



Bethel Banner 2025

From the Pastor

Hebrews 10:25, when talking to the church, says that we should “encourage one another.” The “en” prefix on the word “encourage,” is Greek and means to put into. We have the ability, through our words, to put courage into one another, as believers in Jesus Christ. This is important to remember because we can get caught into the trap of thinking that “my faith is personal.” Yes, it is personal in the sense that we have to make personal decisions to put our faith in Jesus Christ. However, our faith was never meant to stay personal. God designed us to be a community of faith, in which we share our lives with one another.

One of the ways we can encourage one another is by sharing our faith story. Letting other people know how we became believers in Jesus Christ draws us closer together. It reminds us that we are on a journey together to grow in our faith and to help one another. A couple of months ago I encouraged us to learn about the faith stories of those in our Bethel community. We may know a lot about each other, but we may not know how we became believers. So, I am inviting all of you to write out your faith story, so that we can share it in the Banner. It doesn't have to be long and it doesn't have to include parts of your life that you feel may be too personal to share. It just needs to be three paragraphs long. The first paragraph should be about what your life was like before you knew Christ. The second paragraph should be the story of how you were led to make a decision for Jesus Christ, and the third paragraph should be about how your life has changed because of Jesus.

You can email your faith stories to the church office, betheloffice952@aol.com, and we will put them in the Banner with a column called “My Story.” We will feature one a month. We may have to edit your story to fit the Banner, but we will not do that without your permission. So, let us encourage one another and let us share our personal testimonies of how we became believers in Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor John

UPDATE ON UMW ACTIVITIES

The **UMW** met at 7pm on August 20th. Matters discussed were the upcoming events: the Christmas Bazaar, Christmas Tea, and Operation Christmas Child (Shoeboxes).

The **Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 8th, from 9am to 2pm.** We will need much help in the days prior to and especially the day of with food prep, donations of baked goods, and collecting for Attic Treasurers. Please hold your household donations until the designated drop off dates. Vendor tables are still available.

Beginning Monday, November 10th, we will start taking reservations for the **Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 13th, at 1:00.** This event is only for women; sorry gents! If you wish to be a table hostess, please let Terry Miller know. Food for this tea is a variety of quiches, salads, and of course, decadent desserts! Our speaker will be Peggy Dixon, and she will be presenting about bees. It has not yet been determined which outreach we will designate for collections.

Shoeboxes are available for filling, and handouts of suggestions to put in the shoeboxes are available on the Mission table. UMW will be working together to fill them after the Bazaar, but feel free to complete one on your own. Please be aware that these items **MAY NOT BE INCLUDED:** candy, gum, liquids, anything suggesting military, and SOAP IS NO LONGER ALLOWED.

The next meeting of the UMW will be another evening meeting on **Wednesday, September 17th, at 7:00 pm.** All women are welcome!

Guys and Gals

The next Guys and Gals Breakfast will be on Saturday, September 27th at 9:00am. We will be meeting at the Three Cousins Diner located at 80 East High St. Pottstown Pa, 19464.

Spring City Food Pantry (Project Outreach):

Bethel's donation for September will be:

Canned Pinapples

Canned Peas

They are also in need of shopping bags, either cloth or the ones that can be purchased at the grocery store.. Items may be placed on or under the Food Pantry collection table in the lobby.

Our next Project Outreach Food Pantry is Thursday, October 14th at 10:00am.

Thank you for your contributions!





Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, Nov. 8th

9:00 am to 2:00 pm at
Bethel United
Methodist Church

952 Bethel Church Road

Spring City, PA 19475

610-495-6807 or UMCHURCHBETHEL.ORG

Crafts

Attic Treasures

Bake Table

Preserves Pantry

Homemade Soups and other great food

Free Admission and Parking



BOYS AND THEIR TOYS

Bob Meissner and his Kubota remove dirt for the installation of an electronic sign, much to the delight of the boys of Faithful Foundations!



September Calendar

Mon, Sept. 1 st			
Tue, Sept. 2 nd			
Wed, Sept. 3 rd	6:30pm	AOL Den Meeting	Shick Shack
Thurs, Sept. 4 th			
Fri, Sept. 5 th			
Sat, Sept. 6 th			
Sun, Sept. 7 th	8:30am 9:00am 10:30am	Praise Service Seekers Worship Service	Sanctuary Library Sanctuary
Mon, Sept. 8 th			
Tues, Sept. 9 th	7:00pm	Trustee Meeting	Board Room
Wed, Sept. 10 th	7:00pm 7:00pm	Church Council Coventry Chorus	Board Room Fellowship Hall
Thurs, Sept. 11 th			
Fri, Sept. 12 th			
Sat, Sept. 13 th			
Sun, Sept. 14 th	8:30am 9:00am 10:30am	Praise Service Seekers Worship Service	Sanctuary Library Sanctuary
Mon, Sept. 15 th			
Tues, Sept. 16 th			
Wed, Sept. 17 th	7:00pm 7:00pm	UMW Meeting Coventry Chorus	Board Room Fellowship Hall
Thurs, Sept. 18 th			
Fri, Sept. 19 th			
Sat, Sept. 20 th			
Sun, Sept. 21 st	8:30am 9:00am 10:30am	Praise Service Seekers Worship Service	Sanctuary Library Sanctuary
Mon, Sept. 22 nd	10:00am	Women's Book Club	Cafe
Tues, Sept. 23 rd			
Wed, Sept. 24 th	7:00pm	Coventry Chorus	Fellowship Hall
Thurs, Sept. 25 th			
Fri, Sept. 26 th			
Sat, Sept. 27 th			
Sun, Sept. 28 th	8:30am 9:00am 10:30am	Praise Service Seekers Worship Service	Sanctuary Library Sanctuary
Mon, Sept. 29 th			
Tues, Sept. 30 th			



the **ULTIMATE**
fall **BUCKET**
LIST

-  Go for a nature walk
-  Pick apples
-  Go to a local football game
-  Make smores
-  Give a gift to a teacher
-  Go to a carnival
-  Rake leaves
-  Make apple pie
-  Eat a bowl of chili
-  Go fishing

Fall Into God's Word!



The
LORD
is with
ME,
I will
not be
AFRAID

- Psalm 118:6 -



September 1	Robert Graeff
September 4	Scott Osiol
September 6	Norman Segner
September 6	Alexander Gerber
September 7	Barbara Gill
September 7	Linda Unger
September 8	Ryan Conway
September 8	Lisa Riley
September 11	Mary Parke
September 11	Kathryn Tschantre
September 13	Barry Kerchner
September 13	Chris Cuthbert
September 15	Rachel Moore
September 15	Michael Steele
September 15	David Guest
September 17	Tyler Shantz
September 18	Joan Spiece
September 18	Analisa Romberg
September 18	Grayson Duber
September 19	Liam Conway
September 20	Darlene Robinson
September 21	Austin DeMarco
September 21	Peter Gill
September 21	Jim O'Connor
September 21	Sean Davis
September 21	Justin Daubert
September 23	Cheryl Mullins
September 24	Diane Raab
September 25	Joyce Shutt
September 26	Adele Groman
September 26	Mark Ferriss

September Birthdays



We Recycle!



We recycle in different ways. Check out the Mission table at the top of the stairs.

Drop off used ink cartridges in the basket. These give the church credit towards purchases at Staples.

Redner's receipts continue to be collected. After submission to Redner's, 1% comes back to the church. It takes some effort, but it's free money.

Pull tabs continue to be collected for Ronald McDonald House.

Used glasses are collected for the Lion's Club.

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