



# Bethany Banner

## May 2021

*The Newsletter of  
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### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

One day, a little girl notices that her mother has several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast to her brunette hair. She looks at her mother and inquisitively asks: "Why are some of your hairs white?"

Her mother replied: "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white."

The little girl thought about this for a while and then asked: "Mommy, how come all of grandma's hairs are white?"

"If evolution really works, how come Mothers only have two hands?" Milton Berle

"If your kids are giving you a headache, follow the directions on the aspirin bottle, especially the part that says 'keep away from children'" Susan Savannah

Why don't they have Mother's Day sales? Because Mothers are priceless.

To all you Moms: **Happy Mother's Day!** I hope you get some time to sit back, relax and enjoy.

To all of you who have had Moms: take some time to remember the blessings, express your gratitude and challenge yourself to reflect those good qualities of Moms.

*"Make your parents proud, especially your mother."* Proverbs 23:25 Contemporary English Version

*"Honor goes to kind and gracious women."* Proverbs 11:16 Living Bible

"Take Risks" and God Bless,  
Pastor Sal



### SOLAR UPDATE

It was assumed this project would be done months ago, yet we have still not broken ground (unless you count driving some stakes in the ground!). April 21<sup>st</sup> was a meeting between the electric company and the solar company to work out the final logistics and details. Now the last of those agreements are being finalized in writing. We plan to start in about 2 weeks (May 17<sup>th</sup>?). The project will hopefully be done 2 to 3 weeks after it begins. There will be one day that we will have to close the building because they will have to shut off power as they work on final wiring.

### COVID UPDATE

Although most of our activities are resumed, we still have to observe social distancing and mask wearing. I know the masks are a hassle, but this is a state mandate for us at this time. We wear masks out of respect and consideration for others. The church family has been great through all of the Covid stress and has done an outstanding job of staying flexible. Thank you.

## MISSION CENTRAL TRIPS RESUMES on May 5<sup>th</sup>

Trip to Mission Central will resume on Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at church at 8:15 am. Since lunch room will not be available to use, we will have a shorter time to volunteer, from 9:00am– 12pm. Any question, call Mary Fetrow at (717) 292-3311. **Please sign up on your Communication Card.**

## CHRISTMAS CHILD TOTE BAGS



We are looking for donations of fabric of any prints to make tote bags for the Christmas Child Shoe Boxes:

- Gently used Cloth Table Clothes
- Gently used Cloth Place Mats
- Cotton or Cotton Blend Fabric or Fabric Scraps at least 15" X 24"

**\*Please note** we cannot use Plastic, Vinyl, or Silk items.

We are looking for Cotton or Cotton Blends.

There will be a box in the hallway outside the Sanctuary where you can place your donations. Thank you!

## WE NEED YOU to help with picking up boxes from the Food Bank on Haines Road in York

If you could help to pick up food boxes every Thursday @10:30 am at the Food Bank at Haines Rd. (need a large SUV), please sign up on your Communication Card. Your assistance in this ministry is greatly appreciated.

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY MEALS

### RESUMES on MAY 5TH

We will reinstate Wednesday night meals Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Our meal will be at 6pm and our meeting about 6:45 in the fellowship hall. Please remember, the meal is optional, you do not have to come for the meal. If you are still uncomfortable with this, we understand and encourage you to just come for the worship and lesson part. The meal is free but we do put out a basket to help defray the cost.

## Financial Update

Church is doing well, and the church family has been faithful and generous. The Early Learning Center is financially struggling. State reimbursements have not been received and enrollment is still below pre-COVID numbers. We appreciate your prayers for our Early Learning Center ministry.

## PASTOR'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY RESUMES on MAY 6TH

It's time to gather those who hunger and thirst for biblical knowledge. Morning Bible study with Pastor Sal returns Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the sanctuary. We will begin a study of 1&2 Peter. Please read up and join us.



