

BETHANY ROAD

APRIL 2024

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Church Family,

Back in January we announced the remodel of the nursery and 3-5 year old classroom. It took a little longer to get it going, but the remodel has begun! There is a new wall in the room between the nursery and 3-5 classroom. There is a drop ceiling and new lights in the 3-5 classroom. We have also picked paint colors! Finally, the new heating and air conditioning units are in. See the pictures on the next page or stop by the rooms to take a look. The remodel is coming along. Once the 3-5 classroom is finished, work will begin on the nursery.

We moved the 3-5 classroom across the hall into the Lindsey Room temporarily. This way it keeps all the kids together during the remodel. This remodel will take a little while to complete. Be aware that there will be construction materials and general upheaval in the children's wing, but remember that it is worth it. This remodel will help our kids have the space, materials, and safety they need to learn and grow in the Lord. It will also be a statement to all those who come through our doors that Bethany cares about kids! That we are investing in our kids' space because we know that kids are the next generation of the church.

As we reach out to the community through the food pantry, VBS, playground, outreaches at Pine Grove, Fall Carnival, and much more...we will have a fresh and sharp children's space which will only help our volunteers care for kids each Sunday. Take the time to pray for our outreach initiatives and for our mission of Serving our Community, Sharing the Gospel, and Making Disciples. Without prayer and direction from God our efforts including the remodel is in vain. With God's blessing, there is nothing that can stand in the way of our success!

Pastor Bob

NURSERY RENOVATIONS

STAY TUNED FOR CONTINUED PROGRESS!

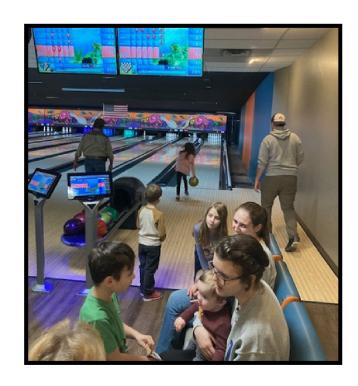




BOWLING FUN NIGHT!

BETHANY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS HAD A GREAT TIME BOWLING FRIDAY EVENING AT TEN PIN ALLEY IN HERMITAGE. THE EVENT WAS SPONSORED BY THE FAITH. FELLOWSHIP AND FUN COMMITTEE.







Thursday, April 18, 2024 6:30 p.m.

Keystone Events Center

317 Erie Street Grove City, PA 16127

Please RSVP by April 12, 2024

to your Table Host or by using the link or QR code below!

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Young Life Fundraising Banquet 2024 RSVP

It's time for our Annual Penn West Young Life Fundraising Banquet! This is an opportunity for adults in the community to learn more about Young Life and what it could look like to partner with us as we look to reach all kids in Mercer County and beyond. This is a free fundraising event (thanks to the generosity of our sponsors) and you will have an opportunity to partner with us at the end of the evening. We hope to see you on April 18th!

When: April 18, 2024
Time: 6:30-8:30PM
Where: Keystone Events Center
317 Erie Street
Grove City, PA 16127

If you cannot make it but would like to make a donation, you can do so here:

giving.younglife.org/pennwestyounglifebanquet or send a check made out to Young Life to: Penn West Young Life, PO Box 382, Grove City, PA 16127



As we are emerging into Spring, it's an exciting time to start getting ready for the yearly West Virginia Mission Trip! This is such a wonderful opportunity to share Jesus's love, truth, and light with the people in Circleville, WV. It is an evangelistic mission that not only God works through to change the children & family's hearts that are coming, but also ours, too—as we see God at work and be Christ's hands and feet. This mission is a Vacation Bible School, which will be such a blast (per usual)!

