



# Bethany Church

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN

**April 28, 2024**

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# Welcome to Bethany Church!

## Sunday Schedule

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship Time: 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Children's Church: Dismissed halfway through service

## Children's Programs

**Nursery** – Our nursery staff is available, beginning 10 minutes before the service starts, to watch children ages 0 to 3 years during the 10:30 a.m. Worship service.

**Children's Church** – Children (K through 5th grade) are dismissed halfway through the service to Room B08 downstairs. After the worship service is over, parents can walk downstairs and pick up their children.

## This Week at Bethany

For a full calendar of events and detailed event information, check out our website [www.bethanyepc.org](http://www.bethanyepc.org)

### **Sunday, April 28th**

Potluck Meal and Celebration of Discipleship following the worship service

### **Monday, April 29th**

Pickleball 6:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study: God's Unbreakable Promises 7:00 p.m.

### **Tuesday, April 30th**

Bethany Prayer Team Meeting 7:15 p.m.

### **Wednesday, May 1st**

Youth Group 6:00 p.m.

### **Thursday, May 2nd**

Zooming Ladies Small Group 9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

### **Friday, May 3rd**

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 6:30 a.m.

### **Saturday, May 4th**

Bethany Church Outdoor Landscape Work Day 8:00 a.m.-Noon

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting 10:00 a.m.

## Coming Events

### **Monday, May 6th**

Intercession Study Group 7:00 p.m.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

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Call To Worship

*Hosea 14:4-7a*

### **In Unison**

I will heal their waywardness  
and love them freely,  
for my anger has turned away from them.  
I will be like the dew to Israel;  
he will blossom like a lily.  
Like a cedar of Lebanon  
he will send down his roots;  
his young shoots will grow.  
His splendor will be like an olive tree,  
his fragrance like a cedar of Lebanon.  
People will dwell again in his shade;  
they will flourish like the grain,  
they will blossom like the vine—

Passing the Peace “Highs and Lows”

*King Of Me*

*Story Of The Cross*

Congregational Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Moment for Mission

*Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF)*

Sharing: Kid/Youth Ministry

Graduating Recognition

Volunteer Recognition

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Rescuer*

*House Of The Lord*

Children (K-5th) Dismissed for Children's Church  
(First-time attendees should be accompanied by an adult for initial sign-in)

Scripture Reading

*Matthew 9:9-13*

Prayer

Sermon

*Kingdom Mercy*

Prayer

*No Longer Slaves*

Benediction



# PRAYER REQUESTS

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The Howard Family - for God's comfort as they grieve Jane's passing

Dave & Neicy McCracken - on the passing of Dave's only brother, Terry, in late March

Rolls, Anne, & Sophonie (members of the Metellus family) and Meriteze, Modgine, Ruth, Finley, & Fabiola (Mitchele Sanon's mom and siblings) - please pray for approval of their application to come to the U.S. from Haiti. The area where they live is getting more and more dangerous.

## Health Issues

Bernice Napier

Ruth Tress

Jay Pennypacker

Glenn Walker

## Ministry Prayer Focus

That at all times, and especially during this month of service, as a church, we will let our light shine before others, so that they may see our good works and give glory to our Father who is in heaven.

## Missions' Prayer Focus

**International Theological Education Network (ITEN)** - as part of EPC World Outreach, ITEN trains local leaders to train and send their own missionaries to unreached people groups, especially among the Muslims.

**\*Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for about one month and renewed upon request.**

## IN NEED OF PRAYER?

Tell us your request by filling out a prayer card in the pew pocket and place in the offering box or hand to an usher.. Prayer requests can also be e-mailed to [prayer@bethanyepc.org](mailto:prayer@bethanyepc.org). All requests are confidential. If you would like your prayer request in the bulletin, please call the church office.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **BETHANY SERVICE PROJECT: DIAPER DRIVE**

CONCLUDES TODAY - Sunday, April 28

The service project this year includes collecting diapers for Grands Stepping Up as they work with grandparents who have adopted their grandchildren and need support in the form of baby supplies and food. GSU has specifically asked for diaper sizes 4,5,6 and pull-ups sizes 4T,5T, 6T. Please bring small diaper packs only.

Collection begins on Sunday, April 14th and continues through Sunday, April 28th. Your assistance is truly appreciated!

### **POTLUCK MEAL**

TODAY - Sunday, April 28

Following the worship service | Gym

Join us for a Bethany Potluck Meal. Bring your favorite and drop it off in the kitchen before worship. We will all meet after worship for a yummy meal, good conversation, a brief presentation on small groups, and finish up with a sweet dessert. If you are a member of a small group or Sunday school class, please check with your leader for an assigned food category. Otherwise bring whatever you would like to share. Everyone is welcome! Please join us!

