



# Bethany Banner

## November 2020

The Newsletter of  
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### Thankful During COVID, Thankful Despite COVID

Many are ready for 2020 to be over. It has been a rough year. One of my favorite funnies has been a picture from the movie "Back to the Future". Dr. Emmitt Brown, who invented time travel, is talking to Marty McFly and the caption reads: "Marty! Whatever happens, **don't ever go to 2020!**"

When it comes to 2020, most of us do not want a "do over"; we just want to get through and move on. But that leads me to this thought as we approach Thanksgiving: **for Christians, thankfulness is not a holiday, but an attitude and a lifestyle.**

Without being heretical or disrespectful of the scriptures, try adding "during COVID" to the follow scriptures.

"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift...*during COVID!*" 2 Corinthians 9:15

"Always giving *thanks* to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ *during COVID.*" Ephesians 5:20

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with *thanksgiving*, present your requests to God *during COVID.*" Philipians 4:6

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving *thanks* to God the Father through him *during COVID.*" Colossians 3:17

"Give *thanks* in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus *during COVID.*" 1 Thessalonians 5:18

"I will give *thanks* to the Lord because of his righteousness; I will sing the praises of the name of the Lord Most High *during COVID.*" Psalm 7:17

"Praise the Lord. Give *thanks* to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever *during COVID.*" Psalm 106:1

"Let them give *thanks* to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind *during COVID.*" Psalm 107:8

Yeah, I don't want to repeat 2020...BUT I am greatly blessed and there is much to celebrate and plenty of reasons to give thanks. Memorize some of the above scriptures and be thankful.

"Take Risks" and God Bless,  
Pastor Sal





## COVID FATIGUE

Many of us are tired of the face masks and social distancing. We are ready for things to get back to “normal.” It doesn’t look that that is going to happen anytime soon.

Thank you for hanging in there with us and following our new “normal”. Please remember to practice social distancing and wearing a face mask when you are moving through the church building. Flu season is also upon us and will continue to complicate matters. Please be cautious and careful during the holidays. Students are coming home from college. Family and friends are gathering together. We may expose ourselves to additional risks. Have a wonderful holiday, but don’t let your guard slip.

**If you are not feeling well – PLEASE STAY HOME and don’t come to church.** If we would have an outbreak at the church, all of us would lose out and we would run the risk of shutting down in-person worship services and possibly the need to close the Early Learning Center. **Please stay safe and help us keep Dover Bethany a safe place. Thanks for going the extra measure so we can continue to meet together as the church family.**

**If you have to miss church a week or two, let us know how you’re doing and if we can do anything for you.**

### WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY – 7 PM in the sanctuary

We are going to hold a trial run for Wonderful Wednesday on November 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be no meal, but we will meet in the sanctuary (where we can spread out) for singing and Bible Study (BYOB – Bring Your Own Bible). Everything is subject to change depending what happens in our area due to COVID. Masks are required.

## Christmas Eve and Day Services

We are still reviewing options for our holiday services. The current suggestion is to possibly have three services rather than our normal schedule of two Christmas Eve services:

4 PM – Early traditional candlelight service

7 PM – Child friendly, glow stick service

8:30 PM – traditional candlelight service

We would appreciate your feedback on your Communication Card if you have ideas or suggestions for the holiday schedule. We are also planning to have our Christmas Day service at 10 AM with caroling singing and communion. All Christmas scheduling is subject to change or cancellation due to COVID.



## Solar Project Update

We are currently working on details with the electric company and our contractor for breaking ground on this project. The Board has agreed to use \$50,000 from our savings as a capital improvement. As of printing, the total in donations received is \$21,479. We still need \$21,521 to complete the project. We are also planning to help with some of the physical set up in order to keep our costs down.

## Mission Central Trip

The once every first Wednesday of the month trip to volunteer at Mission Central in Mechanicsburg will be suspended until the flu season passes. If you have any questions, please call Mary Fetrow 717-292-3311.

## Church Conference

This is the annual business meeting of our church. It will be held on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM in the sanctuary. All church members are invited to attend and participate



## Food Distribution

Each Friday our church lobby is open from 9 till noon for food distribution to ANYONE. If you know of those who could use the assistance, please encourage them to stop by the church on Fridays OR load up a box on Sunday morning and drop it off to them. Let us work together to help those experiencing a need.

**Harvest of Blessings** will be handing out frozen turkeys and all the trimmings for a meal to those who come on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at ST John's Lutheran Church (parking lot), 140 W. King St, York. This will be available 12:00 to 3:00 PM; first come, first serve. All in need are welcome

## Election Day Prayer Vigil – November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>

The Helping Hand Class is hosting a prayer vigil. With this election being a critical one for our nation, we felt it is very important to be in prayer for our nation. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby each Sunday through Nov. 1. If you feel led to join us in prayer, you can sign up for one or more half hour time slots. The times range from 8:00pm, Monday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8:00pm, Tuesday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. For more information, please contact Pat Keller at 717-292-7998.

## Operation Christmas Child Baltimore Shoebox Distribution Center

If you would like to experience where the shoeboxes travel after we pack them, please consider signing up to help at the Baltimore Shoebox Distribution Center on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 7PM to 10PM. We have secured six slots for volunteers. Please sign up on your Communication Card or call the church office.

Dover Bethany United Methodist Church Calendar							November 2020
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School  <b>7pm Church Conference</b>	2	3 9am Ladies' Bible Study	4 7 PM Wonderful Wednesday NO Meal In sanctuary	5	6	7	
8 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School	9 6:30 pm Final Sorting & Counting for Shoebox Packing Party  7pm Alzheimer & Dementia Meeting	10	11 9am Stitches of Love  7 PM Wonderful Wednesday NO Meal In sanctuary	12	9	14 8a-6p <b>Shoebox Packing Party</b>	
15 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship OCC Shoebox Celebration and Dedication 10:45am Sunday School  <b>FOOD BANK Sunday</b>	16	17 9am Ladies' Bible Study	14	15	16	21	
22 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School	23	24	25 9am Stitches of Love	26 <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</b>	27 Office closed	28 7am Men's Covenant	
29 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School	30	31					

Nov 2020 Volunteer Schedule	1	8	15	22	29
Sanctuary door Greeters	Donna Snyder Sue McCarty	Carl Krause Rich Crager	Bob & Carol Sarver	Pat Smith Jeanne Spahr	Mark & Margie Burkhardt
Nursery	Pat Smith Marie Lauer	Nancy Snyder Mark Burkhardt	Tracy Henze Jeanne Spahr	Kathy Lamparter Becky Drawbaugh	Jack McLeod Steve Green
Head Usher	Bob Sarver	Jeff Stief	Ray Neiman	Jack McLeod	Rich Crager
Counters	Kroft Family				

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**Operation Christmas Shoebox Packing Party  
Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 6 PM  
SIGN UP is required to keep social distancing.**



Sign up to participate in the Packing Party on the bulletin board in the lobby. There are still open time slots. Masks are required and the layout will be different to accommodate social distancing. We are not taking photos this year, so please bring your own along with pre-written personal letters if you want to include these in the box. You are welcome to make copies of these for the boxes on the office copier.

We have plenty of items to fill 1000 + boxes. Donations are still needed toward the shipping costs. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this year's Packing Party possible!!

**Celebration & Dedication Service: Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Final Sorting/Counting of donations: Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM  
Please wear a mask. Your help is greatly appreciated.**