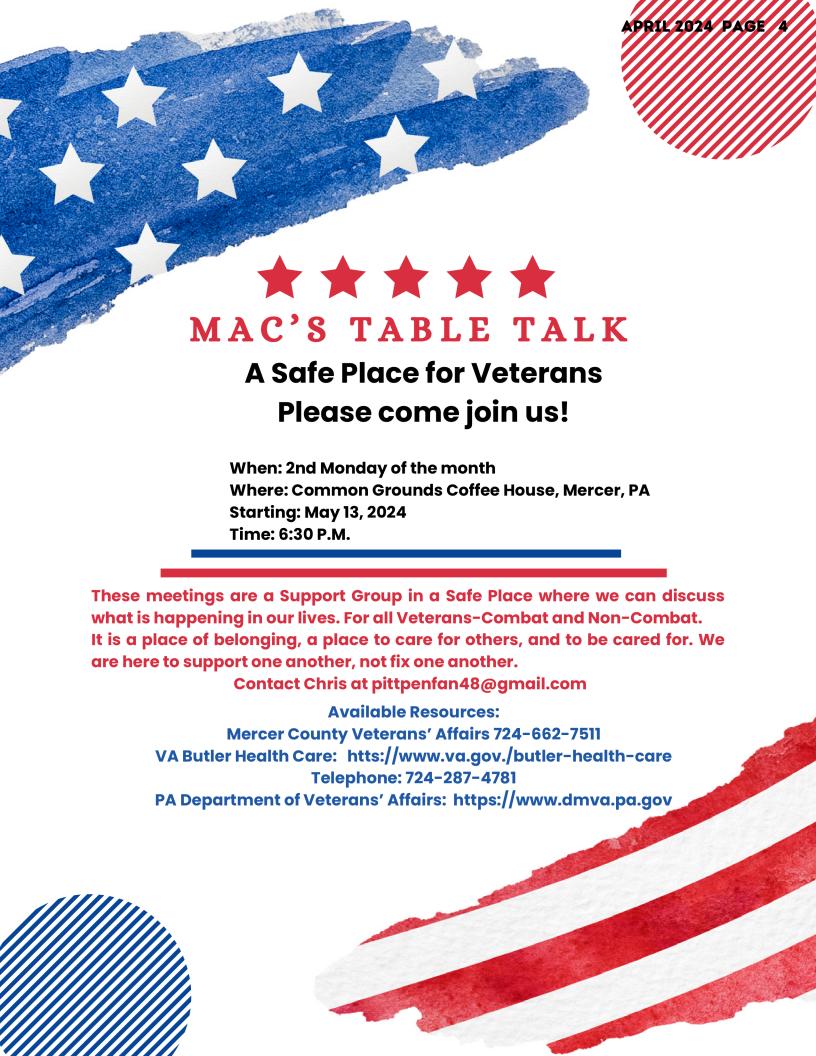
We will be going from June 15 th to the 22 nd (Saturday to Saturday), and you can sign up at the Welcome

Center!

For more details and information, please contact Nancy Thompson (724-977-1610) or Dan Cameron (724-854-3052). Or, you can talk to Andy Heckathorn, Sam Smith, Mark & Damp; Pam Muehlman, Amy Cameron, or Haley Budnovitch. Please sign up by Sunday, April 14 th . We would love to see you there and work alongside you to further the Kingdom of God, as you use the gifts that He has given you for His glory!

Note: Our first meeting is on Sunday, May 5th, right after the service. There we will be filling out all the necessary registration and health forms, so we can be all set and ready











BIBLE BUSINESS CARDS

Can you match the name and job title that might have appeared on the business card of these people in the Bible?

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1. Nehemiah	A. Priest				
2. Luke	B. Carpenter				
3. Amos	C. Cupbearer				
4. Matthew	D Cloth Seller				
5. Lydia	E. Physician				
6. Joseph	F. Shepherd				
7. Paul	G. Tax Collector				
8. Cornelius	H. Tailor				
9. Tabitha	I. Silversmith				
10. Demetrius	J. Soldier				
11. Eli	K. Tentmaker				

ANSWERS: 1.c 2.e 3.f 4.g 5.d 6.b 7.k. 8. j 9.h 10.i 11.a



April 2nd, 742: Emperor Charlemagne is born

April 3rd, 2010: Apple releases the iPad

April 7th, 1948: The World Health Organization (WHO) is

established

April 10th, 1970: The Beatles break up

April 14th, 1912: The Titanic hits an iceberg and starts to

sink

April 15th, 1452: Leonardo da Vinci is born

April 16th, 1746: The Battle of Culloden took place (for any

Outlander fans 😌)

April 21st, 1926: Queen Elizabeth II is born

April 23rd, 1616: William Shakespeare dies

April 30th, 1789: George Washington becomes the first US

president

Words from Proverbs

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"They were glad when it grew calm, and He guided them to their desired haven."

Psalm 107:30

"The Haven" is the new name of Bethany's food pantry. The word haven means a place of shelter and rest. It is our hope and prayer that by meeting the physical and spiritual needs of people in our community, they will come to know the true haven in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Our food pantry is gaining momentum to be ready to open on June 22. We will be open each month on the fourth Saturday from 1:00-3:00 P.M. The rental garage has been renovated and divided in half to become the new storage area for the Boy Scouts and for the church. The main garage is currently being updated with insulation, heating, and shelving units to house the food pantry. Thank you to all who are serving in this area.

The Outreach Committee has spent months getting all the paperwork finalized and to receive training. We have visited several other food pantries to gain firsthand knowledge on the operational requirements. We have had sign-up dates for those with food insecurities to receive food. We will have another time to sign up once we grow closer to our opening date.

The Outreach Committee is a mighty team of eight very nice and hard-working individuals. However, eight people cannot adequately fulfill God's call to Bethany to meet the food and spiritual needs of our community. Our prayers for volunteers to come walk along side of us in this vital ministry is from Matthew 9:36-39: "When Jesus saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.' Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field." (Matt. 9: 36-39).

We hope you are an answer to our prayers to help us serve in this ministry. Please consider which of the following areas where you would like to serve and how often you would be available.

Picking up Food:

- ☑ Pick up food at warehouse and bring to Bethany on Mondays or Thursdays
- ☑ Help unload the food trailer and stock shelves

Maintenance:

☑ General maintenance of building and pantry Delivery Day

Delivery Day:

- ☑ Help to pack the bags of food for delivery day
- ☑ Help to take the food bags to the cars when they drive through
- ☑ Those who would like to offer prayer for the families

All Volunteers will have overall food pantry training and also training in their specific assigned area.

