to Jerrod on all of his accomplishments, we are very Proud to have him part of Bethany's Family. God is Good!

Springtime at Bethany Church: A Season of Growth and Greater Purpose
Quarterly Newsletter from Pastor Adam
Heeding God's Call. Trusting in His Plan.



Dear Members and Friends of Bethany Church,

As spring returns and new life blossoms all around us, we are reminded that each season offers a fresh opportunity to heed God's call and trust in His purpose for our lives. While the cycles of nature may seem familiar, Bethany Church continues to move forward with renewed focus and a steadfast commitment to building the Kingdom.

In this edition of our quarterly newsletter, I want to reflect on the words found in Matthew 4:1-9: "Do not put God to the test." This scripture guides us as we journey through changing times, reminding us of the importance of trusting in God's wisdom and not seeking shortcuts or testing His faithfulness. Instead, let us be diligent in our obedience and unwavering in our faith.

It is with great joy and humility that I announce an exciting development for our community. Bethany Church has been appointed as the headquarters of the Harvest Conference of the Free Methodist Church. This honor recognizes our dedication and leadership, as we are now entrusted with supporting and connecting more than 50 churches across Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

This new responsibility will allow us to play a vital role in strengthening our fellowship, sharing resources, and encouraging spiritual growth across the region. It is a testament to how God uses our collective faithfulness for a greater purpose. Together, by heeding God's call and trusting in His guidance, we will continue to serve not only our local congregation but the wider community of believers.

As we move into this season of growth, let us remember that our mission remains the same: to love, to serve, and to build the Kingdom. I am deeply grateful for each of you and invite you to join me in prayer and celebration as we embrace this new chapter in the life of Bethany Church.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Adam
Bethany Church
Headquarters, Harvest Conference of the Free Methodist Church