### **GRANDS STEPPING UP VOLUNTEER MEET & GREET**

Thursday, May 2 | 6:30 PM | Youth Room

If you're looking for ways to connect with our community and greater Delaware County, join Grands Stepping Up this coming Thursday, May 2nd at 6:30 in the Youth Room to hear about opportunities to volunteer and to meet other volunteers.

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY**

Friday, May 3 | 6:30 AM | Room 100

Men of all ages gather once a month to study God's Word over coffee and donuts.



## **BETHANY OUTDOOR LANDSCAPE WORK DAY**

Saturday, May 4 | 8:00 AM - Noon

Clean up, debris removal, pruning, mulch, plant new bushes, etc. Bring your shovels, rakes, pruners, wheelbarrows and enthusiasm to help beautify Bethany's outdoor area.

There are tasks for all ability and age levels from picking up sticks to digging for new bushes.

## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEETING**

Saturday, May 4 | 10:00 AM | Room 100

Bethany has a very active Prayer Shawl Ministry that creates knit, crocheted and sewn shawls and blankets. This ministry encourages those who are ill, recovering from surgery or hospitalization or grieving the loss of a loved one, both within and outside Bethany.

## **INTERCESSION STUDY GROUP**

Starting Monday, May 6 | Room 200

This is a practical study examining the Biblical model of intercession and then applying it. All who want to pray effectively are invited! (This is a joint offering to Bethany and Manoa CC.) 6-week study.

## **MUFFINS FOR MOM**

Mother's Day - Sunday, May 12

Celebrate Moms on Sunday, May 12th during the Fellowship time! We will be giving out special muffins and other yummy treats to show how much we love and appreciate our Mothers.

## **MEN'S EVENT: CAMPOUT & BRUNCH**

Friday, May 17 - Saturday, May 18 | French Creek State Park

The Men's Ministry is hosting a special event: An optional Friday evening campout plus a Saturday morning brunch for all. Kids are welcome to attend with their fathers as well.



Learn more and register for these events on the Bethany Church Events page using this QR code

# LEADERSHIP

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## SESSION – ELDERS@BETHANYEPC.ORG

### Class of 2024

Dave Mensch  
Harry Rezer  
Dave Woods

### Class of 2025

Larry Barton\*  
Paul Cruz  
Quincy McDonald  
Steve Taylor

### Class of 2026

Key Coleman  
Alex Dawes\*  
Matt Olson

## DEACONS – DEACONS@BETHANYEPC.ORG

### Class of 2024

Leslie Rindone  
Bob Scotti  
Debbie Taylor  
Diane Whitehead

### Class of 2025

Wayne Aiken  
Susannah Mitchell  
Sarah Olson  
Cynthia Wells\*  
Joanne Wetzel

### Class of 2026

Nan Barton\*  
Susie Keller\*  
Neicy McCracken\*  
Christie Mills\*  
Cyndi Scace

\*serving in second term

## STAFF

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2023-24 Fiscal Year Results thru Mar 2024			
	YTD (Sep-Mar) Budget	YTD (Sep-Mar) Actual	YTD (Sep-Mar) Actual vs Budget
Tithes & Offerings	\$350,000.00	\$406,707.16	\$56,707.16
Expenses	\$349,444.76	\$423,588.27	\$74,143.51
Net Result			-\$17,436.35

\*includes \$67,639 in unbudgeted expenses for emergency maintenance, building improvement, and property security projects

Your offering can be placed in the offering box found in the Narthex; or, you can give online using your existing Church Center account ([bethanyepc.churchcenter.com/giving](http://bethanyepc.churchcenter.com/giving))

# CORE VALUES OF BETHANY EPC

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- We value **God's Word** as the authority in our preaching, teaching, serving, and all of life. (Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:16)
- We value **a personal relationship with Jesus Christ**. (John 15:15; Philippians 2:12-13)
- We value **worship** as being vital to the life of the church, celebrating who God is and what God has done for us. (Psalms 66:5; 2 Kings 17:39; John 4:24; Luke 4:8)
- We value **discipleship**, helping people of all ages in their pursuit of life-long spiritual growth. (Ephesians 4:11-14; Hebrews 6:1)
- We value **children and youth** and support their growth in a life-long relationship with Jesus Christ. (Matthew 19:14; Mark 9:37)
- We value **prayer** to shape our Christian lives and to conceive, plan and execute the ministries and activities of the church. (Matthew 7:7-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)
- We value **service** and cherish opportunities to meet the needs of others. (Luke 19:10; Matthew 25:31-46; Philippians 2:3-11)
- We value **Christ-centered fellowship** and friendship and seek opportunities to join together as the family of God. (Acts 2:42; Ephesians 2:19-22)
- We value **the generous use of all that God has given us** individually: time, talents, and treasure. (Romans 12:4-6a; 1 Peter 4:10)
- We value **God's desire to reach all people** in our neighborhoods and the world and to reconcile humanity to Himself through Jesus Christ. (Isaiah. 49:6; Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:8)



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