Please speak with Sue Allen, Earl Runcan, or Gary McElfresh with any questions and to let us know where you sense the Lord is leading you. You may also sign up at the Welcome Center.

Thank you!

One day closer to opening,

The Outreach Committee

Dinner Conversation Starters

You know what's worse than having one-word conversations with your teen or spouse? That's right, nothing. It's frustrating. Well, here are a few conversation starters to relieve a bit of that frustration. Enjoy!



- 1. What do you think it means to be saved?
- 2. What does it mean to own your faith?
- 3. Do you struggle with the idea of the Trinity? What is your understanding of it?
- 4. Do you think it's okay to doubt your faith? Why?
- 5. What can I do to help you if you're doubting? Can I offer you places to research, help answer some of your questions, or just discuss something you're struggling with?
- 6. Often, things like youth conferences produce a "spiritual high" for students, that doesn't always last. Do you relate to that feeling? Have you ever experienced a "spiritual high" that didn't last after the conference was over?
- 7. What comes to mind when you think of God?
- 8. Why do you think there's injustice in the world today? What do you think is our role as Christians in issues of injustice?
- 9. If Jesus always taught love in the Bible, why does it seem like some Christians don't show love in their hearts?





March was a great month for Bethany Youth. We started going through the story of Joseph in the book of Genesis during our Sunday night gatherings, and Sunday School has been going strong as we continue diving deep into Pastor Bob's sermon

texts in 1 & 2 Kings and preparing the youth for what they learn in church. We also had been blessed to spend two weeks with other youth groups. We spent one week watching "The Shift" with our friends over at the Chapel and another week over with our friends at Covenant EPC in Sharon where we had a great time in fellowship as a gathering of believers. This month we will be continuing our study on Joseph, and hopefully have some fun planned for the youth group during the month of April.

10 REASONS TO VOLUNTEER:

- 1. If you stay home, you get too many telemarketing calls.
- 2. Your family could use a break from you.
- 3. You might need help yourself one day.
- 4. It's hard to win a game of solitaire.
- 5. Soap operas are all alike,
- 6. If you don't get out, you'll get old.
- 7. The car needs a workout.
- 8. Your mom would be proud of you.
- 9. Who cares about money.
- 10. It can be a lot of fun!

APRIL IS
VOLUNTEER
MONTH!



FOOD PANTRY PROGRESS









The work to prepare a place for Bethany's new Food Pantry is well underway. Thank you to Wilson Lumber of New Wilmington for their generous donation of building materials to help us partition the block garage, and thanks to Luke Rust for organizing that donation. Also, thanks to Bill Finney and Charles Gallagher for their help in the construction. The contents of the two stalls of the brick garage will be moved to the block garage. The brick garage will then receive upgrades to heating, electric, and insulation in preparation for the Food Pantry. The project is to be completed by mid-May.

WOMEN'S EVENT





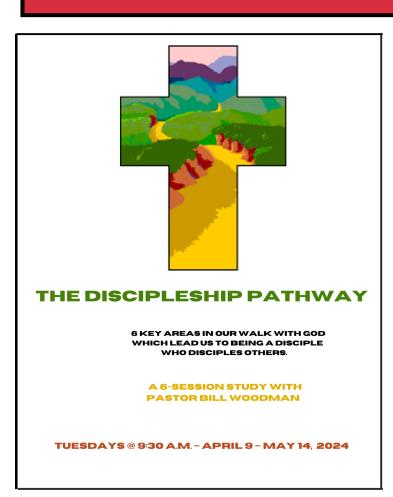
MEN'S EVENT

APRIL ... A TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING IN EVERY ROOM!

There are some general cleaning tasks you should complete in every room of your house, from your attic all the way to the basement.

- 1. Clean Baseboards
- 2. Dust
- 3. Vacuum
- **4.** Mop
- 5. Shampoo Rugs
- 6. Wipe Walls and Ceilings
- 7. Reseal Grout Lines
- 8. Clean Upholstered Furnishings
- 9. Polish Metal Door and Window Hardware
- 10. Wax Surfaces
- 11. Clean Window Furnishings
- 12. Wash Window Screens
- 13. Clean Light Fixtures and Ceiling Fans
- 14. Implement Fire Safety





HOMOPHONES:

SOUND THE SAME BUT HAVE DIFFERENT MEANINGS Identify the first homophone, then write two more homophones.

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(example) Beef is a form of this	Meat	Meet	Mete
1.Two of something			
2.A penny is one of these			
3.Precipitation			
4.Destitute			
5.Sacred			
6.The number of corners			
near Shiprock, NM			
7.You do this to bread dough			
8.A small version of a highway			
9.Also			
10.First personal pronoun			
11.A cord stretched tight			
12.A dangerous sickness			

Answers: 1. pair, pare, pear 2. cent, scent, sent 3. rain, reign, rein 4.poor, pour, pore 5.holy, wholly, holey 6.four, fore, for 7.knead, need, kneed 8. road, rode, rowed 9. too, two, to 10. I, eye, aye 11.taut, taught, tot 12.flu, flew, flue

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