## We could use your gifts on the worship team!

As you may have seen on Sundays, our music team is shorthanded. If one or 2 persons are missing, we have some gaping holes. If you would like to sing or if you would like to play guitar, bass, drums, key board, or other instrument, please sign up on your Communication Card. Even if you know only a little guitar – we can teach you what you need. If we can recruit enough folks, we could rotate and not have to lead every Sunday. Current practice is on Sundays during the Sunday school hour.

## JOIN US FOR A GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Pastor Sal and Nancy invite you, our church family, to celebrate Evie's high school graduation. We are hosting a picnic at the church pavilion on Memorial Day, May 31<sup>st</sup> from noon to 5 PM (in the church Social Hall if inclement weather). We will have plenty of food, fun and fellowship. Please NO PRESENTS – your presence will be gift enough. RSVP NOT REQUIRED – please come to prevent the Buonocores from eating pulled pork and mac n cheese for the rest of their lives ;).



# Dover Bethany United Methodist Church Calendar May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> 8am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship	3	4 9am Ladies' Bible Study  7p Board of Director's Meeting	5 8:15 am Mission Central Trip  7pm WWAB	6	7	8
<b>9</b> 8am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship  <b>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</b>	10	11	12 9am Stitches of Love  7pm WWAB	13	14	15
<b>16</b> 8am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship  <b>FOOD BANK Sunday</b>	17	18 9am Ladies' Bible Study	19	20	21	22 7am Men's Covenant
<b>23</b> 8am Worship <b>30</b> 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship  8am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship	24  31 Memorial Day	25	26 9am Stitches of Love  WWAB Cancelled	27	28	29

## Summer Reading

Pastor Sal needs some motivation to get some extra reading done. You can join in. Each month this summer (June, July and August) we will select a different spiritual classic to read and then gather on a Saturday or Sunday to share a meal and discuss our reading. Watch the Sunday bulletin for what books are being selected. You can also make some suggestions of books on your communication card.

May 2021 Volunteer Schedule		2	9	16	23	30
<b>Greeters</b>	8:00 AM	Curt & Kathy Lamparter	Pat Smith Dorothy Bell	Mary Lauer Mary Fetrow	Jim Willour Jack McLeod	Bob & Carol Sarver
	10:45 AM	Mike & Ginger Lehr	Lucy Angle Jeanne Spahr	Steve & Carla Green	Carolyn Blymire Deb Kemper	Mark & Margie Burkhart
<b>Nursery</b>	8:00 AM	<b>NO NURSERY FOR 8:00 AM SERVICE</b>				
	10:45 AM	Jeff Stief Mark Burkhart	Carolyn Blymire Carla Green	Lynette Stief Tennille Burkhart	Margie Burkhart Denise Brulinski	Ginger Lehr Jeanne Spahr
<b>Head Usher</b>	8:00 AM	Rich Crager	Ray Neiman	Jack McLeod	Bob Sarver	Rich Crager
	10:45 AM	Bob Helsel	Carl Krause	Jeff Stief	Bob Helsel	Carl Krause
<b>Counters</b>		Sue Hoover & Barb Mazol				

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***Knowing God  
Growing in Faith  
Serving Others  
Sharing the Good News***

**Time to get shopping for**



**Operation  
Christmas  
Child**

**SHOEBOXES**

**Our Packing Party goal is 1000 boxes. Many have started shopping, but we need to become intentional in acquiring our core items. We need:**

- washcloths
- toothbrushes
- soap
- large or small color books
- 24 pack crayons
- 10 or 12 pack pencils
- pencil sharpeners
- sidewalk chalk
- loose leaf notebook or spiral notebook
- stuffed animals

**And toys, other school/craft supplies and any other personal or fun items for the kids.**

Remember donations need to be **NEW ITEMS** – no military toys or knives; candy or gum; liquids; food; seeds.

Volunteers are needed to **count and sort donations** for the shoebox ministry. **We will meet on Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 PM.** You do not have to come for the full two hours – come as you can to help with this project. Thank you for your generous support.

**PACKING PARTY WILL BE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>! Mark your calendar and save the date!**